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Voters - Registration of & Polling Districts. 236; 257;

Veterinary Inspectors (Superintending) 651;

Waterford Bridge - 60; 141, 219; 335, 336, 376; 405;

Women's National Health Association 93; 364;

Walsh. R. O. H. Security 201.

Weights & Measures Act - 240; 350;

Wexford County Insurance Society; 243;

Winter Assize - 267;

Wexford Bridge - 270; 431;

Woods & Seeds Act 1909 - 375; 667;

Whitty Jasper Appt. Charles Emmersworthy collector 95 289.

Wexford Petty Sessions - 627;

" " " office - 661;

Special meeting - 11th April 1912.

A special meeting of the Wexford Co. Council was held in the Co. Council Chamber, Court House, Wexford; on 11th 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 Sr., M. Cloney, J. J. Mayler, J. L. Comonde

The Secretary, and Mr. R. W. Edge, Solicitor to the Council, were in attendance.

The minutes of meeting of 4th December 1911, and special meetings of 3rd and 10th January and 14th February; were read and confirmed.

— National Insurance Act. —

The meeting was specially summoned to consider the position of the County Council relative to the establishment of an approved Society under the National Insurance Act.

Under date 23rd February, the following letter was read from Mr. A. Hoogh-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 (b) of the Act it is provided that if it appears to any County Council that, having regard to the number of employed 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 may be required for the purpose of adapting those provisions to the case of a county society;

County Councils are further authorised at anytime after the passing of the act to take such steps as appear necessary to ascertain what persons resident in the county are eligible and 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 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 28th March the following was read from Mr. Keogh Nolan :-

"Referring to my circular letter of 23rd 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 Co. Solicitor and approved by the Dublin Co. Council. The adoption of a more or less uniform Scheme for County Societies would tend to a 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 30th march to the 15th april."

The Secretary mentioned that the Finance Committee at their meeting of the 1st inst., adopted a resolution asking the Insurance Commissioners to extend the time for receiving applications for priority of treatment from the 15th to the 18th april.

In reply to this resolution letter no. 524-12, under date 3rd april was read from the Assistant Secretary to the Commissioners, that applications received before 15th 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 28th march were read for the meeting.

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

"That the Scheme as adopted by the County Dublin Co. Council (with the necessary verbal alterations to make it applicable to this County) for the formation of an approved Society under the National Health Insurance Act be adopted and submitted to the Irish Insurance Commissioners for approval."

Mr. N. J. Trizelle was appointed Secretary."

— Resignation of Mr. M. Browne, Co. Councillor.

Under date 4th 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 County Councillor."

— Public Roads (Ireland) Act 1911. —

Under date 14th 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:-

Under date 26th February, 1912, No. 3818.

"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 full consideration

to the various questions raised by the collectors and, where necessary, have obtained legal advice thereon. Some of the 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 16th } No 103 Oldcourt E.D. - Coll: Barron.
November 1911

"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-building 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 hereditament and the collector is not authorised by law to accept part payment.

Letter of 8th }
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 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 4th }
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, he being in fact in occupation of the land but not of the 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 5th }
January 1912 }

Collector Lennon:- Enclosure "A" with reference to No 95 Kilpatrick E.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 E.D.

This appears to be a similar case.

Letter of 18th }
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 12th 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 those 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 25 & 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. J. at page 171) a valid rating could have been made in that case if the land and buildings had been separately valued in the valuation lists. But though the 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 become 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 anytime 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 29th February, No. 11,405 :-

"With reference to the second paragraph of your letter of the 27th 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 23 & 24 Vic cap 4. which provides that the Guardians (now the Co. 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 also desire me to point out that in the case - Guardians, New Ross Union v. Byrne & 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 c 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 11th March 1912; No. 12,257.

"With reference to the inquiry on the subject contained in your communication of the 2nd 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 c. 4.

as regards your letter of the 4th 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 liability."

under date 6th 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 and 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 to strike off the balance, the rate on the land being of course also paid.

In my opinion it would be ^{an} 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 on 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 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 a 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. Elgee 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 31st March 1912."

— Reports of L. G. B. Auditors. —

Reports of Mr. J. More O'Farrell, on the audit of the accounts of the following public bodies of the County, were received:-

Enniscorthy Union, and Rural District Council.
 Gorey Union and Rural District Council.
 marked "Read."

— motor car Acts. —

Under date 12th March, the Local Government Board wrote forwarding two copies of their Order N^o 8697 dealing with "cut-outs" on motor cars.

marked "Read."

— Hay & Straw Order. —

Under date 6th February, the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction, wrote revoking their Order of 7th July 1911, prohibiting movement of hay and straw from Great Britain into Ireland.

marked "Read."

— Sheep Dipping Order 1912. —

Under date 4th April, the following memo

was read, from the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction:-

"The Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction for Ireland desire to draw attention to the attached Order, entitled the Sheep Dipping (Ireland) Order 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 1st June to 31st July, inclusive and the Autumn Period from 1st August to 15th 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 1st July to 31st July inclusive.

In the autumn Period, from 1st September to 15th 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 31st 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, excused 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 19th 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 14th 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 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 9th 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 20th March the following letter No. 4611 was read from the Under Secretary, Dublin Castle :-

"With reference to your letter of the 9th inst. forwarding copy of resolution adopted at a special meeting of the Finance Committee of the Wexford County 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 19th ultimo and to the Chief Secretary's reply to Sir Thomas Esmonde's Parliamentary Notice of the 26th ultimo; and I am to say that His Excellency has nothing to add to the statements therein contained.

As regards 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

" 1906. 192 "

" 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 2 & 3 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, Gorey, 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 9th 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 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."

"Postponed to next meeting."

— Doran's Hill Quarry. —

On the motion of Mr. O'Neill, seconded by Mr. Lynch, the following resolution was adopted :-

"That the Seal of the Co. Council be affixed to the Deed of assignment of Mr. Northistle, 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. Colhoun, contractor for the erection of Ferryarrig Bridge :-

Under date 7th March, Mr. Colhoun 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.I. 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 it could be sent 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 abutment cannot now be commenced until the beam 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 20th March 1912, Mr. Colhoun wrote "In reply to your letter of 16th 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 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 company 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 £8: 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 have no control over the circumstances which delayed it.

I herewith enclose you copy of Messrs P. & W. MacLennan's letter dated 7/10/10 and I sent a copy of this letter to Mr. Gaffney at the time.

"consideration of letters from Mr. Colhoun re Ferryarrig 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 Ferryarrig Bridge."

— Poisons & Pharmacy Act. —

application for a new license under Poisons & Pharmacy act was received from:-
Richard Breen, Commercial Quay, Wexford; and for renewal of licenses from:-
J. Wallis, Athurstown.

Johanna Hogan, Castle St., Enniscorthy.

Kate Colfer, Ballymitty.

Mary Hennessy, 20 South St. New Ross.

P. Macnamara, Ballycanew.

J. N. Greene, Enniscorthy.

John Culliton, Wellingtonbridge.

The above applications were granted on the motion of Mr. O'Neill, seconded by Mr. Lynch.

— Rate collector Mullett —

at the meeting of the Finance Committee on the 16th March, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the Finance Committee in view of the fact that they have ascertained that Mr. Mullett has collected the following amounts:-

From Mr. Comonde £11: 7: 10½ paid 3. 2. '12

" Miss Rudd 4: 6: 5 " 23. 1. '12.

" Canon Lytton 5: 14: 9½ " 10. 11. '11.

a total of £21: 0: 1, for which he

has not accounted up to date of last checking (2nd March 1912), hereby call upon Mr. Mullett, to close his collection at once, and to carry out the undertaking given to the County Council by him in his letter of 13th December 1911, in response to the resolution of the Co. Council passed on the 10th 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 discharged 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 Enniscorthy 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 County Council. I agree to give the required request asked for me in same."

In reply to this resolution Mr. Mullett sent the following letter to the Solicitor to the Council:-

I'm in receipt of yours of the 18th enclosing copy of the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting of the 16th 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 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, as my own home is outside Enniscorthy, for the 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, 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 27th March, 1912 :-

"With reference to the collection of poor rates 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 1st April, the following recommendation was adopted :-

"That having carefully investigated the circumstances of the irregularities in collector

mullett's district, and which we now believe have arisen through inadvertence; 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 Ennisconchy for 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 County 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 Ennisconchy 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 27th November, the following letter was read from Mr. Pimm, Resident Engineer, Ferrycarrig Bridge:-

"It is now rather more than 18 months since you did me the honour of appointing me as your Resident Engineer at Ferrycarrig 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 of Civil Engineers, after passing the qualifying examination.

I have done a good deal of work outside the scope of my duties as Resident Engineer; having prepared under Mr. Gaffney's directions the whole of the drawings for the abutments and for the original and amended schemes for the approaches. I also took out the quantities for all these and prepared a considerable number of copies of the drawings for the use of contractors tendering for the various works.

The inspection of the jointing of the lower bracings of the bridge will entail a certain amount of diving, and I would ask you to take this into consideration.

In conclusion I would add that the various complications that have arisen have made it necessary to keep very complete records of the work and other matters affecting the contract, and these I trust will meet with your approval and that of the County Surveyor.

Assuring you of my continued endeavour to carry out my duties to your satisfaction."

The Secretary said that this matter had been considered by the Finance Committee, which had adopted the following resolution at their meeting on the 9th March :-

"The Finance Committee cannot see their way to recommend any increase of salary to Mr. Pimm."

"On the motion of the Chairman the foregoing resolution of the Finance Committee was confirmed."

— Admission of Patients to Co. Infirmary.

Under date 3rd March the following letter was read from Dr. Greene, Terno :-

"In the course of some correspondence in reference to the admission of patients to the County Infirmary on the order of a Life Governor, I asked the Registrar what I was to do about future cases; as the "must be at the Infirmary at 10 o'clock." printed on the form would, if acted on, practically exclude North Wexford, especially bearing in mind that the 1st down train now only arrives in Wexford at 11.55 a.m.

He (the Registrar) did not enlighten me, and I would be glad of the Co. Council's decision on the matter; as a patient I sent was refused admission, and had to come home again."

The Secretary stated he had sent a copy of this letter to the Registrar of the Co. Infirmary who had replied as follows :-

"Your letter re Dr. Greene's complaints received. I sent Dr. Greene the information he required by return of post, and also informed him that I would lay the matter before the Board and also the visiting Committee. His letter arrived

the day after our last Board meeting, our next meeting will be held 8th April 1913."

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

"That the Co. Council desires to call attention of the managing Committee of the Co. Wexford Infirmary to the case of James Connors, Ferns, who according to the letter of Dr. Greene of the 24th ult., was refused admission to the institution on account of not attending at the hour mentioned in the Infirmary rules, which was not possible owing to the alteration in the train service, and which he explained at the Infirmary. We consider that the Committee should alter the rules so as to allow all patients from country districts being admitted at any reasonable hour."

— Discharging Boats at Courtown Harbour. —

Under date 2nd April the following letter was read from Mr. J. J. Redmond, Johnville, Courtown Harbour :-

"Now that the season is approaching for the landing of coal here, I wish to make an application to your Council for a slight alteration in connection with the signing of agreements for the use of boats.

Under the present existing rules, it is obligatory for me, to be always at home, to sign the agreement in question, otherwise the work of discharging vessels, will be at a standstill, pending my return, as was the case on previous occasions, thereby putting me to considerable disadvantages. I trust the Council will make the necessary change at their meeting, so that the signatures of

any responsible substitute, that I may select will be accepted."

The Secretary stated he had submitted this letter to Mr. Elger, Solicitor to the Council who replied under date 8th April as follows:-

"I am in receipt of your letter of the 3rd inst, with copy of one from Mr. John. J. Redmond, of Bourtoun Harbour, enclosed.

I am not prepared to advise the Co. Council to accept agreements for letting of Boats etc., at Bourtoun Harbour, except they are actually signed by the person who requires them (the boats) for his own use, as accepting agreements signed by some other party, on the hirer's behalf, might lead to endless complications."

On the motion of Mr. O'Hill, seconded by Mr. Lynch the following resolution was adopted:-

"That in view of the letter from our Solicitor, Mr. Elger, we cannot see our way to accede to Mr. Redmond's request. That a copy of Mr. Elger's letter be furnished to Mr. Redmond."

— Burial of carcasses at Kilmore Strand. —

Under date 19th February, the following letter was read from Mr. E. O'Flaherty, Harbour Master, Kilmore:-

"Yours to hand re burying of carcasses, I will try and keep the burying of carcasses for another year, it has been very hard earned this winter on account of so many carcasses coming ashore."

marked "Read."

National Convention

In connection with the Irish national convention to be held on the 23rd April, a letter was read from Mr J. Devlin, M.P., asking the Co. Council to appoint six delegates:-

"The following delegates were appointed:- Messrs John Bolger, (Chm) J. Asple, James Codd, Michael Cloney, Michael Doyle Senr., and M. Doyle Junr."

Payment of Rates.

Mr J. B. Doyle, Rate collector, came before the meeting and explained that he had been obliged to lodge £13: 3: 8 for rates on holdings of Mr de Lacey at Yoltown & Kayle. The place was in Bankruptcy, and the official assignee declined to pay. He considered it unfair that he should be compelled to take proceedings against the official of the Bankruptcy Court.

"On the motion of the Chairman the following resolution was adopted:-

That the matter be referred to our Solicitor Mr Elgee, to take action on behalf of Mr James B. Doyle."

Resolutions.

Ray of R. J. C.,

The following resolution was received from Londonderry Borough Council:-

"That, in view of the increases of salary now being granted to the various police forces in Great Britain, and to the increased cost of living in all parts of the United Kingdom, we consider that an immediate and impartial inquiry, at the same time as the inquiry is held

into the condition of the Dublin Metropolitan Police, in the interest of the taxpayers and of the efficiency of the force, should be held into the pay and prospects of the rank and file of the Royal Irish Constabulary, with a view to the re-organization of the force, the reduction of the cost of command, and the granting of a living wage to the general body of the men, and that this inquiry should be held by independent public men of business experience, and that copies of this resolution be sent to the different corporations of Ireland, requesting their support."

marked "Read."

— Direct Labour Schemes. —

Waterford Co. Council forwarded for adoption the following resolution in connection with accounts of sums paid for direct labour scheme:-

"That the attention of the Local Government Board, be called to the difficulty of ascertaining in detail, the cost of Direct Labour work, owing to the absence of a systematic form of account. The Council urge upon the Local Government Board the advisability of adopting a standard system of account for direct labour throughout Ireland, such account to be subject to Local Government Board audit."

marked "Read."

— meat marking Bill. —

The following resolution was read from the Irish Cattle Traders' Association:-

"That this meeting strongly approves of the meat marking (Ireland) Bill, again introduced by Mr. William Field, M. P., and calls upon every

Irish M. P., to support it; we likewise request that facilities should be afforded by the Government to pass this measure into law this session, as it is practically a non-contentious Bill, with the simple object of preventing fraud for which a precedent already exists in the merchandise marks Bill, which does not protect the home industry."

"adopted on the motion of Mr. Peacocke, seconded by Mr. Lynch."

— Payment of Teachers' Salaries. —

Westmeath Co. Council forwarded the following resolution for adoption:

"That as no one acquainted with the necessities of life can fail to acknowledge that practical economy in the routine of daily affairs requires the undelayed payment of earned income, this Council considers that the claim of the Irish National Teachers to have their salaries paid in monthly instalments is an eminently just and pressing one; that the present quarterly system is not only unjust to the teachers but, as it means large sums of money are withheld from circulation for lengthened periods, it is a source of loss to the general community, and that the plea tendered by the Treasury for withholding monthly payments for the teachers is only an excuse for saving money at the expense of the teachers and of Irish Education, we respectfully ask Mr. Redmond, the Irish Party and the Irish members of Parliament generally, to use every means in their power to force the Treasury to redeem the vital promise made on its behalf last May by Mr. Birrell, that the Irish Teachers salaries would be paid in monthly instal-

ments from April 1st 1912."

marked "Read."

Government contracts in Ireland.

The following resolution was received from the Dublin Industrial Development Association:-

"That inasmuch as the contracts for supplies to the War office, admiralty, and Post office, in Ireland, are not arranged so as to provide for the making of such contracts in Ireland, but in certain centres in England; we request the Government to make early provision that the control of all such contracts, in so far as they affect supplies for Ireland, should be placed in the hands of the responsible officials in Ireland of these Departments, so that Ireland may in future secure an equitable share of the expenditure."

"adopted on the motion of Mr. Peacocke seconded by Mr. Lynch."

minutes of Finance Committee

The following minutes of the Finance Committee came up for confirmation:-

"That our Secretary inform Mr. P. Nolan Rate collector, that the Finance Committee have no power to appoint a deputy collector, and that before next meeting of the Co. Council is held his collection period will be closed."

With reference to the application of Mr. M. J. Walsh, Rate collector, that the Co. Council should accept from him personal security instead of security by guarantee society the Finance Committee

adopted the following recommendation:-

"That in view of the precedent which would be established by acceding to his request they could not see their way to recommend the Council to make any change from Guarantee Society, as regards any of their officers."

"That the County Surveyor be granted permission to prosecute the persons named in the following list, should he consider it necessary :-

Mr. Brown	Road No. 66	Wexford
John Dowd	"	179 "
Wm. Barty	"	150 "
E. Maddock	"	202 & 228 ^a Enniscorthy
Hugh Brien	"	309 "
Thos O'Gorman	"	198 "

and Mr. Benjamin Gainfort, Ballyman, Screen; for planting a hedge in the water-table of Road No. 96 Wexford."

With reference to issue of office rate note in the Collection District of Rate collector Mullett, the following resolution was adopted :-

"That the Securities of Mr. Mullett be informed that on checking his accounts on this date the Finance Committee found that sums amounting to £21:9:1 had been collected by Mr. Mullett and not accounted for up to the date of last checking (2nd March 1912). The Committee intend making further investigations into Mr. Mullett's accounts and may, of course, find further accounts unaccounted for."

The Finance Committee adopted the following recommendation relative to

Collector Doyle :-

"That in view of the very unsatisfactory manner in which Mr. J. L. Doyle, Rate Collector, has been carrying out his duties for a number of years past, we hereby request the Co. Council to call upon him to furnish the security of an approved Guarantee Society, and in the event of his failure in this matter, we suggest the Co. Council to call upon him for his resignation or remove him from office. With reference to the collection just closed we have ascertained from the bank book of the Co. Council that within the six days preceding the close of the collection period, Collector Doyle lodged over £600, half the amount of his warrant for the half-year. The Committee cannot regard this as a proper way in which to collect rates."

Mr. J. L. Doyle appeared before the meeting and promised that if at the close of the next collection he had not given satisfaction he would procure the security of an approved Guarantee Society.

"On the motion of the Chairman, this was agreed to."

"On the motion of Mr. Doyle, seconded by Mr. Rossiter, the minutes of the Finance Committee were confirmed."

Analyst's Report.

The following report was read :-

City Laboratory

17 Castle St Dublin.

26th February 1912.

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 31st December, 1911.

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

<u>article</u>	<u>number</u>
Butter	15.
milk	7.
whiskey	6.
Rum	1
claret	1
Ginger wine	1
	<u>31.</u>

There was one certificate sent to Sergeant
Coreney, Lins; for specimen of whiskey, which
was 35 degrees under proof and was therefore
adulterated with 13.35 per cent.

There were seventeen 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
and were pure.

For Wexford Rural District Council two
specimens of water and one of milk were
examined. One of the specimens of
water and the specimen of milk were free
from typhoid bacilli. The other specimen of
water had the following composition.

One imperial gallon contained in grains...

Total solid matter 24.500.

Including

albuminoid ammonia 0.008

saline ammonia 0.006

nitric acid trace

chlorine 1.690

right yellow

A fairly good water.

For the Guardians of Enniscorthy union fifteen drugs were analysed. Two drugs were incorrect. The specimen of water had the following composition.

One imperial gallon contained in grains.

Total solid matter 41.300

Including

albuminoid ammonia 0.0075

Saline ammonia 0.0045

Nitric acid 8.100

Chlorine 19.880

Colour. very light yellow.

A fairly good water.

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

One imperial gallon contained in grains.

Total solid matter 10.500

Including

albuminoid ammonia 0.013

Saline ammonia 0.035

Nitric acid 1.250

Chlorine 2.980

Colour very light yellow

A slightly polluted water.

Two specimens of water analysed for the Town Clerk, Wexford, had the following composition.

One imperial gallon contained in grains.

	No. 1	No. 2
Total solid matter.	2.800	2.100

Including

albuminoid ammonia	0.015	0.014
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Saline ammonia	0.007	0.004
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Nitric acid	Trace	Trace
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Chlorine	1.590	1.590
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Colour	Pronounced yellow.	Pronounced yellow
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These waters were of the peaty class, but were fit for use, though not up to the standard of the purest waters.

One specimen of water analysed for Capt. Loftus Bryan, Kilgibbon House, Enniscorthy; had the following composition:-

One imperial gallon contained in grains:-

Total solid matter 58.800

Including
albuminoid ammonia 0.007

saline ammonia 0.006

nitric acid 0.390

chlorine 18.380

This water was fit for use.

For Shillelagh union, which is partly situated in the county Wexford, nine drugs were analysed. One was incorrect.

Total analyses 92

Aulterated & defective articles 6

Charles A. Cameron"
marked "Read."

John Bolger

meeting - 17th April 1912.

A meeting of the Wexford Co. Council was held in the Co. Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford, on 17th April 1912.

Present :- Mr. John Bolger, (Chairman) and subsequently Lord Stopford presided.
Other members :- Messrs J. J. Mayler, J. J. Scafford, A. Kinsella, R. A. Rice, P. O'Neill, P. Rossiter, C. H. Peacocke, P. J. Fanning, D. Sinnott, James Codd, M. Doyle Esq., and M. Codd.

The Secretary, the County Surveyor, Mr. R. W. Elger, Solicitor to the Council, and Mr. C. D. Oliver, M. Inst. C. E., Engineer to the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction, were in attendance.

Notice of motion

The following notice of motion stood in the name of Lord Stopford :-

"That we instruct our Solicitor to ask the Local Government Board, whether the Co. Council or the Gorey R. D. Council, as Sanitary authority, is responsible for the upkeep of drains in the town of Gorey, made by the Public Works Department about the year 1847, for carrying off surface water and since utilised as general sewers."

By permission of the meeting Lord Stopford altered his motion to read as follows :-

"That we instruct our Solicitor to ask the Local Government Board whether the Co. Council or the Gorey R. D. Council as Sanitary Authority is responsible for the

upkeep of drains in the town of Gorey, made by the Public Works Department about the year 1847, and subsequently vested in the Grand jury, for carrying off surface water and since utilised as general sewers."

Mr. Peacocke seconded the motion which was passed unanimously.

Striking Rates for 1912-13.

On the motion of Mr. O'Neill.

Seconded by Mr. Kinsella

the following resolution was adopted:-

"That we hereby strike the Rate for General and Separate charges for the financial year 1912-13 as agreed to at the meeting of the Co. Council on the 14th February 1912; 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 said meeting, be adopted attested by the Seal of the Co. Council and countersigned by the Secretary.

That the Warrants of the Rate Collectors to collect the said Rates be signed & sealed in the same manner as the Rate Books.

That the Demands on the Urban Councils of Enniscorthy, New Ross, and Wexford, be duly signed and sealed the amounts demanded from above Urban Districts after allowing for credit items being:-

District	Co. charges.			Union charges			Separate charges		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Enniscorthy	512	10	1	598	15	7			
New Ross	532	4	3	780	14	6	31	4	10
Wexford	1015	12	2	804	13	2	129	9	0

The meeting had been specially fixed for consideration of above Resolution.

Appointment of checkers of Rate collectors.

On the motion of Mr. Peacocke.

Seconded by Mr. Rossiter,

the following resolution was adopted:-

"That we hereby appoint Messrs D. McDonald Enniscorethy, R. Brighton, Gorey; M. J. Finn New Ross; and N. Kehoe, Wexford; as checkers for Rate collectors accounts for the financial year 31st March 1912-1913; remuneration to be at the rate of 7/- per 100 ratings."

Payment of Poundage to Rate collectors.

On the motion of Mr. Rice

Seconded by Mr. O'Neill

the following resolution was adopted:-

"That as all the Rate collectors of the Co. Council, with the exception of collector Lacey have lodged the full amount of their warrants in respect of the half-year ended 31st March 1912, we agree to the payment of their poundage fees at this meeting.

That in the case of collector Lacey we have ascertained that a sum of £1. 1/- only was outstanding at the close, of his collection, and as this arose through a clerical error on his part, and as he lodged the amount as soon as his attention was called to the matter, we also agree to the payment of the full poundage fees in his case."

"That the list 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."

Land Purchase Annuities.

Under date 26th February 1912, the following letter No 9782, 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 next financial year in connection with liability for land purchase, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland, to acquaint you that they have now received copies of certificates from the Irish Land Commission and 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 the next month."

marked "Read."

Hay & Straw Order.

The Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction forwarded foreign Hay & Straw Order 1912, prohibiting the landing of straw from any country out of the United Kingdom, except the following:- United States of America; Canada; Union of South Africa; Norway, Channel Islands; Isle of Man.

marked "Read."

Deficiency in Government Grants.

under date 1st March 1912, the Local Government Board wrote forwarding Order for payment of £99 : 13 : 6 being the balance in respect of the amounts paid for salaries of the Sanitary officers of the Rural Districts of the County for the year ended 31st March 1911.

owing to insufficiency of the amount paid under Section 58 of the L. G. (Ireland) Act 1898 to the Local Sanitation account in the current financial year a proportionate abatement of the sums payable having regard to the insufficiency had been made.

under date 1st March 1912, (letter No. 9354-1912, miscellaneous) the Local Government Board wrote forwarding Order for £889 : 7 : 9 balance in respect of expenditure incurred for medical and Educational purposes by the Boards of Guardians of the County.

In this case a similar deduction as in the case of the recoupment for Sanitary salaries had been made.

marked "Read."

Courtown Harbour.

under date 11th March 1912, the following letter (No 1821-12, J. B.) from the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction relative to Courtown Harbour, was read:-

"adverting to recent correspondence in reference to the condition of Courtown Harbour, I have to draw the attention of the Wexford Co. Council to the report of the Special Committee of the Council which inquired generally into the question in the year 1909. The sluicing arrangements have since been put into working

order at a cost of over £300. The systematic carrying out of sluicing operations was essential to the success of the undertaking.

The Department will be glad to learn whether the sluices have been adequately used, and whether the Council are satisfied that they are not sufficient to keep the harbour in a reasonably suitable condition.

Should the replies be in the affirmative, the Department think that any further expenditure contemplated should lie in the direction of meeting the cost of a timber jetty running outwards from the North Pier and carrying a steam crane and grab of sufficient size to command the entrance to the Harbour and which could be used for removing the bank of sand and gravel which possibly has a tendency to form beyond the point affected by the sluicing operations.

The cost of erecting and fitting the structure would probably reach a sum of between £1,800 and £2,000 - one half of which the Department are prepared to contribute provided the other half be forthcoming locally, and that the Council undertake upkeep. The latter is estimated to cost (exclusive of a charge for depreciation) a sum of about £100 per annum.

The Department also wrote under date 4th April 1913 (letter N^o 2675-12. J. D.) as follows:-

"Adverting to my letter of the 11th ultimo on the subject of the improvement of Courtown Harbour, I have to state, for the information of the Wexford Co. Council, that, in connection with temporary

dredging at that place which has been carried out by the Department at the request of the Council, a survey of the ground outside the harbour was made, and a tracing showing the soundings taken on the 11th ultimo as compared with those taken in January, 1906, is enclosed. The figures of the recent survey are shown in black, and those of the former in red. Annexed is copy of report of the Department's Chief Engineer (Mr Oliver) in connection with the matter. The Department consider that this report renders a reconsideration of the position, as discussed in my communication to you of the 12th ultimo, necessary.

The present dredging operations might of course be extended so as to produce a temporary improvement, and this would involve the provision of a further sum of about £80 half of which the Department would be willing to contribute, but Mr Oliver hesitates to recommend the expenditure as he thinks any improvement effected thereby may be transient."

The following is a copy of Mr Oliver's report referred to:-

"I attach a tracing showing the present condition of the soundings outside Bourt-own Harbour after the dredger had been working there for three days. They indicate a very serious state of things, a mass of sand having accumulated at the entrance which not only blocks it but threatens to neutralise the attempt to open it unless dealt with on a considerable scale,

and produces a condition not met with heretofore.

It is quite clear that the £60 provided, which means five days work, will make little impression, and that the provision of at least as much more would be wanted, say £120 to £140 in all. It goes further than this. It shows that while the provision of a crane and grab will still, in my opinion, be adequate to keep open the harbour under normal conditions, we must be prepared for occasional inrushes of sand such as has now taken place, which can only be dealt with by dredging on a considerable scale. The work which the suction dredger will do for the £120 named would cost £400 or £500 if done by a grab, and to make the place safe for any prolonged period it is clear that other work must be done which would be quite out of reach of any grab working from the land and which, even done by dredger, may cost £100 or £200.

It is evident that nothing but the dredger can deal with the problem outside the harbour, and that if the harbour is to be permanently kept open for a greater depth than at present an expenditure of some hundreds of pounds in any year in addition to the standing charge of from £100. to £200 for what I will call - "local maintenance" - must be contemplated.

It is also perfectly clear that a solid extension of the pier would be absolutely useless, as I always held such an accumulation as has now taken place would have certainly banked up to the end of a pier 200 feet or 300 feet long and come round it."

In connection with the proposal of the Department, the following minute of Courtown Harbour Committee in respect of meeting held on 2nd April 1912:-

"The sluicing has been thoroughly tested and we beg to report that it has been sufficient, in ordinary times, to keep the channel between the piers moderately clear of sand, provided that there is sufficient water coming down the river to make a good rush when the sluices are opened, but the sand is deposited outside the piers where the sluices are opened, but the sand is deposited outside the piers where the sluicing ceases to have any effect. We do not consider that the proposed timber jetty and grab dredge would project far enough from the pier to be of any practical use, and we consider any similar structure would probably be carried away by the first South Easterly gale, as was a pile pier which was formerly an extension to the South Pier; and in any case any extension should be from the South Pier, and not from the North as proposed."

Under date 5th March, the following letter was read from Mr. R. Brighton, Clerk Rural District Council, Gorey:-

"At the meeting of the Gorey District Council on Saturday, February 24th it was proposed by Mr. E. Chingham, seconded by Mr. Poole, and passed:-

That this Council representing the rate-payers of the Gorey District requests the Co. Council of Wexford to contribute a sum of £5000 raised by loan towards the

cost of construction of a pier at Courtown Harbour, on the understanding that the Government contributes £10,000 towards the same work, in accordance with the practice that has hitherto obtained in these matters, the pier to be built according to a plan supplied to Mr Birrell, M.P., by the Board of Works."

The following is an Extract from the Courtown Harbour Committee in respect of minutes of 5th March :-

"That we strongly support the resolution passed by the Gorey District Council asking the Co. Council to raise a loan in aid of the extension of the piers at Courtown. We trust the Co. Council will adopt same in the fishing and commercial interests of the district."

The following resolution was read from the Gorey Town Commissioners :-

"That we the Gorey Town Commissioners hereby endorse the action of the Gorey District Council in requesting the County Council to raise £5000 in aid of the erection of a new pier at Courtown Harbour. We are of opinion that the proposed improvement would result in a vastly increased trade in Gorey Town and district as well as restoring the fishing industry, and we ask that the County Council adopt the Resolution of the Gorey Council the terms of which provide that the Government must supplement the proposed County loan by contributing an additional two-thirds."

The following was read from the Courtown Harbour Committee and which was adopted

at the meeting held on 6th February 1912. -

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"We the fishermen of Courtown approve and endorse the action of Gorey D. Council in approaching the Co. Council with the object of obtaining a grant from the Development Commissioners of £10,000 on condition that the Co. Council levy a rate to raise £5,000. We have followed with the greatest interest the steps taken by the District Council in furtherance of the hopes of the Courtown fishermen by endeavouring to force on Co. Council the work of extending the Piers, a work which is considered essential for the safeguarding and protection of the harbour."

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"I am very glad to hear that the dredger would shortly come to Courtown. She will have I fear an immense job before her if she is to remove all the sand that has now accumulated around the piers and out in front of them for, I should say two or three hundred yards. It appears to be more than can be accomplished by dredging alone. The other day the South Pier was almost buried in sand of course the state of the place is at present exceptionally bad but a change of wind to the Eastward might effect a great improvement. It is a poor state of affairs however and an almost hopeless one which is dependent on such a chance as that. I fear that nothing else but an extension of some kind to the South Pier, at least, will keep the harbour in a decent state of efficiency. For a good while it has been practically derelict - of no use to the fishermen. There is a population of over 400 in the two villages of Courtown and Riverchapel, and you can readily understand what awful poverty and destitution must ensue to this community, which mainly depends on the fishing, when the fishing industry cannot be carried on. That is almost

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literally the state of affairs here at present. If the Co. Council takes the spirited action of raising the £5000, which I believe it is to be asked to do, and if this is picked up in a generous way by the Government a great deal can be done to save Bourtoun.

If action is not taken at once it looks as if it would soon be all over with the harbour. When we began the agitation for improvements here it soon appeared that the Government would not assist in any large scheme. I then turned my attention to having the place effectively dredged. This did not receive everyone's approval altho' good work was done. I always had it before me that the final word would be extension of the piers."

In connection with the working of the sluices the following letter was read from the Harbour Master, Bourtoun:-

"In reply to yours of 5th inst., I beg to state that the sluices have been adequately tested with very powerful sluices on every possible occasion for the past two months, sometimes as many as four per day and they are not sufficient to keep the harbour in a reasonably suitable condition.

After some of the sluices the bar was scoured out as far as the pier heads but the next tide brought the sand in again, as there is no depth of water outside to retain it, in fact at low tide you could walk around both heads and for about 50 yards out I don't believe there is more than 3 feet of water.

There was a bank of sand outside the

bar mouth early in December last but the storm of the 13th of same month levelled it down and the fishermen could cross it without danger, till about the month of February, when the present bank began to accumulate ever since owing to the invariable South and South Easterly gales.

This sand bank comes from the South, and a easterly or south easterly gale generally carries it away, but as we have had none from that point during the winter, and very little chance of one now it is so far advanced in the season, I fear there is no chance of its removal through that source.

Should the weather set in dry and the river fall very low the sluicing will be next to useless."

In connection with the hire of discharging boats, the following letter was read from Mr. J. J. Redmond, Johnsvick, Courtown Harbour:-

"Yours of yesterday received re signatures for use of boats, I would much rather you had brought this matter before the meeting arranged for the 17th inst., even on the chance of receiving the same encouraging results. I am not much surprised at the decision as it is only a repetition of refusing any reasonable demand ever made to your Council in the nature of a business advantage, by the principal supporter of the harbour. The signing an agreement by a responsible representative on my behalf is apparently not sufficient "safeguards" for your Solicitor, in such an important matter as the hiring of a coal tub. No doubt the Council is aware that the ballasting of vessels and boats, can be accomplished,

without the signing for or on behalf of anyone, viz:- where I am, of course, not implicated, as in the case of landing.

I fail to see how the refusal of this small item, will lessen the so called complications the like of which were unknown previous to the taking over of the harbour by the Council, the present state of which, is not by any means a credit to that body.

The only consolation I have is, that the Council, or rather the officials, have not the drafting, or enforcing of bye-laws at such places as Gorey Station, where they appreciate all, regardless of prejudice. Unless the Council are prepared to reconsider their decision at next meeting, I promise you the signatures of mine will be few, (if any) for the coming time, not that some of the officials care, but they should consider others; who find a difficulty to earn a livelihood at such places as here. The days of coercion are past, or should be, before another measure sees light; which I hope will be an improvement on the present local administration. marked "Read."

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

"That the deputation from the Gorey District Council consisting of Mr. Boyan, Messrs Etchingham, and Whitty be now heard."

The deputation having been heard. Mr. Fanning proposed the adoption of the resolution from the Gorey Rural District Council. Mr. Kinsella seconded.

Mr. Oliver having laid his views before the meeting, the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Peacocke, seconded by Mr. O'Neill:-

"That the matter of extending the piers be postponed until the plan of the Board of Works mentioned in the resolution of Gorey Rural District Council be submitted to the Co. Council.

That Sir Thomas Emond be requested to attend the meeting of the Council at which the matter will be considered."

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

"That a sum not exceeding £150 be placed in charge of the Co. Surveyor to carry on in conjunction with the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction, sufficient dredging at Courtown Harbour to make the harbour effective. That the Department of Agriculture be requested to furnish a similar amount to that spent by the Co. Council for this purpose."

Direct Labour.

A deputation consisting of Messrs James Murphy, and J. R. Etchingham, attended on behalf of the Direct Labour League, and having been heard the following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman.

"That Mr. Etchingham be requested to submit to the Co. Council four sections of an experimental scheme to cover the four Rural Districts of the County."

Waterford Bridge.

On the motion of the chairman, the following resolution was adopted :-

"That we request the Local Government Board to agree to the issue of the final instalment of loan of £11,000 for County Wexford's proportion of payment of erection of Waterford Bridge and amounting to £2000. For payment of next quarterly amount to the joint committee of Waterford Bridge, viz: £1331: 5/- a sum of £1012: 10/- remains to credit and in consequence we request the Local Government Board to sanction the advance of the final instalment with as little delay as possible."

Payment for Extra Constabulary.

With reference to the claim of the constabulary authorities for payment of £313: 19: 1 for extra constabulary which had been stationed in Wexford during the continuance of the labour troubles, letters were read from the Under Secretary, Dublin Castle, under date 19th February 1912 (No 2761) and 20th March (No 4611) relative to area of charge. These appear on minutes of meeting of 11th April 1912.

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

"That we the Co. Council refuse payment until we are in a position to consider what were the reasons influencing the Irish Government to place this unjust impost on the county at large. That as the Lord Lieutenant has declined to hear

the views of a deputation from this Co. Council in the matter, and has further declined to give his reasons for selecting the County-at-large as the area of charge, we instruct our Secretary to communicate with our Parliamentary Representatives with a view to secure for us the information we have sought from the authorities and have failed to obtain.

That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Lord Lieutenant, and the Chief Secretary for Ireland; Mr. J. E. Redmond, M. P., and the Parliamentary Representatives for the County."

Ferryarrig Bridge.

The Council proceeded to consider letters from Mr. Colhoun, Contractor for the erection of Ferryarrig Bridge under date 7th and 20th March, which appear on the minutes of meeting of 11th April:-

The following report was submitted from the County Surveyor:-

"I beg to report on the progress and present condition of this work as follows:-

The tender was accepted on 14th June 1910, and contract is dated 15th July 1910.

The first weekly report from the Resident Engineer is dated 26th November 1910. The 62nd weekly Report dated 27th January 1912 shows that all the 39 Piles were driven and the required set obtained.

The 66th weekly Report dated 24th February 1912, shows that all the lower Bracings A. and B. fixed. The 70th weekly Report dated 28th March 1912 shows all the columns, 2. Bracings, and struts complete.

The present condition of the other members of the structure is as follows :-

	No.		No.
main longitudinal Beams	22½ complete.	10½ to complete	
" Transverse "	18	8	"
Secondary	105	38	"
Decking	Bays 99	Bays. 70.	
	L. ft	L. ft.	
Parapet	335	265	
	No.	No.	
Piers	16.	10	
	L. ft	L. ft.	
Coping.	164	436.	

The timber casing for the concrete yet to go in is nearly all in position, but work is delayed awaiting the arrival of a further consignment of cement.

The work at the South abutment is carried up to 7.0 over O.D.

The materials for Bascule opening span have not come to hand, but no delay is caused on this account."

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

"That Mr. Barry, be instructed to examine the deflected piles at Ferrycarrig Bridge and report to next meeting."

Kilmore Harbour.

On the motion of Mr. Stafford seconded by Mr. O'Neill, the following resolution of the proposal Committee was confirmed :-

'That directions be given to our County Surveyor in conjunction with our Solicitor

Mr. Elger, to have the Schooner "Alice Latham" removed from Kilmore."

Irish Education Act 1892.

Under date 14th March 1912, the Secretary, Office of National Education, wrote asking the Co. Council as local authority to appoint five members as their representatives on the New Ross Rural District School Attendance Committee.

The New Ross R. D. Council recommended the appointment of the following:-

Wm. Thorpe, Knockroche House, Palace.

Michael Doyle, Derrinrath, Bascagh.

Mr. J. Kenny, Campile, Waterford.

Denis Cummins, Rahenduff, Adamstown.

Philip Kehoe, The Hollow, Lacken, New Ross.

On the motion of Mr. Stafford

Seconded by Mr. Peacocke, the appointment of those recommended by the New Ross Rural District Council was confirmed."

Suretyship of Road Contractor.

Under date 10th April 1912, the following letter was read from Mr. John Parle, soberlamina, and Mr. Walter Dooly, of Gurrawn, Blackwater:-

"Please would you bring before your next Council meeting, to relieve me and the other Surety- Walter Dooly- of the Road No. 168 which fell to us owing to the contractor not being able to do it, and is now left the County. It would be a great hardship on us to do it. Trusting your Council will overlook the circumstances of the case and be good enough to relieve us."

On the motion of Mr. Stafford, seconded

by Mr. Rice, the following resolution was adopted :-

"That acting on the advice of our Solicitor we cannot see our way to accede to their request."

Sheep Dipping Forms.

Tenders for printing Sheep Dipping Forms were received from :-

W. Hanrahan	£ 1 : 5 : 6.
Free Press.	1 : 12 : 6
John English & Co.	1 : 10 : 0
The People.	1 : 8 : 0

On the motion of Mr. O'Neill, seconded by the Chairman, the tender of W. Hanrahan being the lowest was accepted.

Roads Committee.

Recommendations from the Roads Committee approving of new form of Road Specification was confirmed on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. O'Neill.

The following resolution from the Roads Committee was laid before the meeting :-

"That we request the Co. Council to adopt a resolution directing the County and Assistant Surveyors to report any cases of Councillors or Officials being in any way interested in County contracts."

"On the motion of the Chairman the foregoing resolution was adopted."

Application Increase of Salary.

The following application was read from

Mr. Paddle, Assistant Surveyor:-

"I respectfully beg to make application to you for an increase to my present salary, which I find is insufficient, and for the following reasons:-

"Increased cost of living. Increased mileage of the district; owing to a number of lanes being put under contract. Increased number of special inspections, visiting and measuring material almost fortnightly at Slievebawn Quarry.

In some of the adjoining counties, the Assistant Surveyors (even those appointed by the Co. Council) have a salary of £130 per annum, District mileage 300 while the mileage of Gorey District is close on 400 miles.

I might also state that since you appointed me Assistant Surveyor to the Gorey District, I have left no stone unturned in seeking out the best quarries, and all other means with the view of improving the roads in the district.

and I confidently believe that I have greatly improved the condition of the roads; and that they can compare favourably with the roads of other counties similarly situated.

Trusting you will give my application favourable consideration."

"On the motion of the Chairman, the question was postponed to next meeting, and if then favourably considered the increased salary to come into force from the date of his application."

Kerlogue Quarry.

Bill for 6/3 for carttaking Kerlogue quarry for 70 weeks at 1d per week was received

from Moses Lower, Kerlogue.

"On the motion of the chairman, it was decided that the amount 6/3 be paid Mr. Lower."

Deduction from Asylum Grants.

D. M. J. Nolan, R. M. S., Down District Asylum forwarded the following resolution which had been adopted by the Committee of Management of the Asylum:-

"That we, the Committee of Management of the Down District Lunatic Asylum, feel strongly that combined action on the part of Asylum Committees is necessary to bring effective pressure to bear on the Government, in support of the demand that the deficiency in the certified Grants in aid towards the maintenance of Pauper Lunatics in District Asylums should be made good by a special Supplementary Grant. The Committees have acted all through in the assurance of the full Grant in aid and the curtailment of the Grant has thrown an additional and unexpected burden on the Ratepayers, whereas the intention of the Local Government (Ireland) Act was to give greater relief in County Lunacy charges, while it imposed larger responsibilities on County authorities to meet Lunacy requirements, such as accommodation and maintenance."

On the motion of the chairman the following resolution was adopted:-

"That we call the attention of the Committee of the Enniscorthy Lunatic Asylum to the

resolution of the Down District asylum committee re deficiency in Capitation Grant for asylums."

Contract No 92. Enniscorthy John Kenny, Contractor.

Under date 12th March, the following letter was read from Messrs P. J. O'Shaughnessy & Son, on behalf of John Kenny, Contractor:-

"You will remember that we wrote you on the 5th December last pointing out that Mr. Alfred Haughton of Rockspring had besides several threshing engines, a traction engine with which he hauled large quantities of stones over Kenny's contracts and that the Co. Court Judge had given a decree for £10. against Mr. Haughton, having decided that the use of the road by the traction engine amounted to a public nuisance and that this was subject to a case stated in which the only point to decide was whether the Road Contractor was the person who could maintain the action, there being no doubt at all that the Co. Council could do so. We asked the Co. Council to put a stop to the use of the road by the traction engine. The Co. Council decided to await the result of the proceedings.

At the recent Assizes the Decree was affirmed. We submit that it is most unfair of the Co. Council to allow the road to continue to be injured by what has been decided to be a public nuisance, and we therefore ask that the Co. Council will take such steps as may be necessary to prevent the continuance of this public nuisance.

Mr. Kenny also informs us that he has been served with notice requiring him to put the road in repair. Mr. Namahan, Borough Surveyor, Wexford, who gave evidence

before the County Court Judge, stated that the injury which Mr. Haughton's engine had done to the road was such that it would take £400 to get rid of the damage done by the engine. We submit that it would be most unreasonable for the Co. Council even if they have the power, to require Kenny to incur this expense. The Co. Council had full power to stop the damage to the road and are therefore to some extent responsible for what has occurred."

"Referred to County Surveyor."

Admission of Patients to Co. Infirmary.

under date 15th April, Mr. M. J. Kavanagh, Registrar Co. Infirmary, wrote forwarding copy of letter which he had been directed to forward to Dr. Greene, Ferns; relative to admission of James Connors to the County Infirmary, and which he (Mr. Kavanagh) stated practically carried out the recommendation of the Co. Council.

The following is the copy of letter to Dr. Greene: "Your letter re admission of James Connors was duly considered at the monthly meeting of the managing committee held yesterday. I was directed to write to you and inform you of the Board's decision in the matter.

The correspondence was read and the committee decided to leave the existing rule re admissions of Intern Patients 10 to 11 a.m., stand, but the Porter and Matron were instructed that in all cases of the Patients coming from considerable distances at other times than that period specified in the Rules, that such Patients should be

detained until the Doctor's arrival. Further I was directed to point out that on date in question a recent change of train times was in existence and also that it is usual when patients are coming considerable distances for the medical officer or Governor recommending such patient to inform the Surgeon by letter that such patient will arrive on any stated date. Then all preparations are made and Surgeon can attend patient in due course."

marked "Read"

Next Payment to County Infirmary.

Proposed by Mr. Rossiter, seconded by Mr. Peacocke the following resolution was adopted :-

"That in order to meet the overdraft due by the managing committee of the Co. Wexford Infirmary a sum of £575 be transferred to the Treasurer of the Infirmary at the May meeting and that a sum of £275 be transferred for each of the remaining three quarters of the financial year, thus carrying out the resolution of the special meeting of the Co. Council on 10th January agreeing to grant to the Infirmary for year ended March 1913, the sum of £1400."

Rates on Unoccupied Buildings.

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

"We, the County Council of the County of Wexford in pursuance of section 2 of the Poor Law Acts (Ireland) amendment act 1890 (53 & 54 Vic Cap 30). Do hereby determine that the Owners or Occupiers of the Rateable property mentioned in the Schedule hereunder written who have

ceased to be Owners or Occupiers of the buildings on such property during the financial period ended the 31st day of March 1912, being the period for which Poor Rate has been made, and have not paid the Poor Rate made for such period, in respect of the said buildings, shall be liable to the proportionate part only of the said Poor Rate due for land for such period as set out in the said Schedule such portion being proportionate to the portion of such period during which they remained Owners and Occupiers.

No of Rating	Occupier	E. Division	Townland	Total amt Rate	amount paid Land	amt Rebate B'dgs
<u>Collector N. O'H. Walsh.</u>						
144	Moses Gordon	Zaghmon	Cooleull Big	3/5	6 $\frac{1}{2}$	2/10 $\frac{1}{2}$
26	L. Fitzpatrick	Carriack	Ballygommon	2/11	6 $\frac{1}{2}$	2/4 $\frac{1}{2}$
<u>Collector A. Lennon.</u>						
35.	R. A. Byron	Kilbride	Harriet Big	4/10	2/10 $\frac{1}{2}$	11 $\frac{1}{2}$
60.	"	"	Claboley	£1. 8. 5	1. 6. 6	1/11
124.	P. Connors	Kilhurin	Kilhurin	1/6	6 $\frac{1}{2}$	11 $\frac{1}{2}$
147	J. Clooney	"	Lambert Gr	1. 1. 7 $\frac{1}{2}$	18. 9 $\frac{1}{2}$	2/10
20	Moses Roche	Ardcolm	Ballina	10 $\frac{1}{2}$	1	9 $\frac{1}{2}$
58.	V. Murphy	"	Ballinrouan	16. 3 $\frac{1}{2}$	13/	3/3 $\frac{1}{2}$
3.	J. Kelly	Ardcavan	ardcavan	10. 11	9/11 $\frac{1}{2}$	11 $\frac{1}{2}$
41.	Mr. Byrne	"	Ballina	17. 2 $\frac{1}{2}$	14/4 $\frac{1}{2}$	2/10
89.	P. Healy	"	Ballytrammon	1. 3 $\frac{1}{2}$	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	1/2
98.	Widow Green	"	"	2. 2 $\frac{1}{2}$	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	2/
100.	Jas. Hagan & L. Kiernan	"	"	1. 3 $\frac{1}{2}$	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	1/2
210.	Thos. Murphy	"	Glasgarny	1. 3	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	11 $\frac{1}{2}$
300.	Wm. B. Hurry	"	Sinnottmill	2. 18. 9	2. 1. 10 $\frac{1}{2}$	16/10 $\frac{1}{2}$
4.	G. R. L. Hunt	Artramont	Artramont	4. 2. 6 $\frac{1}{2}$	3. 5. 6 $\frac{1}{2}$	17/
5.	P. Hughes	"	"	1. 8 $\frac{1}{2}$	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	1/5
66.	Jas. Quinn	"	B'boogan L.	"	"	"
89.	Lt. Maher	"	" 14 $\frac{1}{2}$	2. 8	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	2/4 $\frac{1}{2}$
128.	John Nowlan	"	Crossabeg	9. 5 $\frac{1}{2}$	5. 4	4/1 $\frac{1}{2}$
149.	Anne Kelly	"	Garraclary	2. 12. 11 $\frac{1}{2}$	2. 9. 1 $\frac{1}{2}$	3/10
144	J. Drayne	"	Crossabeg	9. 2	0 $\frac{1}{2}$	8/8 $\frac{1}{2}$

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188.	Lord Ardilaunmartramont		Sion	6: 5: 10 $\frac{1}{2}$	4: 1: 9 $\frac{1}{2}$	2: 4: 1
109.	P. Brennan	Whitechurch	Dunger	7: 9 $\frac{1}{2}$	6: 4 $\frac{1}{2}$	1: 5
10.	John Rick	Glynn	Bolabawn	1: 10: 10 $\frac{1}{2}$	1: 8: 11 $\frac{1}{2}$	1: 11
54.	Julia Green	Kilpatrick	Keright	19: 3	16: 10	2: 3
59.	Margt. Hughes	"	"	1: 6	6 $\frac{1}{2}$	11 $\frac{1}{2}$
<u>Collector Nicholas Moore</u>						
111	John Hone	Ballymitty	Ballymitty	11: 1	9: 6	1: 5
121	Wm. Gannon	"	Boolecliffe	9: 18: 0	6: 16: 1 $\frac{1}{2}$	3: 1: 10 $\frac{1}{2}$
<u>Collector Patrick Rossiter</u>						
42.	Jas. Jeffares	Drinagh	Bogganstown up?	1: 4: 8	19: 6	5: 2
74.	Mr. Nolan	Killinick	Ballyrane	2: 2	3	1: 11
186	Rev. Doyle	Ladys Isld.	Knockaneasy	1: 9 $\frac{1}{2}$	10	11 $\frac{1}{2}$
2.	Pat. Walsh	Ross Lane	Ballybrennan B.	1: 6	6 $\frac{1}{2}$	11 $\frac{1}{2}$
295	B. & M. E. Pettit	"	Whitehouse	1: 2: 4 $\frac{1}{2}$	6 $\frac{1}{2}$	1: 11: 10
196.	C. Sandwich	St. Helens	St. Helens.	18: 8	4: 5	14: 3
<u>Collector J. Blake</u>						
75.	A. M. Boggan	Bridgetown	Common	2: 3	10 $\frac{1}{2}$	1: 4 $\frac{1}{2}$
150.	J. Cornick	"	Kilmannon L.	2: 11 $\frac{1}{2}$	7	2: 4 $\frac{1}{2}$
152.	C. Murphy	"	Knockbrack	15: 6 $\frac{1}{2}$	12: 9	2: 9 $\frac{1}{2}$
165	John Free	"	moor.	14: 4	12: 8 $\frac{1}{2}$	1: 10 $\frac{1}{2}$
171.	Jas. Furlong	"	"	1: 6	7	11
220.	Anne Barry	"	Rollmanagh L.	2: 10 $\frac{1}{2}$	1: 11 $\frac{1}{2}$	11
87.	Wm. Rochford	"	Ballyhelty. b.	3: 5 $\frac{1}{2}$	2: 6 $\frac{1}{2}$	11
179	Widow Somers	"	Bastardstown	8: 3	6: 4 $\frac{1}{2}$	1: 10 $\frac{1}{2}$
212.	Stephen Borish	"	Bridgetown S.	3: 5 $\frac{1}{2}$	2: 6 $\frac{1}{2}$	11
230.	John Barry	"	Chapel	1: 9	10 $\frac{1}{2}$	10 $\frac{1}{2}$
305.	John Cahill	"	Gollagh	9 $\frac{1}{2}$	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	6
356.	J. Roche	"	Hill	5: 8	4: 8 $\frac{1}{2}$	11 $\frac{1}{2}$
369.	Thos. Power	"	Lannagh	12: 5	9: 1 $\frac{1}{2}$	3: 3 $\frac{1}{2}$
33.	H. L. Meadows	Mayglass	Braestown	2: 2	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	1: 10 $\frac{1}{2}$
19.	Wm. Jones	Newcastle	Bargy Comm.	9 $\frac{1}{2}$	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	6
33.	Thos. Walsh	"	"	1: 3	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	11 $\frac{1}{2}$
48.	Peter Mahony	"	"	3: 2	2: 2 $\frac{1}{2}$	11 $\frac{1}{2}$

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123.	S. Godkin	Newcastle	Newcastle	2: 11 ⁵	7 ⁵	2: 4
12.	John Lambert	Donnagarrad	Ballyboy	1: 7: 8 ⁵	1: 4: 11	2: 9 ⁵
94.	Margt. Ellard	"	Lingtown L.	1: 1: 7 ⁵	18: 10	2: 9 ⁵
155.	M ^r . Murphy	"	Mountpill	2: 14: 8	2: 8: 1	6: 7
193.	Rd. Cardiff	"	Walshstown	11: 10	9: 11 ⁵	1: 10 ⁵
82.	J. H. Anglin	Lacumshane	Cumshingaun	3: 4: 2	2: 19: 11	4: 3
108.	Wm. Jeffares	"	Burjiestown	5: 6: 4 ⁵	5: 0: 3	6: 1 ⁵
120.	Wm. Neill	"	Grahuroge	9 ⁵	3 ⁵	6
160.	J. Boswell	"	Reedstown	3: 9: 3	2: 7: 4 ⁵	1: 10 ⁵

Collector Patrick Nolan.

62.	Gorey R. D. C.	Ballyboy	Ballybeg	3: 6	7	2: 11
73.	"	Monaseed	Clonamona L.	3: 6	7	2: 11
74.	"	"	"	3: 2	3 ⁵	2: 10 ⁵
74.	"	Rosminoge	Ballyregan	3: 7	7 ⁵	2: 11 ⁵

Collector J. C. Smith

87.	Lodgers	Ballycanew	Ballycanew	2: 2	2	2: 0
106.	Gorey R. D. C.	"	Ballynamorey	3: 7	7 ⁵	2: 11 ⁵
160.	J. Warren	Courtown	Coolehinch	3: 8: 7 ⁵	2: 14: 6 ⁵	14: 1
385.	S. Aford	Gorey Rural	Ballingarry L.	2: 3	3 ⁵	1: 11 ⁵

Collector John Sinnott.

210.	P. Sinnott	Ballyhogue	Macmin	2: 2	2	2: 0
211.	P. Swords	"	"	2: 2	2	2: 0
46.	J. Wickham	Bree	Ballybannan	1: 6 ⁵	1 ⁵	1: 5
233.	M. Brien	"	Park	6: 6	5: 11	7
15.	J. Barthly	Sheeap	Ballyeden	1: 9	7	1: 2

Collector John Mullett.

627.	E. Rochford	Ecorthy R.	Templehamon	5: 5 ⁵	3: 3 ⁵	2: 2
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Collector L. Lacey.

172.	M. Hennessy	Castle Ellis	Ballyvalacup?	1: 5	4	1: 1
233.	Geo. Lacey	Castle Salbot	Broschue	1: 5	4	1: 1

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Collector J. J. Sullivan.						
8.	J. Lambert	Ballindaggin	Ballindaggin	15: 5	12: 11	2: 6
13.	Hugh Doyle	"	"	11: 2½	10: 2½	1: 0
93.	A. O'Connor	"	Coolecarney	8: 8	6: 8	2: 0
105.	E. Quirke	"	"	1: 10½	1: 4	6½
115.	D. Bryan	"	"	5: 8½	4: 7	1: 1½
118.	J. Breen	"	Gurraghgrigue	2: 7: 6	2: 3: 6	4: 0
138.	M. Farrell	"	Kilcullen	1: 2: 4	1: 1: 4	1: 0
141.	M. Shanaghan	"	"	1: 10: 11½	1: 8: 11½	2: 0
215.	J. Duggan	"	Monalee	1: 2½	8	6½
44.	M. Esmonde	Kilrush	Ballyroebuck	2: 6	1: 0	1: 1
75.	J. White	"	Borris	1: 13: 9½	1: 10: 2½	3: 7
111.	P. Canning	"	Kiltilly	2: 7: 11½	2: 5: 9½	2: 2
134.	J. Carroll	"	Knockree	2: 2: 0½	1: 19: 6½	2: 6
81.	M. Nolan	Marshallstown	Boolnahorna	2: 4: 5½	2: 2: 5½	2: 0
179.	P. Kinsella	"	Donadilly	3: 7: 0½	3: 2: 4½	4: 8
183.	John Oakes	"	"	1: 2: 1½	1: 0: 0½	1: 8
1.	J. Warren	Rossard	Ballinacoola	10: 9½	4: 1½	6: 8
22.	A. Kearns	"	Ballycrystal	1: 0	4	1: 1
70.	M. Byrne	"	Bolamore	16: 3	13: 7	2: 8
40.	S. Doyle	St. Mary's	Cashel	6: 1½	4: 0½	1: 8
132.	J. Doyle	"	Gorteen	1: 16: 2	1: 15: 1	1: 1
168.	"	"	Killanure	1: 1: 11½	1: 0: 0½	1: 8
2.	J. Roche	Killoughrim	Ballybrannis	1: 3: 7	1: 2: 6	1: 1
3.	J. Cowman	"	"	13: 1½	12: 7	6½
57.	W. Gainfort	"	Killoughrim	19: 6½	10: 2½	4: 4
85.	M. Breen	"	Mangan	7: 1½	4: 11½	2: 2
98.	R. Traynor	"	"	6: 11	0: 3	1: 8
124.	Ed. Gethin	"	Monart West	2: 15: 2	2: 1: 8	13: 6
164.	M. Codd	"	Woodlands	1: 15: 2½	1: 9: 6½	3: 8
169.	J. Sutton	"	"	2: 2: 7	1: 9: 3	13: 4
7.	P. Neill	Castleockris	Ballyduff	2: 2	1: 1	1: 1
9.	P. Skelton	"	"	1: 0: 8	1: 3: 2	2: 6
17.	A. Jordan	"	Braanroe	2: 7½	2: 0½	7
23.	J. Murphy	"	"	3: 2: 8	2: 18: 8	4: 0
56.	H. M. Eustace	"	Munfin	3: 14: 9½	1: 17: 1½	17: 8

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106.	A. Bolger	Castledockrill	Lombrack	3 : 3	1 : 1	
117.	J. White	"	Lomgarrow	1 : 7	1 : 0 $\frac{1}{2}$	
121.	A. Kavanagh	"	"	2 : 3 $\frac{1}{2}$	1 : 9	
45.	R. Plummer	Moyacomb	Coolmeela	5 : 1 $\frac{1}{2}$	11 $\frac{1}{2}$	
56.	J. Byrne	"	"	2 : 7	2	
74.	W. Kelly	"	Corragh	18 : 8	17 : 6 $\frac{1}{2}$	
95.	M. Redmond	"	Garryhastur	1 : 12 : 10	1 : 8 : 2	4 : 8
111.	"	"	"	1 : 13 : 5	1 : 12 : 3 $\frac{1}{2}$	1 : 1 $\frac{1}{2}$
102.	M. Foley	"	"	2 : 16 : 1 $\frac{1}{2}$	2 : 12 : 8 $\frac{1}{2}$	3 : 8
147.	J. Doyle	"	Johnstown	5 : 10 $\frac{1}{2}$	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	5 : 6
117.	Hy Lewis	Newtownbarr	Blohamon	5 : 17 : 3 $\frac{1}{2}$	7 : 0	5 : 10 : 3 $\frac{1}{2}$
237.	Wm. Greene	"	Knockanure	1 : 16 : 3	1 : 11 : 3	5 : 0
292.	J. S. Guilbride	"	Newtownbarr	1 : 7 : 2 $\frac{1}{2}$	19 : 10 $\frac{1}{2}$	7 : 4
294.	"	"	"	7 : 8	1 : 7	6 : 1
559.	J. Whelan	"	Ryland L.	2 : 10	1 : 8 $\frac{1}{2}$	1 : 1 $\frac{1}{2}$
77.	J. Grimmer	Lombrack	Ballyandrew	1 : 5 : 6 $\frac{1}{2}$	1 : 4 : 5	1 : 1 $\frac{1}{2}$
355.	D. Carroll	"	"	1 : 8 : 11	1 : 5 : 10	3 : 1
186.	M. Simpson	"	Lombrack	10 : 11 $\frac{1}{2}$	9 : 11 $\frac{1}{2}$	1 : 0
196.	J. Ralph	"	"	2 : 8 : 8	2 : 0 : 10	7 : 10
<u>Collector J. L. Doyle</u>						
177.	E. Neville	Newbawn	Minacarrick	2 : 11 $\frac{1}{2}$	5	2 : 6 $\frac{1}{2}$
22.	M. Murphy	Sinturn	Ballinacuan	2 : 13 : 1 $\frac{1}{2}$	2 : 2 : 6	10 : 7 $\frac{1}{2}$
203.	E. Somers	"	Coolroe	2 : 17 : 4 $\frac{1}{2}$	2 : 9 : 10 $\frac{1}{2}$	7 : 6
204.	H. O'Flaherty	"	"	3 : 10 : 2 $\frac{1}{2}$	3 : 0 : 2 $\frac{1}{2}$	10 : 0
248.	E. Sargison	"	Kinnagh	1 : 12 : 10 $\frac{1}{2}$	17 : 10 $\frac{1}{2}$	15 : 0
321.	J. Kelly	"	Saltmills	5 : 8 $\frac{1}{2}$	1 : 3	4 : 5 $\frac{1}{2}$
<u>Collector James Cogley</u>						
178.	M. Doyle	Richard	Grange	1 : 1	8 $\frac{1}{2}$	8 $\frac{1}{2}$
319.	Jas. Green	"	Ramstown	1 : 1	5	8
243.	W. Robinson	Templetown	Slade	11 : 7 : 11 $\frac{1}{2}$	9 : 10 : 3 $\frac{1}{2}$	1 : 17 : 6
53.	A. Murphy	Ballyhack	Ballyhack	2 : 11 $\frac{1}{2}$	5	2 : 6 $\frac{1}{2}$
115.	G. Dooly	"	Blonsharragh	12 : 15 : 2	11 : 12 : 8	1 : 2 : 6
234.	J. Ward	"	Duncannon	9 : 2 $\frac{1}{2}$	1 : 7 $\frac{1}{2}$	7 : 7

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<u>Collector John Banville.</u>						
26.	J. Stafford	Adamstown	Adamstown	1: 11	1: 3	8
153.	J. Whelan	Baronstown	Dongarrow	11: 3½	10: 0	1: 3½
118	J. Shea	Carrighmore	Rahenwarren	2: 6½	1: 3	1: 3½
135	P. McDonnell	"	Scullabogue	3: 7½	5½	3: 2
148.	D. A. Clarke	"	"	9: 11	5½	9: 5½
70.	J. McDonnell	Hortown	Hopefield	2: 1½	10½	1: 3
18.	N. Bradley	Kilgorman	Camross	1: 11	1: 3½	7½
133.	J. Turlong	"	Rathkyle	1: 4: 6	1: 1: 11½	2: 6½
<u>Collector P. Redmond.</u>						
18.	N. Maher	Carminic	Ballybanogue	3: 11	8	3: 3
17.	G. Flood	"	Ballincarrig	16: 18: 7½	10: 3: 2½	6: 15: 5
121	Wm Jones	Kilmallock	Boole	5: 7: 4	4: 6: 9	1: 0: 10
<u>Collector J. Cummins.</u>						
77.	E. Murphy	Kilbora	Rahenague	1: 4: 2½	1: 2: 1½	2: 1
78.	P. Whelan	"	"	6: 3½	5: 3	1: 0½
145	Hy Walker	Innacross	Oulartard	6: 9: 4	5: 13: 8½	15: 7½
167.	"	"	Innacross	1: 19: 11½	1: 16: 4	3: 7½

B. H. Leacock

Statutable Half-yearly meeting - 8th May 1912.

The Statutable Half-yearly meeting of the Wexford County Council, was held in the Co. Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford, on 8th May 1912.

Present :- Mr. C. H. Keacocke (Vice-Chmn) presiding.
Other members :- Messrs M. Doyle Jr., John O'Connor, J. Codd, T. L. Esmonde, A. Kinsella, R. A. Rice, P. O'Neill, J. S. Hearn, J. Lynch, P. J. Fanning, P. Rossiter, M. Cloney, T. Aspley, M. Doyle Sr., M. Codd, J. J. Mayler, David Sinnott, J. A. Doyle.

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

Confirmation of minutes

minutes of meetings of 11th and 17th April, were read and confirmed.

Government of Ireland Bill.

Mr. A. Kinsella, on behalf of the Chairman moved the following, of which Mr. Bolger had given previous notice :-

"That we, the members of the Wexford Co. Council heartily congratulate Mr. John Redmond and the Irish Parliamentary Party on their great achievement in bringing the Home Rule Bill to its present satisfactory position, and we earnestly hope no obstacle will be placed in the way of its passing into law in the near future when it is sure to bring to Ireland peace, prosperity, and contentment."

The Chairman (Mr Peacocke) seconded.

Passed.

Discharging Boats at Courtown.

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

"That the request made by Mr. John J. Redmond as to hiring of boats at Courtown Harbour be reconsidered."

Mr. Fanning seconded.

Passed.

The Secretary having read the correspondence in connection with the matter which appeared on the minutes of last meeting, the following letter, under date 5th May 1912, was read from Mr. Redmond:-

"I understand there is a motion to have my application re "signature for use of boats," reconsidered at the next meeting of your Council. In the event of that body granting this small request, I wish to repeat that I accept full responsibility for boats on the signature of my assistant."

Mr. Kinsella proposed, and Mr. Fanning seconded. That Mr. Redmond's application be acceded to."

Mr. Elger, Solicitor, objected to its acceptance.

Mr. Hearn proposed, Mr. Asple seconded :-
"That in accordance with our Solicitor's advice we refuse to entertain Mr. Redmond's request."

This was taken as an amendment and passed.

Resignation of Mr. M. Browne, Co. Councillor.

Under date 15th April 1912, the following letter was read from Mr. M. Browne, Co. Councillor, Bridgetown:-

"Will you please convey my thanks to Mr. Peacocke and your Chairman, and the other members of the Council for their kind references to me but I regret that I am unable to comply with their wishes and I will feel much obliged if they will kindly accept my resignation and co-opt a member in my place as soon as convenient. The division I represent is a rather important one and it is better to have someone in the Council to look after its interests.

With many kind regards to yourself and the other members of the Council."

Proposed by the Chairman,
Seconded by Mr. Rossiter, and passed:-

"That we accept with sincere regret the resignation of Mr. Michael Browne, as County Councillor, and express our sympathy with him in the circumstances which have occasioned it. We desire to acknowledge our appreciation of his great services to the Council since its inception. That the office of County Councillor for Bridgetown County District be and is hereby declared vacant by the signature of the Chairman and two members of the Council, and we hereby instruct our Secretary to publish the existence of said vacancy in "The People's Free Press" and "Echo" newspapers and that said vacancy be filled at the annual meeting of the Council in June."

application for Increase of Salary.

Mr. Paddy, Assistant Surveyor.

I respectfully beg to make application to you for an increase to my present salary, which I find is insufficient and for the following reasons, viz:-

Increased cost of living; increased mileage of the district, owing to a number of lanes being put under contract; increased number of special inspections; visiting and measuring material almost fortnightly at Shiebaun quarry.

In some of the adjoining counties, the Assistant Surveyors (even those appointed by the Co. Council) have a salary of £130 per annum, District mileage, 300, while the mileage of Gorey district is close on 400 miles.

I might also state that since you appointed me Assistant Surveyor to the Gorey District. I have left no stone unturned in seeking out the best quarries and all other means with the view of improving the roads in the district.

and I confidently believe that I have greatly improved the condition of the roads, and that they can compare favourably with the roads of other counties similarly situated.

Trusting you will give my application favourable consideration."

On the motion of Mr. Asple, seconded by Mr. Cloney, the recommendation of the Finance Committee, marking Mr. Paddy's application "Read" was confirmed.

Application for Increase of Salary. Mr. Gower
R. B. Pimm, Resident Engineer, Ferryarrig Dr.

Under date 16th April 1912, the following

letter was read from Mr. Gower B. R. Pimm, Resident Engineer, Ferryarrig Bridge:-

"Sometime ago I made an application for an increase of salary, and was duly notified that the Finance Committee could not see their way to recommend it.

may I ask you to give further consideration to that part of my letter which refers to the extra work in connection with the approaches and abutments with a view to granting me a lump sum as a fee.

The work included:-

5 Original Drawings.

about 20 copies of the above.

5 Bills of Quantities.

Numerous Reports and Sketches.

This work would not have been undertaken by an outside Engineer for less than about 25 guineas, (excluding supervision), and, as it was in no way part of my duties as Resident Engineer, and was, moreover, done after ordinary working hours, I feel that my request is a reasonable one, and I trust that you will give it your favourable consideration."

Mr. Bloney proposed, Mr. M. Doyle Senr. seconded:-

"That Mr. Pimm's application for a lump sum for work carried out at Ferryarrig Bridge be not acceded to."

Passed.

Courtown Harbour.

Under date 26th April 1912, the following letter was read from Mr. P. Stapleton, Harbour Master, Courtown Harbour:-

"I understand that the skipper of the

dredger got a wire on yesterday evening to proceed to Balbriggan. In any case he is not here to-day and the fishermen are highly indignant over the matter as she was just commencing to do some good, and they were hoping that she would have a passage cut through the drift in a few days so that they could get to sea, but now they are greatly downhearted over her leaving."

under date 1st May 1912, the following letter was read from Rev J. E. O'Rourke, C. C., Riverchapel:-

"as of course you are aware the dredger came here to work on the Friday after the last meeting of the Co. Council. I believe she did good work whilst she was at it but I must tell you there is a great deal of feeling aroused at her being removed before a channel was opened up to the pierhead. Until this is done all the dredging done outside is useless to the fishermen. As long as there is a bar at the pierhead the boats cannot get in and out satisfactorily, in fact, without danger of shipwreck in many cases. The dredger only arrived here on the day she was working at nine in the morning and left before five. This left only a very short time for actual work. As she has not been here for about a week, the channel she has made is again fairly well filled up. Had she kept on till she reached the pier, the sluicing would probably have kept the channel open. Is there any chance of the work being done in a way that would be likely to be more effective? It appears to me there is no proper supervision in the matter. When the neap tides will be on in a few days, fishing will again be suspended. This will be a great pity and a great loss

as the bay is full of fish."

under date 30th April 1912, the following letter No. 3613/12. J. B., was read from the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction:-

"I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 27th instant, and to state, for the information of the Wexford County Council, that the engagements of the dredger rendered it necessary that the vessel should leave Courtown on the 25th instant.

In the opinion of the Department's Engineer, it is desirable that a survey showing present conditions should be made before incurring further expenditure on dredging. This survey will be undertaken at once, and it is hoped that the dredger will shortly resume work at Courtown."

under date 27th April 1912, the following letter was read from Sir Thomas Esmonde Bt, M. P.:-

"I have your letter with the Council's resolutions concerning the Extra Police Force and Courtown Harbour.

With reference to the former, I shall attend to the matter at once.

With reference to Courtown Harbour, I would wish in the first place to express my personal thanks to the Council for the kindly reception they have given the suggestion to extend the pier - the only plan in my opinion, likely to be of any real advantage - and to say that it will give me the greatest possible pleasure to attend the Council whenever the question is finally discussed.

I am in a difficulty just now in the matter of suggesting a date as I have promised to attend a number of meetings in England in

this month and in the next, and the second reading of the Home Rule Bill is not yet fixed. as soon however, as I possibly can I will communicate with you with a view to fixing a date that will suit the Council's convenience, and meanwhile I will apply to the Chief Secretary for the Board of Works' plans which are essential to our further consideration of the problem."

Mr. O'Neill proposed, Mr. Hearn seconded the following resolution which was passed:-

"That the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction, be informed that the Co. Council are of opinion that the recent dredging at Courtown was practically useless owing to the short stay of the dredger."

"That a copy of the letter of Rev J. E. O'Rourke B. C., Riverchapel, be sent to the Department so that they may see for themselves the condition of affairs at Courtown."

"That we consider that the Co. Surveyor should have some control or supervision over the work of the dredger in view of the letter of Father O'Rourke, and of the facts that have been brought to the knowledge of the Council."

Proposed Pier at Blackwater.

Under date 18th April 1912, the following copy of a Parliamentary question relative to the above was read from the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction:-

Q- Sir Thomas Esmonde:- "To ask the Vice President of the Department of Agriculture (Ireland) if he is aware that some six months ago the Wexford Co. Council decided to contribute £1,000 towards the construction of a Pier at Blackwater, and whether

"the Department will now consider the
"question of proceeding with the work."
(7th march 1912)

A:- Mr J. W. Russell:- "The offer of the Wexford
"Co. Council to provide £1,000 towards
"the construction of a fishing harbour
"at Blackwater, County Wexford, was
"conditional on £2,000 being forthcoming
"from the Development Commissioners.
"It has not been found possible to
"fulfil this condition. The Depart-
"ment cannot, in view of the state of
"their funds and of the many claims
"thereon, entertain the question of
"contributing £2,000 towards the cost
"of constructing a Harbour at Black-
"water. They are, however, prepared
"to consider the question of erecting
"an open landing-stage and of
"providing half the cost thereof
"within a limit of £350."
(7th march 1912)

Proposed by Mr J. L. Esmonde, seconded by
Mr John O'Connor, and passed :-

"That the Department of Agriculture &
Technical Instruction be requested to furnish
plan of landing stage for Blackwater to the
County Surveyor, and that Mr Barry bring
the matter to the attention of the first
available meeting of the County Council."

— maintenance of Drains in Gorey Town. —

Under date 1st May 1912, the following letter
No. 20437/1912, was read from the Local Govern-
ment Board :-

"With reference to the entry in the minutes

of proceedings of the Wexford County Council on the 17th ultimo, relative to the maintenance of drains in Gorey Town, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to state that this matter appears to be one on which Council's opinion should be obtained, and in preparing the case for submission to Council, the County Solicitor might obtain the assistance of the County Surveyor.

I am to point out that the definition of the term "sewer" in Section 2 of the Public Health (Ireland) Act, 1898 would seem to have an important bearing on the point, and possibly the provisions of Section 17 of that Act may also affect the question.

On the motion of the Chairman, the following resolution was adopted :-

"That the matter be referred to Mr. Elger, to take whatever steps he considers necessary."

Rate Collectors Bonds.

Under date 17th April 1912, letter No. 18289, was read from the Local Government Board, approving of the bond of Mr. M. J. Shuchan, Poor Rate Collector.

marked "Read."

Under date 26th April 1912, letter No. 21091, was read from the Local Government Board, approving of the bond of Mr. M. J. Walsh, Poor Rate Collector.

marked "Read."

Poisons & Pharmacy Act.

On the motion of Mr. Fanning.

Seconded by Mr. Rossiter, renewals of licences under the Poisons & Pharmacy Act were granted to the following :-

James Simmott, The Ballagh, Enniscorthy.

John. S. Hearn, Baunجامes, New Ross.
 Edward Brennan, Taghmon.
 Alexander Kinseella, Greay.
 Margaret Roche, Ballyanne, New Ross.
 Pierce Barron, Enniscorthy.
 John Roche, Camolin.
 J. Donohoe Esq. Enniscorthy.
 George Stafford, John St. Wisford
 Joseph J. Haughton, Ferns.
 Matthew Harpur, Main St., Wisford.
 John Lambert, Enniscorthy.
 John J. Lurcell, Broadway.

Works. & Payments.

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

"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 modifications and other orders noted thereon and initialled by the Chairman."

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

"That the several proposals for payment 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."

Roads.

In reference to orders for roads passed at Rural District Councils, the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Apple, seconded

by the chairman:-

"That the contract for Road No. 199 Enniscorthy be cancelled, and that the work be given in charge of the County Surveyor."

Deeps Bridge.

under date 6th May 1912, the following report was read from the County Surveyor:-

"On Saturday, the 4th instant, I made a thorough inspection of this Bridge, and found it in a most defective condition.

The masonry abutment on the West side has slipped forward on its foundation with the result that the opening span is materially affected, the two leaves being raised at the meeting sills causing a dangerous hump.

In several places the roadway has sunk showing the bad condition of the timbers below.

The iron girders supporting the roadway are all badly weathered, the lower flanges having all but completely rotted away. Almost the entire of the timber work is rotten; the joints of the various members are in many cases open and in some cases completely rotted away.

The whole Bridge is gone completely out of line and level and in my opinion is dangerous.

I consider this matter so serious that it will be necessary, in order to safeguard the Co. Council, to take immediate steps to have the Bridge closed or at least in consultation with your Solicitor to have a notice warning the public posted at the Bridge.

I respectfully suggest that a committee of your Council be appointed to meet me at

the Bridge and go fully into the detail of its present condition with a view to its immediate reconstruction or rebuilding as may be decided."

On the motion of the Chairman, the following resolution was adopted :-

"That Messrs Keacocke, Aspley, Rossiter, Jas A. Doyle, and R. A. Rice; with Mr. Barry, Co. Surveyor be appointed a committee to inspect this bridge and report to the Co. Council.

That the committee meet on 10th May at 1.30 p.m., and be empowered to have the bridge closed if they consider it necessary and to fix date for special meeting of the Co. Council to consider their report."

Sheep Dipping.

Under date 1st May 1912, the following letter was read from Mr. Aidan Leary, Rahenaskia, Oulart :-

"Should your Council be so good as to re-appoint me Inspector in connection with the Sheep Dipping Act for Gorey District, I respectfully request that they grant an increase of salary as the period this year has been extended by fifteen days. I am not stating the amount of increase, but am leaving it in the hands of your Council and trust the members of your Council will recognise that my application is reasonable."

The Chairman proposed :- "That we reappoint Messrs Egan, Stafford, Leary, and MacDonald, Sheep Dipping Inspectors for the 1912 Dipping periods."

Mr. Sinnott proposed as an amendment :-

"That no Sheep Dipping Inspectors be appointed."

Mr. M. Doyle Junr., seconded.

A. Poll was taken with the following result :-

For the amendment :- Messrs M. Doyle, Jr.,

Janning, Rossiter, Asple, M. Doyle Sr., M. Codd,

Mayler, Sinnott, J. A. Doyle... 9.

Against :- Messrs J. Codd, Rice, Kinsella, Lynch
Blony, and the Chairman... 6.

The Chairman then put the amendment
as a substantive motion and declared it
carried.

Loose Stones on Roads.

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

"That the contractors be called on to pick
off all loose stones on roads as soon as
possible."

Leave of absence for County Surveyor.

On the motion of the Chairman :- "Mr. Barry,
County Surveyor, was given leave of absence for
five days to attend the annual inspection
of Roads in County Monaghan."

University Scholarships.

Under date 12th April 1912, a letter was read
from the President of University College,
Dublin; stating that arrangements were
being made to hold an examination for
County Scholarships similar to the one held
last year, and enclosing a statement of the
general arrangements in respect of the
examination. He wished to be informed

if the Council desired to award their scholarships on this examination.

"On the motion of the Chairman it was decided that the Co. Council do not take advantage of the special Examination."

Under date 20th April 1912, a letter was read from Daisy C. Earl, The Square, Ennisorthy; asking if she would be eligible for a scholarship offered in 1912. She would be 19 years on 6th May 1912.

On the motion of the Chairman, the following resolution was adopted:- That Miss Earl be informed that the date for calculation of age is to be the date of examination as is the ordinary procedure.

Correspondence was read from Mr. Byrne Ballycall, Gorey; asking that, in the case of his daughter, the matriculation marks be accepted for the award of a scholarship. The scheme had not been published in time to allow of his daughter entering for the Intermediate Examinations.

On the motion of Mr. Kinsella, seconded by Mr. Fanning, the following resolution was adopted:- "That the Secretary communicate with Professor Conway of the National University and ascertain from him what would be the expense of having Miss Byrne examined at the special examination to be held at the Dublin Centre."

Confirmation of minutes of Finance Committee.

"On the motion of Mr. Rossiter, seconded by

the chairman, the minutes of Finance Committee held on 5th May 1912, were confirmed."

Suretyship of Road No. 168 - Gorey.

Under date 24th April 1912, Mr. John Parle, Toburloonia, Blackwater, one of the sureties of above road, wrote, that this contract was now divided. He had signed for 609 perches and there were 200 perches taken off. Therefore he thought the bond must be broken. He asked to be relieved of the suretyship as it would be a terrible hardship on him to have to look after the road.

A letter in similar strain was read from Mr. Walter Dooly, Gurraun, Blackwater, the other surety of the road.

"On the motion of the chairman, the matter was referred to Mr. Elgie."

Stamrolling the Wexford to Castlebridge Road.

The following resolution adopted at the half yearly adjourned meeting of the Wexford District Council was read:-

"That, having considered the Co. Surveyor's report on the subject, we recommend the Co. Council to stam-roll by way of experiment selected portions of the road leading from Wexford to Castlebridge, as suggested by the County Surveyor at this meeting.
marked "Read"

Gravel Pit at Ballynaas.

Under date 27th April 1912, the following letter was read from Messrs M. J. O'Connor & Co., Wexford:-

"Our client, Mr. Patrick Esmonde, of Ballynaas, has instructed us to write to you with reference to the gravel pit on his lands at Ballynaas which supplies 10 or 11 contractors with material for their roads. He informs us that his lands have been greatly damaged owing to the constant taking of gravel. A couple of acres are practically useless, as the contractors, when they take away the gravel, do not replace the earth; besides, when they want to go to the pit, the contractors have to go through his street and avenue, which of course is a great inconvenience to him, and he has to be constantly working at the avenue to keep it in repair. The price our client intends to ask with the Council's permission is 6^d per cubic yard of the contract. This would prevent any contractor from having any claim upon the material in the quarry, after the completion of his contract. Our client would be glad to show the pit and the condition of the lands to anybody whom the Co. Council might wish to send down. He is sure that if a committee from the Co. Council saw the lands and the pit, they would have no hesitation whatever in saying that the price he is asking is very reasonable."

"Referred to County Surveyor."

The Teaching of Irish.

The following resolution received from the Limerick Borough Council, was read:-

"That the Irish Language be taught to every child attending a primary school in Ireland,

from the first day the child goes to school, except the parents of the child object.

That in the Irish speaking districts every subject, secular and religious, in the school curriculum be taught through the medium of Irish.

That in the districts that cannot now be called Irish speaking, as much as possible of the teaching, both secular and religious, be done through the Irish language.

That we call on the authorities that control the programmes of the Training Colleges to make the Irish language, without further delay, an essential subject in the training of teachers, and in and after the year 1914 to give no teacher's certificate to any candidate for the position of teacher in the primary schools who is not fully qualified to teach Irish.

On the motion of Mr. Fanning, seconded by Mr. Rossiter the foregoing resolution was adopted."

Women's National Health Association

Under date 4th May 1912, a letter was read from the Women's National Health Association asking to have a delegate appointed to attend a conference to be held in Dublin on 23rd and 24th May in connection with the scheme for the suppression of Tuberculosis about to be inaugurated under the Insurance Act.

"The Chairman (Mr. B. H. Peacocke) was appointed delegate to the conference."

Insurance Act.

Under date 24th April 1912, the following letter was read from the National Health

Insurance Commission:-

"I am directed by the National Health Insurance Commission (Ireland) to inform you that they propose to appoint Insurance Committees under Section 59 sub-section (1) and section 81 sub-section (5) of the National Insurance Act, 1911.

Under clause (6) of the subsection referred to eight members (of whom one at least shall be a member of a local sanitary authority and at least two shall be women) shall be appointed by the Co. Council or County Borough.

Where the Council agrees to defray any part of the cost of sanatorium benefit under subsection (4) of Section 81, the Commissioners may increase the membership of the Co. Council or County Borough or the County Committee.

I am, therefore, to request that you will be good enough to submit this question to the next meeting of your Council and forward for the information of the Insurance Commissioners the names of the members appointed by the Co. Council or County Borough to represent it on the Insurance Committee.

Should the Council decide to exercise its powers under Part II of the Tuberculosis (Ireland) Act 1908, the fact should be stated on the memorandum attached hereto and the names of two additional members should be forwarded for the consideration of the Commission."

A letter was read from Mr. D. J. Goggin, representative of the Britannic Assurance Co., for appointment as member of the Insurance Committee.

On the motion of the chairman, the following were appointed to represent the Council on the Insurance Committee:-

"Messrs M. Doyle, Senr., P. Rossiter, M. Hickey, Sir Thomas Comonde, Bart., Lady Maurice Fitzguala, Mrs Boyan, Patrick O'Neill, and the Mayor of Wexford for the time being."

"That as representatives of insured interests are to be appointed by the Insurance Commissioners, we advise Mr. Goggin to address his request to them."

Correspondence was read from the National Health Insurance Commissioners, with reference to the establishment of a bounty society and, in a letter under date 25th April, they pointed out that they were not prepared to approve of any society in which the proportion of Council members was greater than one-fourth of the total number of members of the Committee of management. They also suggested the adoption of various rules for inclusion in the bounty scheme, viz: dealing with statements for membership which were false and material for the Society to know in considering applications for membership, and the behaviour of members during disease or disablement.

Circular letter with regard to the fund for general administration of the Society was also read.

"Agreed to on the motion of the chairman."

meetings of committees.

On the motion of the chairman, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That in future meetings of the Finance

and Roads committees to be held monthly, on the last Wednesday of each month at 10 o'clock, a.m."

Ferryarrig Bridge.

Under date 7th May, 1912, the following report was read from the County Surveyor:-

"In conformity with your directions, I visited Ferryarrig and made a thorough examination of the Piles on the 17th April ult.

The piles have not been driven truly vertical, and this somewhat detracts from the appearance. However, since the timbering has been removed, the faulty appearance is not so marked.

Regarding the strength, which of course is the important point, I have had a full calculation worked out.

I find that the margin of strength taking an extreme case (which does not happen here) of unsupported length of pile 6 inches out of vertical in 24 feet length, is well within the requirements; the calculated stresses are below those allowed by the Joint Committee on Reinforced Concrete.

Further, I communicated with Mr. Burden Co. Surveyor, Kilkenny, who is in charge of the new Waterford Bridge, and I hear from him that it is very difficult to drive truly vertical; in Waterford many of the piles are out of vertical but do not show as they are cased with cylinders.

Under these circumstances, I am satisfied that the variation from the vertical in the piles is not of consequence, but you must understand that the whole Bridge after

completion must be tested as set out in the specification."

"The report of the bounty surveyor was regarded as satisfactory."

Extra Police.

Under date 27th April 1912, the constabulary authorities forwarded a claim for payment of £2534 : 4 : 9, for extra police for the half year ended 31st March 1912. This, with the account of the previous claim - £313 : 19 : 1,- made a total of £2848 : 3 : 10.

Under date 6th May 1912, Sir J. H. G. Esmonde Bart., M. P., wrote, forwarding the following copy of a letter he had received from Mr. Birrell :-

"With reference to the letter signed by you and Mr. French of the 29th April, enclosing a resolution of the Wexford Co. Council referring to the cost of the extra police drafted into the town of Wexford in connection with the recent trade dispute, I am sorry to have to say that I cannot see what good could possibly come from my receiving a Deputation from the Council to discuss the whole matter.

Unless the Treasury were to assume the burden, I cannot see that anything can be done but to adhere to the decision already arrived at in placing the cost on the county-at-large.

There is no possibility of the Treasury assuming this burden. I am very sorry that the rates should have been increased in this way."

On the motion of Mr. O'Neill, seconded

by the chairman, the following recommendation of the Proposal Committee was adopted:-

"That as we have requested our Parliamentary Representatives to obtain from the Irish Government the reasons which influenced them to select the county at large as the area of charge for Extra Constabulary, notwithstanding the fact that all the Ratepayers of the county (with the exception of those residing in the Urban District of Wexford) had no concern whatever with the Labour Dispute in Wexford and were opposed to its initiation and continuance, we postpone the consideration of the account received from the Constabulary authorities until we have heard from our members of Parliament on the point raised by the Co. Council.

That we inform Sir J. H. G. Esmonde Bt., M.P., that the letter from the Chief Secretary is no reply to the request of the Council."

Foreign Hay & Straw Order.

Under date 10th April 1912, a memo was read from the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction forwarding a copy of the Foreign Hay and Straw (Ireland) Order of 1912.

marked "Read"

Finance of Government of Ireland Bill.

Under date 26th April 1912, a letter was read from the Secretary of the Irish Co. Councils' General Council, forwarding reports of the Standing Committee on Legislation on National Finance, and on

the financial provisions of the Home Rule Bill, 1912."

"No action was taken."

Local Vaccination account.

under date 30th April 1912, schedule was read from the Local Government Board, showing the amounts remitted to the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland out of the Exchequer contribution to be applied by them towards the repayment of outstanding loans under the Labourers' Act charged on the under-mentioned Rural Districts :-

<u>Rural District</u>	<u>amount.</u>
Enniscorthy	£506 : 9 : 0
Gorey	279 : 15 : 7
New Ross	302 : 14 : 8
Wexford	908 : 18 : 0

marked "Read"

Rocket apparatus at Kilmore.

an application was read from the Royal National Lifeboat Institution under date 4th April 1912, asking the Council's permission for the erection at Kilmore of a new post for the Rocket Distress Signals at the end of the pier, the present post being in an unsound condition.

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

"That permission be granted for the erection of a Rocket Signalling apparatus at Kilmore Pier on behalf of the Royal National Life Boat Institution provided the Co. Council

are not to be held liable for its maintenance
or for any damage that may occur to it."

"That the erection of the apparatus be
carried out to the satisfaction of the Co.
Surveyor."

John Bolger

Annual meeting - 12th June 1912.

The annual meeting of the Wexford County Council, was held in the Co. Council Chamber Courthouse, Wexford, on Wednesday, 12th June 1912.

Present :- Mr. John Bolger, Chairman, presided.

Other members :- Messrs R. A. Rice, J. J. Stafford O'Neill, Hearn, Peacocke, Lynch, Rossiter, Asple, M. Doyle J., M. Bloney, J. Codd, A. Kinsella, J. A. Doyle, M. Hickey, J. J. Mayler, M. Codd, J. O'Connor, D. Sinnott, M. Doyle Sr., J. L. Connors, M. Gough.

The Secretary, the County Surveyor, Mr. R. W. Elger, Solicitor to the Council, J. Barker Wells, National Health Insurance Commissioner and Dr. Browne, Local Government Inspector were in attendance.

Vote of Condolence.

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

"That we offer our colleague - Mr. John O'Connor - our expression of sincere regret and heartfelt sympathy in the loss sustained by him through the death of his wife."

That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Mr. O'Connor."

The Chairmanship.

On the motion of Mr. O'Neill, seconded by Mr. David Sinnott :- Mr. John Bolger was unanimously re-elected Chairman of the

council for the ensuing year."

"Mr. Bolger returned thanks, and subscribed the usual declaration of office."

Vice-Chairmanship.

On the motion of the chairman, seconded by Mr. Lynch, - Mr. C. H. Peacocke, was unanimously re-elected vice-chairman for the ensuing year.

"Mr. Peacocke returned thanks, and subscribed the usual declaration of office."

Committees.

On the motion of Mr. Rossiter, seconded by Mr. Kinsella, the full council was appointed the Proposal Committee.

Diseases of animals acts committee.

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

"That the business of the Diseases of animals acts committee be carried out by the co. committee of agriculture & technical instruction."

Finance committee & Roads committee.

On the motion of the chairman, seconded by Mr. Stafford, the following were appointed a Finance & Roads committee:-

messrs John Bolger, C. H. Peacocke, J. S. Hearn, M. Doyle Jr., J. J. Stafford, James Lynch, P. Rossiter, M. Hickey, Sir J. Comondie, J. Aspley, M. Cloney, J. J. Mayler, P. O'Neill, James Coad, J. O'Connor, J. L. Comondie, R. A. Rice, A. Kinsella,

P. J. Fanning, and Lord Stopford."

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 Co. Council had been appointed as follows:-

Enniscorthy	Mr. James Lynch.
Gorey.	Mr. P. J. Fanning.
New Ross.	Mr. M. Hickey
Wexford.	Mr. P. Rossiter.

"Messrs Lynch, Hickey, and Rossiter attended and signed the usual declarations of office."

Co-option of member of Council.

With reference to the casual vacancy in Bridgetown County Division of the Council caused by the resignation of Mr. M. Browne, a report of a public meeting held at Kilmore recommending the Co. Council to appoint Mr. Michael Gough, Ballyharty; was read:-

Mr. James V. Whelan, Hon Sec; United Irish League Branch, Taghmon, wrote forwarding resolution asking the Co. Council to co-opt Mr. Peter J. Bogan.

A memorial from a number of District Councillors in the County Division of Bridgetown in favour of the selection of Mr. Bogan was also received.

Mr. Peacocke proposed the co-option of Mr. Bogan, Mr. Rice seconded.

Mr. M. Doyle Jr., proposed Mr. Gough, Mr. Mayles seconded.

A poll was taken with the following

result :-

For Mr. Gough :- Messrs O'Connor, M. Codd, Mayler, Kinsella, Stafford, Lynch, O'Neill, M. Doyle Jr., Cloney, J. S. Doyle, Sinnott, and the Chairman :- 12.

For Mr. Bogan :- Messrs Rice, Hearn, Peacocke, Rossiter, Asple, James Codd, Esmonde, Hickey, M. Doyle Sr. 9.

The Chairman declared Mr. Gough elected.

Mr. Gough subsequently attended and signed the usual declaration of office.

Election of Senior Assistant Surveyor.

The following report in connection with the appointment of Senior Assistant Surveyor, was read from Mr. Barry, Co. Surveyor :-

"At your meeting on the 12th inst, the appointment of a Senior Assistant Surveyor will take place, and I beg to report on the matter as follows :-

There are 51 applications which I have tabulated in alphabetical order for purpose of reference, showing the training and practical experience of each candidate.

The training is of two kinds, i. e., 1st Degree or Diploma from a College or Engineering School, and 2nd Pupilage with an Engineer or Surveyor.

Besides this a number of candidates have the qualification of belonging to an Engineering Society.

The practical experience is very varied, comprising every branch of Engineering and in nearly all parts of the world.

The table I have prepared will show

at a glance each candidates qualification for the position.

In making a selection from amongst such a large number of applicants, the council must be guided by several considerations if the most suitable man is to be appointed.

First in order I place personality, which must be judged largely by the council when interviewing the candidates.

A good assistant must have tact and strength of character.

The second consideration should be practical experience of work under an Irish Co. Council, this I believe to be essential for an efficient officer, unless a great deal of time be wasted by the Co. Surveyor, in teaching the assistant his duties.

In this connection I consider that the candidates should be able to point to good results rather than of service.

Practical experience of Road machinery and a good knowledge of materials and quarries is of the utmost importance.

Regarding age, I am more or less doubtful of an applicant with many years experience looking for this appointment, but no doubt too young a man may lack in capacity to control and direct the contractors and the other assistants who should be under his authority subject to the County Surveyor.

The preliminary training of the applicant is of importance and he should be capable of Surveying, Levelling, and Drawing and mapping, and making calculations. In this section the man with the degree may rank highly, but a pupilage in a reputable office should be equally good.

Good theoretical training without practical experience would not give as suitable a

man as the all round practical experience without college training.

I shall be prepared to deal further with the subject as the Council may wish and shall give what assistance I can in the selection of the most suitable candidate.

The following candidates were in attendance messrs. Mr. Hassett, Bridgetown; J. Paddle main st., Gorey; J. O'Sullivan, Newport, Limerick; C. A. Hall, Town Hall, Naas; John Bower, Market Sq. Castlebar; and J. Treanor, Lisceveny, Swann's Cross, Co. Monaghan.

Mr. Peacocke proposed the appointment of Mr. Hassett, as Senior Assistant Surveyor at a salary of £200 per annum to cover all locomotion and other expenses, exclusive of postage, the appointment to be determined at any time by three month's notice at either side.

Mr. Mayler seconded.

Mr. O'Neill proposed, and Mr. Hearn seconded the appointment of Mr. Treanor.

Mr. Kinsella proposed, and Mr. Sinnott seconded the appointment of Mr. Paddle.

None of the other candidates were proposed.

A. poll was taken with the following result:
For Mr. Hassett:- messrs Mayler, Peacocke, Lynch, Bloney, James Codd, Gough, Hickey-7.

For Mr. Treanor:- messrs O'Connor, M. Codd, Stafford, O'Neill, Hearn, Rossiter, Apple, Esmonde, J. A. Doyle, M. Doyle Esq., K. A. Rice, and the chairman:- 12.

For Mr. Paddle :- Messrs Kinsella, and Sinnott - 2.

Mr. M. Doyle Jr did not vote.

Mr. Treanor having a clear majority of those present and voting, was declared elected.

Finance Act 1911 & National Insurance Act 1911.

Circular letter from the Local Government Board dealing with the Parliamentary Grant for Sanatorium purposes was read. The Local Government Board pointed out that a sum of £1,500,000 was appropriated by Section 16 of the Finance Act 1911, for the purposes of providing, or making Grants in aid of Sanatoria and other institutions for the treatment of tuberculosis etc., and Section 64 of the National Insurance Act 1911 provided that the sum should be apportioned between the several parts of the United Kingdom in proportion to their population. The Irish share amounting to £145,000 was to be distributed by the Local Government Board for Ireland with the consent of the Treasury. If County Councils make adequate and proper provision for the care of persons suffering from tuberculosis, not only would they receive a large contribution from the Grant towards the establishment of the Dispensaries and Sanatoria, but they could recover the bulk of the cost of maintenance and management in the form of per capita allowances in respect of patients treated for the Insurance Committee. In this way the annual charge falling on the County Councils and voluntary associations would be reduced to a minimum.

The Local Government Board recommended the establishment of a tuberculosis dispensary

one for each county and county Borough, and they estimated that if they earmarked from £20,000 to £25,000 for this purpose, together with the necessary beds which should be attached to these Dispensaries for keeping patients under close observation for short periods it would go a long way towards the initial establishment cost whilst the annual charge for maintenance and staff should, in many of the counties, be wholly met by the capitation allowances from the Insurance Committees in respect of insured persons.

With regard to Sanatoria the Local Government Board stated they would favour the establishment of a limited number of these Institutions for large areas under combinations of county councils and county Borough councils. So far as it was possible to form an opinion at present, it seemed probable that at least 300 further beds in addition to the accommodation already available in public Sanatoria would be required for the immediate needs of early cases, but a much larger provision would be needed for late cases.

The Local Government Board suggested for the consideration of the Co. Councils that each Co. Council should appoint a Sub-committee to prepare and submit schemes for:-

- (a) The establishment of Dispensaries within their own county.
- (b) The combination with other counties or county Boroughs for establishment of Sanatoria.

In connection with the apportionment of the Grant the Local Government Board pointed out that no portion of it could be applied towards defraying annual charges for the maintenance of dispensaries or sanatoria.

under date 29th May, Lady Aberdeen wrote forwarding memorandum etc., embodying a Scheme which the Women's National Health Association of Ireland desired to submit to the County Councils for their favourable consideration.

The following are extracts from the letter of Her Excellency:-

"It will perhaps be of interest to your Council to observe that as stated on Page 7, the Health Conference of local authorities which was held in Dublin on Friday last, unanimously passed a Resolution recommending acceptance of the Women's National Health Association's offer to supply provisionally the equipment for dealing with Tuberculosis cases recommended by the County Insurance Committees; in other words, that the Women's National Health Association should act as the agent of the County Councils in providing the actual machinery for administering the desired treatment until the Co. Councils have had time to complete their own arrangements for that purpose."

Should your County Council, or any Committee that they appoint, desire to confer with a representative of the Women's National Health Association with regard to the Scheme submitted, we shall be very glad to make arrangements to that effect.

Let me again say that this offer is only made with the desire to be of assistance to Co. Councils in dealing with the cases of tuberculosis which will be recommended for treatment under the Insurance Act by the Insurance Committees immediately after the Insurance Act comes into force on July 15th."

The Scheme submitted by the Women's National Health Association for the purpose of making effective the Sanatoria & Tuberculosis benefits available for insured persons under the National Health Insurance Act was read for the meeting.

Under date 13th May 1912, the Assistant Secretary to the National Health Insurance Commission, Ireland; wrote acknowledging receipt of the certified copies of the Scheme and additional rules adopted by the Wexford Co. Council in connection with the proposed establishment of a County Society for the purposes of the National Insurance Act 1911.

The Secretary to the National Health Insurance Commission, Ireland; writing under date 22nd May, asked the County Council to submit before the 7th June the names of six persons from the County in which members of the Co. Wexford Insurance Society are resident, with a view to the preparation of a list from which the Commissioners may select the necessary number of representatives of insured persons on each Insurance Committee.

The Secretary stated that he had submitted this letter to the meeting of the Finance Committee of the Council on 29th May, and they had selected the following:- Messrs John Bolger, C. H. Peacocke, M. Doyle J., James Gadd, James J. Stafford, and J. Aspley.

"On the motion of Mr. Peacocke, seconded by Mr. Comonde, the recommendation of the Finance Committee was confirmed.

under date 23rd May, the following letter was read from Mr. E. N. Wynne, Secretary, Wicklow Co. Council:-

"The County Council of this County directed me, at its Quarterly meeting, to write to the Co. Councils of Wexford, Carlow, and Kildare, and to ask would these Councils join with the Wicklow Co. Council in forming a joint County Friendly Society under the National Health Insurance Act.

As you are perfectly aware the benefits to be obtained under the Act will, unless the particular Friendly Society applying for approval has a considerable membership, be of a very limited nature, especially as these County Societies will be chiefly to benefit that class of employed person who, through delicate health or infirmity, may not be likely to be accepted by the general Friendly Societies, and will therefore have to fall back on the Deposit Insurance at the Post Office.

My Council considers it therefore advisable, and of advantage to each of the Counties who may join, to amalgamate several Counties into one such County Friendly Society, in order that they may reap the benefit of co-operation.

Kindly let me hear from you when you have obtained the opinion of your Council."

"Adjourned to next meeting."

under date 17th May, the following letter was read from Mr. J. W. M. Fuge, Divisional Officer, Labour Exchanges, Dublin:-

"In connection with the provisions of Part II of the National Insurance Act (Unemployment Insurance), the Board of Trade are desirous that directions to employers and

workpeople in the Insured Trades should be made as widely known as possible. As you are aware the act is compulsory and, after 15th July 1912, no employer in the Insured Trades can engage an insurable workman without his being in possession of an Unemployment Book which, during the course of his employment, has to be stamped whenever wages are paid.

With a view of making this publicly known throughout the United Kingdom, posters have been designed, and it is in this connection that I would ask that you would be so good as to obtain the sanction of your Council for the display of one or more of these notices in some public position in your centre. I enclose a specimen copy, and should you desire others, a further supply will be dispatched to you at your request.

I am to add that the Board of Trade would much appreciate any help you can render in this direction, in order that the provisions of the Act may be known to everyone affected.

Under date 6th June, the following letter No 35M was read from the National Health Insurance Commission:-

"adverting to previous correspondence on the subject of the Provisional Insurance Committee to be appointed under the National Insurance Act 1911, for the County Wexford.

I am directed by the National Health Insurance Commissioners for Ireland to request that you will be good enough to ascertain for their information whether the Council would be willing to grant

facilities for the first meeting of the Provisional Insurance Committee by allowing them the use of their offices, and possibly by lending the services of some of their office staff for the initial stages of the proceedings.

The Commissioners trust that the Council will generously respond to the call that is thus made upon them; and as the matter is one of extreme urgency, I am to request the favour of a reply at as early a date as possible."

On the motion of Mr. Peacocke.

Seconded by Mr. Rossiter, the following resolution was adopted :-

"That the question of ascertaining the particulars of the various employees of the Council who must be insured under Part I. and under Part II of the National Insurance Act 1911, be referred to Mr. Elger with instructions to prepare a list of these officials."

The following letter under date 17th May 1912, was read from Mr. Boyan, Railway Hotel, Gorey; who has been appointed a member of the Insurance Committee for the County Wexford :-

"I thank you for acquainting me that the Co. Council has nominated me as a member of the Insurance Co. Committee. Please convey to them my acknowledgments. May I suggest that you send the members a copy of the Act which they are expected to have a share in administering. I think this would be advisable on the part of the Council."

On the motion of the Chairman

Seconded by Mr. Stafford, the following

resolution was adopted :-

"That the National Health Insurance Commission be requested to issue for the information of members of Insurance Committees a leaflet giving particulars of their duties, etc."

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

"That Messrs M. Doyle Esq., P. Rossiter, M. Hickey, P. O'Neill, J. L. Emond, J. J. Stafford, J. S. Hearn, A. Kinsella, Sir J. H. Emond Esq. and the Chairman, and Vice-Chairman be appointed a committee to draft a scheme on the terms of the circular letter of the Local Government Board re Parliamentary Grant for Sanatorium purposes etc., the committee to meet on Tuesday 25th June, at 2.30 p.m., and report to a special meeting of the Co. Council to be held as soon as possible thereafter."

That the Scheme submitted by the Women's National Health Association be referred to the above committee."

In connection with the establishment of the proposed Co. Society. Mr. Kinsella proposed, Mr. Stafford seconded :-

"That each member of the Co. Council appoint Organisers for his own particular County division, the organisers to be paid at the rate of 6^d per head per insured person. That the Secretary furnish cards of application for admission to the Society to the Organisers."

As an amendment, Mr. Peacocke proposed that this work be carried out by the rate

collectors at the same rate."

Mr. Lynch seconded.

A poll was taken with the following result:-
For the amendment :- Messrs M. Codd, B. N. Peacocke, Lynch, and Sinnott :- 4.
against :- Messrs Mayher, Kinsella, Rice, Stafford, Rossiter, Asple, M. Doyle Jr., M. Cloney, J. Codd, Emond, J. A. Doyle, M. Hickey, M. Doyle Sr., M. Gough, and the Chairman. 15.

The Chairman declared the amendment lost.

The original motion was then put and carried.

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

"That the Co. Council have no objection to the first meeting of the County Insurance Committee being held in the Co. Council Chamber Courthouse, Wexford.

That we request our Secretary to assist the Committee as per the letter from the National Health Insurance Commissioners."

Rate collector John Mullett.

Under date 10th May 1912, the following letter No 19271-1912 Wexford County, was read from the Local Government Board:-

"With reference to the entry in the minutes of Proceedings of the Wexford Co. Council at their meeting held on the 11th ultimo, relative to the manner in which Mr. John Mullett, collector of Poor Rate, discharges his duties, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to state that in deference to the wishes of the Co. Council, they will not insist upon his immediate removal from office.

It must, however, be clearly understood and duly impressed upon Mr. Mullett that, he must make substantial fortnightly lodgements, and that his account must be closed within the prescribed time, and that any failure on his part in this or any other respect to comply with the regulations will necessitate his removal from office."

"On the motion of the Chairman, the Secretary was directed to forward a copy of the above letter to Mr. John Mullett, Rate Collector."

Rate Collection.

On the motion of the Chairman the following resolution was adopted:-
 "That Rate collector Mullett, and Sinnott be requested to furnish fidelity guarantee bonds within the next fortnight."

Rate collector J. L. Doyle

Under date 20th May the following letter No. 19271-1912, Wexford County, was read from the Local Government Board:-

"With reference to the entry in the minutes of Proceedings of the Wexford Co. Council at their meeting held on the 11th ultimo, relative to the manner in which Mr. J. L. Doyle Poor Rate collector, discharges his duties, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to state that they learn that the Finance Committee propose to continue this collector with personal securities for the present, - he having undertaken to give satisfaction in future.

The Board will be prepared to assent

to this collector being allowed to hold office for a further period of one year, but he must understand that he must make substantial fortnightly lodgments, and in other respects comply fully with the regulations governing his appointment. At the close of that period the question of his further retention in office will be considered.

"On the motion of the chairman the above letter was marked. "approved."

motor car act.

Under date 17th May the following circular letter of the Local Government Board (No 21660) was read :-

"I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland, to forward, for the information of the County or County Borough Council the accompanying copies of an Order made by the Board 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 and the automobile association and motor union to perform for a further period of twelve months from the 26th May 1912, the duties as regards Ireland specified in article 1 (1) of that Order in connection with the examination of motor cars and drivers travelling in foreign countries, and the issue of travelling passes."

marked "Read"

Rates on Buildings.

Under date 14th May, the following letter No. 19271 from the Local Government Board was

read :-

"with reference to former correspondence on the subject of the assessment of poor rate in the county of Wexford and in particular to the copy of letter of Mr. R. W. Elger, Solicitor to the Co. Council, which appears on the minutes of the Council meeting held on the 11th April last, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to state that it appears to them that in writing his opinion Mr. Elger may have inadvertently overlooked several matters which he might like to have an opportunity of reconsidering.

He considers that the procedure which has hitherto been adopted by the Council is correct, viz :-

"where Buildings and 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 occupied 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 to strike off the balance, the
"rate on the Land being of course also
"paid."

It would appear to the Board, however, that under the New Ross judgment this procedure could not result in the making of a valid rate upon a holding which comprises both Land and Buildings in case the latter be unoccupied at the time of making the rate. In the New Ross case

it was laid down that where the two denominations were rated together, the land being at the time in occupation and the buildings vacant, the result of rating the unoccupied portion rendered the whole rate on the holding bad and irrecoverable. This subject is fully dealt with in the last paragraph of the Board's letter of 26th February last.

Mr. Elger states that if the word "Empty" were inserted in the Rate Book in the column for occupier there would be no means of collecting the rate if the house subsequently became occupied during the currency of the rate. It appears to the Board, however, that this point is fully covered by Section 12 of the Poor Relief (Ireland) Act, 1862 (25 & 26 Vic c 83), which makes the buildings though described as "Empty" to be rated as fully and effectually as if it has been occupied at the time the rate was made, and goes on to provide that if the premises become subsequently occupied during the currency of the rate the occupier or the immediate lessor, as the case maybe, is liable to pay the proper proportionate amount and it can be recovered from him in the same manner as if he had been originally rated for the buildings.

Mr. Elger further states that should the views of the Board be carried out there would be no one in whose favour a determination could be given under Section 2 of 53 & 54 Vic, c. 30., and he considers that the only feasible way out of the difficulty would be for the Co. Council to make the determination provided for by that Section in all cases of unoccupied buildings but if closely examined it will be seen that the Section

applies only in the case of rateable property for which a person is rated in the Rate Book, and does not apply in the case of unoccupied buildings described as "Empty" under 25 & 26 Vic., c 83.

marked "Read."

Sheep Dipping Order.

Under date 14th May, the following letter from the Veterinary Branch of the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction was read:-

"The Department having received the intimation in your letter of 9th instant, as to the decision of your Local Authority not to appoint Sheep Dipping Inspectors this year will be glad if you will kindly say what were the grounds on which the Local Authority considered it unnecessary to make the appointments."

"On the motion of Mr. Sinnott, seconded by Mr. J. A. Doyle the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the Department be informed that the Co. Council decided not to appoint sheep dipping Inspectors as they considered these appointments unnecessary and a waste of Public money."

Ballyhack Harbour.

Under date 11th May 1912, the Fisheries Branch of the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction wrote:-

"With reference to previous correspondence on the subject of the protection of the fishing boats at Ballyhack, I have to

state that the Department would feel obliged if you would kindly let them know whether the Wexford Co. Council are yet in a position to say if they are prepared to accept the offer contained in my letter of the 17th November 1910."

The following report was read from Mr. Barry, County Surveyor, in connection with the matter:-

"On the 11th May last in company of Mr. Cloney, M. C. C., and the Secretary, I made an inspection of this Pier and Boat Slip.

From information locally obtained and from my own observation I am of opinion that work has been done under the Grand jury of such nature as to come within Section 68 of the Grand jury (Ireland) Act 1836, and that the Boat Slip is a Pier within the meaning of Section 67 of same Act, and consequently it is repairable by the Co. Council under Section 18(2) of the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898.

Before any extension work be undertaken if the Co. Council so decide, I would wish to have a consultation with the Department's Engineer as to the extent and nature of such work, when I shall place a plan and estimate before the County Council."

On the motion of Mr. Cloney, seconded by Mr. Lynch, the following resolution was adopted:

"That Messrs Aspley, M. Doyle Jr., Esmonde, Gough, Rice, Stafford, Cloney, the Chairman & Vice-Chairman, with the County Surveyor be appointed a committee to visit Ballyhack Harbour and Duncannon Hulk, and report to the next meeting of the Co. Council.

That the committee meet at Ballyhack on 24th June at 1.30 p.m."

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

"That owing to the impossibility of the members from the North of the County returning by train on the night of the inspection on account of unsatisfactory train arrangements, the committee be empowered to hire a motor car at Wexford for the convenience of the members from the North of the County."

Roads Committee meeting.

The following report of the meeting of the Roads Committee held on 29th May, was submitted to the meeting :-

"A meeting of the Roads Committee was held on 29th May, 1912, in the Co. Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford.

Present :- Mr. C. H. Peacocke, Vice-Chairman Co. Council, presided.

Also Present :- Messrs James J. Stafford, M. Doyle Jr., James Codd, P. Rossiter, and J. G. Emond.

The Secretary and County Surveyor were also in attendance.

Letters of apology for non-attendance were received from Mr. John Bolger, Chairman of the Co. Council, and Mr. J. S. Hearn.

The Co. Surveyor presented the following report :-

"As this is the first meeting of the re-organised committee I think it would be well to offer my suggestions for your approval as to procedure at future meetings,

as follows :-

at each meeting the County Surveyor should submit a Report dealing in general terms with his work during the interval since the previous meeting, and in particular regarding all matters of importance.

The Senior Assistant (when appointed) should submit a detailed diary of his work during the month; the form of this diary has yet to be drawn up. The Senior Assistant should be in attendance at all Roads Committee meetings.

The Bi-monthly Report from the several Assistant Surveyors (form attached) should be submitted by the Co. Surveyor with his remarks on same. Also the Detailed Report Books kept by Assistant Surveyors (form attached) should be before the Committee for examination.

Lists of defaulting contractors should be submitted by the County Surveyor, and the Roads Committee should decide regarding legal proceedings etc., and the "Black Listing" of bad contractors.

Pay sheets for wages and general accounts should be considered and approved or otherwise. In general it is advisable that payments for works in the County Surveyor's charge or taken up under Section 54, as also Sudden Damage Orders, should be considered only at the meeting previous to the Quarterly meeting of the County Council, and Roads and Finance Committee at their monthly meeting should approve of pressing accounts only.

On the 30th April in company of the Secretary I inspected Blackwater Harbour with regard to the proposed Pier, and on the 9th May also with the Secretary I inspected

Ballyhack Pier.

These matters will be fully reported on at the Co. Council meeting.

On the 10th instant, I inspected the Deep Bridge in company of the Committee appointed by the County Council: Messrs Rossiter, J. A. Doyle, Esqrs, were present. The Bridge is now closed for traffic except foot passengers.

On the 22nd instant, Mr. Devesian, the Secretary, and myself inspected this Bridge, and I gave Mr. Devesian particulars so as to get an approximate estimate for the new bridge. I submit correspondence regarding the rebuilding.

On the 18th instant, I inspected Mountgarrett Bridge, New Ross; in company of the Kilkenny Co. Surveyor, and have arranged for its repair. The former repair work of this Bridge compares favourably with other similar work, but no doubt it also must be re-constructed within the next few years.

Mr. Pimm, the Resident Engineer in charge at Ferryarrig Bridge, has now left the employment of the Co. Council, and before leaving he went through the accounts and other matters in connection with it. On the 24th instant at my request, Mr. Colhoun and his Engineer attended at my office to meet Mr. Pimm. We went fully into all matters in dispute and I submit a separate report on this.

By permission of the Co. Council I was absent in Monaghan from the 13th to the 16th instant, making a tour of inspection with the Monaghan Roads Committee. It may be advisable to have

an inspection here at a later date.

I submit the Assistant Surveyors Bi-monthly Reports (except that of Mr. Howlin, not yet to hand) but I have not asked for their detailed report books to be produced as they are only a short time in hand."

The Committee approved of the bi-monthly report forms and detailed Report book forms submitted by the County Surveyor.

Letter was read from Mr. Howlin, Assistant Surveyor, stating that in consequence of having to help the Secretary to the Feis, he had overlooked sending bi-monthly report form on 20th inst., but he promised it would reach the County Surveyor on the 30th.

Mr. Barry explained that he had already written twice to Mr. Howlin for this report.

The following resolution was adopted:-
 "That our Secretary inform Mr. Howlin, that in view of his failure to furnish his bi-monthly report in proper time to the County Surveyor, the Roads Committee will request the Council to take serious notice of any further neglect of duty on the part of Mr. Howlin with reference to sending in his reports or otherwise. That Mr. Howlin be directed to furnish his second report for the month of May to the County Surveyor at once."

Mr. Barry mentioned that sometime ago he had received a complaint from Canon Meehan, Ballindaggin, as to the condition of the road leading to Ballindaggin Catholic Church. The matter had been referred to Mr. Howlin who now reported that the

defects complained of had been remedied immediately on receipt of report. a statement had however, been made recently that nothing had been done in the matter.

The following resolution was adopted:-

"That Mr. Howlin be instructed to furnish Mr. Barry with the date at which the repairs to road leading to Ballindaggin Catholic Church were carried out, and that Mr. Barry communicate with Canon Meehan as to these repairs."

With reference to Road No. 92 Enniscorthy district, and which had been taken up from the contractor John Kenny by the County Surveyor, Mr. Barry read a letter from Kenny to Mr. Howlin, Assistant Surveyor, in which the former stated he declined to surrender the road.

The following resolution was adopted:-

"That Mr. Barry lay this matter before Mr. Elger, Solicitor to the County Council, and that Mr. Elger be instructed to take any proceedings against Kenny which he considers may be necessary to sustain the action of the Co. Surveyor or to defend any proceedings which may be taken by Kenny to interfere with the decision of Mr. Barry in taking up the road."

Letter was read from Mr. Elger, Solicitor, with reference to road of Thomas Parle, Oberlamina, (Road No. 168 Gorey) stating that he could not do anything in the matter except to institute proceedings against the sureties - John Parle, Oberlamina, and Walter Dooly, Gurravon, Blackwater; to perform

their obligations under the contract. He thought, however, the best course to pursue in view of the division of the contract, was for the Co. Surveyor to take up the road under the 54th section of the Grand jury act."

"It was decided that the matter be left in the hands of the County Surveyor."

Letter was read from Mr. Paddle, relative to repairs of Gorey Courthouse.

"The matter was referred to the Co. Surveyor to arrange for the repairs."

In connection with the report of the County Surveyor dealing with the Deeps Bridge, the following resolution was adopted :-

"That the County Council be recommended to take steps as soon as possible to have the bridge at the Deeps reconstructed in ferro-concrete of an approved system. That Mr. Barry obtain particulars of the various systems and submit his opinion thereon to the County Council at next meeting. That the Dublin & South Eastern Railway Co., be requested to contribute towards the erection of the new bridge as the structure will be of considerable advantage to their service."

The Committee having heard from Mr. Barry a statement as to an interview he had with Mr. Colhoun, contractor for Ferrycarig Bridge, and having discussed the matter fully adopted the following resolution :-

"That having heard Mr. Barry's statement

in connection with the claim of Mr. Bolhoun Contractor for Ferrycurry Bridge, we recommend the County Council to give Mr. Barry power to negotiate with Mr. Bolhoun, with a view to settlement of his claim for extras in connection with the contract and the claim of the Council against Mr. Bolhoun for delay in finishing the work within the specified time, and of salary to Mr. Linn Resident Engineer, caused by such delay."

Patrick Morris, Ballyconran, Craanford, Gorey; Contractor for Roads No. 11 & 12 Gorey (Slievebawn Quarry) wrote that he could not put out the specified tonnage on these roads owing to the price charged for material at the quarry, which was not opened at the time he entered into these contracts.

"The matter was referred to Mr. Barry."

In connection with traction engine traffic on roads it was recommended to the Co. Council that in cases in which the Council own or hire engines for haulage purposes the Council should make good by Sudden Damage Order any injury done by the engines to the roads traversed by them.

Thomas Breen, Ballygoman, Barnstown; whose father the late John Breen was Contractor for road No. 21. Wexford wrote that about 80 feet of coping of the wall of this contract had been thrown down about the 1st January last, and asked the County Council to make good the damage.

Ordered:- "That the County Surveyor inform the contractor that the damage was largely owing to previous inattention and neglect, and that the County Surveyor be authorised to assist the representatives of the late contractor to a reasonable extent by Sudden Damage Order."

"That in cases of this description the County Surveyor be authorised to consult with the Solicitor to the County Council as to the advisability of making a claim for criminal injury to the County Court Judge with a view to having the cost of repair levied off a small area."

In connection with the proposal to erect new bridge at the Deeps, the following letter was read from the Secretary Dublin & South Eastern Railway Co:-

"I submitted your letter of 30th May to my Directors at their meeting yesterday, and was instructed to state in reply that the company have no funds available for the purpose of a special contribution towards the cost of reconstructing the bridge at 'The Deeps'. Meantime, I am to remind you that the company are large ratepayers in the district which, will no doubt be charged with the cost of the work, and in that way will make a substantial contribution."

Capt Walker, Dykellon, Wexford; wrote under date 10th June, as follows, with reference to the Deeps Bridge:-

"I have been asked by several of my neighbours to request you to bring before the Co. Council the great inconvenience that has been caused to us by the closing

of the Bridge of the Deeps for vehicular traffic - that however, I conclude cannot now be helped, owing to the manner in which the persons who have had the contracts for keeping the Bridge in proper repair, have been allowed to neglect their duties. But what we do ask your Council to do is, in the event of this bridge being closed altogether to make provision for a temporary footbridge in order to enable those living on the Kyle side of the Bridge to have access to the Railway Station. many persons on the Kyle side of this Bridge attend Divine Service at the villages of Glyn and Killurin, and the school children - the schools on either side. So if there is no provision made for a footbridge it means the gravest injury to the public."

"On the motion of the Chairman, the minutes of the Roads Committee were adopted."

The following report, signed by Messrs Thomas Asple, Patrick Rossiter, and J. A. Doyle, was read:-

"We inspected the Deeps Bridge on the 10th May with the County Surveyor, and made a thorough examination as far as possible of the timbers, piles, etc.

The repair work done in recent years has been unsatisfactory and we consider that the present condition of the Bridge is such that it would be inadvisable to spend any money on repairs. We recommend that steps be taken to have a new bridge built, and, in the meantime, the old Bridge should be closed to all but foot passenger traffic, and, if possible, light

traffic should also be allowed."

"On the motion of the chairman, the foregoing report was adopted."

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

"That in the event of a new bridge being built at the Deeps, the County Surveyor be instructed to take steps to have the old bridge used as a temporary structure for foot passengers or otherwise provide a ferry for the use of the residents in the locality."

That the question of the erection of the Deeps Bridge be considered at the next special meeting of the Co. Council."

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

"That Mr. Barry, County Surveyor, be authorised to have the necessary borings carried out and a survey of the site made at the Deeps without delay, with a view to the erection of a new bridge."

Application for Increase of Salary.

Under date 2nd May the following letter was read from Mr. Howlin, Assistant Surveyor:-

"As I am now two years appointed as Assistant Surveyor, I beg to apply to you for my second increment of salary, viz: £5. I am hope you will give same your favourable consideration, as during my two years service I have always done my work to the best of my ability, and always with the object of giving you entire satisfaction."

Trusting you will give this application

favourable consideration, and thanking you in anticipation."

"On the motion of Mr. Esmonde, seconded by Mr. Rossiter, it was decided that the consideration of Mr. Howlin's application be adjourned for six months."

Payment for works in charge of Co. Surveyor.

The following report was read from Mr. Barry, County Surveyor:-

"I beg to report that a difficulty has arisen in dealing with payments of labourers &c., for small jobs in connection with these works; as the Finance Committee only meet monthly. I would suggest that an account should be opened in the name of the Secretary to allow of such payments being made in the interval between Finance Committee meetings."

On the motion of the Chairman the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the Local Government Board be requested to agree to the Co. Council opening an account for the County Surveyor to deal with weekly payments to meet cases such as those raised in the foregoing Report of the County Surveyor."

Loss of Receipt & Demand Note Book.

At the meeting of the Finance Committee on the 8th May the following report was read from Mr. G. H. Richards of the Co. Council office:-

"I respectfully beg to inform you that

the Receipt & Demand Note Book for the Electoral Division of Kilsoran has been lost.

This was discovered yesterday (6th May 1912) when checking books in Wexford Rural District for comparing, and it was only then that one of the temporary clerks. (Mr Philip J. Doyle) informed me that he had been working on this particular book on the morning of Saturday the 20th April, and left same on Reporter's desk in the Criminal Court when going to dinner, but that when he returned it had disappeared and he continued working on another division. He did not report this matter to me until yesterday.

I may mention that on the above date the temporary staff worked in the Criminal Court, owing to a District Council meeting being held in the Council Chamber.

The Finance Committee had made the following recommendation:-

"That different arrangements be made in future as to the supervision of the Rate Clerks.

That Mr. G. H. Richards be called upon to replace the missing Receipt & Demand Note Book of Kilsoran."

In connection with this matter the following letter under date 5th June was read from Messrs Huggard & Brennan, Solicitors:-

"Mr. G. H. Richards has called on us and informs us that he considers that a recommendation made by the Finance Committee with regard to the loss of a Receipt & Demand Note Book, is not quite

fair to him, and wishes to have an opportunity of explaining the matter before the Co. Council. We would feel very much obliged if you would place it on the agenda for the next meeting of the Council."

On the motion of Mr. Peacocke, seconded by Mr. Emond the following recommendations passed at the meeting of the Finance Committee on the 12th June were confirmed :-

"That Mr. Brennan, Solicitor, be not allowed to appear on behalf of Mr. Richards and that we deal with this matter ourselves."

"That Mr. Richards be informed that if he wishes to hold his position, he must submit to the orders of Mr. Trizell."

Revision of valuation.

On the motion of the Chairman, the following resolution was adopted :-

"That the 25th June be fixed as the date of meeting for consideration of applications for Revision of valuation."

County Legal Proceedings.

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

"That general authority be given to our County Surveyor to consult with Mr. Elger our Solicitor, on all matters in connection with County works and report relative to same to succeeding meeting of the Roads Committee."

Claim for Payment of Extra Police.

In connection with the claim of the Constabulary Authorities for payment of £2848: 3: 10, for the services of extra constabulary employed in Wexford during the recent labour dispute; answers to Parliamentary questions raised by Sir Thomas Esmonde and Mr. Peter French M.P., were read for the meeting. From the answers it was apparent that the Irish Government declined to give any reason as to why they had selected the County at Large as the contributory area for the payment of the extra force from the depot.

"Postponed to next meeting."

Irish Public Bodies Insurance.

Under date 8th May 1912, the following letter No. 5538 was read from the Lord Lieutenant

"I am directed by the Lord Lieutenant to advert to your letter of the 15th instant, forwarding copy of a resolution adopted by the Wexford Co. Council relative to a suggested Irish Public Bodies Insurance Scheme, a copy of which has also been received from you.

I am to state that having been in communication with the Local Government Board, His Excellency desires me to make the following observations with respect to several proposals embodied in the Scheme.

1.- The Scheme in effect contemplates the establishment of a Public Bodies Insurance Company, to be controlled and managed by the Local Government Board on behalf of the various authorities throughout

Ireland. As submitted, the Scheme does not indicate how the expenses of management are to be met or from what fund; apparently it is intended that the cost of management should fall on the State.

2.- It is proposed that the fund out of which possible losses are to be met should be provided in one of four ways:-

(a) By a Treasury Grant. The Treasury have no insurable interest in the premises proposed to be protected from fire losses, and His Excellency apprehends that the Treasury would not entertain an application to provide a grant for this special purpose.

(b) By annual deductions from existing Treasury Grants. Such Grants are already hypothecated to a considerable extent by reason of existing guarantees charges thereto and it is not clear that they could undertake further liability.

(c) By direct contribution from the rates. This appears to be the only feasible course for the establishment of the proposed fund and will be dealt with more fully later on.

(d) By allowing the amounts now contributed from the rates for insuring labourers' cottages to accumulate at compound interest.

Labourers cottages are the property of Rural District Councils. The expense of insuring the cottages falls entirely on the rate for Rural District charges and in His Excellency's opinion it would be unreasonable to utilise the funds so provided to indemnify against fire losses local authorities who are non-contributory, such as Co. Councils, Urban District Councils, and Board of Guardians.

3.- As regards the proposal at (c) above

referred to. It is to be observed that a very substantial nucleus of the proposed fund should be accumulated before imposing upon it any risk of loss. There are no data available to enable even an approximate estimate of the amount of the accumulation to be formed, but in view of the fact that the corporations of Dublin and Belfast are jointly paying fire insurance premiums in respect of property valued at nearly £3,000,000 an initial fund for the whole of Ireland of less than £300,000 would appear to be inadequate. This sum would involve a compulsory assessment of close on 5^d in the £ on the ratable valuation of Ireland in the first year. An impost of such extent would probably provoke considerable hostility, especially when it is borne in mind that the cost of insuring the corporation property in Dublin and Belfast through companies does not amount to more than one sixth of a penny in the £ on the respective valuations of the two cities.

4.- It is proposed that the whole body of ratepayers in Ireland should be the ultimate security for the payment of claims. To make the security effective it would be necessary that power should be taken in the suggested Bill to impose from time to time, when found necessary, a compulsory levy on all the local authorities throughout the country similar to that by which money is at present raised for the purposes of the General Battle Diseases Fund.

5.- It is further proposed that all payments out of the central fund for fire losses should be charged against the country as a whole and not against the

particular localities where the fires have occurred. It does not appear to His Excellency that this is an equitable proposition. Apart from other considerations such a course would tend to confer a premium for inefficiency on local authorities who fail to provide and maintain in effective condition fire brigades and other suitable fire extinguishing appliances. If the scheme in this respect were to be adopted at all it should be on the basis that each local authority drawing from the fund a sum in excess of its proper share of the fund should, within a limited period, make up the deficit by increased yearly contributions until its share in the fund has been restored to the normal condition.

6.- If a central fund be established it should embrace all Public Bodies in Ireland whose accounts are subject to audit by auditors of the Local Government Board, and not include such buildings only as are controlled by Guardians and District Councils.

7.- The scheme provides that the existing value of the buildings to be insured should be ascertained by a valuer appointed by the Local Government Board, and that the amount of the damage by fire should be assessed in like manner. These proposals would impose a considerable burden of responsibility and expense on the Board and are open to the further objection that they would tend to bring the Board into acute conflict with local authorities in respect to the amounts to be paid to them.

out of the fund in recoupment of the damages by fire.

8.- The suggestion that local authorities should become their own insurers against fire is not new. In November, 1905, the Belfast Corporation through their then Town Clerk, Sir Samuel Black, consulted the Board on the subject. He made reference to the fact that the Worcester County Council had decided to become their own insurers for a large proportion of their property; but also pointed out that the proposal had been referred to the English Local Government Board, who replied that:-

"any contract on the lines suggested
"would be very inexpedient and that
"as they considered the County Council
"to be in the position of Trustees of
"public property the Council should
"not neglect the usual proper precautions
"of insuring. There appears to
"be no statutory authority empowering
"the County Council to create and
"administer a fund for the purpose
"and the Board doubted the Council's
"power."

The Local Government Board for Ireland replying on the 18th November, 1905, stated that they concurred with the views on this subject as expressed by the Local Government Board in London, and suggested that the Belfast Corporation should obtain legal advice as to their obligations and powers in the matter.

In the year 1909 the Local Government Board for Ireland were approached by a Rural District Council who proposed to become their own insurers of labourers cottages against fire losses. In view of the fact that there

cottages are for the most part detached houses and situated in country districts, the Council were informed that the Board would not raise objection subject to proper precautions. Regulations to be observed by such Rural District Councils as proposed to become their own insurers were accordingly drawn up and have been recently adopted by the Local Government Board (see copy annexed).

9.- Any scheme designed to effect the objects in view, financed from local rates, would doubtless be opposed by Fire Insurance companies of the United Kingdom, many of which act under Parliamentary sanction.

In conclusion I am to state that His Excellency is of opinion that it would not be practicable to establish any scheme of the character mentioned which contemplates a charge on State funds."

Under date 31st May 1912, a letter was read from Capt R. G. Barrow, Ballinacorney, Waterford, stating that not one of the objections put forward, all of which were quite familiar to him, affected the main principles of the scheme which had been admitted by all competent experts for many years past to be thoroughly sound and quite easily workable in practice, as had been clearly demonstrated by experience elsewhere.

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

"That Capt Barrow be requested to furnish the Co. Council with his observations on the letter from Dublin Castle."

Waterford Bridge.

Under date 23rd May 1912, the following letter No. 25189-1912, Wexford County, was read from the Local Government Board :-

"With reference to your letter of the 10th inst., relative to the issue of the final instalment of the loan of £11,000 sanctioned to the County Council of Wexford for the purpose of defraying their proportion of the cost of erecting a new bridge over the River Suir at Waterford, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to state that it would appear that £9,000 has been authorised for issue, and that a sum of £7987:10/- was paid to the Bridge Committee up to the 10th instant, which would leave a balance in hand of £1012:10/-

as the quarterly instalment on the 30th instant is £1331:0/- it would appear that a present issue of £500 will be sufficient pending a further inspection of the works, and the Board accordingly sanction the raising of same.

I am, at the same time, to inform the Council that it appears from a statement furnished by the Secretary to the Bridge Committee and dated the 10th instant, that there was on that date a balance to credit of Committee with their Treasurer of £7481:2:8, and that the Waterford County Borough Council paid to the Committee a sum of only £4,000, on a basis of 25%, their proportion of the cost of the undertaking."

The following Schedule received from Mr. J. J. Feely, Secretary Joint Committee, and showing the amounts paid by the various

contributing bodies to date was submitted to the meeting :-

Waterford County Borough.	£4000 : 0 : 0
" " Council	7987 : 10 : 0
Lippurary (S.R) "	4989 : 10 : 0
Wiscford "	7987 : 10 : 0
Kilkenny "	9762 : 10 : 0
Carlow "	1597 : 0 : 0
Queen's "	1597 : 0 : 0
Lippurary (N.R) "	1065 : 0 : 0

Proposed by Mr. Stafford

Seconded by Mr. Lynch :-

"That, in pursuance of the consent of the Local Government Board for Ireland dated 23rd 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 costs of erection of the New Ross Bridge over the River 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 £500 advanced by the National Bank Ltd. to the Council being a fourth instalment of the said sum of £11,000 to be raised by the Council for the said purpose."

On the motion of the Chairman,
Seconded by Mr. Peacocke, the following resolution was adopted :-

"That the Secretary of the Joint Bridge Committee be informed that when the Wiscford Co. Council have information from the Treasurer of the Joint Committee that Waterford Borough has paid £13312 : 10/- their proper share of the contribution agreed to by the Bridge Committee, the

instalment due by the Wexford Co. Council on 30th May will be transferred to the Treasurer of the Joint Committee."

Courtown Harbour.

Under date 20th May, Sir J. H. G. Esmonde B^t M. P., wrote forwarding the following letter from Mr. Leance, of the Irish Office, London:-

"In reply to your letter of the 26th April, Mr. Birrell desires me to send you the enclosed plan of Courtown Harbour showing the extension of 150 feet referred to in the Board of Works' letter of 14th June 1911, copy of which has already been sent to you. No detailed drawings have been prepared."

In connection with this matter the following letter from the Secretary of the Board of Works to the Under Secretary, Dublin Castle, was read:-

"I am directed by the Commissioners of Public Works to refer to your letter of the 15th April (7075) on the subject of improvement works at Courtown Harbour, and to state for the information of His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant, that if there is to be any expenditure of public money at Courtown, the Board suggest that it should be upon a strong open work extension of the existing south pier, of a minimum length of 100 feet, at an estimated cost of £10,000. An extension of 150 feet, which would be of greater advantage, could be made for £15,000. The Board, however, are of opinion that the advantage to be gained by either work would not be commensurate with the expenditure.

The Board, in their letter of the 24th

December last, with reference to the proposal to build a pier at Breanoge Head, mentioned that it is their experience that an artificial projection in the nature of a pier on the sandy coast of Wicklow and Wexford forms a trap for the sea borne sand, and that the silting in that case would have been very rapid, as there were no natural means, such as a river, which might help to counteract it. The open construction now proposed in extension of the Courtown Pier would permit of the free travel of sand. The extension itself would enable boats to enter or leave the Harbour in weather when it would otherwise be difficult to do so."

Under date 28th May the following report was read from Mr. Scapleton, Harbour master, Courtown:-

"I beg to inform you that the dredger finished here on yesterday and left the bar in a fairly good condition in fact he could do no more as he dredged in between the pier heads till stopped by some large stones in the bottom; but a couple of sluices will put whatever stuff is inside out into the deep water; and unless some exceptional weather sets in it ought to remain fairly good for the summer.

I may add that it was very hard to make any progress when near the piers, as the dredger met with nothing but very coarse gravel and stones, and got blocked several times and had to stop to remove the obstruction, but he pulled up as far as possible as he worked till 10 p.m. some days."

"adjourned to next meeting."

Dates of Half-yearly meetings of Councils.

On the motion of the Chairman.

Seconded by Mr. Peacocke, the following dates for half yearly meetings of Rural District Councils and County Councils were agreed to :-

Enniscorthy R. D. C.	Monday 4 th November at 11 a.m.
Gorey	" Thursday 31 st October at 11.30 a.m.
Nur Ross.	" Tuesday 5 th November at 11 a.m.
Wexford	" Saturday 2 nd November at 10.30 a.m.
Co. Council.	Wednesday 7 th August at 10.30 am
" "	" 4 th December at 10.30 a.m.

Passed.

Sara Hill Quarry.

The following signed by the Employees of the Co. Council at Sara Hill Quarry, was read:-

"We the employees at the quarries of Sara Hill again ask you for the allowance of letting us off at 3 o'clock on Saturday evenings. We applied to you before for the same grant but did not get it, hoping you will not refuse us on this occasion."

"Postponed to next meeting."

Pump at Bolacreen Cross.

Under date 6th May, Mr. Alfred Haughton, Rockspring, Ferns; wrote asking permission to erect a pump five feet deep near Bolacreen crossroads. At present in the winter, Mr. Haughton wrote, all the surface water runs off the road and into the well filling it with mud.

On the motion of Mr. Rossiter, seconded

by Mr. Lynch the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the Co. Council have no objection to Mr. Haughton carrying out this work provided the Co. Surveyor take no action in the matter."

Courthouse etc., at Loughmon.

The following under date 3rd June was read from Messrs M. J. O'Connor & Co. Solicitors:-

"Mr. Mark Browne, J. P., Loughmon, purchased in fee simple some years ago in the Land Judges Court amongst other property in Loughmon, the Pound and Courthouse and obtained a conveyance for same. On the Schedule to the deed which we have sent to Mr. Elger, it appears that the Co. Council holds these premises under a yearly tenancy from year to year at the yearly rent of £10. Mr. Browne wants to take up possession of this holding mainly for the purpose of preserving his title, and he does not want to take any hostile proceedings against the Co. Council if they can possibly be avoided. Accordingly in order to preserve the Court House and Pound at the same rent as at present, if the Council surrendered these premises to him he would re-let them again at the same rent, and if they think well, under a lease. Mr. Browne has been advised by counsel that it would be necessary for him to do this, and we shall thank you to bring the matter before the next meeting of the Council for further consideration."

Of course counsel has advised that this would be the best and most friendly

way of carrying out the business, namely that Mr. Browne should accept a surrender from the County Council and then he could re-let them again, or if preferable, he could let them another yard instead of the Pound and another house instead of the Court House at the same rent, viz - £10, although the house would be a better one than the present one. Council has advised that if this cannot be done, the only other course is for him to serve notice to Quit.

We think it right, as the matter is one of a legal character to send a copy of this letter with the original deed to Mr. Elger so that he may be ready to advise Council.

Of course you are aware there is a new court-house ready to be let by Mr. Browne and which has been approved of, at the same rent as the present one, although it is a much better building."

"On the motion of the Chairman:- "The matter was referred to County Surveyor to report to next meeting."

Resignation of Mr. Pimm - Resident Engineer.

Under date 10th May, the following was read from Mr. Pimm, Resident Engineer, Furrycarrig Bridge:-

"I beg to give notice of my intention to terminate my engagement as Resident Engineer at Furrycarrig Bridge upon Saturday May 25th. I have notified Mr. Barry and am in communication with the contractor with a view to settling the amount due to him, and other matters, before I leave."

"The Secretary said that this matter was before the Finance Committee, when the Co. Surveyor having stated that all the ferro concrete work of the Bridge was finished, it was decided that no new appointment be made."

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

"That Mr. Barry, Co. Surveyor be empowered to employ a clerk of works in connection with the erection of the bascule of Ferryarrig Bridge; salary not to exceed £3 per week."

Mental Deficiency Bill.

Under date 3rd June the following resolution was read from the medico-Psychological Association of Great Britain & Ireland.

Resolved:- "That we, the members of the Irish Division of the medico Psychological Association of Great Britain and Ireland at a Special meeting held at the Royal College of Physicians, Dublin, on June 1st 1912, are unanimously of opinion that legislation for the care of the mentally deficient is urgently required, and they urge the necessity of this matter being dealt with by modifications to the Government Bill now before Parliament, so that its provisions may be extended to Ireland."

"Postponed."

The Pay & Prospects of the R. I. G.

The following resolution was read from the Londonderry Co. Council:-

Resolved:- That, in view of the increase of salary now being granted to the various

police forces in Great Britain, and to the increased cost of living in all parts of the United Kingdom, we consider that an immediate and impartial inquiry, at the same time as the inquiry is held into the condition of the Dublin Metropolitan Police, in the interests of the taxpayers and of the efficiency of the force, should be held into the pay and prospects of the rank and file of the Royal Irish Constabulary, with a view to the reorganisation of the force, the reduction of the cost of command, and the granting of a living wage to the general body of men, and that this inquiry should be held by independent public men of business experience.

marked "Read."

Irish Education Act 1892. - New Ross R. District.

under date 18th May the Secretary, Office of National Education, wrote that the Commissioners of National Education had appointed the following as their representatives on New Ross Rural District School Attendance Committee for three years from 1st May 1912:-

Rev W. F. Wilkinson, M. A., Adamstown.

Rev E. Doyle C. C., Guesurane.

Rev W. J. Harpur, C. C., Ballykelly.

Rev J. Somers C. C., Campile, and

Rev M. Hickey P. P., Clonguen.

marked "Read."

Poisons & Pharmacy Act.

applications for licenses under Poisons & Pharmacy Act were received from Mr. Wm. H. McGuire, Commercial Quay, Wexford, and Mr. James Fleming, North St. New Ross.

Mr. Edmond Doyle, Broadway; applied for renewal of his license.

The above applications were granted on the motion of Mr. Stafford, seconded by the Chairman."

Analyst's Report.

City Laboratory,
17 Castle St. Dublin.

25th May. 1912.

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 31st March 1912.

42 articles were received from the Food Inspectors, R. I. C., as follows...

<u>Article</u>	<u>Number.</u>
Butter	13.
Buttermilk	11.
milk	10
Whiskey	7
Port Wine	1
Total	<u>42.</u>

Two certificates were sent to Sergeant Kelly, Gorey; for specimens of milk adulterated with at least 8.9 and 13 per cent of added water respectively and one certificate for specimen of buttermilk adulterated with at least 14 per cent of added water exclusive of 25 per cent allowed for churning purposes.

Two certificates were sent to Sergeant Scully Wexford, for specimens of buttermilk adulterated with at least 27 and 38 per cent of added water respectively, exclusive of 25 per cent allowed for churning purposes.

For the Guardians of Gorey Union twelve

drugs and two specimens of water were analysed. The drugs were correct. The specimens of water did not contain any typhoid bacilli.

For the Guardians of Enniscorthy Union twelve drugs and twelve specimens of port wine were analysed. The drugs were correct. The specimens of port wine were examined to determine which was best for use in the workhouse.

One specimen of water analysed for the Enniscorthy Urban District Council had the following composition.

One imperial gallon contained in grains.	
Total solid matters	18.200
Including	
albuminoid ammonia	0.003
saline ammonia	0.000
Nitric acid	4.750
Chlorine	3.470
Colour	colourless.

A remarkably pure water.

For the Ballycanew Co-operative Society, Ballycanew five fertilizers were analysed.

For Shillelagh Union, which is partly situated in the Co. Wexford, twelve drugs were analysed. Two were incorrect.

In the original report on the water above referred to, full details, chemical & microscopical, were given, but in the foregoing only the more important points are given.

Total analyses. 98.

adulterated & defective articles 7.

G. A. Cameron.

marked "Read."

John Bolger

Special meeting - 25th June 1912.

A special meeting of the Wexford Co. Council, was held in the Co. Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford; on 25th June 1912.

Present :- Mr. John Bolger, (Chairman) presiding.

Other members :- Sir J. H. G. Esmonde, Bart., M.P., Messrs G. H. Peacocke, Mr. Gough, Mr. Doyle Senr., D. Sinnott, P. O'Neill, J. J. Stafford, P. Rossiter, James Codd.

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

Revision of valuation.

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

"That we agree to the Revisions of valuation being carried out in the several cases submitted to this meeting, by our Secretary."

The Insurance Act.

Under date 18th June, the following letter No. 1150-12. was read from the National Health Commission :-

"The National Health Insurance Commission (Ireland) have had under consideration the scheme submitted by the County Wexford Co. Council for the establishment for the purposes of the National Insurance Act 1911, of a County Society for the County of Wexford, and I am to request that the various alterations

and amendments specified in the attached statement should be made therein.

Four further copies of the rules printed in uniform type and amended as requested should be furnished to the commission with the utmost despatch."

The several amendments suggested by the commissioners were approved on the motion of Sir Thomas Esmonde, seconded by Mr. Peacocke.

In connection with the printing of 8000 leaflets etc., dealing with the establishment of Co. Council Insurance Society the following tenders were received:-

English & Co.,	£ 4 : 4 : 0
The People	4 : 17 : 6
Free Press.	4 : 6 : 0
W. Hanrahan	5 : 5 : 0

"On the motion of Sir Thomas Esmonde seconded by Mr. Rossiter the lowest tender was accepted."

For printing 4,000 copies of rules of the County Society the following tenders were received :-

W. Hanrahan	£ 12 : 19 : 6
Free Press	18 : 5 : 0
People	14 : 5 : 6
English & Co.	16 : 1 : 0

"On the motion of Sir Thomas Esmonde, seconded by Mr. Rossiter the tender of Mr. Hanrahan was accepted."

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Peacocke, the Secretary was instructed to obtain tenders for printing Insurance cards, and to accept the lowest should he consider

the work can be satisfactorily carried out."

cinematograph act.

Mr. Thomas P. Marshall, Armaunt, Rosslare, applied for a license under the cinematograph act.

"On the motion of the chairman, seconded by Sir Thomas Comondie, it was decided that the license be granted provided a satisfactory report as to the suitability of the premises be received from the County Surveyor."

Poisons & Pharmacy act.

Mr. James J. Stafford, Stonebridge, Wexford; applied for a license under the Poisons & Pharmacy act for premises situated at Baldwinstown.

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

"That a license be granted Mr. James J. Stafford, for premises at Baldwinstown provided the R. I. C., report that the premises are suitable and that proper provision for the storage of the scheduled poisons has been made."

Co. Council Employees & Insurance.

Mr. Elger, Solicitor; submitted a list of the officials and employees of the Co. Council who must be insured under part 1 of the National Insurance act.

On the motion of the chairman, seconded by Mr. Keacocke it was agreed that the Secretary take the necessary steps to have the various persons named in the

list insured."

"It was also decided that the Co. Council do not make application to the Insurance Commissioners for the exception of any class of their employees from compulsory insurance."

John Bolger

Quarterly meeting - 7th August 1912.

The Quarterly meeting of the Wexford Co. Council, was held in the Co. Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford; on 7th August 1912.

Present: - Mr. John Bolger, (Chairman) presiding.

Other members present: - Messrs C. H. Peacocke, R. A. Rice, P. O'Neill, Lord Stopford, J. Lynch, P. J. Fanning, Mr. Doyle Senr., Mark Codd, J. A. Doyle, Mr. Cloney, Mr. Gough, P. Rossiter, James Codd, J. J. Mayler.

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

The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

The late Mrs O'Connor.

With reference to the death of Mrs O'Connor; wife of Mr. John O'Connor, M. P., the following letter in reply to vote of condolence was received from Mr. O'Connor.

"Kindly convey my sincere thanks to Co. Council, for the vote of condolence on death of my wife. My family also desire me to thank yourself for your kind expression of regret."

"On the motion of Mr. Peacocke, seconded by Mr. O'Neill, it was decided that this letter be inserted on the minutes."

Re-building of Deeps Bridge.

The Secretary stated that the proposal committee at their meeting on that day had agreed to an application made by the County Surveyor to rebuild the Deeps Bridge on the River Slaney, cost not to exceed £5,000.

In connection with this matter the following letter No 28379-1912, from the Local Government Board, was read:-

"With reference to your letter of the 25th ultimo, relative to the condition of the bridge at the "Deeps" in Wexford County, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to state that they take it that the only difficulty which the County Council have is whether the construction of the proposed bridge is to be regarded as a new public work within the meaning of article 14 (1) of the Local Government Board (Procedure of Councils) Order 1899. In regard to this point, the Local Government Board are of opinion that in the case of the renewal of a bridge on an existing road, being a "public work," it is unnecessary to treat the proposal as coming under the article mentioned."

"On the motion of the Chairman, the resolutions of the Proposal Committee, as to the Deeps Bridge, including the appointment of committee were confirmed."

Proposed Establishment of Tuberculosis Dispensary.

The following report of special committee of the Co. Council, was read for the meeting:-

In connection with the national Insurance act 1911, the following resolution was adopted at the meeting of the county council on 12th June 1912.

"That messrs M. Doyle Sr., P. Rossiter, M. Hickey, J. L. Esmonde, J. J. Stafford, J. S. Hearn, A. Kinella, Sir J. H. G. Esmonde Bart., and the Chairman, and Vice-Chairman; be appointed a committee to draft a scheme on the terms of the circular letter of the Local Government Board re Parliamentary Grant for Sanatorium purposes, etc., the committee to meet on Tuesday 25th June, at 2.30 p.m., and report to a special meeting of the Co. Council to be held as soon as possible thereafter.

"That the scheme submitted by the Women's National Health Association be referred to the above committee."

The meeting as outlined in the above resolution was held in the Co. Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford.

Mr. J. Bolger, (Chairman) presided; and the other members present were:- Sir J. H. G. Esmonde, Bart, Messrs C. H. Peacocke, J. J. Stafford, P. O'Neill, P. Rossiter, & M. Doyle Sr.

Dr. Brown, Medical Superintendent of the Local Government Board; Mr. P. O'Doherty, for the Women's National Health Association; the Secretary; and Mr. R. W. Elger, Solicitor to the Co. Council were in attendance.

Correspondence from the Local Government Board; Women's National Health Association, and the Board of the Royal National Hospital for Consumption for Ireland, having

been read; Dr. Browne pointed out the salient features of schemes adopted in other counties in Leinster, and made suggestions for a scheme for County Wexford.

Mr. O'Sherty referred to the work of the Women's National Health Association as regards the establishment of Sanatoria.

After a full discussion the following was agreed to :-

Proposed by Sir Thomas Esmonde, and seconded by the Chairman :-

"That we recommend the Co. Council to adopt a scheme for the establishment of Tuberculosis Dispensaries etc., as dealt with in the Circular letters of the Local Government Board, and the Interim Report of the Departmental Committee on Tuberculosis."

Passed. Mr. Rossiter dissenting.

Sir Thomas Esmonde, moved, the Chairman seconded, and it was passed :-

"That the scheme for the establishment for County Wexford of Tuberculosis Dispensaries etc., embrace the following :-

1. (a) The establishment of a central Tuberculosis Dispensary at either Enniscorthy or Wexford, selection of location to be decided by the best available buildings obtainable for conversion for dispensary purposes, or by suitability of site for erection of new buildings.
- (b) That six beds be provided at this Dispensary, three for male, and three for female patients.
2. That Branch Dispensaries be established at New Ross, Gouy and Wexford or Enniscorthy; (the branch at either of the two last named towns to be decided

by the situation of the central Tuberculosis Dispensary), existing dispensary buildings under the Poor Law to be utilised for Branch Dispensaries if allowed by the Local Government Board, in order to effect economy in the working of this portion of the Scheme.

3.- That we recommend the Co. Council to enter into an arrangement for three years with the Board of the Royal National Hospital for Consumption for Ireland, situated at Newcastle, Co. Wicklow, for the allocation of ten beds, on the terms of the payment of £1. 1/- per bed, per week, liability to run from the date upon which the first bed is occupied, no advanced cases to be sent to this Sanatorium.

That the Board of this Institution be requested to favourably consider any application from the Wexford Co. Council for the allocation of a certain number of beds above the ten under definite agreement.

4.- That the Co. Council be further recommended to make provision within the county for the treatment of advanced cases in a hospice or home, and that steps be taken as soon as possible for providing such institution.

Finance of Scheme.

One whole time Tuberculosis Dispensary officer..

(a) Salary.. £400

(b) Travelling expenses.. 100. £500.

One whole time nurse for central Dispensary

Total provided £500.

	Bt Forward £ 500.	
(a) Salary.	£ 50	
(b) Free Quarters & Rations	50.	£ 100
Three public nurses.		
(part time officers) at	£ 20	
each to be paid to the		
organisation by which these		
nurses are employed		60
Rents, Taxes, Tuberculin etc.		100.
		£ 760.
Ten beds at Newcastle at		
£1. 1/- per bed, per week...		546
		£ 1306.

a resolution was adopted that Messrs O'Neill, Stafford, Keacocke, Kinsella, and Hearn, be selected a sub-committee to ascertain if available suitable buildings for the central dispensary and for the hospice or home for the treatment of advanced cases be procurable in Wexford or Enniscorthy, in the alternative, to select sites for the erection of buildings for Tuberculosis Dispensary and Hospice, the committee to submit report to the Co. Council as soon as possible. The different members of the committee are requested to make separate inquiries in their own localities, and our Secretary be directed when he has received information from any of the members, to summon a meeting to be held in the Co. Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford. It is to be understood that no steps be taken for selection of existing buildings or of sites for the erection of new buildings as regards branch dispensaries, unless the Local Government Board definitely decide against the use of existing Poor Law Dispensaries.

Board wrote (letter No. 34, 342) that the scheme as outlined by the committee appeared to be drawn up on satisfactory lines. The Board would not raise any objection to the proposal to utilize Dispensary buildings if the consent of the Boards of Guardians and medical officers concerned is obtained.

The Secretary mentioned that he had written the medical officers and the clerks of Boards of Guardians in New Ross and Ennis-corthy, in which towns it was proposed to establish branch dispensaries.

As regards Gorey, Dr. Nolans, medical officer would not agree to the proposal, as the dispensary was situated in his house. No reply has been received from New Ross Guardians or the medical officer to the present.

Under date 12th July 1912, the Local Government Board wrote, letter No. 91 m., forwarding two plans for dispensary buildings with particulars of the accommodation afforded by each as a guide to the Co. Council. Where permanent structures according to the plans would be considered too expensive, the erection of buildings of a temporary nature they believed could be carried out, as regards Plan A. (a structure on the grounds of, and worked in conjunction with a County Infirmary) for say £600, and Plan B. (a structure to be worked as an independent institution) for £900.

Under date 19th July, sealed Order from the Local Government Board, No. 92 m., prescribing the qualifications of medical Superintendent in Hospitals or Dispensaries established by County Councils, was read for the meeting.

In forwarding this order the Local Government Board wrote :-

"So much stress cannot be laid upon the importance of the proper selection of the medical Superintendent, who should possess such professional standing as to command the confidence of the medical practitioners of the County, and who in laying down the lines upon which the system is to be worked in any given area, as well as in dealing with the details of administration, will be called on to display initiative and ability for organisation. The future success of both the Tuberculosis Dispensary and Sanatorium will be largely determined by the officer who is first placed in charge, therefore, he should in addition to the special qualifications which are included in the Board's Order, have had experience in laboratory work, and if he has not acted as a medical Superintendent or assistant Superintendent in a Tuberculosis Dispensary or Sanatorium, then he should at least have taken a responsible part in the management of a general hospital.

The efficient working of the Dispensary or Sanatorium will occupy the entire attention of the medical Superintendent, and he should be required to give his whole time to the discharge of his duties."

In connection with the Parliamentary Grant provided by the Finance Act 1911, and National Insurance Act 1911, the following letter under date 24th June and No. 85 M., from the Local Government Board, was read for the meeting :-

"Referring to the Board's circular letter of the 20th ultimo, on the subject of the distribution of the Parliamentary Grant for Sanatoria, and to the paragraph relating to the procedure to be adopted in

regard to proposals of voluntary associations so as to prevent overlapping of the work of local authorities and of these associations, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland, to state that they have received an application from the Women's National Health Association for a grant for providing sanatoria for the use of insured persons and others after the National Insurance Act comes into operation and until the Councils of the Counties and County Boroughs in Ireland have made the necessary permanent provision for the treatment of Tuberculosis, which will enable them to receive from the Insurance Committees the per capita contributions in respect of insured persons within their respective areas.

The application of the Women's National Health Association has been strongly recommended to the favourable consideration of the Local Government Board, both by the Treasury, and by the Chairman of the Insurance Commissioners for Ireland, and in these circumstances, the Board have approved of it, and they understand that the Association are already pressing forward with their schemes which, when completed, will doubtless be notified to the County Councils and will be available for any of them which have arranged or may arrange to co-operate with the Association in the provision of temporary accommodation for persons affected with Tuberculosis. The Board understand that similar applications from other voluntary associations may be anticipated and these will be notified to the Councils concerned in due course.

Such temporary measures, should not, however, interfere with the Co. Councils

in the completion of their own schemes, as it is a matter of the greatest importance that arrangements for the treatment of tuberculosis upon a permanent basis should be instituted with the least possible delay.

The Board will take care, when making the final distribution of the Fund, to allocate the grants to local authorities and voluntary associations in such a way that each county area shall receive its due share on the basis of population and other special considerations which may have to be taken into account."

In connection with the establishment of sanatoria the Secretary mentioned that acting on the suggestion of the vice-chairman of the Council - Mr. Peacock - he had communicated with Dr. W. Mervyn Crofton, of 55 Merrion Street, Dublin; and Dr. W. Camac Wilkinson, of 8 Upper Wimpole Street, London, W.

Dr. Crofton wrote :-

"In replying to your letter re consumptive sanatoria it will be necessary for me to go somewhat fully into the whole question of the treatment of consumption.

The people to be treated can be divided into four categories.

- 1.- Those who are susceptible but have not developed the disease.
- 2.- Those who have developed the disease but can be cured while going about.
- 3.- Those who can be cured by treatment in an institution.
- 4.- Those who are incurable.

Classes 1 and 2 can be treated by attendance at tuberculosis dispensaries, class 3 cannot but requires an institution where they can be kept in bed as long as necessary.

Now what kind of institution are you going

to treat them in?

You may take it from me that the treatment given in sanatoria such as that at Newcastle is from a curative point of view, practically useless, their percentage of "apparent cures" of curable cases last year was a little over 8% whereas, in my opinion, under modern conditions of treatment it ought to have been something like 80% of these cases.

In my opinion these cases should be treated in special hospitals until they are convalescent and that then they should be sent to sanatoria where they can undergo the hardening process and can get physically fit. From the sanatorium they can return to work without fear of relapse.

Now a word about treatment. I am strongly of the opinion that tuberculosis will not be stamped out until preventive inoculation of susceptible individuals is carried out, such susceptible individuals are children of tubercular parents and members of families in which tuberculosis has occurred, indeed under ideal conditions every member of the community should be inoculated while young for we all get infected, however I should be content if the susceptible ones were inoculated to start with.

As a rule it is only those who are in the very earliest stage of the disease who can be cured with tuberculin at the outside 40%. The rest are unsuitable but very many of these can by inoculation with certain drugs such as iodoform in a hospital, be made suitable for immunization with tuberculin.

The plan I lay out in treating my cases is to get rid of all signs of active disease by means of injections of iodoform into their

reins, then to inoculate them with tuberculin to increase their resistance to the disease and so prevent reinfection and finally to send them to the country to get physically fit by means of exercise, manual work, etc.

For Class 4. There should be special wards in the consumptive hospital.

The plan I have suggested in the case of another county is that a tuberculosis dispensary should be held in each dispensary district at least twice a week. The medical officer being the dispensary doctor who should have had a special post-graduate course in the subject and should be assisted by a specially trained nurse. These dispensaries should diagnose, do preventive inoculation, treat those cases which can be cured while going about, see to disinfection etc.

These dispensaries would send those cases which require institutional treatment (and the incurable cases) to the consumptive hospital, which should be situated near the principal town of the county, this hospital should be under the control of the county tuberculosis doctor with a resident physician under him.

When cured the patients from this should be sent to a sanatorium to get physically fit.

The county officer should have control of the whole campaign in the county, should visit the dispensaries periodically and should act as tuberculosis consultant.

My complete scheme included a research hospital in Dublin and a laboratory where all county hospitals can have every facility known to science in the investigation of their cases and tuberculin and vaccines prepared.

What I should suggest to your Council

as a beginning would be to start a tuberculosis dispensary and hospital within a short distance of each other.

One cannot do without the other.

If there is any further information I can give you or if you would like me to explain anything to your Council in person I shall be very glad to do so as I feel how important it is to start the campaign on the right lines."

Dr. Wilkinson wrote :-

"I quite think that it would be unwise to build sanatoria until it can be proved that our system of Tuberculin Dispensaries, which so far has proved a very great success, are likely to fail. It is clear to me that sanatoria as a means of dealing with pulmonary tuberculosis among the poor must fail, as no Insurance Act or municipal body could provide the funds for satisfactorily dealing with 15 per cent of the cases. This means that 85 per cent could not be dealt with in this way. On the other hand I have shown that 70 per cent of the cases can be dealt with at Tuberculin Dispensaries at no greater cost than sanatoria entail when they only deal with 10 per cent of the cases. The cost per case by sanatorium methods cannot be less than £20 per case, if any good is to be secured. The cost per case at a Tuberculin Dispensary would not exceed £3 or £4 at most in scattered areas. I think, too, that the work of the so-called Tuberculosis Dispensary, should be undertaken by the medical officers of Health, as all this work is not for dealing with actual cases of the disease, which the Insurance

act implies, but for preventative measures which do not seriously benefit those who already suffer from the disease. But I must not be misunderstood. There are different forms of tuberculin treatment, and my method of using tuberculin is so radically and essentially different from the use of tuberculin according to Sir Almroth Wright, or Dr. Arthur Latham, who gives it by the mouth, that success in tuberculin treatment, in my judgment, can only be secured through some medical men who has been trained under me. I am bound to say this, because it is not yet realised by the Public or by the Profession, that tuberculin treatment is as yet almost an unopened book for the majority of medical practitioners. Given, however, a medical man, thoroughly competent, and thoroughly trained in the use of tuberculin as I practice it, I am ready to stake my reputation that the results obtained at a Tuberculin Dispensary would be better than those obtained at sanatoria, and the cost per case would be one-tenth as great. Literally for the same money we can treat ten times as many cases at Tuberculin Dispensaries as can be treated at sanatoria.

If you think of proposing Tuberculin Dispensaries, I should advise you to send your medical officer of Health to see the work of our Dispensary at 263 Kinnington Road, for a month or so.

The whole question is treated fully in my book - "Tuberculin in the Diagnosis and Treatment of Tuberculosis" - published by Messrs Nisbet & Co., 22 Berners Street, a copy of which I should advise your Council to buy.

I may be going to Ireland shortly and I might also give an address to the medical men and municipal bodies of your district."

In connection with the proposal of the Special Committee as regards the employment of jubilee nurses, the following letter was read from Messrs Colfer, Hon Sec., Jubilee Nurses' Committee, New Ross:-

"At a special meeting called yesterday by the Jubilee Nurses Committee to consider your letter of 5th July, it was decided by the Committee that £20 would not be at all enough for the County Council to subscribe towards the Nurse fund. There is certain to be a great falling off in the subscriptions next year to the fund, and at a general meeting this year a resolution was passed that the Committee would only keep the Nurse so long as it had funds.

The Committee are anxious to know, what would be the nature of the extra work at the dispensary in case the Co. Council paid even half the expenses and would the Nurse be under the Co. Council board."

On the motion of Lord Stopford, seconded by Mr. Lynch, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the report of the Committee of the Council appointed to consider the details of a scheme for establishment of tuberculosis dispensary, etc., be received."

Mr. J. A. Doyle proposed:-

"That the report of the Committee be rejected and that the arrangements be left to the Insurance Committee."

Mr. Mayler seconded.

As an amendment, Mr. O'Neill proposed and Lord Stopford seconded:-

"That the consideration of the scheme be postponed to the meeting of the Co. Council

in October, and that the Insurance Committee be requested to state what contribution they are prepared to make towards the cost of the Scheme."

By permission of the meeting Mr. Doyle withdrew his motion, and Mr. O'Neill's proposition was then put and carried.

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

"That Dr. W. W. Murphy, Coolgreany, Ench; Hon Secretary to the County Medical Committee be requested to inform our Secretary if he can arrange for a conference with the medical practitioners of the County and the representatives of public bodies with Dr. Wilkinson or Dr. Crofton, or other Specialists to obtain information on the value of Tuberculin treatment, provided said conference can be arranged for without any expense to the rates."

National Insurance Act.- General matters.

Under date 11th July, a circular letter was received from the National Insurance Commission, that they would be prepared to consider schemes from local authorities for exception under the Insurance Act.

"It was decided on the motion of Mr. Rossiter, seconded by Mr. Rice, to refer the matter to the Finance & Roads Committee for report to next meeting."

Letter from Mr. Wynne, Secretary Wicklow Co. Council, asking if Wexford Co. Council would join with the Councils of Kildare, Carlow, and Wicklow in forming a joint

Friendly Society under the Insurance Act, was read for the meeting. The letter appears in full on minutes of last meeting.

Under date 18th July the Insurance Commission, wrote approving of the County Wexford Insurance Society for the purposes of Part I of the Act. number of certificate of approval 71.

Mr. Michael Hickey, wrote resigning his position as one of the representatives of the Co. Council on the County Insurance Committee.

Proposed by the Chairman,
Seconded by Lord Stopford, and passed:-
"That Mr. Peacocke, be appointed a member of the Co. Wexford Insurance Committee, vice Mr. M. Hickey, resigned."

An application was received from the Co. Insurance Committee asking for the use of the Co. Council offices, as the offices of the Committee for the six months ending 13th January 1918.

An application was also received from the Co. Insurance Committee, asking for the use of the Co. Council Chamber, for their meetings.

The Secretary explained that the High Sheriff had already given his consent.

Proposed by the Chairman
Seconded by Mr. Peacocke
"That the applications of the Co. Insurance Committee for use of the Co. Council offices and Co. Council Chamber, be acceded to."

Passed.

With reference to letter from the Secretary

Wicklow Co. Council, asking if the Co. Wexford Co. Council would join with other Councils in forming a joint Friendly Society under the Insurance Act. on the motion of Mr. Danning seconded by Lord Stopford the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the Wexford Co. Council are prepared to agree to any linkage with Co. Societies for the purpose of the usual triennial valuation and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Secretary, of the Wicklow Co. Council."

On the motion of the Chairman, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the Secretary summon a meeting of the provisional committee of the Co. Wexford Insurance Society on the 12th August, at 10.30 a.m."

The Public Roads (Ireland) Act 1911.

Under date 1st August, the Local Government Board - letter No 21883; wrote forwarding for the guidance of the Council copies of Regulations prescribing the manner of bringing to account expenses recovered by a Co. Council under Section 1 in respect of damage done to a road.

Regulations were also inclosed prescribing the method of applying fees received by a Council of a County or County Borough in respect of licences granted to locomotives under Section 6 of the Act.

marked "Read"

Sewerage of Bridgetown

Sealed Order (No 29642-1912) from the Local Government Board fixing the Wexford Rural District as the area of charge for the sewerage

of Bridgetown, was laid before the meeting.
marked "Read"

audit of accounts.

The Local Government Board, under date 16th July, letter No. 37061, forwarded copy of the auditor's report in connection with the audit of the accounts of the Enniscorthy District Lunatic Asylum, for the half year ended 31st March 1912.

marked "Read."

Senior Assistant Surveyor.

under date 9th July 1912, the following letter No. 34334-12, Wexford Co., was read from the Local Government Board :-

"The Local Government Board for Ireland have had before them your letter of the 26th ultimo, and previous correspondence respecting the proposed appointment of Mr. Thomas Treanor as Senior Assistant County Surveyor in Wexford County, and the Board direct me to state, for the information of the County Council, that they will be prepared to approve of Mr. Treanor's appointment to the office in question on his resignation of the position of Assistant County Surveyor in Monaghan County, which he now holds.

The Board are forwarding a copy of this letter to Mr. Treanor."

marked "Read."

Dredging of Courtown Harbour.

The Secretary read correspondence which he had received from the Harbour Master.

of Courtown, as to dredging work carried out there, which had been very satisfactory but unfortunately shortly after the dredger went a change of the wind had again silted up the Harbour.

A letter was read from the Department under date 25th July No. 6301-7. B., that they were sending on the dredger at once to deal with the present siltage.

marked "Read"

Dredging of Kilmore Harbour.

In connection with the dredging of Kilmore Harbour, the following letter under date 3rd August 1912, No. 4853-12 7. B., was read from the Department :-

With reference to previous correspondence on the subject of the dredging of Kilmore Harbour, I have to state for the information of the Wexford Co. Council, that the sum of £375 provided jointly by the Council and the Department is now exhausted. The experience gained leads to the conclusion that the plant which has been used will enable the work to be carried out satisfactorily; but it is regretted that unavoidable delay in the dredging operations has arisen from the presence of old abandoned chains and moorings - which have been found in great quantity in the mud - and the necessity for their removal. The Department consider that it would be inadvisable now to suspend work. Having regard, however, to the expenses already incurred by them in the former attempt to dredge the harbour, the Department are not prepared to bear singly the cost of finishing the amount of work recently undertaken but are willing, should the Council provide a

further sum of £125 to make a contribution of a like amount to enable it to be completed.

It is, of course, to be understood that this additional expenditure is quite apart from the further sum of £500 referred to in the last paragraph of my letter to you of the 18th December last.

On the motion of Mr. Rice, seconded by Mr. James Codd, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That a sum of £125 be voted for the purpose of finishing the dredging at Kilmore on the terms of the Department's letter of 3rd August 1912."

Sale of Food & Drugs.

Under date 20th July 1912, letter No. G.3044-12, the Department wrote stating that ten samples of butter had been purchased for analysis on the dates and at the places shown hereunder. The samples were duly submitted to the Public Analyst for the County Wexford, who certified that they proved to be pure.

Date.	No of Samples.	Place.
27 th June 1912	1.	Bridgetown
do	3.	Gorey.
28 th June 1912	3.	Castlebridge
do	3.	Enniscorthy.

marked "Read"

Under date 10th July 1912, the following letter was read from the County Inspector, R. J. C., Wexford:-

"During to transfers of Sergeant Darcy, and Head Constable Collins, I beg to return their appointments under the above acts; and to request that the usual authorities be issued by your appointing acting Sergt Thomas Kelly 56111, Ex-officio Inspector for the Petty Sessions District of Killinick, and Sergeant John Madden, 52,688 for the Petty Sessions District of Oulart."

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

"That acting Sergt Thomas Kelly, be appointed ex-officio Inspector under Food & Drugs acts for the Petty Sessions district of Killinick.

That Sergeant John Madden, be appointed ex-officio Inspector under Food & Drugs acts, for the petty sessions district of Oulart."

Foot & Mouth Disease.

The mid-Leinster (Foot & Mouth Disease) Order of 1912, was laid before the meeting.

under date 3rd August, the following resolution was read from Sinn Féin, Dublin:-

"That we wish to record our emphatic protest against the action of the British Government in attempting to destroy the whole cattle trade in Ireland, because Foot and Mouth Disease is supposed to exist in the village of Swords and that copies of this resolution be sent to every public body in Ireland, in order to focus attention on this latest sinister attempt to destroy the staple trade of our country."

"No Order"

Hay & Straw Order.

The Hay & Straw (movement from Great Britain to Ireland) Order of 1912, was laid before the meeting.

marked "Read"

Extra Police.

The Secretary read various Parliamentary questions and replies which had been asked by Sir Thomas Esmonde, and Mr. Peter French.

The County Council were anxious to know how it was that the Lord Lieutenant had selected the County at large as the area of charge for the levy of this tax. The Chief Secretary for Ireland on several occasions stated that the Lord Lieutenant had acted on the matter in the exercise of his discretion and he (Chief Secretary) did not feel called upon to state the reasons which actuated him. Further pressed on the matter the Chief Secretary repeated this answer, with the addition of the statement that probably the comparatively small rateable valuation of the town of Wexford would have influenced the Lord Lieutenant's decision in placing this tax upon the County at large. While the Co. Council were endeavouring to elicit this information, two orders were received from Dublin Castle under date 5th July, No. 10869 directing that the sums due for extra police and amounting to £2848:3:10, should be deducted from the grants payable to the Council from the Local Assistance (Ireland) account."

Proposed by Mr. Rossiter, seconded by Mr. Rice and passed:-

"That in view of the fact that when the Co. Council were striking their rate for the current financial year they had no means of ascertaining that the payment of practically £3,000 for extra police stationed in Wexford during the continuance of the labour disputes would be levied on the County-at-large, and consequently made no provision for rating this large sum, we request the Irish Government to allow the payment to stand over until September 1913, when the Council will have had an opportunity of collecting the amounts from the Ratepayers. The proposed stoppage of the Grants from the Local Sanitation account will place the Council in the unfortunate position of being unable to discharge their liabilities, whereas if the Irish Government agree to postpone the settlement of the claim, the Council will meet their liability in the matter without the inconvenience which must necessarily be caused them if the Government insist upon deducting the amount from the Local Sanitation Grants.

We again protest against the action of the Lord Lieutenant in levying this sum off the County-at-large, the ratepayers of which had absolutely no concern with the dispute and were opposed to its continuance.

We would point out to the Irish Government that the Council have no power to arrange for an overdraft with their Treasurer but the deduction of the Grants which the Government propose, will either compel them to occupy this illegal position or be unable to pay in full their creditors including the public bodies of the County.

that we agree if the Government accept this suggestion to raise the amount required, in next estimate.

We consider it most unusual on the part of the Government to issue orders for a deduction from our Grants in view of the fact that we never declined to pay and only postponed consideration of the question in order to obtain information as to why the Lord Lieutenant had imposed this tax upon the ratepayers of the County at large, who, as we have observed, on similar occasions had absolutely no concern with the dispute and were unanimously opposed to its continuance.

That copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Chief Secretary for Ireland, and the Parliamentary Representatives of the County."

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

"That the Irish Parliamentary Party be requested to have the law as to cost of extra police in Ireland assimilated to that which prevails in England."

County Wexford Infirmary.

Under date 25th June, Mr. M. J. Kavanagh Registrar, Co. Infirmary, forwarded statement of accounts and list of extern patients in respect of year ended 1st April 1912.

Under date 31st July, 1912, Mr. M. J. Kavanagh, Registrar Co. Infirmary, wrote stating that his Committee considered it would be more

satisfactory if the Co. Council paid the quarterly instalment up to date on occasion of these payments, and not three months after date as at present. The Committee asked the Co. Council to fall in with their views in the matter."

"Referred to next meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee, on the motion of Mr. Rossiter seconded by Mr. Rice."

Ballyhack & Duncannon Harbours.

The following report of a Special Committee was read :-

"At the meeting of the Co. Council on 12th June, 1912, the following resolution was adopted:—
 "That Messrs J. Asple, Mr. Doyle Junr., J. L. Emond, Mr. Gough, R. A. Rice, J. J. Stafford, Mr. Bloney, John Bolger, (Chairman Co. Council) and Mr. C. H. Peacocke (Vice-Chairman Co. Council) be appointed a Committee to visit Ballyhack Harbour and Duncannon Hulk and report to next meeting of the Co. Council. That the Committee meet at Ballyhack on 24th June, at 1.30 p.m."

The following members of the Committee attended :-

Messrs J. Asple, R. A. Rice, Mr. Bloney, and C. H. Peacocke.

Mr. M. Doyle Sr., also attended.

The County Surveyor, and Secretary were present.

The Committee beg to report as follows :-

"It is not possible to ascertain exactly the date of the construction of the boat slip, but it appears to be coeval with Ballyhack Castle, and, owing to the natural facilities afforded by the spot as a landing place, it is more than probable that some kind of structure has

existed there for centuries. About fifty or
 sixty years ago when a steamer service was
 established between Duncannon, Ballyhack,
 and Waterford, the Waterford Harbour Board
 adapted the old boat slip to enable the steamer
 to berth alongside, and, from time to time,
 they carried out dredging operations at the
 outer face of the slip, but they never did
 anything at the inner side which forms the
 dock for the fishermen's boats. In 1881-2
 the Waterford Harbour Board spent £2,000
 in erecting a new pier for the river steamer.
 This pier is at some distance from the
 old boat slip, from which it is quite distinct.
 As soon as the new pier was complete, the
 steamer used it exclusively and the old boat
 slip was utilised for the fishermen's boats.
 The Secretary of the Waterford Harbour Board
 writing under date 3rd January 1911, in reply
 to a resolution asking that body to carry
 out such repairs as would enable the fisher-
 men to save their boats, in stormy weather,
 pointed out that providing shelter for fishermen's
 boats was not a matter for which they had
 any funds available as it did not fall
 within the scope of their duties. But, in
 order to meet the needs of the fishermen, they
 were prepared to transfer to the Co. Council
 free of any charge except the cost of the
 legal instrument of conveyance, the old
 boat slip to enable the Co. Council to incur
 expenditure in connection with the place."

Dealing with this letter, the Council
 instructed Mr. Elger, Solicitor, to apply to
 the Local Government Board with a view
 to obtaining a Provisional Order for the
 transfer of the boat slip to the Council.

under date 15th November 1911, the Local Government Board wrote that they were not aware of any enactment which would enable them to make a provisional order empowering the Council to take over this slip, but it appeared to them that, if the structure could 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 Co. Council under Section 18 (2) of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898. It was for the Council to decide whether the slip came within the meaning of sections 67 and 68 of the Grand jury Act.

On the 20th April, 1901, the New Ross District Council accepted a tender from Mr. William Bruen, Boley, for £37 : 10/- for building a protection wall at this boat slip. The work was carried out and payment made to the contractor. When this contract was entered into, it was believed that the pier and boat slip were vested in the Co. Council.

On the 11th May, 1912, Mr. Barry, Co. Surveyor, inspected the boat slip, etc., at Ballyhack, and reported that the work which had been carried out under the contract mentioned above brought the place within the provisions of Sections 67 & 68 of the Grand jury Act.

The Committee desire to point out that between fifty and sixty fishermen use the boat slip and dock. The place is entirely silted up and dredging is absolutely needed to allow of boats being securely moored. But without some further protection it would not be possible for the fishermen to save their boats in the case of storms from the

North-west.

The Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction, writing under date 17th November 1910, recommended that a line of piles should be driven at right-angles to the slip, at a distance of 20 feet therefrom, to be constructed of native oak or crooked fir, which could be procured locally, as greenheart piling was expensive, the Department contributing one-third of a total expenditure not exceeding £350.

The Committee considered this proposal and interviewed a number of fishermen and others.

They consider that, before a final decision is arrived at, it would be advisable to ask the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction to send down their Engineer - Mr. Oliver - to Ballyhack, to consult with Mr. Barry, County Surveyor, as to the cost of the necessary dredging, and to consider whether a rough stone-breaker would not be of a more permanent nature than timber piling. The Committee would be glad to have, after the consultation between Mr. Oliver and Mr. Barry, for submission to the County Council, a statement showing:-

1. The expense of the necessary dredging.
2. The cost of erection of timber protection.
3. The cost of erection of rough stone break-water, and the views of the Engineers on points 2. and 3.

The Committee subsequently inspected Duncannon Hulk which they found in bad condition. Several plates are loose in the hulk with the result that the craft is leaking badly. The system of attaching

the gangway on brackets at the side is faulty. The swing of the tide has bent the plates of the hulk on the dock side owing to the manner in which the gangway has been fixed. The plates have been strutted inside but in a defective manner.

The Committee consider that the gangway should be made to rest on the deck of the hulk and that the entire hull should be scraped and painted. The rough ballast on the floor should be removed and the floor concreted. The Committee recommend that temporary repairs of the broken tie rod and the stoppage of large leaks should be put in hands at once. If the Council had authority to regulate berthing of the port, arrangements might be made to give the river steamer a reserved berth, and if this were done, the necessity for the use of the hulk would be obviated."

(Signed) Richard A. Rice
Michael Bloney,
G. H. Peacocke.

"On the motion of Mr. Rossiter, seconded by Mr. Gough, the report of the Committee was adopted."

Sheep Dipping.

Reports were read from Constables Morpahan and Dowling; Westford; Constable Donnelly, Burns; Sergeant Chambers, Carnew; Sergeant Carrissy, Dinturn; as regards breaches of Summer Sheep Dipping Order, of 1912, and asking for the instructions of the Co. Council in connection with same.

On the motion of Mr. Lynch, seconded by

Mr. Cloney, the following resolution was adopted:-

That the Constabulary authorities be instructed to prosecute sheep owners who have not dipped their sheep within the prescribed period for the Summer dipping.

Poisons & Pharmacy Act.

Applications for new licenses under Poisons & Pharmacy Act were received from:-

Martin Forestal, Baldwinstown, Bridgetown.

James Cullen, Saghmon.

William Keating, Saghmon.

and for renewal of license from Mr. Thomas Cullen, North main street, Wexford.

"The above applications were agreed to on the motion of Mr. Rossiter, seconded by Mr. Keacocks."

Application - Increase of salary.

Under date 8th June, the following letter was read from Mr. John Lannen, Foreman, Zarastell Quarry:-

"I beg to lay my case before you trusting that you will give it your favourable consideration and grant me a weekly increase of salary, as you are aware I was appointed at your quarry at Zarastell almost five years ago at £1. per week. Now I humbly submit that this is very little, considering the onerous and responsible duties I have to perform, and that after paying for my board and lodging I have scarcely wherewith to dress myself. In addition to my original duties I have to look after the engine, frequently to go to Arklow a distance of eight

miles, and bring on my bicycle 2 stone weight of blasting material; to Gory a distance - 3 miles; nearest post office - two miles; and I have only four shillings a week more than one of the men that work full time. I hope you may see your way to do something for me."

— application - Half Holiday —

An application was read from the Employees at Tarasill Quarry, asking for half-holiday from 3 p.m., on Saturdays.

"On the motion of the Chairman, the following resolution was adopted: - That pending the consideration of the report of the County Surveyor as to the working of Tarasill Quarry asked for at last meeting, the applications of Mr. Lannen, for increase of salary, and of the Employees for half-holiday be adjourned."

County Home Rule Demonstration.

Under date 11th July 1912, a letter was read from Messrs M. J. O'Dempsey, & D. MacDonald, Hon Secs., inviting the co-operation of the Co. Council towards making a demonstration to be held in Enniscorthy on 11th August a success, and asking the Council to appoint delegates.

"On the motion of the Chairman, the following resolution was adopted: - That as many members of the Co. Council as possible be invited to attend the Home Rule Demonstration to be held in Enniscorthy on August 11th."

Town Tenants League.

Under date 24th July 1912, a letter was read from the Town Tenants League, asking the

council to appoint delegates to the annual convention of the Town Tenants League to be held in the City Hall, Dublin; on Wednesday 28th August 1912."

On the motion of Mr. Rice, seconded by Mr. Gough, the following delegates were appointed:-

"Messrs Stafford, O'Neill, Hearn, Doyle & Kinsella; and the Chairman."

Transfer of Boys to Senior Industrial School.

Under date 10th June 1912, the following letter was read from the manager, St. Patrick's Industrial School, Kilkenny:-

"I should feel obliged for the sanction of the Co. Council for all County Wickford boys when their times come for transfer to Senior Industrial Schools. as under the Children Act we are obliged to have this before making application to Chief Secretary for same."

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Keacocke that we approve of the transfer of County Wickford boys in Kilkenny Industrial School to Senior Industrial School when such transfer become necessary."

"Passed."

University Scholarships

Under date 21st July 1912, the following letter was read from Mr. James Power, St. Kearn's, Saltmills:-

"In case my scholarship should be renewed for the coming year at the University, I find there are many circumstances which would make it most inconvenient if not impossible

for me to reside in a Hostel.

as an Engineering student of the second year I shall have to do practical measuring and surveying and this will involve spending whole days in the country and will completely prevent me from keeping the regular hours which must be kept in a Hostel.

meetings of the Engineering Society of the college, from which considerable advantages may be obtained, are also held at times which would make it impossible for me to attend them, if residing in a Hostel.

many of the books required for the second year work are very expensive, but they may be obtained at the National Library and, as I should be engaged all day at the college, the only time I could go there would be at night, which I should be prevented from going if I were in a Hostel.

Besides, residence in a hostel, there is but one for the coming year, is most expensive and unless there is a reduction since last year, the pension is £42 per annum. This I would respectfully submit is far too much, as with the college class fees which will be £18: 10/- to say nothing of the numerous other expenses incurred, it considerably exceeds the value of the Scholarship.

Under these circumstances you will see that it is practically impossible for me to reside in a Hostel; and as there are many boarding houses approved by the university authorities, and under direct supervision I trust Gentlemen, that you will be able to make some provision to exempt me from residing in a Hostel.

Thanking you in anticipation.

"adjourned to next meeting"

Father Kenny's memorial.

Under date 22nd July 1912, Mr. D. Scallan, Hon Sec, forwarded appeal for subscription to the Father Kenny memorial.

"No Order."

Secondary Education.

Under date 15th June 1912, the following resolution from the Kerry Co. Council was read:-

"Resolved- That recognizing the very great loss suffered by our country from the want of a properly organised system of Secondary Education, the great injustice done to the children of the poor attending our Primary schools in being denied opportunities of further advancement, and further, recognising the miserable salaries and precarious position of teachers of Secondary schools, we call on the Government to adopt the Bill introduced by Mr. O'Donnell, and we request them to give as large a grant for Secondary Education in Ireland proportionately as is given in England and Scotland."

"No Order."

Teaching of the Irish Language.

The following resolutions from the Co. Wexford Committee of the Gaelic League, was read:-

1.- (a) "That, being convinced of the possibility of making Ireland an Irish speaking country through the medium of the national schools, we hereby call upon the Commissioners of National Education to make Irish a subject for entrance to the Training Colleges for all

candidates from 1913 and afterwards.

(b) To place Irish among the ordinary subjects in the curriculum for teachers in training who enter the session 1913-14 and afterwards.

(c). That Irish be put on the same level as the other most necessary subjects in the final examination for teachers' certificate in case of students who enter after 1913.

(d). That Irish be taught as an ordinary school subject in all national schools by teachers who begin their training in 1913 and who leave with the full teachers' certificate.

(e). - That, "the above-mentioned teachers Irish be taught in all national schools according to the position of Irish in the locality, special treatment being required by the Irish speaking districts."

2- (a) That whilst the vacancies in the national schools are being filled by the new class of teachers we call upon the Commissioners of National Education to make provision for the teaching of Irish as a school subject within the hours in all standards.

(b) That the existing teachers be assisted financially by the Commissioners to obtain the necessary certificate so as to be enabled to teach Irish according to the needs of the locality.

(c) That as the saving of Irish in Irish speaking districts is a question of immediate national importance, we call on the Commissioners of National Education to provide special treatment for these districts."

"On the motion of Mr. Keacocke, seconded by Mr. Fanning, the foregoing resolutions were adopted."

Mental Deficiency Bill.

The following resolution from the medico-

Psychological Association of Great Britain & Ireland (Irish Division) was read:-

"Resolved- That we, the members of the Irish Division of medico-Psychological Association of Great Britain & Ireland at a special meeting held at the Royal College of Physicians Dublin; on June 1st 1912, are unanimously of opinion that legislation for the care of mentally deficient is urgently required, and they urge the necessity of this matter being dealt with by modifications to the Government Bill now before Parliament, so that its provisions may be extended to Ireland."

adjourned.

Zaghnor Courthouse.

Under date 10th July, Mr. R. P. Corish, B. P. S., Zaghnor; wrote forwarding copy of minutes of the meeting of the magistrates held on 10th May 1900, when they unanimously decided that the present courthouse was unsuitable and directed the clerk to write to the Local Government Board in connection with the matter.

In their reply (letter No. 39774-1900 Wexford Co) and dated 6th July 1900; the Local Government Board stated that the question was one for the consideration of the Co. Council of Wexford.

Under date 8th July 1912, the following report was read from the County Surveyor:-

"I inspected the existing Petty Sessions House, Zaghnor; with Mr. Mark Browne, on the 4th inst., and also examined the place proposed for the new courthouse.

The existing room is 34' x 17' 6" x 10' with three windows 6' 6" x 8" each, and there is a

porch inside of door.

the new room is only 25' x 16' x 10' 3" with three windows 5' 9" x 3' 10" each, and there is no porch inside entrance door.

Mr. Browne suggested converting the side window into a door with glass top for use of the magistrates, and this should be done if the room is to be taken over as the court.

The Council suggested to replace the old one in a better position and in every way more satisfactory.

I understand from Mr. Browne that the local magistrates expressed themselves by resolution as satisfied with the change of the court-room, and if this be so I would not offer any objection as no doubt the new room can be made quite serviceable for a small country Petty Sessions House."

On the motion of the Chairman, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That Mr. Corish, C. F. S., Loughmon; be asked to obtain the opinion of the magistrates at Loughmon as to the proposed change of courthouse there, and if the new building meets with their approval."

Finance & Roads Committee.

The following recommendations from meetings of Finance & Roads Committee, were laid before the meeting:-

"That the Finance & Roads Committee having received from Mr. Barry, Co. Surveyor, his report as to repairs to the road adjacent to Ballinaggin Catholic Church, and having dealt with statements made by Mr. Howlin, Assistant Surveyor, consider Mr. Howlin has been guilty of a serious neglect of duty in this matter,

and instruct the Secretary to inform him that if in future he is not prepared to improve the Committee will have to recommend the Co. Council to dispense with his services."

"That Mr. Barry, Co. Surveyor, be instructed to take any legal steps he may consider necessary in future to prevent any encroachments on the public roads of the County."

"That Thomas Hendrick, Joseph Murphy, and Thomas Dunbar, Contractors respectively for Roads No. 53 Gory; 22 Gory; and R. 11. and W. 11, Enniscorthy, be prosecuted should the County Surveyor consider it necessary."

"That we request the County Surveyor to consider favourably the application of Peter Leary for payment of £6. 15/- for road No. 116 Gory. That an application be sent to the late County Surveyor for this amount which on his certificate was paid in error to Mr. Gahan, mother of the late contractor."

"That the list of duties of Senior Assistant Surveyor as drawn up by Mr. Barry, Co. Surveyor, be and is hereby adopted."

"That the usual month's holidays be granted to the Secretary and the County Surveyor; and that these officials arrange as to holidays of staff of Co. Council offices, to meet convenience of the work."

"That the County Surveyor be instructed to carry out the necessary alterations in the Co. Council office in order to provide further accommodation for filing correspondence."

minutes, etc., and that the Secretary be empowered to purchase three filing cabinets at a cost not exceeding £4 : 11 : 6."

"That the County Surveyor be instructed to procure Geological maps of the County and explanatory memos connected with same."

"The Finance & Roads Committee gave directions to the Co. Surveyor to have a proper fence erected at Slievebawn Quarry to prevent the animals of adjoining owner trespassing."

With reference to Ferrycarrig Bridge, the following resolution was adopted :-

"That we approve of the action taken by Mr. Barry, County Surveyor, to have the girders of the bascule of the new bridge at Ferrycarrig altered so as to allow of the proper working of the machinery during periods of expansion."

That we approve of the expenses of the Works Engineer in charge of the bascule of Ferrycarrig Bridge being paid as suggested by Mr. Barry, County Surveyor."

The following recommendations were also agreed to :-

"That the County Surveyor's attention be drawn to the necessity of seeing that the Assistant Surveyors attend at once to the matter of working of quarries with a view to having the amount of road metalling contracted for placed in the depot ^{previous} to the date of measurement."

"That Mr. Barry, County Surveyor, be instructed to obtain traffic returns, etc., required by the Roads Board in connection with the application for grant for steamrolling the road leading

to Mountgarrett Bridge, New Ross District."

"That the Secretary and County Surveyor be requested to bring the matter of payment of labourers etc., weekly, to the attention of the auditor of the Local Government Board, and explain to him the absolute necessity which exists for such an account being opened to enable the Co. Council to pay the wages of working men weekly."

In connection with road No. 116 Gorey, the following was recommended:-

"That our Secretary be instructed to put before Mr. Gaffney, late County Surveyor, the circumstances of the payments to Mr. Gahan and Peter Leary in connection with road No. 116 Gorey. The Finance and Roads Committee consider that Mr. Gaffney is responsible for the overpayment of £6: 10/- and request him to lodge this amount to the credit of the County Council."

"The decision of the Committee in accepting the tender of the Legal Insurance Company for Insurance under Employers Liability Act at 10/- per cent was accepted. There were two other tenders, viz:- The Property Insurance Co., at 9/- per cent; and the Royal Co., at 10/- per cent."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr. Lynch, seconded by Mr. Codd."

Rate collector Mullett.

The Finance & Roads Committee recommend that as collector Mullett, had not furnished new fidelity bond, that he be called on to resign.

The Secretary stated the day after he sent out this recommendation to Mr. Mullett, the fidelity bond renewal had been received. In the circumstances he (Sec) consulted with the Chairman, and in view of the delay which would have occurred in the collection owing to meetings to deal with Mr. Mullett and to appoint his successor, the Chairman considered it advisable to allow Mr. Mullett to proceed with the collection.

"The action of the Chairman and Secretary in this matter was confirmed."

Collector Doyle.

The following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee relative to Collector Doyle was submitted:-

"That the attention of Collector Doyle be called to the fact that up to the present the improvement which he promised in the discharge of his duties has not taken place. The Committee desire to warn Mr. Doyle, that in view of the recent decision of the Local Government Board, they will urge the Co. Council to insist upon his resignation if he leaves any further room for complaint."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr. Lynch, seconded by Mr. M. Codd."

Quarries.

On the motion of Mr. Michael Doyle Senr., seconded by Mr. Lynch, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the County Surveyor be given permission to enter into an agreement with owners

of quarries who are willing to have them opened and to supply road metalling from them at a reasonable charge."

Proceedings against Road Contractors.

On the motion of Mr. O'Neill, seconded by Mr. Lynch, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the County Surveyor be given instructions to notify the following road contractors that proceedings will be taken against them unless they fulfil their contracts, and particularly in reference to the supply of road metalling.

Enniscorthy Rural District:- 75 Patrick Dunne, 75^a Myles Roban, 198 Thomas O'Gorman, 79 Michael Kelly, 197 Edward Brennan, 202 Edward Maddock, 115, 115^a Patrick Kimella, 180 J. Donohoe; 243, 327, 263, 303 Michael Cullen & Walter Skelton; 279 Peter Dempsey; 265^a Thomas Kehoe.

Wexford Rural District:- 166, 90 Michael Browne; 57, 164, 21 Edward Browne, 91 W. Whelan 150, 94, 10. Barty."

Revisions of Valuations.

On the motion of Mr. Rossiter

Seconded by Mr. Peacocke, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the Council have no objection to the General Valuation Office carrying out the revisions of valuation in the cases on supplemental list submitted to this meeting by our Secretary."

Irish cattle Trade.

The following resolutions received from the

Irish cattle traders association, were adopted on the motion of Mr. Keacocke, seconded by Lord Stopford:-

"That we hereby petition the Government to open all Irish ports for the shipment of cattle for immediate slaughter."

"That we request our President, Mr. William Field, to ascertain by a question in the House how many six day notices have been issued by the Land Commission to tenants since the infliction on Ireland of this foot and mouth distemper and its accompanying restrictions, which prevent farmers from being able to sell their cattle and meet the demands made upon them."

"That we request the Irish members to impress on the Government the urgent necessity of withdrawing these notices to enforce payment of instalments until such time as the Irish cattle trade be again permitted to assume its normal proportions."

John Bolger

Meeting - 9th October 1912.

A meeting of the Wexford County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wexford, on 9th October 1912.

Present :- Mr John Bolger, Chairman (Presiding)
Other members :- Messrs C. H. Peacocke, P. Rossiter, Mr. Gough, P. J. Fanning, J. Lynch, Mr. Doyle Jr., J. L. Esmonde, James A. Doyle, J. J. Mayler, A. Kinsella, Mark Coad, J. Aspley, James Coad, David Sinnott.

Dr. Browne, Medical Inspector of Local Government Board; Mr C. D. Oliver, Engineer of the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction; The Secretary, County Surveyor, and Mr R. W. Elger, Solicitor, were in attendance.

Confirmation of minutes

The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

The Late Mr Michael Browne.

On the motion of Mr Peacocke,

Seconded by Mr Gough, the following resolution was adopted :-

"That we offer our heartfelt condolence to Mrs Browne, Bridgetown; and family, in the loss sustained by them through the death of our late colleague - Mr Michael Browne. During his many years as a member of our Council, Mr Browne endeared himself to his conferees, while his ability, honesty, and uprightness were of the greatest possible assistance

in the deliberations of the Council.

That a copy of this resolution be forwarded Mrs Browne."

Death of Harbour master's Security.

The Secretary reported the death of Mr. C. J. Walker, Ballymagyr, one of the sureties of Mr. Edward O'Flaherty, Harbour master, Kilmore. Mr. O'Flaherty submitted the name of Mr. William Rochford, Ballyhealy, Kilmore, vice that of Mr. Walker.

"Adjourned."

Rate collector N. O'H. Walsh's Security.

The Secretary reported that Mr. Joseph Ennis, one of the sureties of Mr. N. O'H. Walsh Rate collector, was deceased.

Mr. Walsh submitted the name of Mr. Laurence McCarthy, Charlotte Street, Wexford, vice that of Mr. Ennis.

"Adjourned."

Solicitor's costs.

Ordered, on the motion of the Chairman, "That the Seal of the Council be affixed to the Requisition to tax the miscellaneous costs of our Solicitor, for the year to 30th September 1912, and also to the Requisition to tax his costs of carrying out the purchase of a plot of ground on Salville for the use of the District Lunatic Asylum."

Establishment of Tuberculosis Dispensaries Etc.

Under date 9th July 1912, the following letter No 34342 Wexford Co., was read from the Local

Government Board :-

"The Local Government Board for Ireland have had before them the minutes of Proceedings on the 26th ultimo, of the special committee appointed by the Wexford County Council to draft a scheme, in connection with the National Insurance Act, 1911, for the treatment of persons suffering from tuberculosis within the county; and the Board desire to state that the scheme recommended by the committee appears to be drawn up on satisfactory lines.

With regard to the proposal to use as tuberculosis Dispensaries existing Dispensary buildings provided in connection with the medical charities act, I am to state that the Board will not raise any objection thereto if the consent of the Boards of Guardians and medical officers concerned is obtained."

Under date 23rd August 1912, the following letter No 42423-1912, Wexford County, was read from the Local Government Board:-

"The Local Government Board for Ireland note from the minutes of Proceedings of the Wexford Co. Council on the 7th instant, that the County Council have postponed, until their meeting in October, further consideration of the proposed scheme of arrangements, in connection with the National Insurance Act 1911, for the treatment of persons in the county suffering from tuberculosis.

The Board would urge the County Council to deal with the matter at an early date, as it is important that no time should be lost in providing facilities for the administration of sanatorium benefit under the

Insurance Act, and even when the main features of the County scheme have been agreed upon, there will be numerous points of detail to be settled.

The Board would recommend the County Council to take steps without delay for the appointment of a Tuberculosis officer who will be placed in charge of the Tuberculosis Dispensary, when established, in order that his advice and assistance may be available when the detailed arrangements for the working of the system are under consideration.

The Board would remind the County Council of the qualifications of such an officer, as prescribed in their Order of the 19th ultimo and explained in their circular letter of the 24th idem."

The Local Government Board under date 27th August wrote, (letter No. 45898-1913 Miscellaneous) as follows:-

"I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland, to advert to their circular letter of the 20th May last relative to the Parliamentary Grant in aid of institutions for the treatment of tuberculosis, and I am to state that after further consideration of the best mode of distribution the Board have decided, with the concurrence of the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, that a sum of £120,000 may now be allocated to County areas in Ireland upon the basis of population. The share of this sum which is assigned towards the establishment of sanatoria and dispensaries in County Wexford is £2795 : 9 : 7.

A further sum of £20,000 representing the amount advanced to the Women's National

Health Association has still to be allocated, and its ultimate apportionment will depend upon the ascertainment of the county areas which have benefited by the schemes to be carried out by the association. In the event of the county council having entered into an arrangement with the Women's National Health Association, the Board would be glad to be informed of the nature and extent of such arrangement with a view to the correct apportionment of the cost among the counties concerned. Any sum which is found to have been expended by the association for the benefit of any particular county area, will be deducted from the share of that county, and an equivalent amount will then be set free for further distribution upon a population basis in the same manner as the portion of the Grant now dealt with.

The sum credited to the several county areas will be applicable to the capital expenses of institutions provided in accordance with schemes submitted within a reasonable time by county councils and approved by the Board. The Grant earmarked to each county area will be issued by instalments, and subject to the condition that each previous instalment shall have been applied for the purpose specified in the application. Such application should be made by the county council where the institution is to be established by them, or in other cases by any voluntary association making provision for tuberculous patients by agreement with and on behalf of a county council. In all cases where arrangements for treating tuberculous are

undertaken by a voluntary association, payment of so much of the Sanatorium Grant, as is applicable to the capital cost of the institution so provided, will be made to the voluntary association concerned, and the amount will be debited to the County share of the Grant.

The Board wish it to be understood that the sum available from the Sanatorium Grant is not to be regarded as representing the full financial provision needed for the treatment of Tuberculosis, and trust the Council will not limit their scheme to the amount allocated from the Grant, but that bearing in mind the vital importance to the County of a comprehensive and efficient scheme for the prevention and treatment of this formidable disease they will base their contributions under the Tuberculosis Prevention (Ireland) Act upon the actual needs of the people and will supplement the Grant by whatever contribution from the rates may be necessary to provide adequate treatment for all sufferers within their area.

The Board trust that County Councils with this information before them will be now enabled to consider the final details of the schemes which are in course of preparation, and to proceed with their execution at an early date.

If after the lapse of a reasonable interval the proportion now allotted to any County area remains in whole or in part unexpended, the amount will be liable to be re-distributed in such manner as may appear to the Board, after consultation with the Treasury, to be proper."

M^{rs}. Charlotte Jones, Private Secretary to

H. E. Lady Aberdeen, forwarded under date 20th September correspondence between the Sub-committee of the conjoint committee of the British medical association, and the Irish medical association, and the Women's National Health association of Ireland.

In connection with the appointment of Chief Tuberculosis Officer, the following resolution was received from Dr. W. W. Murphy, Coolgreany; Hon Sec to the Co. Wexford medical committee:-

"That we would suggest that the Tuberculosis officer should be a pathologist and expert bacteriologist and that he should be fully equipped by having a laboratory, and microscopic outfit; that his services as specialist should be at the disposal of any medical Practitioner in the County for the bacteriological examination of tubercular or any other bacillary disease; that he should prove himself an expert before being eligible for the position of Tuberculosis officer, and that provided these conditions are carried out we are of opinion the officer appointed should be of inestimable value to the Profession and general public."

On the same subject the conjoint committee appointed to represent the medical Profession forwarded the following resolution:-

"The Sanatorium Sub-committee having learned that some County Councils are advertising for Chief Tuberculosis officers at salaries which are unquestionably inadequate desire to draw the attention of the Local Government Board to the

fact that in fixing the minimum salary for such officers at £400 per annum, they were solely influenced by the consideration that a few counties in Ireland were both poor and small, and that possibly the minimum of £500 might be somewhat unreasonable in such cases, the opinion of the committee was undoubtedly in favour of the contention that in the large majority of the counties the suggested minimum (£500) laid down in the Astor Report should be adhered to."

Under date 5th September, the following resolution was read from South Tipperary Co. Council:-

"That our Secretary be requested to invite the Co. Councils Munster with the adjoining county councils, to send representatives to a conference to be held at the Limerick Junction on an early convenient date to consider in full detail the question of erecting suitable sanatoria for the South of Ireland."

With reference to provision of buildings etc., the following letter was read from the Secretary to the Board of Works:-

"I am directed by the Commissioners of Public Works to forward herewith particulars of disused Coast Guard Stations in County Wexford which are available for sale or letting."

These buildings might possibly be found suitable for convalescent homes or sanatoria in connection with the administration of the National Insurance Act, 1911, and the Board will be prepared to consider offers on behalf of the Admiralty for the disposal of their interest. The Board will be happy to supply any further information

required by the Council."

"The price of the houses referred to in the communication were- For Chief Officers house- £300; and for each of four other houses- £85 each."

Under date 14th September, the following letter was read from Mr. John R. Orpen, Hon Sec., Royal National Hospital for Consumption Newcastle, Co. Wicklow:-

"I desire again to bring before the notice of your Council (or Committee) the views of the Board of Governors of this Hospital in regard to the National Insurance Act, 1911.

As already mentioned in my letters of the 13th and 20th of June, addressed to the various Co. Councils and other Local Bodies in Ireland, the Board have had under consideration the National Insurance Act, (1911) so far as it deals with the treatment of consumption, together with the Interim Report of the Departmental Committee on Tuberculosis rendered necessary by that Act, and they have also had the advantage of seeing a copy of the circular dated the 20th May 1912, which has, they understand been sent by direction of the Local Government Board, to County Councils and other bodies in Ireland.

The Board are anxious to do their part in co-operating cordially and at once in establishing the comprehensive scheme for the treatment of Pulmonary Tuberculosis which is therein indicated and suggested, or such as may be ultimately approved by the proper authorities.

So far as a voluntary sanatorium such as this is concerned, the course suggested

would appear to be, that an arrangement should be entered into between the Sanatorium and one or more County Councils or Committees for the reception and treatment of a certain number of insured persons affected with tubercular disease.

In furtherance therefore of this suggestion the Board of the Hospital are prepared to enter into arrangements with any Co. Council, or other local authority to receive patients affected with Pulmonary Tuberculosis, and to allocate such beds as may be required by such County or local authority on the terms of the payment of £1: 1/- a week, per bed for such term, being not less than three years, as may be agreed upon; it being understood that advanced cases will not be received, having regard to the Interim Report of the Departmental Committee on Tuberculosis, in which it is indicated that separate provision should be made for such cases.

You are doubtless aware that the Departmental Committee on Tuberculosis in their Interim Report have estimated the probable cost of maintenance for each insured person at from 2/- to 3/- per week.

In naming the low sum of £1: 1/-, the Board have been actuated by a desire to receive patients who may be sent to them by the different County Councils and other local authorities on the very lowest terms that will be consistent with maintaining the Hospital without loss.

In addition to being received at such minimum expense to the local authorities, amounting per bed to Fifty-two guineas a year, such local authorities as may desire to enter into the agreement indicated above

will have the advantage of sending patients at once, and without delay and expense of procuring sanatorium accommodation elsewhere, to an Institution fully equipped in every particular.

The Hospital contains over 100 beds, and the Board are prepared to add to that number should additional beds be required.

There is an experienced Lady Superintendent with a full staff of Nurses, and there are two Resident medical Officers, and the accommodation offered to patients both as regards the situation, Grounds, wards, and Recreation Rooms, is of a character that benefits a sanatorium established as this one was sixteen years ago to be a National Sanatorium for the whole of Ireland.

I may add that in order to facilitate the admission of Insured persons, the Board have decided to dispense with the usual further medical examination at this office prior to admission in the case of such insured persons who have already been examined and recommended for sanatorium treatment by the Tuberculosis medical officer of a County Insurance Committee, as they assume that cases in the advanced stages of the disease, and for whom special treatment is recommended by the Interim Report of the Departmental Committee on Tuberculosis already referred to, will not be sent for treatment at this Hospital.

I trust that you will take an early opportunity of bringing these considerations to the notice of your Council."

The following resolution of the Wexford Co., Insurance Committee, was laid before the meeting:-

"That the Wexford County Council be informed that if they establish their scheme for Sanatorium Benefit for insured persons, this Committee will be prepared to contribute two thirds of the cost of the maintenance of the tuberculosis dispensaries, and three-fifths of the cost of the amount to be charged by the governing body of Newcastle Sanatorium, provided the funds at the disposal of the Committee will enable them to contribute the amounts represented by these proportions."

Mr. Peacocke proposed, Mr. Kinsella seconded:-

"That the scheme so far as it deals with the appointment of Chief Tuberculosis Officer at a salary of £400 per annum and travelling expenses at £100 per annum, be agreed to and that the other details of the scheme be referred back to the Special Committee for re-consideration."

As an amendment, Mr. James Bodd proposed and Mr. Asple seconded:-

"That we postpone the consideration of this matter until the County Council are in a position to ascertain the total amount of the maintenance account for the whole scheme."

A poll was taken with the following result:-

For amendment:- Messrs Sinnott, James Bodd, Rossiter, Gough, Lynch, Mr. Doyle, Asple, Connolly, J. A. Doyle, Mayler, and Mr. Bodd. - 11

against:- Messrs Kinsella, Peacocke, Fanning, and the Chairman. - 4.

The Chairman declared the amendment carried.

"During the course of the discussion Mr. Browne strongly urged on the Council the necessity of adopting the scheme of the Committee and pointing out that the Council were running the risk of losing the Parliamentary Grant by delay."

Ballyhack Harbour.

Under date 8th October 1912, (Letter No. 8,287/12.F.B.) the following letter was read from the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction:-

"adverting to previous correspondence on the subject of proposals for improving the accommodation for fishing boats at Ballyhack, I have to state, for the information of the Waterford County Council, that a conference took place between the Department's Engineer, and the County Surveyor, as the result of which the scheme was devised which is set forth in the accompanying plan. The estimated cost of carrying out the scheme is £820, and the Department are prepared to provide one-third the actual expenditure within a limit of £275."

Mr. Peacocke proposed, and Mr. Fanning seconded the following resolution:-

"That we agree to take over Ballyhack Boat Slip from the Waterford Harbour

commissioners, and approve of the plan submitted by Mr. Oliver, Engineer to the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction, and Mr. Barry, our County Surveyor, on condition that the Department contribute half the cost of the scheme. That the Department be requested to carry out the work."

A poll was taken with the following result:-
 For:- Messrs Sinnott, J. Codd, A. Kinsella, M. Gough, C. A. Peacocke, Fanning, Emond, Asple, J. A. Doyle, M. Codd, and the Chairman:-
 against:- Messrs Rossiter, Lynch, M. Doyle Jr., J. J. Mayler. 4.

"The resolution was then declared carried."

Blackwater Harbour.

The following letter under date 8th October (No 8, 242/12, F. B.) was read from the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction:-

"With reference to the reply given in the House of Commons on the 1st August, last, by the Chief Secretary to Sir Thomas Emond's question relative to the improvement of the landing accommodation at Blackwater, I have to forward, herewith, to be laid before the Wexford Co. Council, a plan of a work that would possibly meet the necessities of the fishing community at Blackwater. The cost of carrying out the work is estimated at £2,283.

The design submitted is only a preliminary one, and the details would have to be worked out by the County Surveyor and the Department's Engineer. It would be necessary to take borings in order to make sure of the length of the piles required."

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

That as recommended by our County Surveyor the plans submitted by the Department of Agriculture be approved.

That the Department be requested to furnish full details and drawings on the lines of this plan. That this approval is subject to any sum over and above £1,000 being contributed either by the Department or the Development Commissioners.

That the Department be requested to urge the claims of this Harbour for financial support on the Development Commissioners. That the Department be requested to take steps to have this work executed."

The Deep's Bridge.

In connection with the proposed erection of new bridge at "The Deep's" the following report of Special Committee was laid before the meeting:-

"At the meeting of the County Council on 8th August 1912, a resolution was adopted appointing Messrs Peacocke, Stafford, Ricci, Hearn, James Codd, J. Asple, P. Rossiter, and the Chairman of the Council, in conjunction with Mr. Barry, County Surveyor; and Mr. Elger, Solicitor; as a Committee, to consider the principle upon which the new bridge at The Deep's will be erected, and the question of the establishment of some means of transit for pedestrians between shore and shore, during the erection of the new bridge.

The Committee met on 20th September when the following were in attendance:-
Mr. John Bolger, (Chairman) presiding;

messrs B. H. Leacocke, James J. Stafford, Patrick Rossiter, James Bodd, J. Asple,

The Secretary to the Council, and the Co. Surveyor were also present.

Mr. Hearn and Mr. Elgee were unable to attend.

The County Surveyor submitted designs etc., from four firms connected with ferro-concrete construction.

The matter having been discussed at great length, the following resolution was adopted:

Proposed by Mr. Leacocke, seconded by Mr. Rossiter :-

"That we approve of the principle of the Indented Bar and Concrete Engineering Co., for the construction of new bridge at the Deeps, provided the County Council considers the price reasonable, and subject to a satisfactory report of the County Surveyor as to the calculations made by the company in arriving at their estimate."

— Ferryarrig Bridge —

The County Surveyor brought before the meeting of the Deeps Bridge Committee, the following letter from Mr. Robert Colhoun, contractor for the erection of Ferryarrig Bridge :-

"I herewith enclose you statement of my outlay in connection with the construction of the Ferryarrig Bridge. I regret delay which was occasioned by taking general stock and having audit taken.

This statement, as you will see, represents my actual outlay, and when a profit of 100% is added, it leaves me very much out of pocket. I am putting these figures before you, hoping, as you suggested and

and as I would also desire, that your Council will meet me fairly in the matter, as this extra expense was caused by want of instructions, and delay in deciding about vital matters in the construction of the Contract.

I will be glad to meet you or your Committee anytime we can agree as to a convenient day."

Statement of actual cost of carrying out works at construction Ferry carrig Bridge, including abutments & approaches up to 26th July 1912 :-

material	£3727 : 2 : 11
wages.	3485 : 4 : 3
Amount of Bascule (Plus amount of Extras on Bascule not yet ascertained)	1144 : 10 : 0
Estimated amount to complete.	500 : 0 : 0
	£8860 : 12 : 2
Contractor's profit 10%.	886 : 1 : 2
	£9746 : 13 : 4
Less for old material £100.	
" " cranes & machinery 350	450 : 0 : 0
	£9296 : 13 : 4
Credit :-	
By amount of Contract ^{Bridge} £5290.	
" " " " -approaches 578.	
" " " " Abutments 360	6228 : 0 : 0
	3068 : 13 : 4
" " " " Extra Work	25 : 8 : 10½
Loss....	£3043 : 4 : 5½

On the motion of the Chairman the following resolution was adopted :-

"That our County Surveyor inform Mr. Colhoun, Contractor for the erection of Ferry carrig Bridge, that the claim

submitted by him in his letter of the 12th September 1912, to the County Surveyor, is preposterous, and could not possibly be entertained by the Council."

On the motion of Mr. Lynch.

Seconded by Mr. Asple, the following resolution from the Proposal Committee was agreed to:-

"That we approve of the adoption of the design of Messrs Walker & Delap, for the erection of a Ferro-concrete Bridge at the Deeps, provided a tender can be obtained at a sum not exceeding £5,000; said tender to cover the Ferro-concrete work of the Bridge proper, the opening span, Engineer's fees, and the maintenance of Foot traffic during the erection of the Bridge."

Payment of motor Duties

Under date 8th October, the following letter was read from Mr. R. W. Elgie, Solicitor to the County Council:-

"In pursuance of your directions, I applied to 39 Owners of motor Cars or motor Bicycles, as the case might be, requesting them to pay the Excise Duty due by them on such Cars, or Bicycles, or to account for its non-payment. Of these 22 have paid the Duty, or accounted for its non-payment, and there are 17 outstanding, who have taken no notice of the application - their names are in the Schedule hereto.

With regard to compelling payment of the Duty, the procedure would seem to be to summon the Owner to Petty Sessions, for the recovery of a penalty not exceeding £20,

for not delivering a declaration, or for a like penalty for keeping a car without a license, but considering the very small benefit the County Council derives from this duty, would it be worth while for the Council to incur the expense of taking proceedings to have the Duty paid.

Schedule.

car. m. J. 4. Major Chas. Head, Ballychan, Birr;
 " " 5. W. F. Hearn, Bellvue, New Ross.
 " " 24. Michael Barton, The Square, Newtownlary
 " " 26. James Power, South St., New Ross.
 " " 29 & cycle 174. Dr. W. W. Murphy, Coolgreany, Gorey.
 cycle. 35 William Thorpe, Knockroe, New Ross.
 car. " 57. F. J. R. Hughes, Ballycross, Bridgetown
 " " 94. Joseph M. Ronan, George St. Wexford.
 cycle " 120 Philip A. Jeffares, New Ross.
 car. " 145. John M. Roche, Knockmullen, New Ross.
 " " 160. Richard Whitney, Main St., Gorey.
 " " 181 Mrs. Maud Stanley, Palace, New Ross.
 " " 186. Claud J. Bouchier, Ross, Sullamore
 " " 178. Thompson Bros., The Quay, Wexford.
 " " 202. Dr. G. A. Hickey, South St., New Ross.
 " " 215. James O'Connor, K. C., Dublin.
 cycle. 220. Dr. John O'Regan, 2 Bridge St., New Ross.

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

"That Mr. Elgee be instructed to write to the owners of motor cars and motor cycles as reported in his letter of the 8th October, and request them to pay the tax within 14 days from the date of Mr. Elgee's letter or furnish evidence that they have already paid; otherwise they will be prosecuted."

Motor License Duties.

Under date 20th September, the Local

Government Board wrote. Letter N^o 39421-miscellaneous, forwarding certified statement from the Postmaster General showing the amount of motor licence Duties paid during the year to the Registering authorities.

The Secretary stated that the amount paid in Wexford county, was £ 353 : 9 : 6. and the share of the county council of this was £ 17 : 13 : 6. "

marked "Read"

Loan Waterford Bridge.

Under date 19th September, the Local Government Board wrote letter N^o 46,100 Wexford county, with reference to loan for payment of the county Wexford portion of cost of erection of Waterford Bridge:-

"Adverting to your letter of the 28th ultimo, relative to the further instalment applied for by the county council of Wexford, in respect of the loan of £ 11,000 sanctioned to defray their proportion of the cost of erecting a bridge over the River Suir at Waterford, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to state that it would appear from a report of their Chief Engineering Inspector, Mr. Cowan, on a recent inspection of the works and of the accounts of the undertaking, that on the 4th instant, there was a balance in the Bank to the credit of the joint Bridge Committee of a sum of £ 10,943 : 6 : 10 after allowing for expenditure to that date, and that the sums which were to be submitted for payment to the joint Committee on the following day, would amount to between £ 3,500 and £ 4,000.

It, moreover, appeared that all the contributory authorities had paid as much

as $\frac{2}{5}$ ths of their shares of the estimated cost, except the Corporation of Waterford and the County Council of Kilkenny who had only paid up $\frac{1}{5}$ th.

In the circumstances, I am to state that the Board do not consider that a further issue on account of the loan above referred to is at present required."

The Secretary stated that he had written the following letter to Mr. Feely, Sec. to joint Bridge Committee, on the 9th inst:-

"With reference to transfer of the last instalment of loan for Waterford Bridge, the Finance Committee of my County Council desire information on the following points:-

- 1.- What is the total amount which the joint Committee have received up to the present from the contributing bodies?
- 2.- How much has been paid the contractor to date, and what is the full amount of the contract?
- 3.- How much per cent of the contract does the retention money on the contract amount to?
- 4.- Does the Treasurer of the Committee allow any interest on credit balance, and if so, at what rate per cent.?"

The following letter was read from Mr. J. J. Feely, Secretary to joint Committee:-

"In reply to yours of the 9th inst. The total amount from the contributing bodies is £57082: 0/- of which £47877 has been paid to the contractors, the full amount of whose contract is £64,311: 13: 9.

The retention money is 10 per cent, I.

am not aware of any arrangement with the Treasurer to allow Interest on credit balances." marked "Read."

Foot & mouth Disease.

In connection with outbreak of Foot and mouth Disease, the Secretary read the various Orders which had been promulgated by the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction.

marked "Read"

In connection with this matter, the following resolution was received from the Secretary, Meath Farmers' Association:-

"That we call upon the Irish members of Parliament to bring such pressure to bear on the Government as may be necessary to save the country from the disaster which now threatens it, consequent on the stoppage of our live stock trade."

"On the motion of Mr. Emonds, seconded by Mr. M. Doyle Jr., the foregoing resolution was adopted."

Laghmon Courthouse.

Under date 16th September, the following letter was read from Mr. Corish, Clerk Laghmon Petty Sessions Court:-

"I duly received your letter of 8th ult., relative to the proposed change of Courthouse at Laghmon and brought same before the magistrates at Petty Sessions on Thursday last, this being the first opportunity of doing so.

The following magistrates were present:- Capt. Herries Crosbie R. M., Surgeon Col. Gibbon, Messrs B. A. W. Lest, J. B. Wacker, and E. N.

townsend, and visited and inspected the new building, and they direct me to inform you that they consider it too small to make a suitable courthouse."

marked "Read"

All Ireland Industrial Conference.

Under date 14th September, the Conference Secretary wrote asking the County Council to appoint two delegates to the All-Ireland Industrial Conference, to be held in Londonderry on October 17th and 18th.

"On the motion of the Chairman, Mr. Peacocke was appointed delegate to the conference."

Courtown Harbour.

Mr. John J. Fanning, Hon Sec., to the public meeting at Courtown Harbour, held on 10th September, forwarded the following resolution which was adopted at the meeting on the motion of Sir Thomas Esmonde Bart., M.P., seconded by Mr. A. Kinsella, Co. Councillor:-

"That we the representatives of the fishing, farming, and labouring population of this district, in public meeting assembled express our thanks to the Right Hon. A. Birrell, Chief Secretary for Ireland, for the help he has given us in promoting the project of a new pier at Courtown, and we rely on his good offices in our endeavour to have the works commenced next year.

That we also express our special thanks to the Gorey District Council and the

Gorey Town Commissioners for the continuous and invaluable assistance they have at all times extended to us in this matter. That we also express our thanks to the Co. Council of Wexford for the readiness they have shown to further this project, which is of so much importance to the development of north Wexford, and we feel that we can rely on their support until it is carried to a successful issue. That we request the County Council to instruct the Co. Surveyor to arrange to meet the Board of Works Engineer (as suggested by the Secretary of the Treasury) at an early date here at Courtown, with notice to the fisherman having experience of the coast so that it may be finally decided as soon as possible, first what kind of pier should be built, secondly, when it should be built. That we further request the County Council to give the necessary instructions for the drawing up of the requisite plans and to submit same, with an application for two-thirds of the cost of the works, to the Development Commissioners at their meeting this autumn, so that the works may be begun next year.

That copies of this resolution be sent to the Chief Secretary for Ireland, the Wexford County Council; the Gorey District Council; and the Gorey Town Commissioners."

Under date 7th October, Mr. Fanning forwarded the following Report from Mr. R. G. Allanson-Winn, Engineer, 12-14 College Green, Dublin :-

"On the 11th, 12th, and 14th of this month, I visited Courtown and inspected the Harbour.

The weather was favourable and I had the advantage of making a fairly complete

examination during the spring tides.

I also made soundings and was able to collect much information respecting the tides, winds, set of currents, alteration in sand banks, condition of existing works, etc., from the fishermen and the residents, who offered me every facility and put me in possession of facts.

I found that, owing to the silting which has taken place at the existing entrance, the harbour is only accessible to fishing boats, at or near full tides. This condition of affairs is, of course, disastrous to the fishing industry, and the most important problem to be faced in the improvement of the harbour is, therefore, the making of the existing berthage and shelter facilities available at all states of the tide.

In addition it is advisable to provide some further shelter at the mouth, and if possible a berth at which boats drawing six or eight feet of water may lie in safety.

Having come to certain conclusions in the matter, and feeling anxious that my opinion should have further support, I asked Mr. R. H. King, who has had great experience in harbour construction, and has been in charge of several important works, to make an inspection. This he did on Tuesday, 24th inst.,

We are of opinion that the silting at the harbour mouth has been caused to a large extent, if not entirely by the opposition of the tidal currents. To overcome this, and at the same time secure the deeper

berthage and additional shelter required, we propose to extend the south arm of the existing harbour a distance of 250 feet, as shown in red on the accompanying plan, providing complete shelter from south and south-east, and a depth alongside of 10 feet at low water, and to construct a mole or rubble embankment in the position shown, to perform the function of protecting the Harbour mouth from northerly gales, and at the same time diverting and training the tidal stream so as to promote a confluence of currents both at the existing mouth and at the extended pier, which will tend to keep the channel clear of silt.

We believe that this extension of the south pier will carry the head beyond the sheltering influences of Breanoge Point, and secure the full effects of the flood tide for the ultimate removal of silt.

We estimate that the works described can be carried out for a sum of £10,000 which we understand is the amount likely to be available for the improvement scheme."

A deputation attended from Gorey and Courtown to urge the County Council to agree to the report of Mr. Allanson-Winn, Engineer.

Mr. Fanning proposed:—"That the deputation be heard."

Mr. Kinsella seconded the motion, which was passed.

Rev J. C. O'Rourke, Rev Mr. Wilson, and others having addressed the meeting on behalf of the Deputation, Mr. Fanning proposed:—"That the Co. Council guarantee

to borrow £5,000 or levy a rate to raise that sum provided the Development Commissioners advance £10,000 as a free grant for the improvement of Courtown Harbour."

Mr. Kinsella seconded.

Mr. Peacocke proposed as an amendment and Mr. Lynch seconded :- "That we postpone the consideration of this matter until we receive a report from the County Surveyor regarding the proposed plan.

That Mr. Barry be requested to make arrangements with the Board of Works Engineer and Mr. Allanson-Winn to meet him at Courtown.

That a special meeting of the County Council be called to consider the report."

Passed.

University Scholarships.

Under date 10th September, the following letter was read from Professor A. W. Conway Registrar, University College, Dublin :-

"In answer to your letter of September 9th, I beg to state that Miss Mary H. McGrath, and Miss Mary G. Furlong, have pursued Honours courses in the Faculty of Arts - First Year - during the past Session 1911-1912, and have attended lectures in a most satisfactory manner, and have passed the First University Examination in Arts in June 1912 with great distinction.

Miss Mary H. McGrath - Second Honours.

Irish, English, French, Logic.

Pass.

Latin

Miss Mary G. Furlong. - Second Honours

Logic

Pass.

Latin, English, French
German and modern
Irish History.

Mr. James Power has attended the First year course in the Faculty of Engineering very satisfactorily, and has passed the first university Examination in Engineering obtaining First Class Honours and a First Class Exhibition of £20.

Mr. James Ryan has pursued the First year course in the Faculty of Medicine and obtained his certificate of regular attendance, and passed the First University Examination in medicine - Part I in Spring 1912, viz:-
Chemistry (Theoretical & Practical)
and

Experimental Physics,
and Part II in Summer 1912, viz:-
Botany and Zoology.

All these candidates are recommended for renewal of their Scholarships."

"In connection with the application of Mr. James Power, one of the County Council scholars, for permission to reside outside a hostel, Mr. Power forwarded letter from Professor Purcell, Dean of the Engineering Faculty, stating that he had not the slightest objection or the least ground for fear on account of his moral welfare, should Mr. Power be allowed to live outside a hostel."

Mr. Power also applied for the balance of Scholarship fund.

The Secretary stated paragraph 7 of the conditions governing these Scholarships was as follows:-

"The balance of this fund amounting

approximately to £8 or £9 will be paid to each scholarship holder for travelling and incidental expenses."

On the motion of Mr. Fanning.

Seconded by Mr. Lynch, the following resolution was adopted :-

"That the University scholarship holders for year 1912 be paid the following balances on foot of their Scholarships to cover their travelling and incidental expenses in pursuance of paragraph 7 of the conditions governing these Scholarships, viz:- Miss Furlong £8: 10/- Miss McGrath £6: 10/- and Mr. James Power £7: 19/-"

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

"That we agree to the award of Scholarships value £50 each to Miss Margaret Furlong, New Ross; Miss Mary Josephine Byrne, Ballycale, Gorey; and Mr. George J. Duggan, Wexford; and of Bursaries value £25 each to Miss Phyllis Ryan, Lomcoole, Loughmon; and Mr. J. G. Hassett, Bridgetown; provided Mr. Hassett furnishes evidence that he has qualified in Latin at the recent matriculation examination of the National University."

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

"That we agree to the award of continuing Scholarships value £50 each to Miss Mary A. McGrath, Miss Mary E. Furlong, Mr. James Power, and Mr. James Ryan."

"With reference to the application of Mr. Power to live outside a hostel, on the motion of Mr. Tanning, seconded by Mr. Lynch, it was decided that Mr. Power's request be acceded to, in view of the terms of the letter from Professor Purcell."

Sealed Orders.

Under date 30th August, the Local Government Board forwarded copy of their sealed order No. 36725-1912, determining the Blonroche dispensary district as the area of charge for Courtnacuddy water-supply.

marked "Read"

Under date 26th August, the Local Government Board forwarded sealed order determining the area of charge for the supply of water at Church Road, Newtownbarry, to be the Newtownbarry dispensary district.

marked "Read"

Under date 23rd September, the Local Government Board forwarded copy of sealed order No. 48,069-1912, fixing the area of charge for erection of a pump at Lodgewood, on Ferns dispensary district.

marked "Read"

Sheep Dipping Order-Summer Period.

A number of reports were received from the constabulary asking for instructions as to whether prosecutions should be instituted against sheep-owners who had failed to give notice of dipping sheep, exposing sheep for sale without movement form, or had neglected to furnish form "b" evidence of dipping having been carried out.

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

"That the Constabulary authorities be informed that it is the wish of the Co. Council that prosecutions should be instituted only against sheepowners who have failed to dip their sheep."

Auditor's Report.

Under date 30th August, the Local Government Board wrote forwarding the following copy of report of their auditor in respect of the audit of the accounts of the Co. Council for the half-year ended 31st March 1912 :-

"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 most satisfactory manner and no item of expenditure calls for any remark on my part."

marked "Read."

audit of accounts of Public Bodies.

The Local Government Board forwarded copies of the reports of their auditors in connection with the audit of the accounts of New Ross unions and Gorey unions, and New Ross and Gorey Rural District Councils.

marked "Read."

Proposals for Payment.

On the motion of the chairman, seconded by Mr. Lynch, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the several Proposals for Payment in respect of items for fixed salaries and other fixed items of account be and are hereby approved."

Notice of motion.

Mr. Bolger (Chairman of the Council) moved the following of which he had given previous notice:-

"That the County Council adopt a bye law fixing the hour for opening of fowl market at Ferns at 8.15 a.m."

"Adjourned as the requisite number of councillors - two-thirds of a majority, were not in attendance."

The Wrecked Schooner - "Alice Latham."

In connection with the removal of the wrecked schooner "Alice Latham" which had injured Kilmore Pier, and was allowed to remain by the owner a source of further danger to the structure, the County Council recently made an order that the Co. Surveyor should have the craft removed.

On behalf of the owner - Capt Monaghan - the following letter was read from Messrs John A. Sinnott & Co., Solicitors, Enniscorthy:-

"We are instructed by Captain Monaghan that he had taken some of the vessel "Alice Latham" under previous to your contractor taking her in charge and that the stuff

which he had worked at and taken asunder from the vessel was taken possession of by your contractor which he considers was a great hardship, and wishes to know if the County Council will allow him anything therefor which he contends in justice he would be entitled to. If your Council would be disposed to entertain this request a valuation as to the value of the stuff taken asunder by Captain Monaghan can be made and submitted later on hearing from you."

The Finance & Roads Committee adopted the following resolution as regards this matter at their meeting on 28th August:-

"That the County Surveyor be instructed to consult with Mr. Elger, Solicitor to the County Council with a view to recovering the cost of making good the damage to the pier caused by this vessel, and that our Solicitor proceed against Mr. Monaghan, owner of the "Alice Latham" to recover the amount, should he consider this course advisable."

On the motion of the Chairman, the Council adopted the following resolution:-

"That Mr. Elger be requested to take whatever steps he may consider advisable or necessary to recover from the owner of the wrecked schooner "Alice Latham" the cost of the repair of the damage done by the craft to Kilmore Pier."

Analyst's Report.

The following report was read:-

City Laboratory,

17, Bachel St., Dublin.

12th August 1912.

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 30th June 1912.

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

<u>Article.</u>	<u>Number.</u>
milk	35
Butter	24
whiskey	11
Buttermilk	9
Port wine	2
Rum	2
margarine	2
claret	1
Ginger wine	1
Total	<u>87.</u>

One certificate was sent to Sergeant Scully,
Wexford, for specimen of buttermilk which was
adulterated with at least 17 per cent of added
water exclusive of 25 per cent allowed for
churning purposes.

One certificate was sent to Sergeant
White, Laghmore; for specimen of whiskey
which was 31 degrees under proof, and was
therefore adulterated with 8 per cent of water.

One certificate was sent to R. I. C., Gorey
for specimen of whiskey which was 27 degrees
under proof and was therefore adulterated
with 2.67 per cent of water.

There were ten 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
and were pure.

For the Guardians of Gorey Union nine

drugs were analysed. One was incorrect.

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

One imperial gallon contained in grains

Total solid matter	5.600
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Including	
albuminoid ammonia	0.005

Saline ammonia	0.008
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Nitric acid	Trace
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Chlorine	1.980
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Colour	almost colourless.
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Pure.

For the Guardians of Wexford Union three specimens of milk were analysed. One was of very poor quality.

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

One imperial gallon contained in grains...

Total solid matter	11.000
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Including	
albuminoid ammonia	0.0065

Saline ammonia	0.002
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Nitric acid	Trace
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Chlorine	1.590
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Colour	very light yellow.
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very pure water.

For the Guardians of Enniscorthy Union three drugs and three specimens of milk were analysed. The drugs were correct. One of the milks was of very poor quality.

One specimen of water analysed for Thomas J. Dowse, Esq. Wexford, had the following composition.

One imperial gallon contained in grains...

Total solid matter	73.500
Including	
albuminoid ammonia	0.050
saline ammonia	0.014
Nitric acid	2.600
Chlorine	15.500
colour.	yellow.

This water was unfit for use.

One specimen of water analysed for Mr. E. C. Goulding, Esq. Kihane; had the following composition.

One imperial gallon contained in grains...

Total solid matter	62.300
Including	
albuminoid ammonia	0.120
saline ammonia	0.140
Nitric acid	Trace
Chlorine	12.524
colour	light yellow.

A very polluted water.

For the Enniscorthy Co-operative Society, one specimen of feeding stuff was analysed.

One fertilizer was analysed for the Wexford meat supply and Bacon Factory Ltd., Wexford.

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. ... 121.

G. A. Cameron.
marked "Read"

The claim for Extra Police.

at the last meeting of the County Council a resolution was adopted asking the Lord Lieutenant to allow the claim for payment for extra police stationed in Wexford town during the recent labour dispute until the Council had

had an opportunity of raising the amount by rate, was adopted.

The following letter No 14048 under date 9th August was read from the under Secretary, Dublin Castle, in reply to this request:-

"With reference to the request contained in the resolution of the County Council of Wexford, on the subject of Extra Police, submitted by you on the 8th instant, I am directed by the Lord Lieutenant to acquaint you, for the information of the Co. Council that His Excellency is unable to comply with the Council's request in this matter."

marked "Read"

Polling Districts & Registration of voters.
(Ireland) Act 1908.

Under date 20th September, the Local Government Board wrote as follows:-

"I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to forward, herewith, for the information of the Wexford Co. Council, the enclosed copies of the drafts of the Orders which the Board propose to execute under the Polling Districts and Registration of voters (Ireland) Act, 1908; and I am to state that the Board propose that the scheme should take effect as from the 1st January next."

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

"That we approve of the provisions of the Draft Order for the alteration of Polling Districts etc., Parliamentary Divisions of North and South Wexford."

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of meeting. - 28th August 1912.

In connection with the necessary changes which had to be made at Ferryarrig Bridge in order to secure the north abutment, which showed some slight signs of subsidence, the following resolution was adopted :-

"That we approve of the proposal of the Co. Surveyor to secure the north abutment of Ferryarrig Bridge, cost not to exceed £250."

The following resolutions were also adopted in connection with Ferryarrig Bridge :-

"That the Boundary wall at Ferryarrig Bridge (Enniscorthy side under tower) be taken down and so altered as to allow more accommodation for traffic, cost not to exceed £50."

"That Mr. Thompson's services as supervising Engineer at Ferryarrig Bridge be retained by the County Surveyor so long as may be necessary for the proper carrying out of the work, at a salary of £3 per week, with expenses not exceeding £2: 7/- per week."

"Adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Keacocke."

— Supervision of Road Work. —

In connection with inspections of roads the following resolutions were adopted :-

"That the County Surveyor be instructed to obtain from Mr. Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor, an explanation as to why he made no reports regarding the bad condition of Road No. 14 (New Ross District) altho' according to his diary he had inspected this road on the 2nd, 7th and 19th August."

"That the County Surveyor insist that the Assistant Surveyors would furnish detailed reports of the various neglects which they find existing on roads inspected by them, and that they should endeavour to prevent material being placed in positions which are dangerous to traffic".

"Adopted on the motion of the Chairman".

— Forms for County Surveyor. —

As regards supply of forms etc., required by County Surveyor, the following resolution was adopted :-

"That the County Surveyor invite tenders for supplying Forms, Specifications etc., which he may require, and accept lowest, provided it is otherwise satisfactory that he report the matter to next meeting of the Council, and receive their sanction to this course."

"Adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Keacocke."

— Assistant Surveyor Howlin. —

In connection with the manner in which Assistant Surveyor Howlin was discharging his duties, the following letter was read from Mr Barry, County Surveyor :-

"I beg to report that I received the following letter from Mr O'Connor, Senior Assistant Surveyor -

"I have to complain of the want of attention to my instructions given to Mr Howlin Assistant Surveyor, when I travelled over part of his district with him on 3rd and 9th inst., I found defects as then existing still unattended, there being no evidence whatever of anything being done."

Other roads not previously inspected by me, I also found very bad.

I would respectfully recommend that Mr. Howlin be written to by you and cautioned that unless more attention given to the roads in his district, that further and more serious note will be taken."

The following resolution was adopted:-

"That we recommend the County Council to call on Mr. Howlin, to resign his position as Assistant Surveyor."

On the motion of the Chairman, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the consideration of the recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee be adjourned for three months, and that the County Surveyor be requested to submit at the end of that period a report as to the manner in which Assistant Surveyor Howlin has discharged his duties in the meantime."

— Road No. 116 Gorey. —

As regards Road No. 116 Gorey, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the Committee believe from a close investigation of the circumstances of this case that the contract with Peter Leary for repair of this road was arranged to start as from 31st March 1910, we consider Mr. Gaffney responsible for the overpayment of £6: 10/- and would be glad to receive cheque for same from him in settlement of this overpayment before the visit of the Local Government auditor."

"adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Peacocke."

Franchise Bill.

With reference to the Franchise Bill at present before Parliament, the following resolution was adopted :-

"That we protest against the provisions of the Franchise Bill proposing that the fees for preparation of Parliamentary Register should be taken from the emoluments of the County Officers and transferred to the Clerk of the Crown & Peace. That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Chief Secretary for Ireland, Mr. John E. Redmond M.P., and Sir Thomas Esmonde and Mr. Peter French, Parliamentary representatives for the County of Wexford."

"On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Peacocke, the foregoing resolution was adopted."

Rate Collection.

"Resolutions from Finance & Roads Committee with reference to collectors who were not proceeding with their collections diligently, were submitted and agreed to."

Weight & Measures Act.

The application of District Inspector Fitzsimons R. J. C., Wexford, to expend 4/- in connection with the adjustment and cleaning of weights & measures' standards recommended by Finance & Roads Committee was agreed to.

"Adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Peacocke."

Meeting. - 2nd October 1912.

"That the report of Mr. Barry, County Surveyor relative to David Power, Newtown, Adamstown,

contractor for Road No 159a (New Ross District) be referred to Mr. Elger, Solicitor to the Council, with a view to a prosecution being instituted against David Power."

"adopted on the motion of the chairman seconded by Mr. Peacocke."

"That we recommend that the entire cost of obtaining the quarry at Ballingly, including the necessary pass-way to same, be a County-at-Large charge."

"adopted on the motion of the chairman, seconded by Mr. Peacocke."

"That we agree to the employment by the County Surveyor of a temporary clerk for one month, at a cost not exceeding £4, to allow of all roads coming up for contract at the November meetings of the District Councils, being re-numbered and for new descriptions given them."

"adopted on the motion of the chairman, seconded by Mr. Peacocke."

"That Mr. Jones, Assistant Surveyor, be informed that in future he must attend more diligently and carefully to the instructions given him by Mr. O'Connor, Senior Assistant Surveyor."

"Adopted on the motion of the chairman."

"That as directed by the County Surveyor, the Assistant Surveyors must take steps to make themselves acquainted with the quarries from which the metalling of the roads in their district is procured."

"Adopted on the motion of the chairman seconded by Mr. Peacocke."

Road Contractors' Prosecutions.

"That the County Surveyor be instructed to prosecute any of the following Road Contractors, should he consider it necessary:

Gorey Rural District:- No. 53. Thomas Hendrick; 125 Thomas Doyle; 40 Walter Lawless, T.H. John Creane; 3.11. James Kenny; 154. Simeon Darcy; 135 John Fitzsimon; 493 Michael Doyle, 88 Morgan McDonald; 24 Walter Lawless; 77 Michael Staunton; 163 Michael Hughes.

Enniscorthy Rural District:- No. 249. James Byrne; 13. Walter Boggan; 7. Patrick Kehoe; 10. Martin Pender; 14^a. Patrick Cowman; 160. James Sheil; 303. Michael Cullen; 138. John Doran; 245. Michael Cullen; 44. Wm Hyland; 31. Mary A. Carty; 15. Andrew Kavanagh; 45. Wm Hyland; 185. Peter Mythen; 263. Michael Cullen; 126. Mary Shanahan; 61 & 100. James Dillon; 24. Stephen Murphy; 206. John Kenny; 103. Patrick Kavanagh; 106. Owen Nolan; 97. Edward Walsh; 180. James Donohoe; 173. David Connolly; 284 & 229. Thomas Cloney; 143, 197, 191, 192. Edward Brennan; 109 & 121. Daniel Blancy; 186. Patrick Lennon; 149. Hugh Briar; 75^a. Myles Roban; 219. Andrew Dunne.

Wexford Rural District:- No. 63, 63^a. Matthew Lacey; 94 Wm Carty; 201 John Murphy; 57. Edward Browne; 91. 96 William Whelan; 90. Michael Browne; 128. Andrew Murphy; 75. Richard Murphy; 11, 148 James Goodall; 56 Wm McCormack; 80^a. Wm Carty; 81 John Barrett; 137. Thomas Cloney; 190. Walter Breen; 37. Richard Murphy; 109. Richard Fortune; 155. Michael Mythen; 110. John Murphy.

New Ross Rural District:- No. 10. Michael Roche; 14. Patrick Carroll; 109^a. David Power; 37. James Hayes.

"adopted on the motion of the chairman,
seconded by Mr. Peacocke."

Wexford County Insurance Society.

The following proposals from the County Wexford Insurance Society, as recommended by the Finance & Roads Committee, were approved :-

"Proposal of the Society to advertise for a temporary Secretary at a salary at the rate of £40 per annum, appointment to continue until date of the first general meeting of the Society."

"Proposal to advertise for a temporary Treasurer at a salary at the rate of £20. per annum, appointment to continue until the first annual General meeting of the Society."

"adopted on the motion of the chairman seconded by Mr. Peacocke."

County Surveyor's Report.

The following report was read from the Co. Surveyor:-

"I submit a list of defaulting contractors who have been so neglectful during the past 12 months or so that I recommend their names be put on a "Black List" and that the Council refuse to accept them as contractors in the future."

I have directed each Assistant Surveyor to notify the above contractors in his District that I am bringing this matter before you at the meeting and to notify them also that they must appear personally to show cause why they should not be so dealt with.

My object in having this list now discussed

is that I may be in a position to object to bad contractors getting further contracts at the meetings of the Rural District Councils.

I am at present preparing maps and schedules showing the re-divisions that I propose making in the road contracts so as to enable better supervision to be given to each road as may be necessary. I intend bringing forward these revised contracts at the next meetings of the Rural District Councils and from time to time as the existing contracts lapse.

The work is very extensive and will occupy the greater part of my time during the next fortnight and a couple of days also with each Assistant Surveyor. I find that the old system of division of the roads into contract lengths was hopelessly confused and this work must be undertaken if there is to be any hope of organizing a proper system in the future.

The following are the names of contractors submitted for "black listing":-

Enniscorthy Rural District:- Thomas O'Gorman - no. 198; William Doyle - 118; Michael Cullen 263; Edward Maddock - 202, 228^a, 280; James Donohoe 180; Edward Brennan 143, 197, 191, 200; Thomas Brennan 142; John Kenny - 206; Walter Skelton 86; Martin Pender 10; James Sheil 160; Peter Dempsey 277.

Gouy Rural District:- Michael Connors; 50; Michael Stanton - 77; Walter Lawless - 133, 79, 24, 133; Joseph Murphy - 22; Thomas Parle - 168.

Wexford Rural District:- Michael Browne - 166; Edward Browne - 21, 157, 164; Wm. Whelan - 91, 93, 96.

Nur Ross District:- David Power - 159^a; James Murphy 49; Philip Kelly - 88; Thomas Murphy - 243; John Conway - 173; Patrick Kinsella - 110; Patrick Power - 167.

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

"That the contractors as appearing in the County Surveyor's special report (dated 9th October) be black-listed for a period of one year"

54th Section - Grand jury act.

On the motion of the chairman, seconded by Mr. Fanning it was decided that the Co. Surveyor be given instructions to take up from Henry. P. Gahan, Little Graigue, Tethard Contractor for Nos 510 and 513 New Ross District, these contracts, as the contractor has failed to carry out the work notwithstanding repeated warnings and notices. and, that, the County Surveyor be directed to proceed against this contractor for the recovery of any extra cost which may be entailed in carrying out these works owing to Mr. Gahan's neglect."

Coals - Co. Courthouse.

Two tenders were received for the supply of coals for the Co. Courthouse, viz:- Mr. William Kinsella, Wexford; at 30/- per ton, for Powell's (unscreened) and 34/- per ton, (screened) Mr. Byrne, Bull Ring, Wexford; at 30/- per ton.

"On the motion of the chairman, the tender of Mr. Byrne at 30/- per ton, was accepted on condition that she supplies Powell's best Red ash Newport, or non & burn."

Enniscorthy urban Elections.

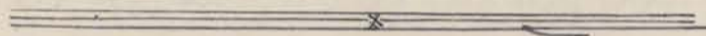
The following resolution was received from

Ennisworthy urban council :-

"That the sum of £3: 3/- be allowed our town clerk, as Returning officer for uncontested elections of Guardians and urban District councillors, which sum we consider only fair remuneration."

"Adopted on the motion of Mr. Rossiter seconded by Mr. Lynch."

Wm. Bolger



Meeting. 8th November 1912.

A Meeting of the Wexford County Council, was held, in the County Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford on 8th November 1912.

Present:— Mr John Bolger (Chairman) and subsequently, Mr C. H. Peacocke (Vice-Chairman) presided; Other members:—

Lord Stafford, Messrs J. J. Stafford, P. O'Hall, R. A. Rice, J. L. Esmonde, P. J. Fanning, J. Lynch, M. Cloney, J. J. Mayler, Mark Codd, M. Gough, M. Doyle senr, J. A. Doyle, A. Kinsella, P. Rossiter, J. O'Connor, M. Doyle Junr, D. Snioth, James Codd and J. Asple.

The Secretary, the Co. Surveyor, Mr R. W. Elgee, Solicitor, Dr Browne of the Local Government Board, and Dr. O'Donoghue of the National Health Insurance Commission (Ireland) were in attendance.

The minutes of last meeting were read & confirmed.

The late Mr Hickey.

On the motion of Mr Fanning, seconded by the Chairman, the following resolution was adopted:—

"That we offer to our respected colleague, Mr M. Hickey, the expression of our sincere regret at the loss sustained, by him, through the demise of his dear wife."

That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Mr Hickey.

The Late Mr Michael Browne

Under date 16th October 1912, the following letter, was read from Mr Browne, Bridgetown:—

"I am deeply grateful for your kind letter, and to the Co. Council, for the kind

Resolution of Sympathy, passed at their meeting last week.

On the motion of Mr M. Doyle Senr, Seconded by Mr. O'Neill, the following resolution was adopted:—

"That a copy of Mrs Browne's letter, be inserted on the minutes."

Election of Rate collector for No 17 District

The Secretary reported the death of Mr Michael J. Walsh. Rate Collector for No 17 collection District.

When the matter, was before the Finance and Roads Committee, at their meeting on 30th October, the Secretary was directed, to issue an advertisement to fill the position, at this meeting of the Co. Council, the Chairman stating that he would report, to the Council, that it was necessary in view, of having the collection proceeded with without delay, that the appointments should be made at once.

"On the motion of Mr Fanning."
"Seconded by Mr Rice."

"The action of the Finance and Roads Committee, in taking steps, to have the vacancy, filled was approved."

The following Candidates, applied for the position:—

Edward J. Murphy, May St. New Ross.
Patrick Dunphy, North St. New Ross.
Henry J. Williams, Mount Elliott New Ross.
Daniel Kelly, Knocken House, Graigue Kobarlou.
W. G. Smith, North Street, New Ross.
Owen Bloney, Forrestalstown, Blonroche.
Edward Norton, Victoria Villa, New Ross.

The following Candidates were present:—

Messrs Murphy, Williams, Dunphy, Bloney & Smith

Mr Williams objected to Messrs Murphy, Dunphy, and Smith, and Mr Smith objected to Mr Williams himself, as not being qualified under Article 8 of the County Poor Rate Collectors Order of 17th April 1909.

" On the motion of Mr Stafford, seconded by Mr Asple, it was agreed, that a poll be taken, between the candidates, who were in attendance."

A Poll was taken, with the following results:—
 For Murphy:— Messrs O'Connor, M. Doyle, St. Gough, Stafford, O'Neill, Peacocke, Fanning, Lynch, Rossiter, M. Doyle senr. Sinnott, and the Chairman. 12.
 For Williams:— Messrs Rice, Kinsella, Lord Gopford, Esmonde, Mayler, J. A. Doyle and Asple. 7.
 For Bloney:— Messrs James Bodd, Bloney & M. Bodd.

Mr Murphy, having a clear majority, of those present, and voting, was declared elected by the Chairman.

Mr Murphy suitably returned thanks.

Death of Collector Alexander Barron

The Secretary reported the death of Mr Alexander Barron, Rate collector for no 18 Collection District.

The Secretary, was directed to issue the usual advertisement, to fill the vacancy, caused by the death of Mr Barron, appointment to be made on 6th December 1912.

Fowl Market at Ferns

The Chairman moved the following, of which he had given previous notice:—

" That the Wexford County Council, adopt by-law, fixing the hour, for opening the Fowl market, at Ferns at 8.30 a.m.

Mr Lynch. Seconded. " Passed

It was decided at the suggestion of Mr Elgee, that the following be added to the motion:—

"And that the by-law when prepared be sealed on behalf of the Council"

Deputy Checker Rate Collectors Accounts:—
Ennis Corthy District

Mr D. McDonald wrote resigning his position as deputy checker of the accounts of the Rate Collectors, in Ennis Corthy District.

The following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee, was laid before the meeting:—

"That the question of the appointment of checker of the Rate Collectors Accounts, in the Ennis Corthy District, be referred to the meeting of the Council on the 8th November.

That a sum of £15 be recommended as remuneration, for incoming officer, provided this amount, and the sum to be paid to Mr McDonald, does not exceed 5/- per 100 ratings for the half year.

That we further recommend a sum of £30 per annum, to be paid for the work, of checking the Rate collector accounts, in this District, for the future.

"That Mr McDonald, be instructed to continue in office, until his successor is appointed"

"The recommendation was confirmed on the motion, of Mr O'Neill, seconded by Mr Doyle &c, the appointment to be made on the 6th December."

The Secretary was directed to advertise the position, on the terms of the recommendation, of the Finance & Roads Committee"

Date of Half yearly meeting.
on the motion of the Chairman

seconded by Mr Peacocke the date of the half yearly meeting of the Council, was fixed for the 6th Dec. 1912.

Insurance Act. - Scheme of Sanatorium Benefit.

Under date 31st October the following letter no 53,171. was read from the Local Government Board: -

"Adverting to the entry, in the Minutes, of proceedings, of the Wexford County Council, on the 9th inst relative to the postponement, by the Council, of the consideration, of a scheme, for the treatment of persons in the County, suffering from Tuberculosis, I am directed by the Local Government Board, for Ireland, to request that the County Council will deal with the matter, at an early date, having regard to the importance, of the speedy introduction, of facilities, for the administration, of Sanatorium benefits, to insured persons.

In particular, the Board would urge the Council, to proceed to elect a Medical Superintendent, of the County Tuberculosis Dispensary, in order that arrangements, for the organization, of the Dispensary system, may be decided on, with his assistance and guidance "

Under date 23rd October, the following Circular letter No. 95 M. 1912, Miscellaneous, was read from the Insurance Commissioners: -

"The National Health Insurance Commission (Ireland) have under consideration at present the question of the arrangements, which may be made, by the Insurance Committees in Ireland, for the administration, of Sanatorium benefit, in accordance with the provisions, of the National Insurance Act 1911, and, in connection, with this matter, the Commission would be grateful, if you would be so good, as to inform them, whether your County Council, have prepared

Any scheme, for the treatment, of tuberculosis in pursuance of the Tuberculosis Prevention (Ireland) Act, 1908.

Should your Council, have not as yet drawn up, a scheme for dealing with tuberculosis in the County, the Commission, on learning of the date, of the next meeting, of the Council, would be pleased, to instruct one of their Medical Inspectors, to attend the meeting, and lay before the Council, a model scheme, on which a suitable permanent scheme, for the treatment, of the disease, might be based.

The Commission recognize, of course, that the preparation, of such a scheme, is a matter, altogether, outside their province, but they are most anxious, to give every possible assistance, to County Councils in this matter. And they trust, that your Council, will not regard, their action, in any other light.

The Commission desire, to add, that the attendance of their Medical Inspector, would be, with the concurrence of the Local Government Board."

Under date, 31st October, the following letter, no. 14,134, was read from the Insurance Commissioners:—

"Adverting to the resolution, of the County of Wexford Insurance Committee at their meeting on the 23rd inst, requesting that Dr O'Donoghue, the Commissioners' Medical Officer, should attend the next meeting, of the Wexford County Council, in connection, with the scheme, for the treatment of tuberculous persons in the County, I am directed by the National Health Insurance Commission (Ireland) to state, that the Commissioners, will be glad, to direct Dr O'Donoghue to attend, if the request, to that effect, is received, from the Secretary of the County Council."

The following scheme, prepared by Dr O'Donoghue of the Insurance Commissioners Staff, was laid before the meeting:—

County Wexford Permanent Scheme.

Population of the County Wexford 102, 273;
 Estimated number of insured persons—1.5th;
 20,455; Deaths from Tuberculosis in 1910,
 206 estimated Cases of Tuberculosis; 1,648
 estimated Tuberculosis insured persons and dependants;
 1,098 estimated Tuberculosis insured persons;
 One-third 549; Valuation £391,693. 19.
 1d in £ on valuation £1.632;—Capital grant £2,802

Under Part II of the Tuberculosis Prevention (Ireland) Act, a County Council may, if they think fit, establish hospitals and dispensaries for the purpose of treating inhabitants of the County suffering from tuberculosis. Towards the capital cost of buildings etc., a grant will be available from public sources.

Under Section 17 of the National Insurance Act, the Insurance Committee may extend sanatorium benefit to the dependents of insured persons, and may pay the additional cost out of the funds, at their disposal, if they are sufficient to pay for the cost, out of the funds at their disposal, if they are sufficient, to pay for the cost of the treatment of this class in addition, to the insured persons. If however, it is estimated that a deficiency will arise half the deficit may be borne by the Treasury, and half by the County Council. The Chancellor of the Exchequer also promised to defray half the cost of treating persons who are neither insured persons, nor the dependents of insured persons. Such treatment may be (A) In a Sanatorium; (B) In an hospital; County Infirmary; or cottage

hospital; (C) in an institution or home for advanced cases; (d) in the tuberculosis dispensary, and in the patient's home.

It must be clearly understood that more than half the cases, will receive treatment, either in the tuberculosis dispensary, or in their own homes. Many cases will be entitled to treatment under the Medical Charities Act, by the Dispensary Medical Officers. Others will be able to contribute something towards the cost of their treatment; and some will be able to defray the entire cost.

Maintenance and other charges.

1 Tuberculosis Officers Salary and travelling expenses.	£ 500.
1 Principal Nurse.	100.
Contributions to 4 district nurses (£20)	80
Rent of Dispensary, Drugs etc.	80.
20 Beds in Sanatorium @ £52 will treat 80 Patients.	1040
8 Beds in General Hospital, will treat about 200 patients (£100)	100
Total	£ 1900.

leaving available the sum of £932. for domiciliary treatment, treatment of advanced cases, in special institutions, the provision of shelters and travelling expenses of patients, or the provision of additional beds, in a Sanatorium. £ 1010. Total. £ 2910.

Finance of Scheme.

Contributions from Insurance Committee.	£ 1278
Balance will be met, in equal parts by Treasury and County Council.	
Treasury	£ 816
Co. Council	816
	£ 1632
	£ 2910

Mr Thomas McCarthy, Treasurer of Irish National Trade & Labour Benefit Society, forwarded the following resolution, adopted at a meeting of the Executive Council on October 21st: —

" That we call on the County Council to forthwith adopt the Sanatorium Scheme placed before them, and thus ensure, for insured persons, and their dependants in this County, suffering from, or threatened with tuberculosis, the treatment, to which they are entitled since 15th July last. We beg to point out, that our Society will contribute annually, over £650 to this fund, and we consider it the duty of the Council, to make proper provision for Sanatorium benefit under the Insurance Act, as we understand, the County Insurance Committee, has already received applications for Sanatorium treatment "

Mr M. Doyle Dr. proposed, :- " That the Scheme be rejected. Mr Rossiter seconded.

Dr. Browne of the Local Government Board, and Dr O'Donoghue, of the Insurance Commission, discussed with the members the Scheme, in all its details, the former pointing out, that unless the County Council agreed to some scheme, they ran the risk, of losing the grant for capital expenditure.

As an amendment, Mr Peacocke proposed and Mr Fanning seconded: —

" That having considered the Scheme submitted by the Wexford County Insurance Committee for adoption by this Council, we desire to state that we have not sufficient experience, or data, to enable us to adopt this scheme, in its entirety, but we agree, that the following portion, of it, should be made effective: —

To appoint a Tuberculosis Officer at a salary of £400 per annum, and travelling expenses.
£100 per annum. = £500

Salary and expenses of one principal nurse.	£ 100
Contribution for part-time services of four District nurses @ £ 20 each	80
Rent for Dispensaries, Drugs etc.	80
	£ 76 0

We further desire to point out, that when a Chief Tuberculosis Officer, specially trained in the administration of Tuberculosis treatment, has been appointed, this Council will be ready to confer with him, in reference to Dispensary, Domiciliary, and Sanatorium treatment, as well as in reference to the treatment of advanced cases in Special institutions.

As we are of opinion that the estimated revenue of the County Insurance Committee, viz:—£ 1278, should prove ample to meet the demands of Tuberculosis patients, in this County, we adopt the above scheme on consideration, that it is entirely financed by funds from the Insurance Committee.

A poll was taken with the following Result:—
 For the amendment:—Messrs Gough, Kinsella, Stafford, Peacocke, Fanning, Sinnott and the Chairman:— 7
 Against:—Lord Stopford, Messrs James Bodd, W. Doyle, Jr. Rice, Lynch, Rossiter, Esmonde, Bloney, Mayles, M. Codd, J. A. Doyle, W. Doyle Esq. and J. Asple:— 13

The Chairman declared the Amendment lost.

As a further amendment, Lord Stopford moved: "That this report be referred back to the County Insurance Committee for further consideration."

Mr Esmonde Seconded.

A poll was taken with the following Result:—
 For the amendment:—Lord Stopford, Messrs Gough, Rice, Kinsella, Esmonde, Mayles, Bloney, M. Codd, J. A. Doyle, Asple, W. Doyle, Jr. and

D. Sinnott: - 12

Against: - Messrs James Bodd, M. Doyle Sr. Stafford, Peacocke, Fanning, Lynch, Rossiter, and the Chairman: - 8

The Chairman declared the amendment Carried.

The following resolution was read from the Wexford District Council: -

"That in the opinion of this Council, the National Insurance Act, requires amendment, especially as regards agricultural employees, that it places unnecessarily heavy burdens on farmers, and country labourers, who follow the healthiest occupation in the world, without any compensating advantages; that while every other class in the community, can pass the tax on to the consumer, the farmer cannot do so, we therefore strongly request the Irish Party, to use every means, in their power, to have this Act amended, so as to meet the requirements, of an agricultural country like Ireland."

Mr Peacocke proposed, and Mr Rossiter seconded, the adoption of the resolution.

A poll was taken, with the following result: -

For: - Messrs James Bodd, M. Doyle Sr. Peacocke, Lynch, Rossiter and Sinnott: - 6

Against: - Messrs Gough, Rice, Kinsella, Stafford, Fanning, Bloney, Mayler, M. Bodd, J. A. Doyle, J. Asple, M. Doyle Sr. and the Chairman: - 12

Lord Stafford did not vote.

The Chairman declared, the resolution lost.

Polling Districts and Registration of Voters (Ireland) Act 1908

Under date 23rd October, 1912, the Local Government Board, forwarded the following letter: -

"With reference to the entry, in the minutes of proceedings, of the Wexford County Council

On the 9th inst, and previous Correspondence respecting the schemes, adopted by the Wexford County Council, under the Polling Districts, and Registration of Voters (Ireland) Act, 1908, for the Parliamentary Divisions of North and South Wexford, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland, to forward herewith, two copies of Orders, made by them in the matter, together with copies of the Schemes, duly sealed, with the Board's Seal."

Approved On the motion of Mr Rice.
Seconded by Mr Kinsella.

Auditor's Reports.

Under date 15th October, the Local Government Board wrote. Letters No. 53731, and 53732; forwarding reports of their Auditor, on his Audit, of the Accounts, of Wexford Union, and Wexford Rural District, for half year ended 31st March 1912.

Under date 20th August, the Local Government Board forwarded letter No. 39967-12, copy of the Report, of their Auditor, on his Audit of the Accounts, of the Waterford Joint Bridge Committee, in respect of the year, ended 31st March 1912.

Under date 15th October 1912, the Local Government Board (Letter No. 53964-12) wrote forwarding copy of the report, of their Auditor, on his Audit of Accounts, of the Co. Wexford Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction, for half year ended 31st March, and 30th September 1912.

Marked "Read"

Ballyhack Harbour

The following letter under date 29th October, and no. 8416-12. F.B., was read from the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction:—

"Adverting to your letter of the 10th inst, I have to state for the information, of the Wexford County Council, that the terms, of the Department's offer, to contribute towards the cost, of the Scheme of improvement, for the accommodation, of fishing boats at Ballyhack as conveyed to you on the 8th inst, cannot be altered."

The Finance & Roads Committee, considered this letter, at their meeting on the 30th October, and adopted the following resolution:—

"That we respectfully request the Department, to re-consider their offer, in connection with the proposed improvements for accommodation of fishing boats at Ballyhack.

The Finance & Roads Committee, desire to point out, that they are under no obligation, to repair the boat slip, at Ballyhack, and are taking over the structure especially, in order to assist the fishing industry. In the circumstances, they would urgently impress, upon the Department, that they should agree to the terms of the resolution, passed by the Co Council, to contribute half the cost, seeing that the matter is on a different footing, to that of a Scheduled Pier, which the County Council would be obliged to maintain.

That a copy of this resolution, be forwarded to the Department.

In reply to this the following letter no. 9, 178-12 F.B., was read from the Department:—

"I have acknowledge the receipt, of your letter, of the 31st ultimo, embodying a resolution, passed on the 30th ultimo by the Roads,

and Finance Committee, of the Wexford County Council, relative to the scheme of improvement for the accommodation of fishing boats at Ballyhack, and to State, for the information of the Council, that the Department must adhere to the terms of this offer, & to contribute towards the cost of the project in question."

"On the motion of Mr Rice, seconded by Mr Bloney, the resolution of the Roads and Finance Committee, was confirmed."

Jara Hill Quarry.

The following report was read from Mr Barry County Surveyor:—

"I have carefully gone into all the items of expenditure, in connection with the working of this Quarry. In the first place, I may state that the Capital expenditure, including purchase of the Quarry amounts to, or about £1,373 and this is a County-at-large charge."

It is proper, however, that the Gorey Rural District should bear a charge on account of portion of this Capital expenditure, to cover depreciation, and maintenance. And I estimate this for Breaker, Engine, Tram, and weigh Bridge, which cost £998, say in round figures, £1,000 at 5% equal £50 per annum."

Further I estimate that there will be, or about 33 working days of the Breaker in the year, and this should be charged against the District at the rate of 35/- per day, for working expenses, making a total against the District of say, £108 per annum."

To arrive at the cost of the material, I take it that there will be, 200 working days in the year; this makes allowance for Sundays, Holidays, broken weather, short days of winter, and other idle time. Now I have a return,

of actual quarry work, and for a period of 19 days, during which 222 Tons. were quarried, and this should be broken in 4 days, making a total of 23 days, or an average of say 10 tons per day, and at 200 working days, the output should be 2000 tons, equal to 1600 Cubic yards.

The items of expenditure are thus:- as follows.

Foreman.	3/4
Smith.	3/4
8 Men.	21/4
Breaker charge.	10/-

(Total per day for an output. 38/-
of 10 Tons quarried and broken)

This means a cost of 3/6 per ton, or 4/9½ per cubic yard.

The Charge made to the district, is 3/- per cubic yard, for broken Stone, and 2/- per cubic yard, for screenings, which come out of the material, without reducing its bulk, making, I estimate the effective charge 3/3 per cubic yard, for stuff quarried and broken, showing a loss to the Council of 1/6½ per cubic yard.

I consider this material, is well worth 4/6 per cubic yard, and the extra 3/2^d should be saved by more efficient working of the quarry, say by piece work, and also by substituting steel jaws in the breaker, which latter, I am about doing, and I recommend, that the District Council, should be notified, that in future, the charge for material will be 4/6 per cubic yard.

Of course on existing contracts, the rate of charge, for material, cannot fairly be raised, but as the contracts fall out, the new prices should come into operation."

On the motion, of Mr Peacocke, seconded by Mr Tanning the following resolution was adopted:—

"That we adjourn the consideration of this matter, to next Meeting, to enable Mr Barry, to ascertain, if he can obtain, a tender for the working of the Quarry"

County Surveyors Report.
Bourtown Harbour

As directed by the County Council, I arranged for a conference with Mr Batchen (Engineer of the Board of works) and Messrs Allanson-Winn and King, the Engineers employed, by the Harbour Improvement Committee. The conference took place at the Board of works office in Dublin on the 23rd October, ult.

We went very fully, into the matter, and examined, and discussed, the various projects, advanced, for the improvement of the Harbour.

We had the advantage, of access, to the records, of the Board, in connection, with the adjacent coast, and works carried out elsewhere.

We had before us, the recent charts of soundings, taken opposite Bourtown, by the Department Engineers. And also tide chart, prepared by Mr King.

It appears that the normal travel, of the sand, along this coast, is from South to North, and the tendency, being, to silt up, in the slack water, on the lee side, of any projecting headland, or pier, will in this case, cause deposit on the north side, of any new pier, unless steps be taken, to so direct the currents, and carry the drift, beyond the pier, into deep water.

Messrs Winn and King, proposes to obtain this result, by sending the end of the new pier, at an angle, to the northward, and further directing the flow, of the ebb tide, past the pier end, by means of a half tide breakwater. I am not satisfied, that this result, will be obtained, and Messrs Winn and King, are themselves

not in a position, to give a definite undertaking.

It is always difficult, to estimate result, from alteration, and interference, of existing currents, by new works. And in this case, without fuller information, the improvement is problematic.

Under any circumstances, you must clearly understand, that dredging, will always be necessary. Though no doubt, it will be more effective, and will be required at longer intervals.

In this connection, I strongly advise, the placing of a hand worked grab dredger, to travel along, any new pier, or extension, and this should be worked, by the local people, as may be found necessary, to preserve the channel, and allow the scows, from the sluices, to act to the best advantage.

I pointed out, to Mr. Winn, that in my opinion, the position, of the proposed half tide breakwater, would cause erosion, in the angle, to the north, of the present life boat house, by forming a funnel mouth, directing and confining the waves, with a storm, from the north east. It was suggested to alter, the angle of this breakwater accordingly.

In my opinion, and I believe Mr. Daschen agrees, some form of open-work structure, with possible a solid end, and laid off, at an angle, similar to that proposed, for the end of the entirely solid pier, would cause the least interference with existing currents.

This would enable a channel, to be maintained, by hand grab dredging, and scows, from the sluices, so that fishing boats, could freely go out and enter, and larger vessels, could discharge, at the solid end, in most states, of the weather, being only prevented doing so, during severe storms, only a few days in the year.

I suggest that the opinion, of the Department Engineer, be obtained on this matter, as he is very fully, acquainted, with the local conditions.

Finally, I am of opinion, that very great improvement works, can be carried out

by an expenditure of £15.000, but the details of the work will have to be more fully considered and further observation taken on the spot.

You must also note that the Development Commissioners will not advance the proposed £10.000. unless, and until, they are quite satisfied, that there is every reasonable probability, of the works, proving a success, and under these circumstances, I can safely advise that the Bountly Council, should undertake to provide the £5.000. asked for, in the event of the Development Commissioners granting £10.000. with the detailed plans and specification before them.

Mr B. Riordan, Hon Sec. forwarded the following resolution, adopted at a meeting of Fishermen:—

"That we hereby call the attention, of the Government, and Bountly Council, to the very bad state, of the bar and harbour at Bourtown.

The herring fishing is now here, and it looks as if this will be another disastrous season, for the fishermen. The want of safe harbour of refuge, in this stormy and uncertain weather, militates most adversely against anything like profitable fishing. Whilst passing this resolution, we are by no means unaware, of the very momentous decision, to be arrived at, with regard to this place, at the next meeting of the Bountly Council. We feel certain that decision, will be in our favour, but we cannot refrain, from asking, for some immediate relief, if possible"

"No order was made on the above resolution"

"Mr Tanning proposed, Mr Kinsella seconded the following resolution:—

"That we adjourn, the consideration of Mr Barry's report, to next meeting of the Co. Council. That Mr Barry, in the meantime, make arrangements, to meet Mr Barry,

and further discuss the matter with him.

Details of cost, procurement of material, and all other possible information, to be laid before the meeting."

Sureties of officers

The Secretary reported, the death of Mr Ennis, one of the sureties, of Mr. H. O. H. Walsh, Rate Collector.

Mr Walsh as new surety, submitted the name of Mr Laurence McCarthy, Charlotte Street, Wexford.

The Secretary also reported, the death of Mr Charles F. Walker, D.P. Ballymagyrt; one of the sureties of Mr Edward O'Flaherty, Harbour Master, Kilmore.

Mr O'Flaherty submitted the name of Mr. William Rochford, Ballyhealy, Kilmore.

"That the names Mr Laurence McCarthy, and Mr Wm. Rochford, as sureties for Mr. H. O. H. Walsh, and Mr. O'Flaherty, respectively be, and are hereby approved."

Foot and Mouth Disease.

The various orders issued by the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction, in connection with the outbreak of Foot and Mouth Disease, in other parts of Ireland, were submitted to the Meeting

"Marked Read"

Motor Car Acts.

Under date 10th October, the following letter no. 34335-1911. Miscellaneous, was read from the Local Government Board:—

"I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to forward, for the information, of the County, or County Borough Council, the enclosed copy of an Order in Council, made in June last.

Amending the Motor Car (International Circulation) Order, 1910, so as to abolish the fees payable

On the registration, of foreign motor cars, and motor cycles visiting this Country "

Marked "read"

Sealed Orders.

The Local Government Board forwarded Copy of their Sealed Order, under date 4th October 1912, and no. 8896, fixing the Oulart Dispensary District, as the area of charge, for any loss up to £ 14 per annum, for seven years, which may be sustained, by the Postmaster General, in connection with the working of a telegraph office at Oulart.

Marked "Read"

Under date 14th November 1912, the Local Government Board, forwarded Copy of Sealed Order, determining that the Oulart Dispensary District, be the area of charge, for the improving of the water supply, and maintenance of same at Ballycannel.

Marked "Read"

The National Board of Education

The following resolution was received from Limerick County Council:—

" That we, the Limerick County Council, condemn the tyrannical, and high-handed action, of the Commissioners, of National Education, an autocratic and irresponsible Board, in dismissing the vice-president of the Teachers Association, Mr E. Mansfield, for legitimate criticism, of the unjust actions of the Board, and its officials."

Mr Fanning proposed:— That the resolution of Limerick County Council, relative to the dismissal, of Mr. E. Mansfield, be approved.

Mr Kinsella. Seconded.

Passed"

Winter Assizes

Under date 28th October, The following Circular letter was read from the Under Secretary, Dublin Castle:-

" I am directed by the Lord Lieutenant, to inform you, that the usual Certificate, under Section 19, of Winter Assizes Order, in Council, a copy of which Order is enclosed, for expenses, will only be issued, to the Treasurer, who attends the Winter Assizes, to pay orders, for prosecutors and witnesses' expenses, and that where such Treasurer is a Bank, the Certificate will be issued in favour, of such Bank "

Marked "Read"

Ennis Corthy Urban District & Road Board

Under date 4th October, the following letter was read, from P. J. Shaw, Clerk Ennis Corthy Urban Council:-

" That we, the Urban District Council of Ennis Corthy, do hereby apply, to the Road Board (through the County Council of Wexford) for the sum of £ 1,700, for the purposes, of building up, and steamrolling the main roads, in the Urban District, leading from Dublin to Waterford, and Dublin to Wexford, also for the Constructing of two footbridges, one at each side of the present bridge, so as to allow of the entire width, of the bridge, for vehicular traffic "

Amount of Steamrolling and building up Roads.	£ 950
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Amount of Footbridges.	750
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We further request, that the County Council make this application as soon as possible "

The Chairman (Mr Peacocke) moved:- " That the matter be referred, to Mr Barry, County Surveyor, for his observations." Mr Stafford Seconded. "Passed"

Imperial and Local Taxation Committee

A circular letter was read from P. M. Quinlan, Secretary, Kerry County Council, suggesting that the "Imperial & Local Taxation Committee" should be called on in Parliament, to report without further delay."

On the motion, of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Stafford, the following resolution was adopted:—"That the Imperial & Local Taxation Committee be called on in Parliament, to furnish their report, without further delay"

Feeding of Troops in Ireland.

The following resolution was received from the South Tipperary County Council:—

"That we wish to draw attention to the regulations, referring to the feeding of troops in Ireland, by which it is compulsory, to issue frozen meat, on three days of the week. And to point out, that a time, when the law forbids, the normal export of cattle, for consumption in England, such regulations, restricting its consumption at home, ~~it~~ should be withdrawn"

"Adopted on the motion, of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Rice.

Pleasant & Sanatorium

The following resolution, adopted at a meeting of the inhabitants of Saggart, Newcastle, Rathcoole, Lucan and Belbridge, forwarded by Mr James Bruen, Hazelhatch, Co Kildal; was laid before the meeting:—

"That this meeting protests, in the strongest possible manner, against the erection, of a sanatorium, at Pleasant, strongly condemns the action, of the

Kildare and Kerry County Councils, in taking beds in the said Sanatorium, and calls on those Co. Councils, to rescind the resolutions, binding them, to do so; And requests the other Co. Councils, to refuse support to the Sanatorium."

Marked "Read"

The Land Union

Circulars and letters, were received, from the Secretary to the Land Union, Calling attention, to the serious aspect, as regards local rating, of the proposals, of the Single Tax Party."

Marked "Read"

Irish Post Office.

The following Resolution, was received, from the Dublin County Council:—

"Resolved:— That this Council trusts, there is no truth, in the report, recently published, that an English Official, is about to be appointed, to the Secretaryship, of the Post Office in Ireland, to the exclusion, of all existing, Irish Postal Officials; that the Postmaster General, be informed, that in the opinion, of this Council, such appointment, would be strongly resented in Ireland, and would be specially disappointing, in view of its inconsistency, with the Home Rule policy, of the Ministry."

"A resolution couched, in similar terms, was received from Limerick County Council

Marked "Read"

Exemption from Rates.

The following claims for exemption from rates, were laid before the meeting:—

A. Lennon. — No. 9 Ardcaran; P. Rossiter, No. 99, 100, Ladys Island; 66 & 297, Rosslare; J. F. Sullivan, No. 11, Tombrack; L. B. Smith No. 117 Bourtown.

Proposed by Lord Stafford
 Seconded by Mr Stafford:—

"That the Poor Law Amendment Act, 1890, be applied to these cases, and that they be exempted, for the period stated, on the grounds that the premises, have been vacant and empty."

"Passed."

Irrecoverable Rates.

Lists of irrecoverable Rates, were submitted by the Secretary, and approved, on the motion of the Chairman;

Appointment under Food & Drugs Acts.

Under date 2nd November 1912, The County Inspector wrote, asking that the following, be appointed Ex-officio Inspectors under Food & Drugs Acts:—

Sergeant Michael Hynn, Ballybrasil—

For Petty Sessions District of Arthurstown.

Sgt. Sergeant Peter Ruane, New Ross—

For New Ross Petty Sessions District.

Sergeant Chr. Bredon, Blonroche—

For Blonroche Petty Sessions District.

Sergeant John Madden, Oulart—

For Oulart Petty Sessions District.

"Approved on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Rossiter.

Wexford Bridge.

at a meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee, held on 30th October 1912, the following recommendation was agreed to:—

"That as suggested by Mr Barry, the Local Government Board, be requested, to allow their Chief Engineering Inspector, Mr P. B. Bowman, M. Inst., C. E. to consult with the Co. Surveyors as to the condition of Wexford Bridge"

In reply to this the Local Government Board wrote, under date 5th November 1912 - letter No. 57990/12 as follows:—

"The Local Government Board, for Ireland, have had before them, your letter, of the 31st ultimo, forwarding copy of a resolution adopted by the Finance & Roads Committee, of the Wexford County Council, requesting the Board to allow their Chief Engineering Inspector, Mr. P. B. Bowman, to consult with the Co. Surveyor, as to the condition of Wexford Bridge.

While the Board are most anxious, to assist the County Council, in every possible way. They regret they are unable, to comply with this request. As in the event, of objections, being subsequently made, to the County Council's proposals, or a local inquiry, being found necessary, Mr Bowman might be called upon, to report to the Board.

It is of course open, to the Council, to retain the services of an eminent Consulting Engineer, if they see fit, to do so."

Marked "Read"

Recommendations of Finance and Roads Committee:— Meeting 30th October 1912.

"That the Co. Surveyor be allowed to retain the services of temporary clerk, for a further month, at a salary not to exceed £4. for the period"

"Approved on the motion, of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Fanning.

Ferrycarraig Bridge

With reference to the letter, of the 29th October 1912, from Mr. Bobboun, contractor, for Ferrycarraig Bridge, requesting payment on foot of his

contract, we instruct our County Surveyor, to communicate with Mr. Bolhoun, and ask him, to furnish full details, of his claim, including extras, also his charge, for carrying out the latter. We direct our County Surveyor, when he has received this, to go fully, into the statement submitted in reply, by Mr. Bolhoun, and inform him, how much, he is prepared to recommend the Council, to allow for payment."

"Approved on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Fanning"

Kilcoishy Bridge.

"That as Mr. Bernie, Contractor for the erection of Kilcoishy Bridge, has not taken any steps, to carry out, his Contract, and as the period mentioned in the specification has expired, we instruct the County Surveyor, to determine the Contract, and serve notice, on Mr. Bernie to that effect."

"Approved on the motion, of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Fanning"

Book Typewriting Machine.

It was decided that the Secretary be empowered, to purchase an Elliott - Fisher, Typewriting Machine, for the use of the County Council Office, cost not to exceed £45

"Approved on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Fanning"

University Scholarship Scheme.

The Secretary submitted the following Scheme:

"There shall be open, for competition, Annually, three scholarships, each valued at £50. Tenable for three years, and which shall be confined to the children

(Male and Female) of rate payers, in the County Wexford, the aggregate valuation, of whose holdings, does not exceed £60, and two Bursaries, each valued at £25 yearly, deniable for three years, Confined to the Children, of Rate payers, of the County Wexford, the aggregate valuation of whose holdings, does not exceed £100.

Successful candidates, must hold their Scholarships, in the Dublin College, of the National University.

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 which County Councils in Ireland, are empowered to Award these Scholarships.

" Students for Scholarships and Bursaries, must pass the Senior grade Examination, of the Intermediate, in the following Subjects:—

1. Irish
2. Greek or Latin, or an approved modern language.
3. English
4. Arithmetic + Algebra
5. One of the following:—
 - (a) Geometry or Trigonometry.
 - (b) History and Geography
 - (c) Chemistry.
 - (d) Botany.

" Students who do not take Geometry or Trigonometry, are expected to take one other subject from group 5. Marks will not be given, to any Student for Geometry or Trigonometry, as well, as for any, of the other subjects, in group 5.

Irish,

Greek or Latin, or an approved modern language.

English, Arithmetic + Algebra, are Compulsory, for all Students. Honours must be obtained, in at least three Subjects "

The Scheme also provided for a Travelling Studentship, or a Research Scholarship of £150.

Regarding payment for the scholarships, it was provided by the scheme - that of the amount of the Scholarship, £10.10.0 shall be allocated for college fees, £31 for Board and Lodging, in a recognized hostel, in which students will be obliged to reside, and the remaining £8.10.0 for entrance fee, and travelling expenses. Of the amount of the Bursary, £10.10.0 shall be paid for college fees, and the balance shall be allocated, towards the cost of residence, of the student.

In connection with this matter, the following resolution, was read, from the Bountty Committee, of Wexford Gaelic League:—

Resolved:— "That whilst we notice with regret, the action, of the authorities, of Trinity College, Dublin, and the Queen's University, Belfast, in excluding themselves, from the control, of the proposed Irish Parliament, we are of opinion, that by doing so, they have forfeited any claim, on the good will, of a popularly representative body.

We therefore respectfully call on the Wexford Bountty Council, to confine its Scholarships, to the National University only, and especially, in view, of the fact, that the National University, only has guaranteed, to make Irish essential, at matriculation, on, and after next year."

Mr Peacocke moved:— "That University Scholarships, be denable, in the Dublin College, of the National University, or the College, of any other recognized University in Ireland!

Lord Stopford Seconded.

On a poll there voted for Mr Peacock's resolution:—

Messrs James bodd, Gough, Rice, Stappford,
Peacocke, Stappford, Fanning, Lynch, Esmonde,
Mark bodd, James A. Doyle, J. Asple & the chairman—13.

Against:—Messrs M. Doyle & Kinsella, Rossiter,
Bloney, Mayler, M. Doyle. Sum—6.

The chairman declared, the resolution carried.

"On the motion of Mr Peacocke, seconded by
lord Stappford, the scheme, embodying the
terms of the resolution, of Mr Peacocke, was
then adopted.

Meeting - 6th December 1912

The Statutable half- yearly Meeting of the Wexford County Council, was held in the County Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford, on 6th December 1912

Present, Mr John Bolger, Chairman, presiding
Other Members, Lord Stopford, Messrs C H Peacocke, P J Fanning, J Lynch, P. Rossiter, R A Rice, P O'Neill D Sinnott, M Cloney, M. Codd, T L Esmonde, A Kinsella, J. Codd, T. Asple, J A Doyle, M. Gough, J T Mayler, M Doyle, Junior, M. Doyle, senior, J J Stafford, John O'Connor.

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

Dr O'Donoghue, of the National Insurance Commission, and Dr Browne of the Local Government Board were also present

Confirmation of Minutes

The Minutes of Meeting of 8th November 1912, were read and confirmed

Courtown Harbour

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

" That the County Council raise a loan of £5,000 provided the Development Commissioners are prepared to supply a further sum of £10,000 for the purpose of extending the Pier at Courtown Harbour. That the County Council provide Mr Barry, County Surveyor, with a sum not exceeding £200 for making the necessary preliminary investigation and obtaining data to satisfy the Development Commissioners "

Mr Fanning seconded

Under date 2nd December, 1912, the following letter was read from Sir Thomas H G Esmonde, Bart, M. P., :-

" The County Council will not think me wanting in courtesy to them if I do not attend their meeting on December 6th.

I would not wish to miss a single division on the Home Rule Bill, and I am sure that the Council will consider that my place is here at the present critical juncture in our country's fortunes

I rely also on the good will of the Council towards the Courtown project, and I am confident that it will take the final
and

and most important step without hesitation so as to make it clear to the Government that the project has its hearty support

This is the most important project that has come up in our time for the development of our County

The Council is fully aware of this fact. I will not therefore dwell upon it

But to make the situation perfectly clear let me point out that the Council is asked to do two things:-

(1) To vote £200 /250 towards making the necessary investigations and towards drawing up the necessary plans

(2) To vote a sum of £5,000 conditional on the plans being accepted by the Government, and on an additional £10,000 being granted for the work by the Development Commissioners

With reference to the vote of £200/250/ This is obviously the proper thing to do : firstly, because the Co Council could not know without them that the proposed pier would suit- and secondly because without these plans, the Development Commissioners would not consider the application at all

In this connection it is exceedingly gratifying to know that the eminent experts who have consulted together over the project are now in full agreement

And when they have taken complete soundings and have drawn up working plans and specifications, the Co Council will have every possible security that the ratepayers' money will be spent in the best possible way

With reference to the vote for £5,000

The Council will observe that in voting this money they do not vote for an immediate payment

This money will not be called for until the project matures and until the work progresses. And it may be that payment will only have to be made by us pari passu with payments made by the Government, and in proportion of 1 to 2 The incidence of these payments on the rates will therefore be less appreciable, and will be in all probability spread over several half- years

The next point is :-

That if the Government do not approve of the plans the present project fails and the £5,000 will not become due

I do not insist on this point as we have taken every possible precaution against the Government rejecting our plans. But there is
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no accounting for what the Government may do

The third point is :-

That our £5,000, even if voted by the Co Council, does not become unless the Government agrees to give us £10,000 in addition

From my long experience of Government departments, I can assure the Council that the Government will be in no hurry to give us this £10,000, and it will be some time before we are asked to pay down our £5,000. In fact it will require all the pressure we can bring to bear on the Government to persuade the Development Commissioners to listen to us

But we cannot begin the battle until the Co Council votes the £5,000

And the longer the voting of the £5,000 is put off the greater will be our handicap against winning the £10,000

This is the plain English of the situation, and, the facts being as they are, I am sure the Co Council will come to the rescue immediately and unanimously

Unanimity in the matter is very important "

The following resolution adopted at their meeting on the 28th November, 1912, was read from the Courtown Harbour Improvement Committee :-

" That with a view to having our claim submitted to and considered by the Development Commissioners as soon as possible, we ask the Co Council to adopt the proposal already before then to raise £5,000 for the improvement of Courtown under conditions specified, and further, to place in the hands of the County Surveyor sufficient funds to provide the necessary preliminary investigations for plans to be submitted to the Development Commissioners to obtain the grant of £10,000 "

Mr King, Engineer, Major Richards, and Mr J R Etchingham D. C., having addressed the meeting on behalf of the Courtown Harbour Improvement Committee, Mr M. Doyle, (sen) proposed as an amendment :-

" That the following words be omitted from the Notice of Motion - ' That the County Council raise a loan of £5,000, provided the Development Commissioners are prepared to supply a further sum of £10,000 for the purpose of extending the pier at Courtown Harbour ' and that the remaining portion of the Notice of motion be adopted "

Mr J A Doyle seconded

A Poll was taken with the following result:-

For the Amendment :-

Messrs Peacocke, Lynch, Rossiter, Rice, Cloney, Esmonde, J A Doyle, Mayler, Gough, J Codd, M Doyle sen., Asple and Lord Stopford - 13

Against :-

Messrs Fanning, Sinnott, Kinsella and the chairman- 4
Did not vote- Mr M Doyle Junior.

The Chairman then put the Amendment as the substantive motion and it was passed nem con

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT

Mr Chairman and Gentlemen:-

You will have Forms 20 and 22 before you as they come from the Rural District Councils. In dealing with payments I found it necessary to defer a rather large proportion of the money, and this mainly to cover shortage of material, which I hope to get put out on the roads. In all the Districts with the exception of Gorey the percentage of shortness this year compares unfavourably with last year, but in all the Districts the shortage is still too great

The details of the measurements are at present in the hands of the Printer

At the adjourned meetings of the District Councils for considering tenders there was a great lack of competition, and in many cases no tender was put in for the roads. Possibly at your Meeting Tenders may be offered for some of these roads, but if not, it will be necessary in most cases to put the works in my charge for a short period, and at the next meetings of the District Councils I shall revise the prices if necessary

The Secretary informs me that Mr Howlin, Assistant Surveyor, has handed in his resignation. It will be necessary for you to make temporary provision for the carrying on of the work in the District pending a new permanent appointment

I have received a letter from the Clerk of the Crown and Peace directing my attention to repairs required in his office in the Wexford Courthouse, and I ask for your authority to have the work done. I have found the Gorey courthouse roof in a very defective condition and extensive repairs have been found necessary and are at present in hands, but there is no payment on account of these before you at this meeting

On the 3rd inst., I met Mr Waller in Waterford, and consulted in full detail with him regarding the Plans and Specification for the new Deeps Bridge. I had previously submitted the draft Specification to the County Solicitor for his approval. This work is now practically completed with the exception of the design for the Bascule opening which has given us a great deal of trouble.

I had submitted to me a design for this by a large bridge firm on very reasonable terms, but I considered its appearance was such as to prevent its use at this place. If you consider I should not take this matter of appearance into consideration I should have the plans completed at once with this design.

Several of the firms we were in communication with state they are not at present in a position to put in a design for this, and it will therefore be necessary to delay taking tenders for the ferro-concrete part of the work until this matter can be finally settled.

I submit a statement showing the expenditure and value of work done at Tara Hill Quarry for five weeks ending 29th November.

I have also, with the Secretary, gone into the items of expenditure and value of stones disposed of during the past three and a half years. There seems to have been, exclusive of capital charges a loss on the working. I shall submit figures at the meeting.

On the 4th inst., I attended at Doran's Hill Quarry to arrange for its future working. It will be necessary to have further expenditure to the amount of £15 to prepare a sufficiently large depot for the storage of both unbroken and broken material, and for a Site for a Stonebreaker. I estimate there will be about 2,000 tons per annum required from this Quarry, and a contract or agreement should be made with some person to do the quarrying. The breaking should be done by machinery and can be hired in the locality. I believe the total cost of quarrying and breaking will not exceed 3/- per yard.

On the 28th November I visited Courtown Harbour in company of Mr King, Engineer and the Local Committee. We discussed the question of obtaining materials for the proposed new Pier, and I do not consider there will be any difficulty in this matter.

In view of the strong local opposition and of further information regarding currents and travel of sand I am disposed to somewhat modify my views regarding an open-work structure, but in order that there should be no doubt in this matter it is essential that further observations extending over a period should be made.

Borings also on the line of the proposed work will have to be made and sufficiently detailed Plans prepared for submission to the Development Commissioners before a final decision can be arrived at. Mr Kinsella's Notice of Motion on the agenda covers this matter, and I consider it may be adopted as certainly the preliminary expenditure is necessary to prepare a way for the larger amount proposed to be expended on the work."

Appointment of Rate Collector for No 18 Collection District

Applications for the position of Rate Collector for No 18 Collection District were read from the following :-

John Byrne Jun., The Hollow Camblin

Owen Cloney, Forrestalstown, Clonroche

Edward Cummins, Mylerspark, New Ross

Simon Murphy, Ballykelly, New Ross

Aidan Myers, Gusserane

M J O'Connor, New Ross

W G Smith, New Ross

Henry J Williams, Mount Elliott, New Ross

A Poll was taken with the following result-

For Cummins - Messrs Peacocke, Lynch, O'Neill, Asple, J A Doyle, Gough, Mayler, Stafford, and M Doyle senior - 9

For Cloney - Messrs Fanning, Rossiter, Sinnott, Cloney, M. Codd and Jas Codd - 6

For Williams- Lord Stopford, Messrs Kinsella, O'Connor, and the Chairman- 4

For Myers- Messrs Rice, Esmonde and M Doyle Junior - 3

Mr Myers having dropped out a poll was taken as between Cloney, Cummins and Williams with the following result-

For Cummins- Messrs Peacocke, Lynch, Rice, O'Neill, O'Connor, Asple, J A Doyle, Gough, Mayler, Stafford, and M Doyle Senior- 11

For Cloney- Messrs Fanning, Rossiter, Sinnott, Cloney, M. Codd Jas Codd - 6

For Williams- Messrs Esmonde, Kinsella, M Doyle, Jun., Lord Stopford and the chairman - 5

Williams having dropped out a poll was taken as between Cummins and Cloney with the following result-

For Cummins- Messrs Peacocke, Lynch, Rice, O'Neill, Kinsella O'Connor, Asple, J A Doyle, Gough, Mayler, Stafford and M Doyle sen 12

For Cloney - Messrs Fanning, Rossiter, Cloney, Jas Codd

M Codd, Esmonde, M Doyle, Jun., Sinnott Lord Stopford and the
Chairman- 10

The Chairman declared Cummins elected

Appointment of Deputy Checker - Rate Collectors ' Accounts

Enniscorthy District

Applications for the position of Deputy Checker of Rate
Collectors ' Accounts, Enniscorthy District, were received from
the following :-

P Doyle, 9 Main Street, Enniscorthy
John F Gowen, Killagoley, Enniscorthy
Thos J Hayes, Jun., Court St., Enniscorthy
Laurence Lynch, 26 Court Street, Enniscorthy
Thos O'Leary, St John St, Enniscorthy
Jasper Whitty Irish St Enniscorthy

On a poll being taken the following was the result-

For Whitty- Messrs Rice, Cloney, M Codd, Kinsella J A Doyle,
Gough, Stafford, M Doyle senior, Lord Stopford, and the

Chairman- 10

For Hayes- Messrs Peacocke, Rossiter, Sinnott, Esmonde,
J Codd, M Doyle, Jun - 6

For Doyle- Messrs O'Neill, O'Connor, Asple and Mayler- 4

For Lynch- Mr Fanning - 1

Mr Lynch did not vote

Neither of the other candidates received any vote

Lynch then fell out and a vote was taken as between **Whitty,**
Hayes and Doyle. with the following result-

For Whitty- Messrs Fanning, Rice, Cloney, M Codd,
Kinsella, J A Doyle, Gough, Stafford, M Doyle, Senior, Lord Stopford
and the chairman- 11

For Hayes- Messrs Peacocke, Rossiter, Sinnott, Esmonde
Jas Codd and M Doyle Jun - 6

For Doyle- Messrs O'Neill, O'Connor, Asple and Mayl er 4

Mr Lynch did not vote

Mr Whitty having received a clear majority of those present
and voting was declared elected

National Insurance Act

The following Scheme under the National Insurance Act for
providing Sanatorium benefit was considered at a meeting of
the Wexford County Insurance Committee on the 17th November
when

when the following resolution was adopted

" That this Committee approves of the proposals for Sanatorium Benefit submitted by Dr O'Donoghue. That we direct our Clerk to forward same to the Co Council for adoption "

A Complete scheme for dealing with Tuberculosis in a County area would include the following :

- 1- A central dispensary, with a number of branches through the County, for examination and classification of patients and Contacts, and treatment of those who are able to visit it or any of its branches

Branch dispensaries should be opened in and a number of other centres. These branch dispensaries would each need to be visited twice a week as a rule, so that their number is limited by the number of Medical Officers employed. The present Poor Law dispensaries might be used as Branch dispensaries on days when they are not used by the Poor Law Medical Officers

At a central dispensary there should be a small number of beds for observation of doubtful cases as well as for the education of some patients who may afterwards have a course of treatment at a dispensary or at home

There should be also at the central dispensary an office with at least one clerk to keep statistical records and attend to correspondence

- 2- A Certain number of beds in a Sanatorium, for treating patients whose working power is more or less impaired, but may be expected to be restored.

- 3- Provision in a hospital or home, for isolating acute and advanced cases, whose restoration of working power is not anticipated

- 4- Hospital accommodation for cases of surgical tuberculosis

- 5- Arrangements for domiciliary treatment of certain patients

(a) Patients requiring to be kept in bed but too ill to be removed

(b) Patients whose working capacity is not impaired or only slightly impaired, but who live too far away from the nearest dispensary

(c) Patients requiring " after care " treatment

Medical staff

For the work of the central dispensary, as described above,

and for the branch dispensaries, one whole-time Tuberculosis Medical Officer and one whole-time Nurse would be required.

Visiting Nurses

Besides the Nurse at the Central Dispensary, Nurses will be required in connection with the Branch Dispensaries, visiting the patients in their homes, seeing that they carry out their instructions properly and reporting on the home conditions to the Tuberculosis Medical Officer.

In some districts there are voluntary nursing associations employing Queen's Jubilee Nurses. In such districts it might be possible to make arrangements whereby the district nurse would give part of her time to work connected with the Tuberculosis Dispensary.

Before considering the cost of the scheme the following particulars are of importance:-

Population	102,275
Estimated number of Insured Persons 1/5th	20,455
Deaths from Tuberculosis in 1911	248
Estimated number of cases of Tuberculosis (X8)	1,984
Estimated Tuberculosis Insured persons 1/3rd	661
Estimated Tuberculosis Insured Persons and Dependants	1,322
Valuation	£391,693:19:0
1d in £ on valuation	1,632: 0:0
Capital grant	2,802: 0:0

Under Part II of the Tuberculosis Prevention (Ireland) Act a County Council may, if they think fit, establish hospitals and dispensaries for the purpose of treating the inhabitants of the County suffering from Tuberculosis. Towards the Capital Cost of building Dispensaries and Sanatoria, County Wexford is entitled to a Treasury Grant of £2,802 : 0 : 0.

Under Section 17 of the National Insurance Act the Insurance Committee may extend Sanatorium Benefit to the dependants of insured persons, and may pay the cost of the treatment of this class in addition to the Insured persons. If, however, it is estimated that a deficiency will arise, an estimate of the probable

expenditure

expenditure may be presented to the County Council and the Treasury. Each of these bodies have absolute discretion as to whether or not they will sanction the expenditure. If such expenditure is sanctioned by them the Treasury and County Council will be liable for it in equal proportions.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer has also promised to defray half the estimated cost of treating uninsured persons out of the Consolidated Funds. The population may, therefore, be divided into three classes (a) Insured persons: (b) Dependants of Insured persons: (c) Uninsured persons.

It is estimated that the funds at the disposal of the County of Wexford Insurance Committee will amount to the sum of £1,278:0:0 per annum, at the rate of 1/3 per insured person, less the amount of the administrative expenses of Committee in respect of Sanatorium Benefit. If the County Council and the Insurance Committee agree that the treatment of the entire population of the County should be undertaken by the County Council, then practically the entire annual income of the Insurance Committee will be handed over to the County Council. The above funds should be sufficient to treat the insured persons, and to a certain extent the dependants of insured persons. The balance of the cost for treating the dependants and the uninsured classes would fall in equal shares on the County Council and on the Treasury.

Estimate of Cost

A. Capital Expenditure

B. Maintenance Charges

(It must be distinctly understood that the figures stated below are entirely arbitrary, and that the object in view is merely to form a basis upon which a permanent scheme may be formed).

A. Capital Expenditure

20 beds in a Sanatorium will cost about	£1,400
Central dispensary with 3 beds and equipment will cost about	600

The Balance may be utilised for providing beds

The entire amount to be provided

out of Capital Grant £2,802

B. Maintenance Charges.

Cost, as per arrangement of maintaining

20 beds in a Sanatorium £1,040

Cost of beds in Central Dispensary 156

Salary of Caretaker 52

Salary of Tuberculosis Officer 400

Travelling Expenses of aame 100

One whole-time Nurse 100

Contribution to Nursing Institutions

for six part-time Nurses at £25 150

Fees to Hospitals for the treatment of
cases of Surgical Tuberculosis

The balance may be used for providing:

Maintenance Beds in a home for
advanced cases.

Fees to Medical Practitioners for
Domiciliary Treatment

Travelling expenses of patients and
nurses

Rent of Dispensary, etc.

912

Total £2,910

Income

Contributions from Insurance Committee 1,278

(This item may be liable to a small first
charge, say £50, to meet the cost of
administration expenses of the Committee
in respect of Sanatorium Benefit, but this
will not affect materially the general figures
taken for estimate purposes)

1,632

Less contributions from Treasury :: 816

To be provided out of the Rates Total 816

Dr Browne

Dr Browne and Dr O'Donoghue having addressed the meeting and explained the provisions of the scheme, Mr Peacocke proposed:-

That we appoint a Tuberculosis Officer at £400 a year and £100 per annum for travelling expenses and provisionally adopt the remaining portion of the scheme pending the Tuberculosis Officer entering on his duties at which time he can be consulted about the general carrying out of the scheme as presented to this Council.

Mr Fanning seconded.

A poll was taken with the following result:-

For the resolution- Messrs Peacocke, Fanning, Lynch, M Doyle, Sen., and the Chairman. 5.

Against- Messrs Rossiter, Rice, Cloney, Esmonde, Mayler, Gough, M Doyle, Jun., J A Doyle, Asple, J Codd, and Lord Stopford. 11.

The resolution was declared lost.

Ferrycarrig Bridge

The following report from Ferrycarrig Bridge Committee was read:-

"At the meeting of the Proposal Committee on the 8th November 1912, the following resolution was adopted:-

'That a Committee consisting of Messrs Stafford, Rice, Rossiter, Asple, the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the County Council with the Secretary, County Surveyor, and Solicitor to the Council, be appointed for the purpose of conferring with Mr Colhoun and his representatives with a view to arriving at an amicable settlement of Mr Colhoun's claim for extras etc., in connection with the erection of the new bridge at Ferrycarrig.

'That this Committee be empowered to appoint an Engineer familiar with ferro-concrete construction to assist them in their deliberations. That the proceedings are to be conducted "without prejudice" and that the Report of the Committee be submitted to the County Council for ratification. Should the Committee succeed in arriving at a settlement, it is to be distinctly understood that their decision requires the confirmation of the County Council before becoming operative. The first meeting of the Committee to be held at 10.30 a.m. on 27th November'"

The Committee met on the 27th November.

All the members were present.

The Secretary, the County Surveyor, and Mr Elgee, Solicitor to the Council, were in attendance.

Mr Barry, County Surveyor, submitted the following letter which he had received from Mr Burden, County Surveyor, Kilkenny:-

"Yours of yesterday for which thanks. I will be pleased to undertake the job of assisting your Committee in settling contractor's claim at Ferrycarrig.

MY CHARGES WOULD be £4:4:0 per day to include travelling expenses. The Committee might prefer an inclusive fee of fixed amount but I could not give this as I do not know the work or time which is involved.

Kindly let me know as soon as possible if the Committee wish me to act in order that I may arrange".

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

"That Mr Burden be appointed as Arbitrator on behalf of the County Council on the terms mentioned in his letter of the 13th November to the County Surveyor".

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

"That the next meeting of this Committee be fixed at the County Council meeting on 6th December".

On the motion of the Chairman, the recommendation of the Ferrycarrig Bridge Committee appointing Mr Burden as Arbitrator in connection with Ferrycarrig Bridge was confirmed.

It was decided to postpone the question of the fixing of the date of the next meeting of the Ferrycarrig Bridge Committee.

ASSISTANT SURVEYOR HOWLIN

The following letter from Mr Howlin, Assistant Surveyor, Ennis-corthy, which was adjourned from the June Meeting of the Council, came up for consideration:-

"As I am now two years appointed Assistant Surveyor, I beg to apply to you for my second increment of salary, viz., £5, and hope you will give same your favourable consideration, as during my two years' service I have always done my work to the best of my ability,

always with the object of giving you entire satisfaction.

Trusting you will give this application favourable consideration and thanking you in anticipation".

In connection with the manner in which Mr Howlin was discharging his duties the following is an extract from the report of the County Surveyor to the Roads and Finance Committee of the 27th November:-

"I am very sorry to report that I am not satisfied with the manner in which Mr Howlin has been attending to his duties, and I consider that he should be called upon to resign. I shall have a more detailed report on this matter for the Co Council meeting on the 6th prox if you so direct".

At the meeting of the Committee the following resolution was adopted:-

"That in view of the report of the Co Surveyor as to the manner in which Mr Howlin has discharged his duties as Assistant Surveyor, we call upon him to forthwith hand in his resignation".

Under date 3rd December, 1912, the following letter was read from Mr M Howlin, Assistant Surveyor:-

"Having obtained a more lucrative position, I beg to resign that of Assistant Surveyor for the Enniscorthy district which I hold under your Council.

I expect to attend meeting of Co Council on Friday next and see when my successor can be appointed".

On the motion of Mr Rossiter, seconded by Mr Lynch, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the resignation of Mr M Howlin, Assistant Surveyor, Enniscorthy District, be accepted as from this date, and that the County Surveyor be authorised to make such arrangements as he considers necessary to have the duties discharged by a temporary officer pending the appointment of Mr Howlin's successor".

APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT OF RATE COLLECTOR

Under date 3rd December, 1912, the following letter, No 63596:1912 Wexford County, was read from the Local Government Board:-

"The Local Government Board for Ireland have had before them the replies to queries respecting the appointment of Mr Edward J Murphy as Poor Rate Collector in Wexford County: and I am to state that the Board have approved of this appointment on the terms set out in the

query form returned herewith (which should be carefully filed for future reference) and having regard to undertaking given by him as to his place of residence.

I am to add that the bond of Mr Murphy should be submitted for the Board's inspection in due course.

Marked "Read".

WORKS & PAYMENTS

Proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Mr Peacocke, and Passed:-

"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"

Proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Mr Peacocke, and Passed:-

"That the several Proposals for Payment 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".

RATE COLLECTION

The Secretary submitted the state of the Rate Collection.

Under date 5th December, 1912, the following letter, No 64250/1912, was read from the Local Government Board:-

With reference to the collection of the poor rate in Wexford County for the current year, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to draw attention to the very small amount collected in respect of the second moiety although the rate for that period is payable on the 1st October, and two months of the half year have already elapsed.

The County Council should impress on the Collectors the necessity for proceeding more diligently with their collection so that they may be in a satisfactory financial position to meet the demands made upon them".

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

That the letter of the Local Government Board be sent to each Collector and that the Collectors be directed to push forward their

collections at once with due diligence and that the matter be referred to the next meeting of the Finance and Roads Committee, the Secretary to lay before this meeting a statement of the collection as it then exists.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Under date 4th December, 1912, the following letter was read from Mr M Hickey, M C C :-

I shall be very grateful to you if you will kindly convey to the members of the County Council and Finance Committee my sincere thanks for their kind expression of sympathy and regret in our recent great trouble and to add that my family and myself greatly appreciate their kind consideration.

We also thank you personally.

On the motion of Mr Peacocke, seconded by Mr Rossiter, it was ordered that the foregoing letter be inserted on the minutes.

AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS - ENNISCORTHY UNION.

Under date 4th December, 1912, letter, No 63905, the Local Government Board wrote, forwarding copy of the Auditor's report on his audit of the accounts of the Enniscorthy Union for the half year ended 31st March 1912.

The report was marked "Read".

AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS.

Under date 29th November, 1912, letter No 63052, the Local Government Board wrote, forwarding the following copy of the Auditor's report on his audit of the accounts of the Wexford County Council for the half year ended 30th September, 1912:-

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

The Accounts were duly prepared and submitted for audit and no item of expenditure calls for any remark on my part".

Marked "Read".

Under date 19th November, 1912, letter No 60934, the Local Government Board wrote, forwarding copy of the Auditor's report on his audit

audit of the accounts of the Enniscorthy District Lunatic Asylum for the half year ended 30th September, 1912.

The report was marked "Read".

BALLYHACK BOAT SLIP.

Under date 15th November, 1912, the following letter, No 9520-12, F.B., was read from the Department:-

With reference to your letter of the 9th instant, relative to the scheme of improvement for the accommodation of fishing boats at Ballyhack, I have to state, for the information of the Wexford County Council, that the Department must adhere to the terms of their offer to contribute towards the project in question, as conveyed to you in my letter of the 8th October last.

Adjourned.

DATES OF HALF YEARLY MEETINGS OF COUNCILS.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Peacocke, the following dates for the half yearly meetings of the Rural District Councils and County Council were agreed to:-

Enniscorthy R D C-Thursday, 10th April, 1913, at 11 a.m.

Gorey R D C-Wednesday, 9th April, 1913, at 11.30 a.m.

New Ross R D C-Thursday, 3rd April, 1913, at 11.30 a.m.

Wexford R D C-Saturday, 5th April, 1913, at 10.30 a.m.

Proposal Committee-Wednesday, 16th April, 1913, at 10.30 a.m.

County Council-Half yearly meeting, Wednesday, 7th May, 1913, at 10.30 a.m.

" " Quarterly Meeting, Wednesday, 12th Feb. 1913 at 10.30 a.m.

APPLICATION FOR INCREASE OF SALARY - M HASSETT

Under date 24th November, 1912, Mr M Hassett wrote, applying for increase of salary as per terms of his appointment as Assistant Surveyor.

On the motion of Mr Rossiter, seconded by Mr M Doyle, Sen., the following recommendation of the Finance Committee was adopted:-

"That we recommend the County Council to grant the usual increment of salary to Mr Hassett as from 15th November, having received from the County Surveyor information that Mr Hassett has performed his duties in an efficient and satisfactory manner".

Sheep

SHEEP DIPPING ORDER - AUTUMN PERIOD

A number of reports were received from the Constabulary asking for instructions as to whether prosecutions should be instituted against sheepowners who had failed to give notice of intention to dip or had neglected to furnish form "C", evidence of dipping having been carried out.

On the motion of Mr Rice, seconded by Mr Sinnott, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That prosecutions be instituted against those sheepowners who have failed to dip their sheep in the prescribed period".

FOOD & DRUGS ACT

Under date 18th November, 1912, the following letter was read from the County Inspector, R I C:-

I will thank you to issue the necessary authority appointing Sergeant James Groves, 51492, as ex-officio Inspector under the Food & Drugs Acts for the Petty Sessions District of Enniscorthy.

On the motion of Lord Stopford, seconded by Mr Rossiter, Sergeant Groves was appointed as ex-officio Inspector under the Food & Drugs Acts for the Petty Sessions District of Enniscorthy.

FERNS COURTHOUSE

Under date 25th November, 1912, Mr J P Ryan, C P S, wrote, forwarding the following resolution adopted by the Ferns Magistrates--

"We, the undersigned magistrates, who attend at Ferns Petty Sessions, do resolve that the attention of the Wexford County Council be called to the unsuitability of the present Courthouse as regards size and accommodation and general sanitary condition and we request that some proper place be provided.

G E G Greene, J P: R Herries Crosbie, R M: H Jameson Davis, J P: George Milne, J P: John Bolger, J P: R Donovan, J P: D Murphy, J P.

Joseph O'Connor and John Sinnott J P's dissenting.

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

"That this matter be referred to Mr Barry, Co Surveyor, for report to be presented at next meeting of Finance & Roads Committee".

University

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS

Mr A W Conway wrote, under date 12th November, 1912, that all the County Council Scholarship Holders had commenced their studies for the current academic year.

Under date 6th November, 1912, Mr G F Duggan, holder of a University Scholarship, wrote, asking for permission to reside at 48a Drumcondra Road, Dublin with his elder brother. He forwarded the following letter from Rev Patrick J Walsh, Dean of Residence:-

In reply to your letter of the 13th instant, I beg to say that I consider the house where you at present reside - 48a Drumcondra Road - to be a suitable place for you to lodge while attending lectures in University College.

Adjourned.

POISONS & PHARMACY ACT

Under date 28th November, 1912, Mr Nathaniel Tackaberry, Newtownbarry, wrote, applying for a licence under the Poisons & Pharmacy Act.

Under date 28th November, 1912, Mr E McQuillan, Great Clonard, Wexford, wrote, applying for a renewal of his licence under the Poisons & Pharmacy Act.

Granted on the motion of the Chairman.

SEATING ACCOMMODATION IN COUNTY COUNCIL CHAMBER

The following recommendation was adopted at the meeting of the Finance and Roads Committee on the 27th November:-

"That the County Surveyor be instructed to carry out the alterations suggested by him relative to the seating accommodation of the County Council Chamber".

Confirmed on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Peacocke.

ROCKSPRING QUARRY

At the meeting of the Finance and Roads Committee on 27th November a letter was read from Mr A Haughton, offering to dispose of his quarry at Rockspring to the County Council. The following order was made:-

"The Finance and Roads Committee do not consider it advisable to take over Rockspring Quarry".

Confirmed on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Peacocke.

Clerical

CLERICAL ASSISTANCE

In connection with the illness of Mr C H Richards, Assistant in the County Council Office, the following order was made at the meeting of the Finance and Roads Committee on the 27th November:-

"That Mr Richards be granted sick leave, that his salary be paid during his illness, and that the action of the Secretary in obtaining temporary clerical assistance be approved".

Confirmed on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Peacocke.

ANALYST'S REPORT

Under date 4th December, 1912, the following report was read from Sir Charles Cameron:-

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 30th September, 1912.

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

<u>Article</u>	<u>Number</u>
Milk	32
Buttermilk	17
Butter	16
Whiskey	12
Margarine	3
Cheese	3
Rum	1
Ginger Wine	1
Claret	1
Total	<u>86</u>

Two certificates were sent to Sergeant Scully, Wexford, for specimens of milk adulterated with at least 7.5 and 8.9 per cent of added water respectively and one certificate for specimen of milk deprived of at least 23 per cent of its fats- and one certificate for specimen of whiskey which was 26.5 degrees under proof and was therefore adulterated with 2 per cent of water.

For the Guardians of Enniscorthy Union twelve drugs were analysed and were correct.

For the Guardians of Gorey Union twelve drugs were analysed and were correct.

One specimen of water analysed for Wexford Rural District Council had the following composition:-

One Imperial gallon contained in grains.

Total solid matter	49.000
Including	
Albuminoid Ammonia	0.012
Saline Ammonia	0.0035
Nitric Acid	7.370
Chlorine	5.960
Colour	light yellow

A fairly good water.

One specimen of water analysed for Thos D Place, Esq., Rosemount, New Ross, had the following composition:-

One Imperial gallon contained in grains

Total Solid Matter	22.400
Including	
Albuminoid Ammonia	0.020
Saline Ammonia	0.002
Nitric Acid	1.980
Chlorine	2.380
Colour	semi-opaque

A slightly polluted water.

For Shillelagh Union, which is partly situated in the County Wexford, six drugs were analysed. They 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 118.

Marked "Read".

John Bolger

meeting - 29th January 1913.

A meeting of the Wexford Co. Council, was held in the Co. Council Chamber, Court House, Wexford, on 29th January 1913.

Present :- Mr. John Bolger, Chairman; presiding.

Other members :- Messrs C. H. Peacocke, John O'Connor, J. J. Stafford, R. A. Rice, J. S. Hearn, Lord Stopford, P. J. Fanning, J. J. Mayler, J. A. Doyle, M. Doyle Senr., Patrick Rossiter, M. Cloney, T. Asple, M. Codd, Michael Doyle Junr., James Codd, T. L. Esmonde.

The Secretary, the County Surveyor, and Dr. O'Donoghue, of the National Health Insurance Commission, were in attendance.

The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

———— The Home Rule Bill. ————

The Chairman moved the suspension of Standing Orders, which on being carried he moved the following, which was seconded by Mr. Peacocke, and unanimously adopted :-

"That we offer Mr. John. E. Redmond and the Irish Party, our heartfelt congratulations on the passage of the Home Rule Bill by such a large majority."

That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Mr. John. E. Redmond.

———— Vote of Condolence. ————

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

"That we offer Mr. R. W. Elge, Solicitor, our heartfelt condolence in the loss he has sustained in the death of his sisters, and that our Secretary forward a copy of this resolution to Mr. Elge, with the expression of our sincere sympathy."

— Deeps Bridge. —

With reference to the proposed re-erection of the Deeps Bridge, the following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was agreed to :-

"That we recommend the County Council to adjourn the consideration of tenders for the Deeps Bridge, until a special meeting of the Council to be held on 26th February and that the County Surveyor advertise this contract in any technical papers he considers suitable."

— Guns at Duncannon Fort. —

The following letter under date 27th January 1913, from the War Office, was read :-

"The War Department have 2 Ordnance R. M. I. 80 Pounder Guns, and 1 Ordnance R. M. I. 64 Pounder Gun situated at Duncannon Fort (now abandoned as such) at the entrance of Waterford Harbour on the County of Wexford side nearly opposite Passage East, and War Office have put out tenders to likely purchasers of these old Guns, but a proviso in the contract is that they are to be broken up before removal, and as this can only be done by blasting, will you please inform me by telegram (sixpenny P. O. enclosed) if the municipal authorities have any objection to this taking place.

Tenders have to reach War Office by

Monday 3rd February, so will you kindly treat this matter as very urgent."

On the motion of Lord Stopford, seconded by Mr. Hearn, the following resolution was adopted :-

"That the County Council have no objection to the proposed work, provided that the War Office carry it out at their own risk."

Ballyhack Harbour.

Under date 7th January, the following letter No. 10,611/12, F. B., was read :-

"Adverting to previous correspondence on the subject of the proposed improvement of the accommodation for fishing boats at Ballyhack, I have to state, for the information of the Wexford Co. Council, that, in view of the special circumstances mentioned in your letter of the 7th ultimo, the Department are prepared to carry out the scheme outlined in the plan forwarded to you on the 8th October, last, provided the Council contribute one-half of the cost thereof within a limit of £450.

If the work should be completed for less than £900 a proportionate reduction would, of course, be made in the amount payable by the Council."

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Peacocke, the following resolution was agreed to :-

"That we agree to take over the Boat Slip at Ballyhack, and accept the scheme of the Department to improve this Boat Slip, the limit of expenditure from the Co. Council being fixed at £450. That our Solicitor, Mr. Elgar, arrange for the transfer of this boat-

slip from the Waterford Harbour Commissioners to the Wexford County Council."

— Motor Manufacturers or Dealer's Number. —

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Rice, No M. J. A. was allocated as a Dealer's number under the Motor Car Act 1903, to Messrs Bates & Sons, Gorey.

— Enniscorthy R. D. School Attendance Committee. —

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

"That we approve of the salary of £10 per annum to be paid to the Secretary of the Enniscorthy Rural District School Attendance Committee."

— Scheme for Sanatorium Benefit. —

Circular letter No 4 M. Miscellaneous under date 17th January 1913, "Treatment of Tuberculosis" and Circular letter No 8 M., under date 17th January - "Tuberculosis Schemes - Financial Arrangements - from the Local Government Board, were read :-

The following scheme adopted by the Co. Wexford Insurance Committee, was laid before the meeting :-

Wexford County Council

The County Insurance Committee agreed to the following scheme for Sanatorium Benefit at their meeting on 24th January, 1913, and have sent it forward for submission to the County Council with a request from the Insurance Committee, that the County Council would give it their favourable consideration.

National Insurance Act.Scheme for Sanatorium Benefit.

At the meeting of the County of Wexford Insurance Committee on 18th December, 1912, the following resolution was adopted on the motion of alderman Hadden, seconded by Mr. O'Dowd :-

That we invite Dr. O'Donoghue of the Staff of the National Insurance Commission to consult with a sub-committee with the view of drafting a new scheme for submission to the County Council.

The following were named as a sub-committee :-

Alderman Hadden, Mr. Boyan, Messrs J. Bolger, C. H. Peacocke, P. J. Fanning, and Dr. Hickey. The meeting of the sub-committee was held in the Co. Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford; on 8th January 1913.

Present :- Mr. John Bolger (Chairman) presiding; Mr. C. H. Peacocke, and Alderman Hadden.

Dr. O'Donoghue (National Insurance Commission) and the Clerk were in attendance. Dr. Hickey wrote that a prior engagement would prevent his attendance.

Having gone fully into the various details the sub-committee, with the assistance of Dr. O'Donoghue, agreed to the following scheme :-

Estimate of cost.

A. - Capital Expenditure.

B. - Maintenance Charges.

(It must be distinctly understood that the figures stated below are entirely arbitrary, and that the object in view is merely to form a

basis upon which a permanent scheme may be formed).

A. Capital Expenditure.

10 Beds in a Sanatorium will cost about	£700
Central Dispensary, with 4 beds and equipment will cost about	700
The balance may be utilised for providing beds in a home for advanced cases, shelters, structural alterations in Branch Dispensaries, etc.,	1402
The entire amount to be charged out of Capital Grant	£2,802.

B. Maintenance Charges:-

Cost of maintaining 10 beds in a Sanatorium, about	£520
Cost of beds in Central Dispensary	208
Salary of caretaker	52
Salary of Tuberculosis officer	400
Travelling expenses of same.	100
One whole-time nurse	100
Contribution to Nursing Institution for six part-time nurses at £25	150
The balance may be used for providing:-	
(a) Fees to Hospitals for the treatment of cases of Surgical Tuberculosis	
(b) maintenance of beds in a home for advanced cases.	
(c) Fees to medical Practitioners for Domiciliary treatment.	
(d) Travelling expenses of patients & nurses.	
(e) Rent of Dispensary, etc.,	1,380
Total	£2,910.

Income.

Contributions from Insurance Committee	£1,278
(This item may be liable to a small charge, say £50 to meet the cost of administration expenses of the Committee in respect of Sanatorium)	

Benefit, but this will not materially affect the general figures taken for estimate purposes)

Less contributions from Treasury
To be provided out of the Rates

£1,630

816

£ 816

The sub-committee desire to point out that unless the county council agree to the adoption of this or a similar scheme it will not be possible to effectively combat the disease. The funds of the Insurance Committee can be utilised only for the treatment of insured persons and their dependants, but these will represent only a portion of the community. The balance of the tubercular patients must receive treatment through the county council or not at all. It is admitted that the ravages of tuberculosis in Ireland must be grappled with if we are to have a virile and self-reliant people, but this much-desired aim cannot be achieved if provision for only a fraction of the patients, however large that fraction maybe, is to be a matter of public concern. This point, the sub-committee feel, is so self-evident that it needs no further elaboration.

In other counties the percentage of deaths from this disease has been considerably reduced. Ireland has not made the same happy progress, and though improvement has taken place in recent years no one can regard our present position as satisfactory. The percentage of deaths in this county is practically the average for the rest of Ireland, except in the Urban District of Wexford, in which the high total of 4 per 1,000 of the population is found representing on a census of 11,531 a total of 46 deaths per annum, almost one person per week.

The county council, the sub-committee

recognise, have had during the past year to face abnormal expenditure, and the general body of the ratepayers expect any proposals for new burdens on the rates should be carefully and critically examined. The Scheme proposes that the ratepayers should be responsible for a rate of one halfpenny in the £, and "One halfpenny Only." The contention has been advanced that this halfpenny is but "a beginning," and later on it will be found that the expenditure will increase to three or four-fold this assessment, and then the County Council must foot the bill. This view is incorrect, as the County Council have absolute power of revision every year. It is not open to the Insurance Committee to go to the County Council and ask for "bark Blanche" in the matter of outlay; the County Council, unless they so desire, cannot be compelled to raise more than the halfpenny in the £.

Doubt was also thrown on the promise that half of the deficit in the working of the Scheme would not be forthcoming from the Government, but convincing proof can now be produced that the Treasury have agreed to pay their moiety of the deficit for the treatment of the uninsured and of the dependants of insured persons when a scheme for the treatment of insured and uninsured has been formulated by a local authority.

The County Council are asked to make themselves responsible for a payment of £800 per annum, but it should be borne in mind that if the Scheme which is now proposed effectively deals with the disease enormous economic loss will cease. A

working man who suffers from tuberculosis and has no means of obtaining treatment communicates the disease to his family, and with them becomes a burden on the rates; the home and its residents are active agents in disseminating the disease, while the nation loses the value of their labour. This has been computed to represent a loss of £200 per capita, and as the deaths from tuberculosis are 206 per annum, one can realise the vastness of the yearly loss to Wexford County.

No one complains of the large amount necessary to maintain the district lunatic asylums; yet insanity is not a contagious disease, and those who suffer from it may enjoy excellent general health.

A subsidy of £2,802 for capital expenditure has been " earmarked " from Government funds for Wexford County, and unless a scheme for dealing with this amount be adopted at an early date it will be distributed amongst other counties. Later on, when the Grant has been thus allocated Wexford may find itself in the unfortunate position of having to provide in full for all capital charges.

Some county councillors consider that treatment in Sanatoria is a waste of money. But this treatment will only be carried out on the recommendation of the Chief Tuberculosis officer, and to cut this treatment out of the scheme would tie the hands of the Tuberculosis officer and confine his treatment to the administration of tuberculin and to the supervision of Domiciliary Treatment. The Sub-committee consider it would ^{be} unwise to abandon this branch of the scheme until the fullest opportunity has been taken to

consult with their expert medical adviser. The beds will only be taken as needed, and, with a proper system of after-care which will be developed when the main points of the scheme have been set into working order, the present objection to treatment in Sanatoria cannot be maintained.

The Sub-committee would call attention to the fact that it is the County Council alone who have the power of appointing a Tuberculosis officer, and it is generally agreed that if any serious steps are to be taken to combat the disease this appointment is essential.

Our people are sadly lacking in their appreciation of fresh air, sunlight, proper food, self-treatment for pulmonary consumption. Ignorance of these matters has largely helped to spread disease. With a comprehensive scheme, such as is now suggested, the present condition of ignorance would rapidly disappear, and the chances of contagion be reduced.

The large body of ratepayers who are members of insurance societies feel that they are intitled to treatment, and they can obtain it through the funds of the Insurance Committee. But they naturally point out that this is not sufficient, and that no matter what treatment they obtain the "white Plague" can never be stamped out until it is dealt with on every side. Reports have appeared in the local papers calling upon the Co. Council to adopt a complete scheme, and the Sub-committee feel that when the County Council realise the great issues at stake, when they are assured that they are masters of the situation through the "power of the purse,"

and when they consider the economic waste caused through tuberculosis, they will no longer refuse to adopt such a scheme as in the opinion of expert advice the needs of the county require.

The Sub-committee confidently appeal to the County Council to confirm the Scheme which the Sub-committee have outlined in the foregoing.

Signed on behalf of the Sub-committee.

John Bolger, Chm.

G. H. Peacocke,

George Hadden.

Mr. O'Connor proposed and Mr. Janning seconded the following resolution:-

"That the Scheme for Sanatorium Treatment under the Tuberculosis Act 1908, and the National Insurance Act 1911, as submitted by the Insurance Committee, be adopted, and that we direct our Secretary to provide for a half-penny rate in the £ in County-at-Large charges for the purposes of defraying the expenses of same."

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

For the resolution:- Messrs O'Connor, Stafford, Hearn, Peacocke, Janning, Cloney, James A. Doyle, Asplu, Michael Doyle Es., and the Chairman:- 10.

Against:- Messrs Emonde, James Codd, Michael Doyle Jr., Rossiter, M. Codd, Mayles, and Lord Stopford. 7.

Mr. Rice had left before the poll was taken.

The Chairman declared the resolution carried.

On the motion of the Chairman,

seconded by Mr. Fanning; the Secretary was instructed to issue advertisements for the appointment of Chief Tuberculosis Officer, at a salary of £400 per annum and travelling expenses of £100, appointment to be made at the Special meeting of the Council to be held on 26th February."

— New Telegraphic Line Adjoining Wexford. —

The Superintending Engineer, of the Post Office wrote, applying for the consent of the Co. Council for the erection of an overhead telegraphic line along the public road, from the Council's boundary at Mandlinton Wexford, to a point near Rockland's Cottage.

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

"That we have no objection to the erection of a new overhead telegraphic line along the public road from the Council's Boundary at Mandlinton to a point near Rockland's Cottage, on the terms and conditions of the letter of the Superintending Engineer of the 21st December 1912."

John L. Heaver

Quarterly meeting - 12th February 1913.

The Quarterly meeting of the Wexford Co. Council, was held in Co. Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford; on 12th February 1913.

Present :- Messrs J. Bolger (Chairman) C. A. Peacocke; J. Asple, Mr. Cloney, James Codd, Mr. Codd, J. A. Doyle, Mr. Doyle Jr., Mr. Doyle Sr., J. L. Esmonde, J. S. Hearn, Mr. Hickey, J. J. Mayler, J. O'Connor, R. A. Rice, P. Rossiter, J. J. Stafford, B. Sinnott, Lord Stopford, and P. J. Tanning.

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

The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

During the Chairman's absence with the Sub-committee on the University Scholarships question, the Chair was occupied by Mr. J. S. Hearn.

Acknowledgment.

Under date 31st January 1913, the following letter was read from Mr. R. W. Elger, Solicitor to the Council :-

"I have received your letter of yesterday conveying to me the very kind vote of condolence and sympathy of the County Council in the recent sad loss which I have sustained by the death of my two sisters, and beg to thank the Council most sincerely for it.

I also wish to express to yourself how much I am obliged to you for your own personal expression of sympathy."

"On the motion of Mr. Peacocke.

Seconded by the Chairman, it was ordered that the foregoing letter be inserted on the minutes."

Estimate of Rates.

On the motion of Mr. Peacocke.

Seconded by Mr. Rossiter, 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 1913-14, as already approved 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:-

	<u>Land.</u>	<u>Buildings.</u>
Enniscorthy.	3/-	4/6
Gorey.	2/11	4/4
New Ross.	3/5	5/2
Wexford.	2/7	4/2.

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

	<u>General.</u>	<u>Separate.</u>	<u>Total</u>
Enniscorthy	£965: 8: 0	£66: 18: 6	£1032: 6: 6
New Ross.	1139: 3: 1	84: 3: 4	1223: 6: 5
Wexford.	2048: 6: 4	157: 15: 0	2206: 1: 4

Half-yearly meeting-Proposal Committee.

"On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Peacocke, the date of the half yearly meeting of the Proposal Committee was changed from 16th to 4th April."

University Scholarship Scheme.

The following Notice of motion handed in

by Mr. M. Doyle Jr., was read:-

"That the portion of the University Scholarship Scheme, which allows Scholarships and Bursaries to be held at any university or college other than a college of the National University of Ireland be rescinded."

Correspondence was read from Rev Mr. Murphy, C.C., Ferns; Hon Sec to the County Wexford Committee of the Gaelic League, asking information as to the Scholarship Scheme, and requesting the Co. Council to receive a deputation in connection with the matter.

These communications were considered at the meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee of the 29th January, when the following resolution was moved and seconded, but defeated by a vote of 6 to 5:-

"That the Rev Mr. Murphy C.C., be informed that the County Council will be prepared to hear the deputation from the County Committee of the Gaelic League at their meeting on 12th February."

"A resolution condemning the action of the Co. Council in allowing their Scholarships to be held at Trinity College, Dublin, was read from the Gorey branch of the Gaelic League."

Mr. Hearn proposed:- "That the consideration of Mr. Doyle's notice of motion be postponed. That the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Mr. M. Doyle, Junr., and the Secretary be appointed as a sub-committee to confer with the representatives of the Gaelic League with a view to arriving at a

settlement on the subject of University Scholarships."

Mr. Stafford seconded.

Passed.

The sub-committee subsequently reported:-

"We desire to report that we have discussed the matter of arriving at a settlement of the University Scholarships with the representatives of the Gaelic League. The representatives of the Gaelic League accepted the following as a compromise in the matter, on the motion of their President Rev P. J. Kehoe, P. P., seconded by their Secretary Rev M. Murphy B. C., and we recommend it to the Council for their acceptance:-

That in allocating Scholarships and Bursaries under our University Scholarship Scheme for 1913, it is hereby agreed that scholarships or bursaries will not be tenable at any university or college which has not made Irish an essential subject for their matriculation examination and up to the time when specialization begins.

That our Secretary furnish a copy of this resolution to any students who have notified their intention of competing for Scholarships or Bursaries under Scheme 1913.

That in drafting ~~the~~ next year's Scheme Representatives of the Gaelic League be associated with the committee of the Co. Council appointed for the purpose."

"On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. M. Doyle Jr., the report of the sub-committee was adopted."

"On the adoption of the report of the sub-committee, Mr. M. Doyle Jr. by permission

of the meeting withdrew his notice of motion."

Proposed by the chairman, seconded by Mr. Peacocke, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the question of considering of acceptance of Mr. Ennis's resignation as the Representative of the Wexford Co. Council on the Irish Co. Councils General Council be adjourned to next meeting of the County Council."

"Mr George F. Duggan, one of the County Council scholars, wrote asking permission to reside at 48^a Drumcondra Road, Dublin, with his elder brother. Father Walsh (Dean of Residence) wrote in favour of granting Mr. Duggan's application."

"On the motion of Mr. Peacocke, seconded by Mr. Fanning, Mr. Duggan's application was acceded to."

Under date 6th December 1912, the following letter was read from Mr. J. H. Finnegan, Secretary Queen's College, Belfast:-

"I am directed by the Vice-Chancellor of the Queen's University of Belfast, to transmit to you the enclosed copy of a resolution passed by the Senate of the University with regard to the foundation of Scholarships for the benefit of young men and women resident within your County, which may be held at this University. I am to ask you to be good enough to lay the same before your Council at an early meeting. I also give you the section of the Irish Universities Act 1908, which empowers Co. Councils to act in

this matter.

marked "Read."

— Waterford New Bridge. —

Letters were read from the Secretary to the joint Waterford Bridge Committee, asking for payment of final instalment of the loan for erection of new bridge at Waterford, and pointing out that it was proposed to pay the full amount of the contract to the contractors, less £2,000 retention money.

As the specification provided that the eleventh (final) instalment of the contract should not be paid until twelve months after the tenth, it was decided on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Peacocke, to refer the matter to Mr. Elger, Solicitor to the Council.

— Auditor's Reports. —

Reports of Mr. J. Mow O'Farrell, Local Government Auditor, on his audit of the accounts of the following Public Bodies in respect of the half-year ended 30th September 1912, were read:—
 Gorey Union, and Rural District Council; New Ross, " " " " "
 Wexford. " " " " "

marked "Read."

— Sealed Orders. —

Under date 12th December 1912, the Local Government Board forwarded copy of their Sealed Order, No. 52915-1912, determining the Broadway Dispensary District as the area of charge for the improvement and maintenance of two wells in the village of Broadway.

marked "Read"

Under date 11th December 1912, the Local Government Board forwarded copy of their

sealed Order No. 58611-1912, determining the Bridgetown Dispensary District as the area of charge for the improvement & maintenance of Pettitstown Well."

marked "Read."

— Approval of appointment of Rate collector. —

Under date 20th December 1912, the following letter No. 8711-12, Wexford County, was read from the Local Government Board :-

"The Local Government Board for Ireland have had before them the replies to queries respecting the appointment of Mr. Edward Cummins, as Poor Rate collector in Wexford County; and I am to state that the Board have approved of this appointment of the terms set out in the query form, returned herewith, which should be carefully filed for future reference. The bond of Mr. Cummins should be submitted for the Board's inspection in due course.

The Board also desire me to inform you that the National Benefit Life & Property Assurance Company, Limited, is already on their list of approved companies."

marked "Read"

— General battle Diseases Fund. —

Under date 10th January 1913, Circular letter No. 65179-1912, miscellaneous, was read from the Local Government Board, stating that the sum assessed upon Wexford Co., in respect of its contribution to the General battle Diseases Fund was £408 : 18 : 7³/₄.

marked "Read."

— Waterford Bridge Loan. —

Under date 24th December 1912, the following letter No. 63871-12, was read from the Local

Government Board :-

"With reference to previous correspondence, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to state they approve of the raising by the County Council of Wexford, of the balance, viz:- £1,000 of the loan of £11,000 sanctioned for defraying the Council's proportion of the cost of the Waterford bridge."

On the motion of Mr. Rossiter, seconded by Mr. Tanning, the following resolution was adopted :- "That the Local Government Board be requested to allow the Co. Council to consolidate the various mortgages issued in respect of £11,000 loan for the erection of Waterford Bridge, so that the full amount of loan may be covered by one mortgage."

Ruins in Ballykeroquer Graveyard.

Under date 6th November, 1912, a letter was read from Mr. M. J. Kenny, Campile, asking the Co. Council to take steps to prevent the collapse of the walls of an old ruined church or oratory at Ballykeroquer Churchyard.

"Referred to County Surveyor, and County Solicitor, for report."

Sailing's Battle Boat.

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

"That Messrs Powell & Co., Ship Owners, be requested to inform us if it is their intention to replace the Liverpool & Wexford Battle Boat on the Wexford service."

That in the event of their refusing to do so, we request the Gt Western Railway Co.,

of England, to make arrangements to place a boat for the transit of live stock on the Rosslare service."

— Examination for Assistant Surveyors. —

under date 3rd February 1913, circular letter No. 13/m. 1913, was read from the Local Government Board, stating that an examination of candidates for qualification as assistant Surveyors in Ireland, would be held under direction of the Board at the Custom House, Dublin; at 10.15 o'clock a.m., on Tuesday and Wednesday the 11th and 12th March 1913.

marked "Read"

— Landing Stage at Blackwater. —

under date 13th December 1912, the following letter No. 9628-12, F. B., was read from the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction:-

"adverting to previous correspondence on the subject of the proposed improvement of the landing accommodation at Blackwater I have to state, for the information of the Wexford County Council, that the local people seem to think that the proposed open type of landing stage would be useless to them. As the Department are not in a position to provide funds for the alternative scheme suggested, and of which they doubt the practicability, perhaps you would kindly bring the present state of affairs under the notice of the Council and let me have their views on the matter. A change of site of the open type of structure would not affect the case as this would not present any engineering difficulties."

"adjourned"

Forestry.

under date 23rd December 1912, circular letter No. A. 16807:12, relative to the acquisition and preservation by the Council of Woodlands in the County, was read from the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction.

"Referred to Roads Committee."

Foreign Hay & Straw Order.

Foreign Hay & Straw (Ireland) (amendment) Order of 1912. was received from the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction.

marked "Read"

The Importation (Sheep from Scotland) Order of 1912.

under date 31st December 1912, the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction forwarded a copy of The Importation (Sheep from Scotland) Order of 1912. (No 2).

marked "Read"

Foot & Mouth Disease.

The various Orders made by the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction, in connection with the outbreak of Foot and Mouth Disease were laid before the meeting.

The following resolutions were read:-

From Meath County Council:-

"That in view of the present deadlock in the Irish cattle Trade, and the consequently heavy loss entailed on Irish Farmers, the members of this Council unanimously call upon the Irish Parliamentary representatives of all parties to take prompt and united action to induce the Government to take such steps as may be necessary to re-adjust the relations at present existing between the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries and the Irish Department of Agriculture, as it is

apparent to the members of this Council, that the opinions and views of the veterinary staff of the Irish Department as to the existence of disease amongst cattle in Ireland not only have no weight, but are absolutely disregarded by the Board of Agriculture & Fisheries, with the result that although it is the opinion of Mr. Russell and his veterinary advisors that the county meach is, and has been for over four months free from disease, we are still prohibited from moving cattle out of the county.

Furthermore, we call on the Irish Parliamentary representatives to insist that Mr. Asquith will remove Mr. Runciman to some other sphere of activity, as he has proved himself unsuited to be head of a Department of Agriculture. That we are also of opinion the suggested permanent 12 hours detention at ports of landing would only entail loss to traders, and that instead of being a rest and a help to cattle it would be a period of discomfort and cruelty to them, as people who know anything about cattle are aware that on landing they would not feed or rest, but abuse each other, trample and waste expensive fodder, and considerably reduce their market value.

That the time has come for united action by every elected representative public body in Ireland, and that a copy of this resolution be sent for approval and confirmation to the Co. Councils, District Councils, and Urban Councils throughout Ireland, also to the President of the Department of Agriculture, Mr. Asquith, our Parliamentary representatives, and Mr. John Redmond, M.P.,

On the motion of the chairman, seconded by Mr. Rice, the following resolution was adopted :-

"Adopted, with the deletion of the words:-
"Furthermore, we call on the Irish Parliamentary representatives to insist that Mr. Asquith will remove Mr. Runciman, to some other sphere of activity, as he has proved himself unsuited to be head of a Department of agriculture."

From Meath Farmers' Association :-

"That the present Regulations under the Cattle Diseases' Acts between Great Britain and Ireland being most unsatisfactory and prejudicial to the latter country, and an immediate Parliamentary Inquiry being necessary, we call upon the Parliamentary representatives of Ireland, (of all shades of opinion) to immediately hold a meeting to discuss the matter, and take whatever action may seem best to relieve the present deadlock in the cattle trade and prevent a recurrence of a similar state of affairs in the future."

"Adopted on the motion of the chairman."

Royal Ulster Agricultural Society :-

"That in the event of any further suspected outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease in Ireland, this Society would recommend that the County Council of the County affected be empowered, as in England and Scotland, to call in an expert to co-operate with the Department of agriculture and report to the County Council on the facts of the case."

"Adopted on the motion of the chairman."

From Lifford N. R. Co. Committee of Agriculture

Resolved:- "That we, the Tipperary N. R. Co. Committee of Agriculture, being convinced that the several outbreaks of Foot & Mouth Diseases in Ireland were caused by foreign straw, which came into this country as packing, afterwards used as bedding, we call upon the Department of Agriculture to take immediate steps to prohibit any more hay or straw being admitted into Ireland as packing. That copies of this resolution be forwarded to the County Councils, the Co. Committees of Agriculture and the members of Parliament for our County."

"Adopted on the motion of the Chairman".

— Poisons & Pharmacy Act. —

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

Mrs. Kennissey, New Ross.

Johanna Hogan, Castle St., Enniscorthy.

Israel Wallis, Athurstown.

R. Breen, Quay, Wexford.

Margaret Roche, Ballyanne.

Messrs Green & Son, Enniscorthy.

P. McManamin, manager Co-operative Society.

Puice Barron, manager Enniscorthy Co-operative Agricultural Society.

"Granted on the motion of Mr. Peacocke, seconded by Mr. M. Doyle Senr."

— Illness of Mr. Hassett - Assistant Surveyor. —

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

"That the County Surveyor be empowered to procure any temporary assistance he may require to discharge the duties of Mr. Hassett."

Assistant Surveyor, who is suffering from pneumonia."

"That Mr. Hassett's salary be paid during his illness, and that the Secretary be instructed to claim any sums due to Mr. Hassett under the Insurance Act for Sickness Benefit."

— Quarry at Ryland Wood. —

On the motion of the Chairman, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the Seal of the Council be affixed to the agreement entered into between Mr. R. W. Hall Esq., Newtownbarry, and the Co. Council relative to a quarry at Ryland Wood."

— Strong Room-Committee —

The following report was read:-

"Messrs Peacocke, and Stafford, the Committee appointed to consider the question of the erection of a strong room attached to the County Council Office, met on the 18th December 1912. They reported that the strong room should be erected on the south side of the garden adjacent to the County Council Office."

"Adopted on the motion of the Chairman."

— Asylum Committee. —

The following letter from Rev R. Fitzhenry Adam, Enniscorthy:-

"I regret to have to send in to the Co. Council my resignation of the Asylum Committee. I'm no longer able to reach upon the work of this Committee, but the Rev James Rossiter C.B., here, has kindly consented to act, and I trust your Council will kindly appoint him."

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

"That Jachus Fitzhenry be requested to reconsider his resignation as a member of the Asylum Committee."

———— Zara Hill Quarry. ————

The following letter from Mr. H. Kehoe, Clerk Wexford R. D. Council, under date 25th November 1912, was read:-

"My District Council at their meeting on the 16th inst., unanimously adopted a resolution approving of the suggestion made by Mr. Barry, County Surveyor, that the expenses of Zara Hill Quarry be chargeable to the Rural District of Gory."

The following paragraph appeared in the County Surveyor's Report:-

"Supplementing my former report about Zara Hill Quarry, I have now to inform you that recently by advertisement and otherwise I endeavoured to make arrangements to work the quarry by piece work or contract but was not successful. I consider that the best steps to be taken by the Council is to continue the existing system for the present charging the Gory Rural District a higher rate per cubic yard for the material to cover the actual cost."

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

"That in future metalling be sold from Zara Hill Quarry at the rate of 4/- per cubic yard.

That if the working expenses allow of any reduction it be taken into account in fixing the price.

That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Gory Rural District Council."

Cork M. P.'s & Irish Party.

The following resolution was read from the Carrick-on-Suir Board of Guardians:-

"That this Board feels compelled to express its deep regret and disappointment at the attitude adopted by right Parliamentary representatives of the City and County of Cork in withdrawing so frequently their support from the Government and the Irish Parliamentary Party during the passage of the Home Rule Bill through the House of Commons - a Bill fraught with the entire destiny of our country and for which we have struggled so patiently and so long. It is one more proof of the disastrous consequences always resulting from a spirit of dissension and disunion so manifest in this case and which has hitherto been a curse to this unfortunate country. and as this deliberate abstention from duty at the present juncture can only mean covert opposition to the measure, we hereby call on the manhood of the City and County of Cork to assert itself once more and fall into line with the rest of National Ireland in this supreme effort to right the wrongs of our native land."

"No action taken."

Irish Flour milling Industry.

The following resolution was read from the Dublin Industrial Development Association:-

"That this Council from statistics to hand, note the large and continued imports of flour, bran and pollard into Ireland. They are of opinion the Irish Flour milling Industry should be supported to so much greater extent as to steadily diminish these flour imports. They are also of opinion that many subsidiary

industries would be materially benefited thereby, and what is of the utmost importance to an agricultural country like ours, the output of bran and pollard would be proportionally increased. We hereby urge the purchasing public to give the Irish product bearing the Irish Trade mark fair consideration.

"adopted on the motion of the chairman, seconded by Mr. Peacocke."

Weeds & Seeds Act.

The following resolution was read from the Irish Seed & Nursery Trades Association :-

"The Irish Seed and Nursery Trades Association respectfully directs the attention of the county councils of Ireland to the Weeds and Agricultural Seeds (Ireland) Act 1909, and would urge on those councils and county boroughs who have not yet adopted the portion of the act referring to weeds, that the time has arrived when this portion should be made operative.

Special attention is drawn to the very great loss to agriculture and also the serious depreciation in the value of land, occasioned by the unchecked spread of weed seeds from the highways, Railway embankments and water places."

marked "Read."

Recommendations of Finance & Roads Committee.

The following recommendations of the Finance & Roads Committee were laid before the meeting:-

"That the County Surveyor be given authority to have the necessary repairs carried out at the office of the clerk of the Crown Office."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr. Peacocke, seconded by Mr. Rossiter."

— General authority for small repairs. —

"That the County Surveyor be given a general authority to have small repairs to all the courthouses carried out, using form 6 of the Public Bodies Order for this purpose."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr. Peacocke, seconded by Mr. Rossiter."

— Roads Nos 15 & 15^a New Ross District. —

"With reference to Roads Nos 15 and 15^a New Ross District, (Mountgarrett Road) we direct our Secretary to communicate with Mr. Jones Assistant Surveyor, and state that from the report of the County Surveyor dealing with the proposed steam-rolling of these roads and from the discussion which took place in connection with Road No. 193, the Finance and Roads Committee consider that he has discharged his duties in a very unsatisfactory manner. That we request Mr. Jones to furnish details of the agreement which he made with Mr. Whitty as regards the provision and spreading of material for steam-rolling purposes on Roads Nos 15 and 15^a and that these details be laid before the next meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee."

In connection with this matter the following letter from Mr. Jones was considered at the meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee on 29th January 1913 :-

"At the New Ross District meeting on 28th April 1910, there was no tender for steam-rolling Nos 15 & 15^a. Soon after Mr. Gaffney wrote to me asking me to find a man to supply

material by the cubic yard. Mr. John Whitty offered to supply and draw and spread material at 7/- per yard; 4/- to be paid on delivery and 3/- when spread. Mr. Gaffney accepted this offer.

I have some correspondence on the subject, and would wish to attend your meeting."

"Mr. Jones attended the meeting and explained - "that he had carried out Mr. Gaffney's instructions in the matter. He admitted that no arrangement had been made as to providing men to attend upon the steam roller. Although for similar work on an adjoining contract at practically the same rate of payment, these men had been provided by Mr. Whitty."

The following recommendation was adopted:-
"That we express our dissatisfaction with the manner in which Mr. Jones is performing his duties as Assistant Surveyor, and that the County Surveyor be directed to inform the Council at the May meeting, if any improvement is shown in his methods of work by Mr. Jones in the meantime."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr. Peacocke, seconded by Mr. Rossiter."

Statistics of Traffic etc., for Road Board.

"That the County Surveyor be given instructions to incur such expenses as may be necessary to obtain statistics of traffic and tests of material to be used in connection with the proposed Grants from the Road Board for the improvement of certain roads in the County."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr. Peacocke,
seconded by Mr. Rossiter."

— Temporary Assistant Surveyor. —

At the meeting of the Committee on the 29th January, the County Surveyor in his report stated that Mr. O'Connor the temporary assistant surveyor had been giving very good attention to his work, and it would be advisable to continue Mr. O'Connor in office for some time longer and pending the making of a permanent appointment, as it might be advisable to make some change in the supervision of the district between the two assistants having charge of it.

The following recommendation was agreed to:-

"That the services of Mr. O'Connor, temporary Assistant Surveyor, be retained for a further period of six months, salary to be at the rate of £80 per annum."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr. Peacocke
seconded by Mr. Rossiter."

— Exc. Assistant Surveyor Howlin. —

The County Surveyor reported to the meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee on 8th December 1912, that he had found Mr. Howlin's report books had been made out in a very unsatisfactory manner, and he suggested that clerical assistance should be provided for about a week in order to have them properly written up.

The following recommendation was agreed to:-

"That our Secretary inform Mr. Howlin that his books which were laid before this day's meeting, were found to be in a very unsatisfactory condition, and that, unless he is

prepared to re-write his books in the office of the County Surveyor, and to the satisfaction of the latter, we recommend the County Council to have the work performed at his expense, amount to be deducted from the salary due to him from the 30th September to the date of acceptance of his resignation".

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr. Peacocke, seconded by Mr. Rossiter."

— Weights & Measures Act. —

For the supply of scale beams to be used as County local standards and the Co. Standard Yard Bed No. 764, tenders were considered at the meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee on 18th December 1912.

The following order was made:-

"That we accept the tender of Messrs Doyle & Son, Newcomen Street, Borough, London; at £19: 10/- for scale beams, and £5: 7/- for yard bed, total £24: 15/- on condition that the articles are approved by the Board of Trade as suitable for their requirements, payment to be made only on a certificate being received to this effect from the proper officer of the Board of Trade."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr. Peacocke, seconded by Mr. Rossiter."

at the meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee on the 29th January 1913, a letter was read from the County Inspector R. J. C., relative to the provision of new scale beams etc., for Wexford Borough.

the following recommendation was agreed to:-

"In reference to letter of 14th December from the Constabulary as to providing scale beams for use as local standards in the Borough of Wexford, the Finance & Roads Committee of the Co. Council consider that the necessary verification could be carried out by the use of the County Scale Beams."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr. Peacocke, seconded by Mr. Rossiter."

Holidays.

Under date 18th December 1912, Mr. J. Treanor, Senior Assistant Surveyor wrote applying for leave of absence from 21st to 29th December inclusive.

Mr. J. Lanner, foreman Tara Hill Quarry, wrote applying for leave of absence from 24th to 28th December.

"Both applications which were considered at the meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee of the 18th December 1912, were acceded to."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr. Peacocke, seconded by Mr. Rossiter."

Co. Council Staff.

"Recommendations granting leave of absence to Mr. Richards, Co. Council Staff, during his illness and approving of the provision of temporary assistance in the meantime were laid before the meeting."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr. Peacocke, seconded by Mr. Rossiter."

Doran's Hill Quarry.

at the meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee on 29th January 1913, the following recommendations were adopted :-

"With regard to the proposal to charge 3/6 per cubic yard for broken material at Doran's Hill Quarry, the arrangement was approved, the amount to be deducted at the rate of 3/6 per cubic yard from the payments to the road contractors using the quarry."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr Peacocke, seconded by Mr Rossiter."

District Councillors & Road Contractors.

"That the attention of the Enniscorthy Rural District Council be called to the fact that a report has been received from the County Surveyor, that Mr Morgan Dunne, Cloheadon, Enniscorthy, a district councillor of Enniscorthy District, has the contract for road No. 291 Enniscorthy District; and was found working on this road by Mr Treanor, Senior Assistant Surveyor, on the 18th January."

"On the motion of Mr Peacocke, seconded by Mr Rossiter, the following resolution was adopted :- That the attention of the Local Government Board be called to the resolution of the Finance and Roads Committee in reference to the report of the Co. Surveyor as to a District Councillor in Enniscorthy R. District - Mr M. Dunne - being a road contractor."

Temporary Clerk - Co. Surveyor's office.

"That the County Surveyor be empowered to employ a temporary clerical assistant

for four weeks, salary to be £1 per week."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr. Peacocke, seconded by Mr. Rossiter."

— Resident Engineer Deeps Bridge. —

"That the County Surveyor be instructed to advertise for a Resident Engineer or Clerk of Works for the new bridge at the Deeps, salary £3 per week, appointment to be made at the special meeting of the Council on the 26th February."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr. Peacocke, seconded by Mr. Rossiter."

— Rate Collection. —

"That Mr. J. L. Doyle, Rate collector, be called on to resign at the close of the present collection, if he fails to give the security of a guarantor society."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr. Peacocke, seconded by Mr. Rossiter."

"That our Secretary communicate with the Rate collectors and their sureties who have not at least 25 per cent of their collection made, and point out that the Finance & Roads Committee consider that these collectors have exhibited a lack of diligence in the discharge of their duties. That the state of the Rate collection be submitted to the meeting of the Council on 12th February, and that special attention be called to those collectors complained of at this meeting."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr. Peacocke, seconded by Mr. Rossiter."

Analyst's Report.

the following report was read :-

City Laboratory,
17 Castle Street,
Dublin - 1st Feby 1913.

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 31st December 1912

182 articles were received from the Food
Inspectors, R.I.C., as follows...

<u>article</u>	<u>number</u>
milk	59
Butter	42
whiskey	34
Buttermilk	27
cheese	5
Rum	4
margarine	4
Port Wine	2
Ginger Wine	1
claret	1
Gin	1
Sherry wine	1
Brandy	1
Total	<u>182</u>

There were five certificates sent to Sergeant
Scully, Wexford; for specimens of buttermilk
adulterated with at least 13. 15. 25. 25 and 38
per cent of added water respectively, exclusive
of 25 per cent allowed for churning purposes.

Two certificates were sent to Sergeant Ruane
New Ross, for specimens of milk adulterated
with at least 6.25 and 8.9 per cent of added
water.

One certificate was sent to Sergeant

white, Zaghamon, for specimen of whiskey which was 32 degrees under proof and was therefore adulterated with 9.33 per cent of water.

One certificate was sent to Sergeant Toroney, Ferns, for specimen of whiskey which was 32 degrees under proof and was therefore adulterated with 9.33 per cent of water.

Two specimens of water analysed for the New Ross Rural District Council had the following compositions.

One imperial gallon contained in grains.

	No. 1.	No. 2.
Total solid matter	118.300	21.000
Including	0.	
albuminoid ammonia	0.005	0.0065
saline ammonia	0.0015	0.0015
nitric acid	16.250	0.620
chlorine	25.940	1.780
colour.	almost colourless	light yellow

Both fit for use.

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

One imperial gallon contained in grains.

Total solid matter	28.000
Including	
albuminoid ammonia	0.004
saline ammonia	0.003
nitric acid	0.870
chlorine	2.1877
colour	almost colourless

a very good water.

From Gorey union nine drugs were received. Three are in process of analysis. Two of the remainder were incorrect.

From Enniscorthy union twelve drugs were received. Three are in process of analysis. One of the remainder was incorrect.

Two specimens of feeding stuff were analysed for messrs John Daly & Son, Wexford.

One specimen of feeding stuff was analysed for W. H. Allen, Esq. Wexford.

For Shillelagh Union, which is partly situated in the County Wexford, nine drugs were received. Three were incorrect. The remainder are in process of analysis.

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.	218
adulterated & defective articles	13.

B. A. Cameron.

marked "Read."

Special meeting - 26th February 1913.

A special meeting of the Wexford Co. Council was held in the Co. Council Chamber, Courthouse Wexford, on 26th February 1913.

Present :- Mr. John Bolger (Chairman) presiding.
Other members :- Messrs J. Asple, Cloney, James Codd, Mark Codd, J. A. Doyle, Michael Doyle Junr., Michael Doyle Senr., Sir J. H. G. Esmonde Bart., M. Gough, J. S. Hearn, Michael Hickey, A. Kinsella, James Lynch, J. J. Mayler, John O'honor, Patrick O'hill, G. H. Peacocke, R. A. Rice, Patrick Rossiter, J. J. Stafford, David Sinnott, J. L. Esmonde.

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

———— Courtown Harbour. ————

The following recommendation adopted at the meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee on 26th February, was read :-

"That the recommendation of the Courtown Harbour Committee that the Harbour master procure one dozen ear poles at a cost not exceeding £2 be approved."

"On the motion of Sir Thomas Esmonde, seconded by the Chairman, the foregoing recommendation was confirmed."

———— Deeps Bridge. ————

The Finance & Roads Committee reported :-

"We have received three tenders for the erection of the Deeps Bridge. Only one, that of the British Reinforced Concrete Co., was found in order. It provides for the

erection of the Bridge proper for a sum of £3713 : 2 : 11 including the construction of a damp proof course, and the provision of foot traffic. We recommend the Co. Council to accept the tender.

We also recommend the acceptance of the tender of the Cleveland Bridge & Engineering Co., for the erection of the bascule or opening span at £1250.

As none of these tenders provide for the payment of Engineer's fees, we direct the Co. Surveyor to provide for these by a proposal at the next quarterly meeting.

We recommend these tenders be accepted subject to the Local Government Board sanctioning the loan of £5,000 and that the tenders be not operative if the Local Government Board refuses such sanction, and subject to the security on enquiry by our Solicitor, being found satisfactory.

"On the motion of Sir Thomas Esmonde seconded by Mr. Hearn, the foregoing recommendation of the Finance and Roads Committee was confirmed."

— Resident Engineer - Deep's Bridge. —

Applications for the position of Resident Engineer for Deep's Bridge, at a salary of £3. per week, were received from :-

M. Hassett, Assistant Surveyor, Fairy Hill Castlebridge.

Ronayne Jennings, 113 Quay, Waterford.

Felix McMahon, Dumbarton.

J. H. Stanton, Rathmines, Dublin.

Gerald Fitzgerald, Lismore.

George Lee, Galway.

D. D. Frew, Glasgow.

A. B. Brislawn, Dublin.

Arthur Williams, Cork.

P. J. Rice, Dublin.
 E. B. Caulfield, Saltnmills, Co. Wexford.
 J. J. Harding, Newry.
 John P. O'Dowd, Sligo.
 D. J. Murnane, Dromore, Co. Down.
 A. Christison, Portland, Dorset.
 W. H. Kenny, Youghal.
 W. Henry, Rochdale.
 R. J. Cooke, Harrow-on-the-Hill.
 J. J. Hardiman, Galway.
 Wm Morrison, Bagnalstown.
 A. Redmond, Wexford.
 R. W. Hayward, Nottingham.

A poll was taken with the following result:-
 For Mr. Jennings:- Messrs Aspley, John Bolger,
 M. Cloney, Jacobson, Mark Good, J. A. Doyle,
 M. Doyle Jr., M. Doyle Sr., J. L. Esmonde, Sir J.
 Esmonde, J. S. Hearn, James Lynch, P. O'Neill,
 C. H. Peacocke, R. A. Rice, P. Rossiter, J. J. Stafford. 17.
 For Mr. Hassett:- Messrs M. Gough, M. Hickey,
 J. J. Mayler, John O'Connor. 4.
 For Mr. Murnane:- Mr. A. Kinsella. - 1
 For Mr. Redmond:- Mr. David Sinnott. - 1.

"The chairman declared Mr. Jennings elected
 as Resident Engineer or Clerk of Works, for the
 Dups Bridge at a salary of £3 per week, on
 the terms of the advertisement, and the
 conditions attaching to the appointment by
 the County Surveyor, and approved by the
 Finance Committee."

— Tobacco Growing in Gorey District. —

The following recommendations adopted at
 the meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee
 on 26th February, were confirmed on the
 motion of Mr. O'Neill, seconded by Mr. Peacocke:-

"That we request the County Wexford Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction to agree to the appointment of a joint deputation to Mr. J. W. Russell, Vice President of the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction to lay before him the views of the Wexford Co. Council in connection with the encouragement of the growth of tobacco in Gorey District. That Father Sweetman, Mount St. Benedict, Gorey, be requested to accompany the deputation, and that we ask the Co. Committee of Agriculture and Technical Instruction, to appoint at its meeting on Friday 28th February, two representatives to act with the representatives of the Co. Council in connection with this matter."

"That Messrs J. S. Heam, and P. J. Fanning be appointed as representatives of the County Council."

— Appointment - Chief Tuberculosis Officer. —

Applications for the appointment of Chief Tuberculosis Officer at a salary of £400 per annum, and £100 for travelling expenses were received from:-

Dr. William O'Connor, New Ross.

Dr. W. P. Kelly, Enniscorthy.

Under date 14th February 1913, the Local Government Board wrote - letter No. 6009-1913. approving of the salary of £400 per annum, and £100 for travelling expenses for the holder of the appointment.

Conditions of the appointment etc. having been dealt with, the following was agreed to on the motion of the Chairman:-

"This appointment is to be determined

by twelve month's notice at either side, should the scheme for any reason be abandoned."

"Both candidates agreed to this condition."

A poll was taken with the following result:-
For D. O'Connor:- messrs Bloney, Bolger, James Codd, J. A. Doyle, M. Doyle Jr., M. Doyle Sr., J. S. Hearn, M. Hickey, A. Kinsella, J. T. Mayler, C. H. Peacocke, R. A. Rice, P. Rossiter, J. J. Stafford, D. Sinnott-15.

For D. Kelly:- messrs J. Asple, M. Codd, J. L. Comonde, Sir J. Comonde, M. Gough, James Lynch, J. O'Connor, P. O'Neill, - 8.

The Chairman then declared D. O'Connor elected. D. O'Connor returned thanks.

The following is the application of the successful candidate:-

"I beg to apply for the position of Tuberculosis Officer for County Westford. I have, for the past ten years been Dispensary medical officer and M. O. H., in New Ross, during which time I have given satisfaction to the Board of Guardians and the Local Government Board.

As my district includes the town and a large county area, I am familiar with the condition of the lives of the poor, in town & country, and amongst them I have met only too much Tuberculosis.

I studied for the qualifications of the Royal College of Surgeons, and Royal College of Physicians at the Catholic University Medical School, Dublin, where I gained three medals and a School Exhibition.

I also acted a Prosector (of anatomy) there, to the late Professor Birmingham.

I served as Resident Pupil in the Mater

Hospital and also as House Surgeon; to the late position I was elected for a second term.

I have also acted as Resident Physician to Cork Street Fever Hospital, Dublin.

Last July I commenced a course of instruction on Tuberculosis at the Collier Tuberculosis Dispensary and Allen Ryan Hospital, Dublin.

If elected, I will complete the course as required by the Local Government Board, also I will use every effort to make your scheme a success and to perform the duties of Tuberculosis officer to your satisfaction.

— Secondary School Scholarships. —

The following resolution of the Irish Co. Councils' General Council, relative to the proposed scheme of the Chief Secretary for Ireland, of Scholarships tenable at Secondary Schools by boys and girls from Primary Schools, was read :-

"As the Report of the Standing Committee on Legislation clearly shows that acceptance of the Chief Secretary's draft scheme for Scholarships would involve in the case of the great majority of Irish Co. Councils the following disadvantages, viz :-

- (1) Breach of the agreement re Essential Irish with the National University of Ireland.
 - (2) Deprivation of all control by the County Councils over their own Scholarships.
 - (3) Decreased educational advantages.
 - (4) Increased financial responsibilities.
- we decline to accept these proposals. We withdraw our application for Treasury assistance for this purpose, and we request

the Chief Secretary to substitute therefor an addition to Section 10 of the Irish Universities Act, 1908, giving to County Councils power to apply in their discretion sums not exceeding one-third of the amount raised under the authority of this Section to the provision of Scholarships in secondary schools for students from Primary Schools in accordance with the provisions of a Scheme therefor to be settled by the Irish Co. Councils' General Council and approved by the Intermediate Education Board for Ireland."

The following recommendation from the Finance & Roads Committee on the 26th February, was read :-

"That this County Council are prepared to support a Scheme for the establishment of Scholarships at Primary and Secondary Schools which will not deprive them of control in the allocation of any Scholarships which are financed by the rates."

"Confirmed on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Lynch."

Erection - Sign Posts.

Mr. Barry, County Surveyor reported :-

"I have received from the Wexford Roads Improvement Association a notification that they have in hands a number of direction signs for erection, and they have asked that the County Council should provide and erect posts to carry same. I have in hands a small balance from a former proposal for this class of work, and I ask for your directions as to whether I should meet the views of the Improvement Committee."

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

"That we instruct our County Surveyor, to erect sign posts provided by the Wexford Roads Improvement Association, so far as the funds which he has in hands will allow."

— Women's National Health Association —

Under date 12th February 1913, Lady Aberdeen forwarded programme with reference to forthcoming National Health Week beginning April 5th, and which has for its object the bringing before the public generally the importance of conserving the public health.

"adjourned"

— motor car act. —

Under date 19th February 1913, the Local Government Board wrote letter No. 8885-1913, misc., that by the Expiring Laws Continuance Act 1912, which has received the Royal Assent, the motor car act 1903, was continued until the 31st December 1913."

marked "Read."

John Bolger

Special meeting - 7th April 1913.

A special meeting of the County Council was held in the Co. Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford, on 7th April 1913.

Present :- Mr. John Bolger (Chairman) presiding.

Other members :- Lord Stopford, Messrs Mr. Bloney, James Codd, Mr. Codd, Mr. Doyle Jr., Mr. Doyle Sr., T. L. Esmond, Mr. Gough, P. J. Fanning, J. S. Hearn, A. Hinsella, J. J. Mayler, J. O'Connor, P. O'Neill, C. H. Peacocke, R. A. Rice, P. Rossiter, J. J. Stafford.

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

— Proposals for Payments. —

On the motion of the Chairman.

Seconded by Mr. Peacocke, the following resolution was adopted :-

"That the several Proposals for Payment added by the County Surveyor to his report and of the fixed items, viz: salaries etc., be and are hereby agreed to."

"That as recommended by the Finance & Roads Committee the quarterly instalment be transferred to the various public bodies financed by the County Council."

— Rates for 1913-14. —

The meeting was specially summoned for striking the Rates for the year.

On the motion of Mr. Stafford.

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 1913-14, as agreed to at the meeting of the County Council on the 12th February 1913, 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, as set out in the valuation lists furnished by the Commissioner of valuation that the allowance for said Rates as entered at foot of said Rate Books signed by the Chairman, and two members present at said meeting be adopted, attested by the Seal of the County 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 on the urban Councils of Enniscorthy, New Ross, and Wexford, be duly signed and sealed, the amounts demanded from above Urban Districts, after allowing for credit items being:-

District	Co. charges	Union charges	Separate charges	Total
Enniscorthy	452 : 19 : 8	512 : 8 : 4	66 : 18 : 6	1032 : 6 : 6
New Ross.	444 : 3 : 7	694 : 19 : 6	84 : 3 : 4	1223 : 6 : 5
Wexford	1043 : 9 : 8	1004 : 16 : 8	167 : 15 : 0	2206 : 1 : 4

Blackwater Harbour.

Mr. J. L. Emond moved the following, of which he had given previous notice:-

"That the plan of the proposed pier at Blackwater being acceptable to the people of that district, be approved of by the County Council, and that the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction be requested to proceed

with the project at once.

Expenditure to be a county-at-large charge."

By permission of the meeting Mr. Esmonde added the following to his notice of motion:-

"That we approve of the plan of the work proposed by the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction cost not to exceed £2,290, and that the Department be requested to carry out the work."

Mr. O'Neill seconded.

Passed.

The following letter under date 13th December 1912, No 9628-1912, F.B.) was read from the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction:-

"adverting to previous correspondence on the subject of the proposed improvement of the landing accommodation at Blackwater I have to state, for the information of the Wexford County Council, that the local people seem to think that the proposed open type of landing stage would be useless to them.

as the Department are ^{not} in a position to provide funds for the alternative scheme suggested, and of which they doubt the practicability, perhaps you would kindly bring the present state of affairs under the notice of the Council and let me have their views on the matter. a change of site of the open type of structure would not affect the case as this would not present any engineering difficulties."

Tara Hill Quarry.

The following recommendations were adopted by the Roads & Finance Committee with reference to Tara Hill Quarry:-

"That the County Surveyor be instructed to

inform John Lannen, foreman of Sara Hill Quarry, that the manner in which the quarry is being worked is not giving satisfaction to the Co. Council. If road metalling cannot be produced at a cheaper rate than at present, the Finance & Roads Committee will recommend the Co. Council to consider the advisability of making a change in the method of working."

"That the County Surveyor be requested to make arrangements by which Mr. Treanor, Senior Assistant Surveyor, can spend the coming week at Sara Hill Quarry. That Mr. Treanor be directed to submit a report on his investigations"

"That the County Surveyor be invested with power to suspend or dismiss any man employed at the quarry who he considers is not giving satisfaction."

The following paragraph appeared in the report of the County Surveyor, to the meeting of the Proposal Committee:-

"By directions of the Roads Committee, Mr. Treanor, Senior Assistant Surveyor, visited and remained at Sara Hill Quarry, from Monday last, (22nd March) to superintend the working of the quarry there.

On Wednesday, 26th March at dinner hour the men struck work and the quarry is now idle. Mr. Treanor will submit a fully detailed report on the matter.

On the 26th March I met by appointment, an experienced quarryman at Sara Hill, and I am in treaty with him regarding the working of the quarry by piece work. I hope to have some definite arrangement made before your meeting takes place."

Mr. Treanor, Senior Assistant Surveyor reported as

follows:-

"As directed by the Roads Committee of the Co. Council on the 19th ult., I went to Gory by the 7 a.m. train on Monday the 24th ult., with a view to supervising work at Tara Hill Quarry.

I arrived in Quarry at 9 a.m., and gave details herewith of work until Wednesday at 12 o'clock when men ceased working.

I may point out that instructions were given by County Surveyor to the Foreman to have all quarried stones broken and the face entirely cleared by Saturday 22nd ult., so that a fresh start might be made on Monday. This was not done as breaking was not finished until 3.45 p.m., on Tuesday.

Monday:- Eight men and Foreman at work - making some alterations to Breaker - did not start breaking until 10.10 a.m., at 11.10 a.m., I checked the quantity broken and found that 7 tons 11 cwt done. Breaking was continued up to 5 p.m., when elevator belt got broken. The total quantity broken from 10.10 a.m., to 5 p.m., was 36 tons 4 cwt., or an average of a little over 5 tons per hour.

Tuesday:- Nine men and Foreman at work. - belt not repaired until 9.20 a.m., at 10.20 a.m., there was 8 tons 4 cwt broken - at 10.25 a.m., side plates got out of order necessitating stoppage in work till 10.45 a.m.,

at 12 o'clock 14 tons broken after 3 $\frac{3}{4}$ hours actual work. Breaking continued until 3.45 p.m., when 36 tons 5 cwt broken, making an average for the 5 hours of 7 tons 5 cwt per hour. From 3.45 p.m., till 6 p.m., the men were engaged barring and sludging.

Wednesday:- at 8 a.m., six men, Foreman, and Blacksmith started. Depth of hole at 10 a.m., started at 8 a.m., - 15". Second hole started at 9.45 a.m., - 5 $\frac{3}{4}$ ". another of the men

arrived at 10 a.m.

at 12 o'clock first hole 2' 3 $\frac{3}{4}$ ". Second hole 1' 4". men refused to resume after dinner. It will be noticed from above that the Breaker under ordinary circumstances should break in or about 7 tons per hour, making an average of 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ yards, which in a nine hours day equals 58 $\frac{1}{2}$ yards.

I was unable to form an estimate of the quantity possible to raise in a day as no fresh quarrying was done during the time that I was at the quarry.

I will give details of minor matters in connection with working of the Quarry at your meeting.

When men refused work I asked them for reasons for their action; they gave me to understand they were underpaid, also that an offer to work the quarry should have been made to them, before arranging with another person for the work. On being further questioned by me, they said they were prepared to work quarry at 1/6 per ton for raising, explosives and tools supplied, or at a rate of 3/- per day. Breaking to be paid for at same rate as raising, or at 3/- per day, no account to be taken of delay caused through defects in Breaker."

Under date 1st April, the following letter was read from Patrick Spencer, Sara Hill, Gory:-

"As representing the Sara Hill Quarry workers, I am directed to place before you the facts concerning the present dispute. I am sure, however, that this is unnecessary, as I have the fullest confidence in Mr. Treanor, the Assistant Co. Surveyor, to explain the

situation to the meeting fairly and impartially.

The facts are shortly as follows:-

At the present time, or strictly speaking, up to the time of the strike- the standard rate of wages for the men working in the quarry was 16/- a week. This, allowing for broken weather, works out at an average of 14/- a week, or less than what the average agricultural labourer earns. The men are therefore of opinion that this is a starvation wage. Having regard to the nature of the work, and we demand an increase of 7/- a week. Our alternative demand is to raise the stones in the quarry by task work at 1/6 per ton- the County Council to supply the tools and explosives and keep the tools in working order. We would be willing to work at the stone crusher in connection with breaking the stones and do any other work required at the average wages which we earn at the task work in quarrying the stones. We think if the quarry were worked on this basis it would, to a large extent if not wholly, wipe out the deficit on the present working of the quarry.

It may be contended by Mr. Paddle that we struck work on account of undue supervision by himself and Mr. Treanor, but this is not a fact. We started work as usual at 8 o'clock on Wednesday morning last, and Mr. Treanor was in the quarry before 8 o'clock. Mr. Paddle came to the quarry about 10 o'clock. He told myself and the other men that we were "doing nothing" and the dispute then started, with the result that we all left the quarry. It would appear from the statements of Mr. Paddle, and of some members of your Council, that the men are not doing their work,

and this impression prevails amongst the Ratipayers to a considerable extent, but let me state emphatically that we are working as hard, ^{and as diligently} as any other body of workers in County Wexford, and we challenge Mr. Paddle, or any other person to prove otherwise. A meaner charge could not be made against anyone, and we have listened to it too long.

We will not return to work unless our demands are conceded. If they are refused the fight must go on to a finish, grave though the consequences may be."

The following was read from Mr. Paddle, Assistant Surveyor, in connection with the statement of Mr. Spencer:-

"In reference to a letter from Patrick Spencer to your Council on behalf of Sara Hill Quarrymen, a copy of which was kindly forwarded me by Mr. Frizelle.

I must take exception to the statements made therein in reference to myself.

As to the insinuation that I stated that the cause of the strike was undue supervision. What actually occurred is this:- Mr. Etchingham came to me on the evening of the strike (26th ult.) and told me that one of the quarrymen had told him that they had struck work for increase of wages, either for an increase of $\frac{1}{6}$ per week, or an alternative of $\frac{1}{6}$ per ton.

I told Mr. Etchingham, that so far as I knew the man did not apply for an increase of wages, but perhaps resented the supervision.

It had been arranged between myself and Mr. Treanor that during the experiments which were being carried out at the quarry that week, that Mr. Treanor was to be at the

quarry when the men started work at 8 o'clock, and I was to be there at 9 o'clock, to allow him to have breakfast.

This arrangement was carried out on Wednesday morning, Mr. Inman having taken the depths of the holes being bored at 8 o'clock, and directed me to do likewise at 10 o'clock.

On taking the depth of the hole, at which Spencer was engaged at 10 o'clock, he (Spencer) made some remark like that they might as well be in Hong Kong, or some words to that effect, and asked what was going to be done.

I replied I did not know, but something must be done, as it was a general statement outside that they were not working as they should.

As I noticed that a considerable amount of the men's time was occupied in assisting the smith at forging the drills, and as I looked upon it as a matter of considerable importance I proceeded to note the time the different men went to the forge, and the time they actually returned to work again. This action Spencer evidently noted, for he asked me were they going to be allowed nothing for the time they were engaged in the forge. I told him I did not know.

In conclusion, Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen, in justice to myself, and as an officer of your Council, I could not allow such misstatements to go uncontradicted."

Mr. Fanning proposed, and Lord Stopford seconded: - "That a committee be appointed with a view to arranging price per ton for quarrying and breaking road metalling at Sara Hill Quarry. That the workmen at Sara Hill Quarry be requested to furnish for the information of the committee an inclusive price for quarrying and breaking road metalling, repairing tools, supply of

blasting materials, and explosives, oil and coal, and any other stores required; the county council to be responsible only for repairs to engine and breaker, new tools; they are also to provide a foreman to run the engine.

That the committee report to the next meeting of the co. council, but if in the meantime, they can come to any reasonable arrangement with the men, that the latter be allowed to resume work on the conditions agreed to between them and the committee.

Passed.

Mr. M. Doyle Sr., proposed, and Mr. Rossiter seconded:— "That the following be the members of the committee to deal with the matter:— Messrs J. Bolger, J. J. Stafford, A. Kinsella, Lord Stopford, J. S. Hearn, C. H. Peacocke, P. O'Neill, and P. J. Fanning."

That the County Surveyor, and the Secretary be requested to accompany the committee; if possible the meeting of the committee to be held on Friday 11th April at the quarry at 9.15 a.m., That we request the County Surveyor to employ a brake for the committee to leave Gorey Station at 8.30 a.m., in order to allow of the inspection being carried out."

Passed.

New member - Co. Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction

The Secretary reported that owing to the death of Mr. Gregory Walsh, Coolcull, a vacancy existed on the Co. Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction.

On the motion of Mr. M. Doyle Jr., seconded by Mr. Rice, Mr. Michael Ryan, Lomcoole Laghmore, was appointed a member of the Co. Committee of Agriculture & Technical

Instruction, vice Mr. G. Walsh deceased."

Weeds & Seeds Act 1909.

Under date 3rd March 1913, the following letter No. A.4311-13. from the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction was read :-

"adverting to previous correspondence on the subject of the adoption by your Council of Part 1 of the above Act, I have to transmit a copy of a resolution which was considered at the meeting of the Council of Agriculture held on 22nd May last. In this connection I have to state that, during the past season Orders issued under Part 1 of the Act were in operation in 22 Counties and 2 County Boroughs. Although over 6,000 cases of prevalence of harmful weeds were dealt with during the past season, the Department are glad to report that the administration of the Act was attended with little difficulty.

When the matter is again before your Council, I have to suggest that the attendance of the County Instructor in Agriculture to explain the operation, etc., of the Act would be of assistance.

The administration of the Act entails no additional expense on the Joint Fund.

In the event of your Council deciding to have this Part of the Act put into operation, I have to suggest that the necessary resolution of consent on their part should take the form of the accompanying draft.

The Department will be obliged if you will kindly notify them at an early date as to your Council's action in this matter."

The Chairman proposed, and Mr. Kinsella seconded :-

"That this Council hereby consent to an

Order being made by the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction for Ireland declaring that throughout the County of Wexford all plants of the following species, viz:- thistle, are noxious weeds, for the purposes of the Weeds and Agricultural Seeds (Ireland) Act 1909."

A poll was taken with the following result :-

For:- Messrs Bolger, Kinsella, O'Neill, Stafford, and Lord Stopford. - 5.

Against:- Messrs Bloney, James Coad, Mark Coad, Mr. Doyle Jr., Mr. Doyle Sr., Fanning, Gough, Maylor, Peacocke, Rice, Rossiter. - 11.

The Chairman declared the motion lost.

Waterford Bridge Loan.

With reference to repayment of loan of £11,000 for Waterford Bridge, the following letter under date 26th February (No. 8343-1913, Wexford County) was read from the Local Government Board:-

"With reference to the entry in the minutes of Proceedings of the Wexford Co. Council on the 12th instant, relative to the consolidation of the various mortgages issued in respect of the loan of £11,000 sanctioned to the Council in connection with the Waterford Bridge undertaking, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to state that they are not aware of any objection to the proposal of the Council, which, they presume, will be carried out under the advice of the Council's Solicitor, due regard being had to the dates at which each borrowing was effected."

On the motion of the Chairman,

seconded by Mr. Stafford, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That in pursuance of the consent of the Local Government Board for Ireland dated 23rd 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 - that the Common Seal of the Council be affixed to the Deed of mortgage to secure the sum of £1,500, now to be advanced by the National Bank Ltd, to the Council, being the final instalment of the said sum of £11,000 to be raised by the Council for said purpose."

— Recommendations of Finance & Roads Committee.

The following recommendations of the Finance & Roads Committee, were laid before the meeting for confirmation:-

"Arising out of report of County Surveyor as to the falling away of a piece of road at Ballymoney Gorey, and for which a large expenditure would be necessary, the County Surveyor considered the outlay would not be warranted by the traffic."

The Finance & Roads Committee decided that the observations of the County Surveyor regarding this matter be referred to the Gorey Rural District Council."

"Adopted on the motion of the Chairman."

In connection with the purchase of timber for Wexford Bridge, the Finance Committee adopted a resolution empowering the Co. Surveyor to purchase timber, cost not to exceed £250.

"Adopted on the motion of the Chairman."

Regarding agreements to work quarries the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the Seal of the Council be affixed to agreements with the following quarry owners:-

Patrick Emond, Ballynaas, Killinick.
Michael Cashin, Brooy Middle.

J. B. Walker, Ballyconnick."

"adopted on the motion of the Chairman".

"In connection with the repair of screw-jacks at New Ross Bridge it was decided that the County Surveyor advertise for tenders."

"adopted on the motion of the Chairman"

With regard to the repairs necessary to the hulk at Duncannon the Co. Surveyor mentioned that the estimate he had received amounted to £288.

The following recommendation had been adopted by the Committee:-

"That Messrs Hearn, Stafford, Cloney, and Rice, with the County Surveyor, be appointed a Committee to examine the hulk before any expenditure with reference to its repairs is incurred. That representatives from the Waterford Harbour Commissioners, and the Waterford & Duncannon Steamship Co., be requested to meet the Committee. That the Committee ascertain whether it is not possible to have the steamer berthed at the pier instead of at the hulk, or, in the alternative, that they consider the advisability of a ferro-concrete collection of piles for the purposes of moorings.

That the County Surveyor be authorised to hire a motor car to enable him to have inspection carried out in the one day.

That the 1st April be provisionally selected for the Committee to meet at Duncannon, the hour to be arranged to suit the

representatives of the Waterford Harbour Commissioners, and the Waterford & Duncannon Steamship Co. That should the latter not be in a position to attend on the 1st April, the Secretary be instructed to arrange for another date."

"The Secretary said that the 1st April had been found to be an unsuitable date, but he was arranging for a date to suit all parties."

"That the County Surveyor consult with Mr. Elger, as to the liability of the Council for the maintenance of the hulk, and that he bring Mr. Elger's opinion to the attention of the next meeting."

"Adopted on the motion of the Chairman."

"It was decided that the inspection be carried out on 21st inst., at 11.30 a.m."

With reference to the paragraph in the Co. Surveyor's report dealing with a threatened action against the County Council, by James Dillon, the County Surveyor read a letter from Mr. Moffat, threatening proceedings."

"It was decided that Mr. Barry be authorised to consult Mr. Elger in the matter, and lay his opinion before the next meeting of the County Council."

"Adopted on the motion of the Chairman."

As regards temporary clerk in County Surveyor's office, it was decided on the motion of Mr. Fanning, seconded by Mr. Stafford, that the County Surveyor be authorised to employ a temporary clerk from 6th March to 1st May, salary to be £1 per week for the period."

"Adopted on the motion of the Chairman."

"The proposal of the County Surveyor, with regard to the whitewashing etc., of the County Courthouse, was approved."

"adopted on the motion of the Chairman"

"It was decided that the Secretary communicate with Mr. Whitty, Secretary to School Attendance Committee, and inform him, that if Mr. Myler, ex. School Attendance Officer, is not prepared to comply with the terms of the Secretary's letter to him, under date 12th March 1913, the matter be placed in the hands of the Solicitor to the Council."

"adopted on the motion of the Chairman"

"That duplicate cheques for £2: 10/- each be issued to Mr. F. Rutledge, Cliffe House, Enniscorthy and Reps of Mr. M. Browne, Baginbun, for rents of Courthouses."

"adopted on the motion of the Chairman"

Courtown Harbour Committee.

The minutes of Courtown Harbour Committee of the 1st April contained the following:-

"The Committee recommend that the Harbour Master procure 100 coal bags, cost not to exceed £6"

"adopted on the motion of the Chairman"

Rate Collection.

"The Secretary reported that all the collectors had closed with the exception of Mr. Andrew Lennon, who had £476: 12: 11, outstanding on the 31st March."

On the 2nd April, Mr. Lennon lodged £229: 17: 10 leaving £246: 15: 1 outstanding."

"A telegram had been received in the County

Council office on the 31st ult., from Mr. Lennon that owing to disappointments he could not close his collection until the following day."

The Secretary reported that Mr. Lennon had closed his collection since the meeting opened.

The following resolution was agreed to, on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. O'Neill:-

"That we request the Local Government Board to agree to the payment of his poundage to Mr. Lennon, Poor Rate collector. That Mr. Lennon be warned that if he does not strictly comply with the terms of his bond in future re lodging before the close of the half year, the full amount of his warrant, the Council will call on him for his resignation."

"Under date 26th March, the Local manager of the London & Lancashire Fire Insurance Co., wrote that in nearly all cases Rate collectors were guaranteed only for a proportion of the half-yearly warrant, usually one-third and in some cases less. The Local Government Board had expressed their agreement with the view of the Insurance Co., that County Councils should insure for a much larger proportion.

The Insurance company, recommended that each collector should be guaranteed for a sum round about the full amount of the half yearly warrant, and they asked the Council to have the amounts of the Bonds of the collectors increased to this figure."

"No Order."

Irrecoverable Rates.

On the motion of Lord Stopford
seconded by Mr. Rossiter, the following

resolution was adopted :-

"That in order to allow of the Rate Collectors being recouped amounts paid by them in connection with irrecoverable rates, we hereby empower the Finance & Roads Committee to deal with all claims made by the various collectors under this head."

— Deductions from Government Grants. —

Under date 10th March 1913 (letter No. 9261) the Local Government Board wrote in connection with order for payment of £97 : 8 : 3 balance in respect of the amounts which were paid as salaries to the Sanitary Officers of the Rural Districts of the County for the year ended 30th September 1912, and an order for £896 : 19 : 7 balance in respect of expenditure for medical & Educational Expenditure by Board of Guardians for the same period, that owing to the insufficiency of the amount paid under section 58 of the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898 to the Local Taxation fund to meet its liabilities His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant had deemed it necessary to direct a proportionate abatement of the sums payable out of the account having regard to the insufficiency of the account."

The Finance & Roads Committee had adopted the following resolution, at the meeting of 19th March :-

"That with reference to the letters from the Local Government Board relative to deductions from medical & Educational Grant and from Grant for recoupment of Sanitary Salaries, the Finance & Roads Committee request the Local Government Board to ascertain for their information from His

Excellency the Lord Lieutenant, the actual amount of deductions which have been made from the Grants due to Wexford County."

"That with reference to the deduction of £920: 5: 5 from the Death Duty Grant in respect of arrears in purchase annuities etc., under the Land acts, the Local Government Board be requested to ascertain from the Irish Land Commission and the National Debt Commissioners the period in respect of which this deduction has been made and the amounts of arrears which will be outstanding on 31st March, also what steps have been taken by the Land Commission to recover these arrears."

"That the Local Government Board request the Land Commission to furnish them for the information of the Wexford Co. Council, with the names of tenants in arrear and the amounts in each case."

Under date 28th March 1913, the Local Government Board, wrote (letter No. 15,260-) that the amount of the deduction was £26: 17: 9 from Sanitary Salaries and £220: 12: 8, from medical and Educational Grant.

"Under date 27th February 1913, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 6345-1913 mis) that they had 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 from which it appeared that the amount which will be deducted from the Estate or Death Duty Grant payable in the county in the course of the month of March, was a sum of £920: 5: 5."

Under date 28th March, the Local Government Board wrote (letter 10260-1913) :-

"As regards the deductions from the Estate or Death Duty Grant in respect of land purchase liability, copy of the certificates furnished by the Irish Land Commission and — the Commissioners of National Debt, so far as they relate to the County Wexford, are transmitted herewith, and I am to state that the Board have no information on the subject outside that contained in these documents, and cannot undertake to obtain any."

From the certificates furnished it appeared that the following deductions had been made:-
Net advances made by Guarantee fund

£2469: 16: 7.

Transferred to Guarantee fund
out of arrears instalments

2041: 18: 8

Deduction

427: 17: 11

Arrears drawn from Guarantee
Fund

2581: 12: 2

Repayment to Guarantee Fund

2239: 11: 11

Deduction

342: 0: 3

Withdrawn from the Guarantee Fund
to pay dividends on land stock

150: 7: 3.

Total Deduction £ 970: 5: 5

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

"That a copy of the resolution of the Finance & Roads Committee, and of the letter of the Local Government Board in this matter be sent to the Land Commission."

"That in the event of the Land Commission refusing the information we request our members of Parliament to have the question raised in

the House of Commons."

Sealed Order - Pump at Tinacree.

Under date 18th March 1913, Sealed Order No. 10501-1913, from the Local Government Board fixing the area of charge for the repairing and maintaining a pump at Tinacree on the Bridgetown Dispensary District (Wexford Rural District) was read.

marked "Read."

District Councillors as Road Contractors.

Under date 26th March 1913, the Local Government Board wrote relative to the case of Mr. Morgan Dunne, Cloheadon, Clonroche, District Councillor for Enniscorthy, and Road Contractor, that any person who acted as a member of a Rural District Council, while disqualified, is liable to the penalties prescribed by 12 (11) of the application of Enactments Order 1898.

The following is the concluding paragraph of the letter of the Local Government Board:-

"I am to add that it appears to the Board that if a County Council or Rural District Council are aware that the person by whom a tender is submitted is a member of a public body, and that the acceptance of his tender would render him disqualified under that article if he continued to act as member of such body, the County Council or Rural District Council as the case maybe, should take this fact into consideration with a view to securing the observance of the law."

Under date 24th February, Mr. A. A. Connolly, Clerk Enniscorthy Rural District Council, wrote, that no order had been made by his Councillors on the resolution of the County

Council calling their attention to the matter. The Local Government Board on reference from the District Council after Mr. Dunne's election, had stated that it was not a matter which called for their interference, but that it was open to any Ratepayer to proceed against Mr. Dunne."

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

"That Mr. Morgan Dunne, District Councillor, Enniscorthy, be informed that unless he can see his way to resign his position as District Councillor, the County Council will at next meeting consider the advisability of taking steps to void his contract."

— Audit of accounts - Enniscorthy Union. —

Under date 7th March 1913, the Local Government Board wrote letter No. 12312-1913, forwarding the report of their auditor on his audit of the accounts of the Enniscorthy Guardians, for the half-year ended 30th September 1912, with attested abstracts of the accounts.

marked "Read."

— Audit of accounts - Joint Committee Waterford Bridge. —

Under date 1st April, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 15062) forwarding copy of auditor's report with attested abstracts in connection with the accounts of the Joint Committee Waterford Bridge, for half-year ended 30th September 1912."

marked "Read"

— Deep's Bridge. —

Under date 14th March, the following letter (No. 11873-1913 Wexford County) was read from the

Local Government Board :-

"With reference to your letter of the 27th ultimo, and enclosures relative to the application of the County Council of Wexford for sanction to a loan of £5,000 for the purpose of erecting a new bridge at the Dups over the River Slaney, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to state that clear provisions for the waterproof damp course over the whole area of deck of bridge should be included in the specification. This is included in the quantities but these do not form a part of the contract.

The specification is, accordingly, returned for amendment in this respect, and it should be retransmitted to this office together with a copy of the calculations for the design of the bridge in question."

marked "Read."

Temporary Assistant Surveyorship.

Under date 5th March 1913, the Local Government Board wrote asking to be furnished with full particulars as to the proposed employment of Mr. James H. O'Connor as temporary Assistant Surveyor.

Under date 6th March the following letter was read from Mr. J. W. Barry, Assistant Surveyor:-

"In reply to your query regarding the appointment of Mr. O'Connor as temporary assistant Surveyor, I beg to say that I recommended the Co. Council to approve of his further employment for six months from the 1st February.

As you are aware at the present time I am engaged in revising, re-dividing and numbering all the road contracts of the County, which formerly were in a hopeless state of confusion, rendering it impossible for any assistant to properly carry out his inspections, and also making it difficult for me to check their work

on my rounds.

Mr O'Connor has a very good knowledge of the Enniscorthy District Roads, and his services at the present time are most useful. Furthermore, as it will be necessary to make change in the boundary between the two assistants looking after Enniscorthy District, I do not think it would be advisable at the present time to make appointment, particularly as Mr O'Connor is doing very satisfactory work.

Under date 12th March, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 12406) that inasmuch as their sanction was necessary to the appointment of Assistant Surveyors the qualifications of Mr O'Connor should be submitted to them if it was proposed that he should discharge the ordinary duties of Assistant Surveyor, and not merely clerical work.

Under date 15th March letter was read from the County Surveyor that he was quite satisfied with the manner in which Mr O'Connor is carrying out his duties of Assistant Surveyor.

At the meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee on 19th March, the following recommendation was adopted:-

"That as the County Surveyor, and the members of the Council, are well satisfied with the manner in which Mr O'Connor has performed his duties as temporary Assistant Surveyor, we request the Local Government Board to agree to his temporary appointment, more particularly in view of the assistance he is able to give the Co. Surveyor in regard to re-arrangement of road contracts."

under date 3rd april 1913, letter No. 15262/1913, was read from the Local Government Board :-

"With reference to your letter of the 20th ultimo, relative to the appointment by the Wexford Co. Council of Mr. J. H. O'Connor, as temporary assistant surveyor in Wexford County, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to point out that no person can legally perform the duties of an assistant surveyor or be paid any remuneration in that capacity unless he is duly qualified in accordance with statute.

The Board must therefore request that they be furnished at once with full particulars as to Mr. O'Connor's qualifications"

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

"That in view of the opinion of the Local Government Board we direct an advertisement to be issued for the appointment of assistant surveyor at £80 per annum, to be made on 7th May."

"That as Mr. O'Connor has performed his duties to the satisfaction of the County Council, and the County Surveyor, we request the Local Government Board to agree to the payment of his salary up to the date of the appointment of his successor."

"We desire to point out to the Local Government Board that Mr. O'Connor has carried out a considerable amount of clerical work in the office of the County Surveyor."

— New Ross Harbour Board & New Ross Bridge. —

under date 7th March, the following letters were read from the Secretary, New Ross Harbour Commissioners :-

"I beg to bring under your notice and the County Council, the matter of Piloting vessels

through New Ross Bridge. when a pilot is available the pilot the vessel through the Bridge, and as a general rule there is always a licensed pilot at hand if notice is given in due time at this office, by the Brokers and Captains concerned.

In the late Mr. Krough's time, when a licensed pilot would not be available he always had to get a note from this office to allow the vessel through, now it is the reverse, the present caretaker will open the bridge and allow vessels to go through in charge of Hobblers, without any notice from him or pilot in charge."

"at the meeting of my Board on 5th inst., the matter of captains in charge of vessels being fined at the last Petty Sessions for making ropes fast from their vessels to the warping Buoys at the bridge in stormy weather.

I have been directed by my Board to write you to bring the matter under the notice of the County Council, that if they give permission to have lines from vessels in stormy weather, or when a severe gale is blowing, that they will be responsible if any damage is done which I believe is not likely.

I have also been directed to inquire from you the amount each warping buoy and mooring cost to put same in their position an early reply will oblige."

In connection with the as to the making ropes fast to warping buoys, Mr. Elge Solicitor to the County Council, wrote:-

"Referring to the letter from the Secretary of the New Ross Harbour Commissioners, to you of the 7th inst, relating to allowing

lines to be put out from vessels, in stormy weather, to the warping buoys at New Ross Bridge; I do not see how the Co. Council could, having regard to their Bye Laws, as to the Bridge, give the permission sought for."

"The consideration of the letter as to other persons than licensed pilots bringing vessels through New Ross Bridge was adjourned for a reply from the Bridge caretaker; that dealing with vessels making fast to buoys was adjourned for the attendance of Mr. Hearn, who is a member of New Ross Harbour Board."

— Carnesore Pier. —

Under date 31st March 1913, the following letter No 3448-13, was read from the Secretary Board of Works, Dublin:-

"I am directed by the Commissioners of Public Works, to state that they have received a report from the local Coast Guard officer that on the East side of Carnesore Pier a space of about 63 feet by 5 feet of the concrete facing has been stripped in places. I am to ask that the County Council will give the matter their attention with a view to the execution of any repairs that may be found necessary."

"Referred to County Surveyor."

— County Wexford Insurance Society. —

Letter was read from the Secretary to Wexford Insurance Society, asking for the approval of the Co. Council to the appointment of Messrs Peacocke, Rossiter, & Stafford; as Trustees for the Co. Wexford Insurance Society.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Stafford, Messrs Rossiter,

Peacocke, and Stafford, were appointed Trustees to the County Wexford Insurance Society."

under date 31st March 1913, the following letter was read, from Mr. W. Hutchinson, Secretary Co. Wexford Insurance Society:-

"I would feel greatly obliged by your bringing before the next meeting of the County Council the rule of this Society page 24 Sec 2 Rule 1, which requires the Secretary to give a bond of security to the amount of £1,000, and to request the Council to make such representations to the Insurance Commissioners as will induce them to make a reduction of the amount of Security under this Rule.

The Secretary of the Diocese of Ossory, Insurance Society (8,000 members) who has a salary of £175 per year, has informed me that his Bond of Security is for £500. So that the Council will see what a hardship it would be on me to have to provide a bond for £1,000.

Hoping you will accede to my request, and that the County Council will make the necessary representations to have the ruling relating to security amended in the right direction, and much obliged."

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

"That we request the Insurance Commissioners to vary the rule of the County Wexford Insurance Society as respects the security to be given by the Secretary, and ask them to fix the amount at £500."

— Poisons & Pharmacy act. —

applications for renewal of licences under

Poisons & Pharmacy act were received from:-

Mr. Kate Colfer, Kiltourn, Ballynietty.

John Bulliton, Wellingtonbridge.

"Agreed to on the motion of Mr. Stafford, seconded by Mr. Rossiter."

— Enniscorthy R. D. School attendance committee. —

Under date 1st March 1913, the Secretary to the Commissioners of National Education wrote asking the Co. Council as Local Authority to appoint five members of Enniscorthy Rural District School attendance committee.

The Enniscorthy Rural District Council recommended the appointment of the following: Messrs J. Lynch, P. J. Rowe, P. Doyle, M. Codd and T. Cleary.

Under date 20th February, the Enniscorthy Rural District School attendance committee, reported the appointment of Anastasia Kelly as School attendance officer at a salary of £27. 10/- per annum.

On the motion of the Chairman,
Seconded by Mr. M. Doyle &c, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That we approve of the salary of £27. 10/- to be paid to Anastasia Kelly, as School attendance officer for Enniscorthy Rural District School attendance committee."

Under date 20th February 1913, the following resolution was read from Enniscorthy R. D. School attendance committee:-

"That we request the County Council to advance to the Secretary a sum of £10 to meet expenses of law costs, under the compulsory Education act."

"On the motion of Mr. Stafford, seconded

by Mr. Peacocke, the following resolution was adopted :- That we agree to an advance of £10 being made to the Secretary of the Enniscorthy R. D. School attendance committee.

We recommend School attendance committees to have the Secretaries enter into a bond with a Guarantee Society for £20."

On the motion of the chairman, seconded by Mr. Doyle Sr. the following resolution was agreed to :- That Messrs J. Lynch, P. J. Rowe, P. Doyle, M. Codd, and J. Cleary, be appointed as representatives of Wexford Co. Council on Enniscorthy R. D. School attendance committee.

— By-Law - Hour of Ferns Fowl market. —

Under date 19th February 1913, the following letter addressed to the Solicitor to the County Council, from the Under Secretary, Dublin Castle, was read :-

"With reference to previous correspondence, I am directed by the Lord Lieutenant to inform you that the By-Law made by the County Council of Wexford under the Municipal Corporations (Ireland) Act 1840, regulating the hour for holding Fowl markets at Ferns, submitted under the Common Seal of the County Council on the 14th November 1912, was laid before His Excellency and the Privy Council on the 18th inst., and was not disallowed."

marked "Read."

— Tobacco Growing in County Wexford. —

Under date 3rd March, the following letter was read from Mr. W. Bowers, of the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction:-

"Mr. Russell desires me to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 26th ultimo,

and to say that as he is leaving immediately for London to attend the opening of Parliament, and as his movements will be uncertain for some time, it is not possible for him at present to fix any date for the reception of the proposed deputation. During the first Parliamentary recess which occurs, he will be glad to name a day, but he thinks it right to state that Father Sweetman's proposals are altogether outside any possibility of acceptance in connection with the proposed grant from the Development Fund. Mr Russell has seen Father Sweetman personally on the subject, and has replied to a number of communications which have been addressed to him in this connection.

Father Sweetman forwarded for the information of the Co. Council the following extract from a letter which he had forwarded to Sir Thomas Esmonde:-

"Mr Russell's statement that he saw me personally on the subject is absolutely untrue, but I have no doubt it is his memory that is in fault. I have only spoken to him once in my life, and that was before the new arrangements had been explained by him in Parliament and before the Development Commissioners grant had been voted. I saw him on another matter altogether. I was not asking for a Grant but merely asking him to use his influence with the Excise Authorities in order that they would allow me to manufacture my own tobacco. This was under the old regulations. Now as the new regulations require the Experimenters to manufacture his own tobacco this concession is no longer

necessary. In the short interview I had with Mr. Russell last year, he satisfied me that he knew absolutely nothing about the whole question.

One would like to have the reasons for his statement that - "my proposals are altogether outside any possibility of acceptance". I send you a copy of the agreement which Mr. Keller the Department's Expert left with me for my consideration. Fortunately I had this copy of the agreement typed before I returned it, as now they are evidently trying to persuade us that there was never any agreement drawn up. I should be glad if you send this back to me. A lot of it strikes one as appalling nonsense and waste of money, but the only clauses to which I objected are those which I have already told you about, namely clause, 4; 21, 30, and also to clause 8; which you will see, and as I pointed out to Mr. Keller, as it stands at present requires the experimenter to provide the grower not only with hot beds, but also with ploughs, carts, horses, manure, etc., which is simply childish."

at the meeting of the Co. Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction on 20th March, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That we request the Department of Agriculture, to obtain for the information of the Co. Committee a copy of the Scheme of experiments in tobacco growing adopted by the Development Commissioners as from the year 1914."

Under date 3rd April, the following letter from D. H. G. Smith, Secretary to Mr. Russell was read:-

"With further reference to your letter of the 28th February last, relative to the proposed

deputation from the Wexford Co. Council and Co. Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction on the subject of growing tobacco in Gorey district, I am asked by Mr. Russell to say that if the deputation still desires to see him, he will arrange a convenient date.

I am to point out, however, that provisional arrangements have been arrived at with the Development Commissioners as to the two growers who are to take charge of the large schemes to be carried out in connection with the proposed grant from the Development Fund. As already intimated to you, Father Sweetman's proposals could not possibly be accepted in connection with this grant.

Under the circumstances, Mr. Russell thinks it would be well for the deputation to consider the question as to whether it would be advisable to incur unnecessary expense and loss of time waiting upon him in the matter, assuming, of course, that Father Sweetman's proposed scheme is the main subject which they wish to bring under his notice."

"It was decided to postpone the consideration of this matter until the May meeting."

— Tuberculosis Act & National Health Insurance Act. —

Under date 4th March, the following letter (No. 11092) was read from the Local Government Board:-

"I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland, to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 27th ultimo, with enclosures, relative to the appointment of Dr. William O'Connor of New Ross, as medical Superintendent of the Central Tuberculosis Dispensary to be established by the Wexford Co. Council;

and, in reference thereto, I am to state that it does not appear that Dr. O'Connor possesses any special qualifications in the diagnosis and treatment of Tuberculosis.

The Board would be glad to learn whether Dr. O'Connor is prepared to undergo a course of training as indicated in paragraph (b) of their Order of the 19th July 1912 (copy enclosed). If so, the subject of his nominating a substitute, at his own expense, to discharge his duties during his absence, the Board would be willing to express provisional approval for a period of six months to his appointment."

This letter was read at the meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee at which Dr. O'Connor was in attendance, and at which he mentioned the name of Dr. Halligan, Wexford, as his substitute.

The Finance & Roads Committee adopted a resolution asking the County Council to approve of the appointment of Dr. Halligan as Substitute for Dr. O'Connor, while the latter was undergoing his six months course of training.

Under date 28th March, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 15261-1913) as follows:-

"I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 20th inst., and, in reference thereto, I am to state, for the information of the Wexford Co. Council, that the Board have provisionally approved, for a period of six months, of the appointment of Dr. William O'Connor, as medical Superintendent of the Central Tuberculosis Dispensary to be established

by the County Council.

I am to add that the Board will recognise Mr. Halligan, Wexford, as substitute for Mr. O'Connor during the latter's absence."

The Secretary mentioned that under Section 5 (1) of the Tuberculosis Prevention (Ireland) Act 1908, every hospital dispensary should be managed by a committee of management appointed by the Co. Council. and according to this Section the committee should consist of such number of members as the Council fixed, but not less than three fourths of the number must be members of the Council.

The Finance & Roads Committee had recommended that a committee of ten should be appointed, the Co. Council being represented on the committee by the following members of the Council who are also members of the Co. Insurance Committee:-

messrs Thomas Asple, John Bolger, Michael Doyle, P. J. Fanning, P. O'Neill, G. H. Peacocke, P. Rossiter, and Sir Thomas Emond.

The Insurance Committee had nominated as representatives of insured interests:-
alderman Hadden, and Mr. D. S. Goggin of Wexford.

On the motion of Mr. Stafford,

Seconded by Mr. Rice, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That messrs John Bolger, Chairman Co. Council, Thomas Asple, Michael Doyle, P. J. Fanning, P. O'Neill, G. H. Peacocke, P. Rossiter, Sir Thomas Emond, alderman Hadden, and D. S. Goggin, be appointed as the management committee of the County Council, under Section 5 of the Tuberculosis

Prevention (Ireland) Act 1908."

In connection with the appointment of "part-time" nurses under the scheme of the County Council, the Secretary mentioned that provision had been made for six "part-time" nurses at £25 each. It would appear that up to the present the public nurses had been each dealing with a dispensary district and there were 20 dispensary districts in the County, viz:- six each in Enniscorthy and Wexford Rural Districts, and four each in Gorey and New Ross Rural Districts. From an interview he had with Mr. Ryan, Hon Sec., to the Enniscorthy Nursing Association; Mr. Bolger, a member of the Committee; and Miss Hardy the Nurse, it appeared that during the last year, the latter had looked after 300 patients in the town of Enniscorthy, and had paid them 3000 visits. It was considered that she could therefore undertake very little work outside the town of Enniscorthy. The dispensary district of Enniscorthy was made up of the following district electoral divisions:- Enniscorthy Rural, Enniscorthy Urban, Edermine, Dinnacross, Marshallstown Kilcormack.

It was considered by the Association that the most the Nurse could undertake would be:-

Enniscorthy Rural, Enniscorthy Urban, Edermine, Marshallstown, and the suggestion was made that the Nurse in Ferns might be able to deal with the district electoral divisions of Dinnacross and Kilcormack, in addition to looking after the patients in Ferns dispensary district. The Nurse at Newtownbarry would look after the patients

in Newtownbarry district. But this arrangement would leave the dispensary districts of Killanne, Clonroche, and Oulart unprovided for.

In Gorey there was only the one nurse and she attended the patients in Gorey dispensary district. But no provision would under this arrangement be made for patients in Camolin, Killinagh, and Boolgreany districts.

In New Ross district if the nurse could only attend the patients in New Ross dispensary district, the other three dispensary districts of Carrigbyrne, Fethard, and Old Ross would be unprovided for.

In Wexford district, the nurse at Wexford could only deal with the dispensary district of Wexford, and no provision would be made for the patients in Broadway, Bridgetown, Bannow, Crossbeg, and Taghmon dispensary districts.

In connection with the recommendations of the Finance & Roads Committee, that the central Dispensary should be established in Wexford at the Fever Hospital field, the Secretary said he had not yet received the views of the Wexford Board of Guardians in the matter, but the people who lived in the locality were promoting a petition against having the dispensary there.

"Mr. G. W. Taylor, auctioneer Wexford, wrote offering as a site for central dispensary, 'Summerville' Wexford, with 12½ acres of land held at the yearly rent of £51. 16. 6 under lease for 99 years from 1st November 1907."

Regarding the establishment of branch dispensaries at Enniscorthy, New Ross, and

Gorey. No reply had been received from the Clerk to Enniscorthy Board of Guardians, asking if the dispensary there could be utilised as a tuberculosis dispensary; the New Ross Guardians would allow their dispensary at New Ross to be used for the purpose; in Gorey the dispensary was held at Dr. Nolan's residence, and he was not satisfied to allow it to be used by the Chief Tuberculosis Officer.

Some people considered that some steps should be taken for the establishment of a dispensary at Campile or Ballycullane.

Under date 19th March 1913, the Local Government Board wrote letter No. 22 M. Miscellaneous, forwarding copy of Tuberculosis Prevention (Ireland) Act 1913. The principal provisions in this measure affecting the Wexford County Council were sections 1 & 2 under which all expenses incurred by a Co. Council outside of Government Grant for capital expenditure will be leviable off the County at large.

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

"That the question of perfecting the details of the permanent Tuberculosis Scheme be referred to the managing committee of the County Council appointed under Section 5 of the Tuberculosis Prevention Act."

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

"That our Secretary apply to the Wexford Board of Guardians, for the use of Wexford

Dispensary for the examination of Tuberculosis patients pending the return of Dr. O'Connor, Tuberculosis Officer, to take up duty."

"On the motion of Mr. Stafford, seconded by Mr. Rice, the recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee approving of the appointment of Dr. Halligan, as substitute for Dr. O'Connor, was agreed to."

— Battle Boat for Wexford & Liverpool. —

Under date 4th March, the following letter was read from Messrs John Bacon & Co. Ltd., Liverpool :-

"Your letter of the 3rd inst., addressed to Messrs Powell & Co., has been handed to us, and in reply to the resolution of your Council of the 12th ulto., we beg to say we hope to be able to come to a decision as to the re-placing of a Battle Boat on our Wexford & Liverpool service within a month from this date."

Under date 4th April 1913, the following letter was read from Messrs John Bacon & Co. Ltd. 208 Tower Building, Liverpool :-

"In reply to your letter of the 2nd instant, our directors after giving the matter careful consideration, have decided not to replace the Passenger and Battle Boat on the Wexford to Liverpool service, but they propose running a good regular cargo service."

On the motion of Mr. Mr. Doyle J.
Seconded by Mr. Rossiter, the following resolution was adopted :-

"That we request the Gt. W. Railway Co. of England, to make arrangements to place

a boat for the transit of live stock on the Rosslare service. That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to our members of Parliament, and that they be asked to use their influence to have the wishes of the Council in this matter carried into effect."

— National Health Week. —

Letters were read from Her Excellency, Lady Aberdeen, as to the establishment of a National Health Week as from April 6th.
marked "Read".

John Bolger

Statutable Half-yearly meeting.

the statutable Half-yearly meeting of the Wexford County Council, was held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford, on 7th May 1913.

Present :- Mr John Bolger (Chairman) presiding.
Other members :- Sir J. H. G. Esmonde Bart., M.P.,
Messrs Mr. Doyle Jr., R. A. Rice, J. J. Stafford, P. Rossiter,
G. H. Peacocke, P. J. Fanning, Mr. Doyle Sr., J. Lynch,
James Codd, Mr. Gough, Mr. Cloney, J. A. Doyle,
J. Asple, J. J. Mayler, Mr. Codd, J. O'Connor, J. S.
Hearn.

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

The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

Waterford Bridge Loan.

Proposed by Mr. Rossiter
Seconded by Mr. Peacocke.

"Resolved:- That the Seal of the Council be affixed to the Deed between the Council and the National Bank Ltd, consolidating the five several Indentures of mortgage given by the Council to the Bank to secure the repayment of the sum of £11,000 lent by the Bank to the Council to enable the Council to defray their share of the costs of the erection of the new Bridge over the River Suir at Waterford."

Appointment of Assistant Surveyor.

For the portion of Enniscorthy District vacant through the resignation of Mr. M. Howlin Assistant Surveyor, applications were received

from :-

James H. O'Connor; Wexford.

Gerald Flood, Castleboro; Clonroche.

Mr. Peacocke proposed :-

"That Mr. O'Connor be appointed Assistant Surveyor, and that the Local Government Board be requested to allow Mr. J. H. O'Connor to remain in the services of the County Council as temporary assistant Surveyor until March next, when he intends to go up for his qualifying examination. This request is made to the Local Government Board for the following reasons :-

1st The County Council are fully satisfied with the efficient manner in which Mr. O'Connor has carried out his duties, since he was temporarily appointed in December last.

2nd The County Surveyor states the work performed by Mr. O'Connor has met with his approval, and that he is anxious to retain his services.

3rd That similar cases have been sanctioned by the Local Government Board."

Mr. Fanning seconded.

Mr. J. A. Doyle proposed, and Mr. Asple seconded the appointment of Mr. Flood.

A poll was taken with the following result.

For Mr. Flood :- Messrs Asple, John Bolger, J. A. Doyle, Sir J. H. G. Esmonde, J. S. Hearn. - 5.
For Mr. O'Connor :- Messrs Cloney, James Codd, Michael Doyle Jr., Michael Doyle Sr., P. J. Fanning, Michael Gough, James Lynch, J. J. Mayler, John O'Connor, C. H. Peacocke, R. A. Rice, Patrick Rossiter, J. J. Stafford. - 13.

Mr. M. Codd was not present when the poll was taken.

The Chairman declared the resolution of Mr. Peacock's passed.

The following is the application of the successful candidate:-

"I beg to apply for the position of Assistant Surveyor under your Council in Enniscorthy R. District. In December last I was appointed temporarily by the Council to do the work in this district which appointment I still hold, and I confidently submit that in the discharge of my duties I have given entire satisfaction. Since taking over the work I have, besides doing everything possible to raise the standard of the roads, also secured several good quarries in localities where suitable material was very much required. I have also made myself fully acquainted with the procedure of the work pertaining to the office of Assistant Surveyor, and thoroughly understand the requirements of the County Surveyor.

I have read up authorities on Steam Rolling and given supervision to rolling work done in Enniscorthy Rural District, and now feel competent to undertake this branch of the work.

I am prepared to submit myself at the first possible opportunity for qualifying examination for Assistant Surveyors prescribed by the Local Government Board, and only desire that a chance be given me to present myself for such examination as has been done in the counties of Galway, Monaghan, Louth etc., and also in this County.

If favoured with the confidence of the Council in being appointed, I will do what

I can to show my appreciation of your confidence by faithfully discharging the duties to the complete satisfaction of the Co. Council and County Surveyor."

— Temporary Assistant Surveyor. —

Under date 16th April 1913, letter No. 18275/1913, was read from the Local Government Board, stating that they would raise no objection to the payment of Mr. J. H. O'Connor for any clerical work done by him.

The County Surveyor stated that he had recommended to the Finance & Roads Committee that Mr. O'Connor be paid at the rate of £80 per annum, for the work performed by him in connection with the County Surveyor's department, and the Finance & Roads Committee had agreed to this.

"confirmed".

— Assistant Surveyor Hassett. —

The County Surveyor reported that during the illness of Mr. Hassett, Assistant Surveyor, he employed Mr. Gerald Flood to perform Mr. Hassett's duties. He had recommended to the Finance & Roads Committee that Mr. Flood be paid at the rate of £80 per annum for the period covered by Mr. Hassett's illness; and the Committee had agreed to this.

"confirmed".

— Deputy Chieftain's Rate Collectors Accounts. —

On the motion of Mr. Lynch.

Seconded by Mr. M. Doyle &c. the following resolution was adopted :-

"That Messrs Kehoe, R. Brighton, and

m. j. Finn, be appointed deputy checker of the accounts of the Rate collectors for the Districts of Wexford, Gorey, and New Ross, respectively at a remuneration of 5/- per 100 ratings.

That Mr. Jasper Whitty, be appointed deputy checker of the accounts of the collectors of Enniscorthy District at a salary of £30 per annum."

Irrecoverable Rates.

under date 15th April 1913, letter No. 18285. was read from the Local Government Board, stating that they would offer no objection to the Finance & Roads Committee of Wexford Co. Council dealing with all claims made by the Poor Rate collectors in connection with the recoupment of irrecoverable rates.

Exemption from Rates.

The following claims for exemption from Rates were laid before the meeting:-

collector N. O'D. Walsh:- 108 Wexford Rural.

collector A. Lennon:- 3 Ardcaran, 1st 3, Artramon, 35 Kilbride, 6, 146, 147 Ardcoln; 10 Glynn.

collector N. Moore:- 119 Ballymitty.

collector J. Blake:- 49, 171, 224, Bridgetown, 136, 171, 176, 179, 212, 230, 290, 357, 368, 463, 563, Kilmore; 33. Mayglass, 4, 37, 63, Newcastle, 42, Zomhaggard, 81, 109, 118 Tacumshane.

collector P. Rossiter:- 186 Duniagh, 136 Kilcoran, 82, 185, Lady's Island, 92 Rosslare.

collector Joseph Cummins:- 77, 78, Kilboro; 144, 166, Tinnacross.

collector L. Lacey:- 147, 149, 171, 84, Castle Ellis; 246 Castle Talbot.

collector P. Nolan:- 37, 164, Ballyoughter, 38 Ballybeg; 12 Huntington, 126, 240 Kilcomb, 23, 19, 58, 74, 75, 104, 141 Monaseid, 32 Rossminoge.

collector J. G. Smith :- 108 Ballycanew; 117 Courtown.

collector R. Earle :- 16, 98, Killinagh, 116 Killin-cooly.

collector Murphy :- 194 New Ross Rural.

collector J. Barville :- 109 Barronstown, 90, 148 Carriglynn.

collector J. G. Doyle :- 177 Newbawn, 321, 328, Zinturn.

Proposed by Mr. Rice.

Seconded by Mr. Rossiter

"that the Poor Law amendment Act 1890, be applied to those cases, and that they be exempted for the period stated, on the grounds that the premises have been vacant and empty."

Passed.

— Security of Rate collectors. —

At the last meeting of the Roads & Finance Committee, a letter was read from the London & Lancashire Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., suggesting that each collector should be guaranteed for a sum round about the full amount of the half-yearly warrant.

No order was made on this letter, and the Local Government Board, writing under date 16th April 1913, letter No. 17957, requesting the Council to further consider the matter.

The following recommendation submitted by the Finance & Roads Committee, was confirmed :-

"That the Local Government Board be informed that as all the Rate collectors of the County, with the exception of two have to give security of £900 the Finance & Roads Committee consider this sum quite sufficient"

— collector m. j. Sheehan —

In connection with fidelity guarantee bond of m^r. m. Sheehan, Rate collector, letter was read from the London & Lancashire Insurance Co., as follows:-

"In this case our Head office are not prepared to continue the Guarantee unless m^r. Sheehan furnishes us with two solvent counter Sureties.

We have been in communication with him on the subject, and as apparently he has not given any attention to our request for Sureties, we have no alternative but to intimate to you our intention to discontinue the Bond."

under date 5th may, letter was read from m^r. Sheehan, that he was taking out a bond with another Insurance company.

"No Order."

— collector A. Lennon —

under date 25th April 1913, letter No. 21245-1913, was read from the Local Government Board, assenting to the payment of full poundage fees to collector Andrew Lennon, on his collection for the half-year ended 31st March.

minute of the Finance & Roads Committee instructing the Secretary to inform m^r. Lennon that if in the future he fails to close his collection within the prescribed period, the Finance & Roads Committee will decline to apply to the Local Government Board for extension of time in his case, was confirmed.

— collector J. L. Doyle —

under date 8th April 1913, letter No. 8843/1913,

was read from the Local Government Board relative to the security to be furnished by Mr. J. L. Doyle, collector of Poor Rate, and requesting to be informed how the matter stood.

Mr. Doyle appeared before the meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee. His ledgments in respect of the rate for the period ended 31st March 1913, were examined in detail by the Committee, after which Mr. Doyle produced a fidelity guarantee bond effected with the National Benefit Life & Property Assurance Co., Ltd.

Deeps Bridge.

Under date 17th April letter No. 17988, from the Local Government Board was read, asking to be furnished with plans and specifications of the opening span of the Deeps' Bridge.

Letters from Mr. Elger, Solicitor to the Council, and the British Reinforced Concrete Engineering Co., as to provision of security for the carrying out of the contract for the erection of the bridge were read.

On the motion of Mr. Stafford
Seconded by Mr. Rice, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the contractors for the erection of the new bridge at the Deeps be called on to complete their contract immediately. That the Local Government Board be asked to expedite the matter of sanctioning the loan for this work as soon as possible."

Audit of Accounts.

Letter from the Local Government Board

under date 15th April, and No. 19012 forwarding copy of the report of their auditor on his audit of the accounts of the Co. Wexford Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction for the half-year ended 31st March 1913, was read.

Letter from the Local Government Board under date 2nd May 1913, and No. 23171 from the Local Government Board, forwarding copy of the report of their auditor on his audit of the accounts of the Enniscorthy Rural District Council, in respect of half-years ended 31st March 1912 and 30th September 1912, was read.

— Proposals for Works etc. —

Proposed by Mr. Tanning.

Seconded by Mr. Doyle S.

"That the several proposals for works formulated by the Proposal Committee and the several Rural District Councils of the County, as appearing on Forms 20, with the modifications and alterations noted thereon and initialed by the Chairman be, and are hereby approved."

"Passed."

— Proposals for Payments. —

Proposed by Mr. Tanning.

Seconded by Mr. M. Doyle S.

"That the several Proposals for Payment from the Proposal Committee and the several Rural District Councils of the County, as appearing on Forms 22 with the modifications and alterations noted thereon and initialed by the Chairman, be and are hereby approved."

"Passed."

— Assistant Surveyors-New Order of Local Government Board. —

under date 30th April 1913, letter No. 126 M. 1912., mis., dealing with the new Order of the Local

Government Board relative to the qualifications of assistant Surveyors, was read."

— Sheep Dipping Order 1912. —

under date 17th April 1913, the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction wrote forwarding copies of the Sheep Dipping Order of 1912, and explained the manner in which steps were to be taken by the County Council to give effect to it.

— Proposed Pier at Blackwater. —

under date 19th April, the following letter No. 2057, J. B., was read from the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction relative to the proposed pier at Blackwater:-

"Adverting to your letter of the 8th instant, on the subject of the construction of a pier at Blackwater, I have to state for the information of the Wexford Co. Council, that, having regard to the condition of the Department's funds and to the many claims thereon, they cannot offer a contribution exceeding £350 towards this project. Even if the Council should provide a sum of £1,000 in addition, the total amount would not be sufficient for the construction of a pier that would be of any utility at the place in question."

The following recommendation was sent forward to the Council by the Finance & Roads Committee:

"That in view of the fact that the Co. Council passed a proposal for this work, amounting to £1,000, conditional upon the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction supplying any balance necessary for its completion, we request the Department in their next allocation of funds for the work of their Fishery Branch,

to set aside such an amount as, with the £1,000 provided by the Council will be sufficient to cover the cost of the rection of the Pier.

"Confirmed with the following addition, on the motion of Sir Thomas Emond, seconded by Mr. Lynch :- That the County Council only consider it just and equitable that the Department should adhere to their portion of the bargain as regards this work."

— Dredging Courtown Harbour. —

Under date 14th February, the following letter from the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction, and No. 839 J. D., was read :-

"Adverting to previous correspondence on the subject of the provision of funds for expenditure on dredging at Courtown Harbour, I have to state, for the information of the Wexford County Council, that the entire cost of the work reached a sum of £494: 10: 0. as shown in the accompanying document. The amount is £184: 10: 0, in excess of that anticipated, but the Department will not call on the Council to contribute any part of such excess, and will feel obliged if a lodgment of £180 be made to their credit by the Co. Council in accordance with the accompanying Receivable Order."

Mr. Peacocke proposed, and Mr. Rice seconded the following resolution which was adopted :-

"That Pay Order be issued to the Department of Agriculture, for dredging done by the Department at Courtown during the year 1912."

Oyster Fisheries.

Notice of Public Inquiry to be held by the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction as to oyster fisheries of the Estuary of the River Suir, at the old School House, Passage East, on Wednesday 28th May, at 11 a.m., was received.

Duncannon Hulk.

The following report was presented by the committee appointed to consider the question of repair of hulk at Duncannon:-

"At the meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee on 19th March 1913, the following resolution was adopted:-

That Messrs Hearn, Stafford, Bloney, and Rice, with the County Surveyor, be appointed a committee to examine the hulk before any expenditure with reference to its repair is incurred. That representatives of the Waterford Harbour Commissioners, and the Waterford & Duncannon Steamship Co., be requested to meet the committee. That the committee ascertain whether it is not possible to have the steamer berthed at the pier, instead of at the hulk, or in the alternative, that they consider the advisability of a ferro-concrete collection of piles for the purposes of moorings."

The conference of representatives of the County Council, the Waterford Harbour Board, and the Waterford & Duncannon Steamboat Company, took place on 27th April 1913.

Present:- On behalf of the Co. Council - Mr. C. H. Peacocke, (vice-chairman) Messrs J. S. Hearn, R. A. Rice, James J. Stafford, and M. Bloney. The Secretary, and County

Surveyor.

Mr. H. J. Forde, (Chairman) Mr. W. Poole, and Mr. W. Friel, Engineer, Waterford Harbour Board, represented the Waterford Harbour Board, while Lord Dunsany, Mr. Phelan, and Mr. H. Oliver Broomhead, were the representatives of the Waterford & Duncannon Steamboat Company.

A telegram was read from Mr. John Bolger Chairman of the County Council, regretting that he was unable to be present.

After considerable discussion, the following decision was arrived at :-

"That Mr. Barry, County Surveyor, Waterford County Council; and Mr. Friel, Engineer to Waterford Harbour Board, confer with reference to drafting a specification to cover all necessary repairs to the hulk at Duncannon, including rearrangement of landing stage, over-haul of mooring chains etc., in order to have the hulk and all appurtenances replaced in her berth in good sound condition. That estimates for the necessary repairs be procured and submitted to the Waterford County Council, and Waterford Harbour Board."

"On the motion of the Chairman, the Report of the Committee was adopted."

Under date 6th May 1913, the following letter was read from the Secretary, Waterford & Duncannon Steamboat Co. Ltd. :-

"I have been instructed by my Directors to inform you that as no steps appear to have been taken to remedy the present state of affairs at Duncannon the company will not, until such time as proper accommodation has been provided for

the berthing of the steamer, guarantee a regular service to and from that station, and the sailings will only be made as the weather and tides permit and will be left to the discretion of the captain, as it is at the present time extremely dangerous under certain conditions for the steamer to try to get alongside of the Pier.

In the meantime perhaps you would be good enough to have the staging placed back on a level with the Pier, as if that were done it might be possible to warp the steamer into the Dock, which to a certain extent would eliminate the danger."

"On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Rossiter, it was ordered that the letter from the Waterford & Duncannon Steamboat Co., be referred to the County Surveyor."

County Surveyor's Report

The following report was read from the County Surveyor:-

"Forms 22 and 20 will be before you. Regarding the former, I have found it necessary in a number of cases to deal rather severely with contractors, and in such instances as were questioned at the District Council meetings I gave my reasons for so dealing with the money. In some cases my decisions were not questioned until the adjourned meetings of the District Councils, when I was not prepared with my Report Books, and since then the Roads Committee have dealt with some of these, and some others may come before you at the meeting. Where I have had notice I shall have full details ready, and

in other cases the Report Books will be available.

Regarding Form 20 I have to note a very large number of untendered roads as follows:-

Wexford R. D:- 60 roads on sheet, 17 untendered for amounting to £522: 10/-

New Ross, R. D:- 75 roads on sheet, 29 untendered for amounting to £738.

Gorey R. D:- 58 roads on sheet, 20 untendered for amounting to £827.

Enniscorthy R. D:- 98 roads on sheet, 27 untendered for amounting to £1325.

Besides the above the special works untendered for amount to £128 in New Ross R. D., £45 in Wexford R. D., and £286 in Enniscorthy.

Several causes seem to account for the above non-tendering such as (a) difficulty in getting material from the specified quarry; (b) the providing of surfacemen on some of the leading roads, and (c) perhaps the higher cost of labour and contingent expenses, such as insurance etc., at your meeting tenders may be received for some of these works so that I may be anticipating a worse state of affairs than will actually be the case, but at the best there is sure to be a large number of untendered roads and works which cannot be economically worked under the present system when placed in the County Surveyor's hands. I may note I have observed similar difficulty has taken place in other counties.

I have to report that up to the present I have been unable to obtain a contractor to prepare material at Doran's Hill Quarry, and if you decide to purchase a stonebreaker and a Rock-Drill it maybe advisable to do the work by piece-work.

I submit a separate report regarding Wexford Bridge.

I have received a letter from Mr. King the Engineer in charge of the preliminary work at Courtown Harbour, that he has been unable to complete the Plans as the weather was against making the necessary borings and that he must await more suitable weather.

You will have before you a communication from the Department regarding Blackwater Pier; the difficulty in this case is one of money, as the Department will not provide the full deficiency beyond the £1,000 approved of by you.

I submit a communication received from the Roads Improvement Association dealing with County Roads in Ireland with a suggestion for the Resolution to be adopted by this Council.

Up to the present time I have been unable to obtain from Mr. Colhoun details of his claim in connection with the Ferryarrig Bridge, and I ask you to refer the matter to the Roads Committee to go into my figures as to what is fairly due to him and to sanction my dealing with him on such basis.

Sometime ago I reported on the advisability of purchasing or leasing Ballingluh Quarry, near Wellingtonbridge, and as the Land Commission agreements have now been signed the owner is in a position to deal with us, and I ask for your authority to enter some form of agreement with him subject to the approval of the Roads Committee and your Solicitor.

At the meeting of the Roads Committee on the 29th January last, I was directed

to report to this meeting of the Co. Council if any improvement was shown in Mr. Jones's method of work. I am very pleased to be able to report that he has given careful attention to all instructions and directions received from me and from Mr. O'Connor, and he has been most active in following up defaulters and in looking after the road machinery at present at work in his District.

As the Council Chamber has almost constantly been occupied by the Rate clerks I deferred having the floor and table covered as arranged, but I shall now put the work in hands at once."

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

"That the paragraph in Mr. Barry's report dealing with Ferryarrig Bridge be referred to the Finance & Roads Committee, and that Mr. Elgee be requested to attend the meeting at which the matter will be considered."

On the motion of the Chairman, the Co. Surveyor's recommendations to Ballinglyquarry was approved, and the question of the purchase of a rock drill was referred to the Finance & Roads Committee.

Lara Hill Quarry.

The following report was presented by the Committee of the Council, which had been appointed to consider the strike of the employees at Larastell Quarry, and the general working of the undertaking:-

"At the meeting of the County Council on the 7th April 1910, the following resolutions with reference to the strike of employees at the Co.

Council Quarry at Tara Hill were adopted :-

That a committee be appointed with a view to arranging price per ton for quarrying and breaking road metalling at Tara Hill Quarry. That the workmen at Tara Hill Quarry be requested to furnish, for the information of the committee an inclusive price for quarrying and breaking road metalling, repairing tools, supply of blasting materials & explosives oil and coal, and any other stores required, the County Council to be responsible only for repairs to engine and breaker, new tools, they are also to provide a foreman to run the engine.

That the committee report to the next meeting of the County Council, but if in the meantime, they can come to any reasonable arrangement with the men, that the latter be allowed to resume work on the conditions agreed to between them and the committee."

That the following be the members of the committee to deal with the matter:- Messrs J. Bolger, J. J. Stafford, A. Kinsella, Lord Stopford, J. S. Hearn, C. H. Peacocke, P. O'Neill, and P. J. Fanning."

That the County Surveyor and the Secretary be requested to accompany the committee, if possible the meeting of the committee to be held on Friday 11th April; at the quarry; at 9.15 a.m., That we request the Co. Surveyor to employ a brake for the committee to leave Gorey Station at 8.30 a.m., in order to allow of the inspection being carried out."

The committee desire to present the following report :-

The committee appointed by the Co. Council at the meeting of 7th April, met at Tara Hill on Friday, 11th April 1913.

all the members were present except messrs Hearn, and O'Neill, the former of whom was absent in Dublin, while Mr. O'Neill had to attend at New Ross Quarter Sessions.

The Secretary and County Surveyor were present.

The Committee went fully into the question of the working of the quarry with the men, and after considerable discussion the following terms were agreed to:-

The men are to quarry and break, attend to the engine while breaking, barrow material to depot from breaker as directed. Give assistance in taking out old jaws of stonebreaker and replacing new ones. Keep up face of the quarry as directed by the County Surveyor; and to be paid an inclusive rate of 7/- per ton as per weigh bridge. County Council to find all necessary tools, explosives, fuel and oil, keep breaker and engine in good working order.

They are also to employ a foreman, or overseer, and a smith, the latter of whom is to give assistance in driving engine with foreman. It will be also the duty of foreman to weigh the material, he is not to be concerned with the manner of working the quarry. The County Council are further to continue payment of premium on Insurance Policy under Employers Liability Act for all employees at the quarry.

Stones taken out on date of visit are to be broken on Saturday 12th inst., at the rate of wages obtaining to the present in quarry, new terms of employment to commence as from Monday 14th April.

Mr. Paddle, Assistant Surveyor was directed to pay surprise visits during the first week of working under new conditions, and to be

in attendance during the weighing of all material for the period. Mr. Barry, County Surveyor, to arrange, if he considers it necessary, for Mr. Duanor to visit Tara Hill during week commencing 14th April."

On the motion of Mr. Rossiter, seconded by Mr. Piacocke, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the report of Tara Hill Quarry Committee be confirmed. That the County Surveyor attend at Tara Hill Quarry and lay down definite instructions in writing as to having material broken and weighed."

The following resolution adopted at the Finance & Roads Committee meeting, was laid before the meeting:-

"That Mr. Paddle, Assistant Surveyor, be instructed to be present during the weighing of all material at Tara Hill Quarry."

"Confirmed on the motion of Sir J. Esmonde, seconded by Mr. Rice."

County Council & Trunk Roads.

The following recommendation was sent up by the Finance & Roads Committee:-

"That this County Council is of opinion that the present system of control in regard to the leading roads in the County, under which all expenditure is a District charge, should be amended in such a way as to bring main or important county roads under the sole control of the Co. Council to be maintained as a charge on the County at large."

That this centralization of management would tend towards improvement in the roads compatible with economy and would also greatly facilitate negotiations with the

Road Board in that the latter body is empowered under the Development and Roads Improvement Funds Act 1909, to negotiate only, as far as Ireland is concerned, with the councils of counties, and County Boroughs.

That the Secretary be instructed to send a copy of this resolution to the Local Government Board."

Sir J. Emond proposed, and Mr. Peacocke seconded the following resolution:-

"That the foregoing recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee be confirmed, subject to the approval of the District Councils."

Passed.

— Proposed Purchase of Stone-Breaker. —

The following recommendation was submitted by the Finance & Roads Committee:-

"That owing to the fact that no roads were undertaken for at the Rural District Councils meetings, we recommend the County Council to consider the advisability of purchasing a stonebreaker."

The Chairman proposed the confirmation of the minute of the Finance & Roads Committee.
Mr. Fanning seconded.

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Mr. Hearn proposed that a second stonebreaker be procured principally for work in New Ross District."

Mr. Rice seconded. A poll was taken with the following result:-

For:- Messrs Bolger, Cloney, J. A. Doyle, M. Doyle & Co., Sir J. Emond, Fanning, Gough, Hearn, Lynch, Rice, Stafford. 11.

against :- messrs James Dodd, Mark Dodd,
M. Doyle Jr., Mayler, O'Connor, Peacocke, and
Rossiter :- 7.

"The Chairman declared the resolution
carried."

— Damage to Direction Posts. —

On the motion of the Chairman
Seconded by Mr. Lynch, the following
resolution was adopted :-

"That the County Inspector be advised
that the County Council have had erected a
number of Direction and other Signs on the
Roads in the County, and that as in the
past similar signs have suffered considerably
from wanton damage, the County Inspector
be requested to direct the Constabulary to look
carefully after the signs and posts in their
district as a safeguard against a repetition
of such an evil.

Furthermore, that every effort should be
made to bring offences home to persons damag-
ing signs, and magistrates should be asked
to impose deterrent punishment."

— Poisons & Pharmacy Act. —

Applications for Renewals of licenses under
Poisons & Pharmacy Act, were received from :-
messrs James Donohoe, 1st Enniscorthy.

Joseph J. Haughton, Ferns.

James Fleming, New Ross.

James Sinnott, The Ballagh.

Edward Brennan, Loughmore.

W. H. McGuire, Wexford.

A. Kinsella, Gorey.

John S. Hearn, New Ross.

John Roche, Camolin.

Matthew Harpur, Wexford.

"Agreed to on the motion of Mr. Rossiter,

seconded by Mr. Lynch.

— Irish cattle in English Ports. —

On the motion of Mr. Rice, seconded by Mr. M. Doyle Jr., the following resolution was adopted:—

In consequence of the serious loss to the Irish cattle Trade generally caused by the continuance of the 12 hours detention of Irish live stock in English Ports, we feel bound to strongly protest against this unnecessary regulations, and more especially in the case of lambs - which suffer from this restriction more seriously than other animals - In the case of lambs we consider this restriction merely a barbarity.

We have noticed with regret the utter disregard both of Irish interests and of Irish representations, which has characterised the action of the English Department of Agriculture during the past 12 months, and we are forced to conclude that no representations of ours however influentially supported, are likely to have any weight with the Department.

Nevertheless we deem it our duty to enter our strongest protest against the anti-Irish policy of the Department, a policy which in the last 12 months has resulted in a direct loss to Ireland of millions of pounds and we invite the people of this country to consider seriously what steps can be taken to meet it.

That copies of this resolution be sent to our members of Parliament and Mr. Runciman, Minister of Agriculture."

— Insufficiency of Local Vaccination Account. —

The following resolution was received from the Irish County Councils' General Council, for adoption:—

Resolved :- "That a deputation be appointed to wait on the Chancellor of the Exchequer and the Chief Secretary for Ireland for the purpose of drawing their attention to the serious loss, amounting to something like £40,000. per annum, suffered by Irish local authorities through the insufficiency of the Local Taxation (Ireland) account to meet the charges placed on it by the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898, most of which were previously discharged by annual Parliamentary Grants.

and that Mr John Redmond M.P., Chairman of the Irish Parliamentary Party, be requested to introduce the deputation, and the Right Hon Sir Edward Carson, K.C., M.P., Chairman of the Irish Unionist Party be asked to accompany same."

"Adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Rossiter; Sir J. H. G. Esmonde, Bart., M.P., be named as the representative of the Wexford County Council on the deputation."

— District Councillor as Road Contractor. —

Under date 29th April, the following letter was read from Mr. Morgan Dunne, District Councillor, Enniscorthy :-

Contract No. 291.

I received your Notice and have no objection to the contract being avoided but I think I ought to be paid my quarter's pay up to 30th June next."

"Referred to County Surveyor."

— Transit of Live Stock - Rosslare Service. —

Under date 22nd April 1913, Sir J. H. G. Esmonde Bart., M.P., wrote forwarding the following letter

which he had received from the Gt. Western Railway Co., of England :-

"With further reference to your letter of the 10th inst., I beg to inform you that the question of the running of a steamer from Rosslare for the conveyance of live stock has again received the consideration of the company, but having regard to the heavy expense that would be involved it is not considered that the traffic to be accommodated would be sufficient to justify the company in instituting such service."

The following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was approved :-

"That a copy of the letter received by Sir J. Esmonde from the Gt. Western Railway Co., be forwarded to messrs :-

James Murphy, Ballyhiho, Tacumshane.

John Keating, Ballybough, Comhaggard.

Lee McBarthy, Charlotte St., Wexford.

John Kiwan, Mary Street, "

John Digne Kiwan, St^h Main St., "

and the Secretary point out to them that it would be advisable that the shippers would communicate with the Railway Co., as regards the support which the proposed boat would receive, as it is evident that the Gt. Western Railway Co., will not agree to the request of the Council to put a boat upon the service unless it can be proved to them that the service can be carried out at a profit."

"Confirmed."

New Ross Bridge.

Letters from New Ross Harbour Board in connection with pilotage of vessels through New Ross Bridge, and allowing vessels to make fast ropes to warping buoys, adjourned from

meeting of the Council were read.

In connection with the latter, a letter was read from the Solicitor to the County Council, that he did not see how the Council could give the permission sought for in view of their own by-laws.

Under date 4th May, a letter was read from Mr. J. Lee, caretaker of the Bridge, stating that most of the persons taking vessels through bridge were only hobblers. Mr. Lee forwarded for the information of the Council, a letter which he had received from Mr. Elger under date 15th May 1912, and in which Mr. Elger stated that he knew of no rule by which the caretaker could compel vessels to have a pilot on board, nor did he know of any rule by which the Harbour Board could compel the caretaker to refuse to open the bridge unless vessels going through were in charge of a licensed pilot.

The question of the pilotage of vessels through New Ross Bridge was referred to Mr. Elger, with instructions to look into the recently enacted Pilots Act for report to next meeting.

As regards allowing vessels to make fast ropes to warping buoys, the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Sir J. Esmonde, seconded by Mr. Hearn:-

"That as advised by Mr. Elger, our Solicitor, the County Council have no power to allow vessels to make fast ropes to warping buoys except for the purpose of passing through the Bridge."

Wexford Bridge.

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

"During the past week I made a thorough inspection and careful examination of all the timbers in this Bridge, and I shall submit diagramatic report showing the position of all defective timbers in the structure. I have also made out a table of the several timbers that are defective or that at present require renewal and this table I attach to my report.

at the present time three of the spans are in a very unsound condition owing to the cast-iron shoes at the ends of the Beams being fractured and the Beams thus allowed to sag, and though iron straps or chains have been used to take the pull of the ties, in my opinion this is unsatisfactory, and new shoes should be put in.

In order to renew the unsound Beams, as shown in the table, twelve spans must be opened full across the Bridge, and twelve other spans half-way across, while to repair the slightly defective Beams three further spans must be opened full across, and eleven half-way across, while one of the short spans must be opened full across. There are thirty large spans of 40 feet, and four short spans of about 25 feet two on each side of the Bascul opening which is 50 feet in the clear. The Bascul and adjoining short spans were repaired some couple of years ago and some of the spans on the west side of the Bridge were repaired last year but the work still to be done is as above set out.

For complete repair I estimate the expenditure at £4,000 and this, in my opinion, will leave the Bridge servicable for ordinary

traffic, excluding traction engines, and such like, for a period of say twelve years, when probably a similar sum will then require to be expended giving a further life of say another twelve years. During this total period, of say twenty-four years, minor repairs must be done from time to time, and the railings painted periodically, while of course the road surface must be continuously maintained.

This minor repair and maintenance will cost about £60 per annum on the average.

at the end of the period as above, I believe it will be necessary for the Council to take steps to rebuild the Bridge, and if the Council decide not to undertake extensive repairs at the present time it will still be necessary to expend some £500 including the money already expended on timber to maintain the Bridge pending the building of a new one.

as an alternative to the repair of the old timber Bridge, I have prepared an estimate for building a new bridge of reinforced concrete, and this if undertaken should be on the old site opposite the Courthouse.

X In the first place while the new Bridge is being built you must maintain the traffic and this can be more economically done on the old Bridge, whereas if you rebuild on the present site you must put up a temporary structure.

Furthermore the length between the abutments opposite the Courthouse is some 300 feet shorter than at the present timber bridge; the bottom at both places is I believe satisfactory. I have taken soundings opposite the Courthouse and the depth is uniform, with a gravelly bottom, except close

to the quay, where there is an overlay of mud but I believe of no great depth. The greatest depth here at low water is 23 feet. X

X my estimate of a new bridge of reinforced concrete giving a width of 22 feet roadway and a five feet footpath on each side amounts to £24,360 and to this must be added a Bascule opening span with operating plant of say 60 feet in the clear estimated at £10,000, making a total of £34,360, and a further addition must be made to this to cover engineering and supervision expenses, say £3,000. X

Now if this money be borrowed, repayable in 45 years, it will work out on something less than one penny in the £. X

I may note that in preparing this estimate, I have had the assistance of Mr. Waller, who is engaged on the Deepo Bridge and who had great experience on the Waterford Bridge, and we have largely followed the prices ruling on both these structures. There is no doubt a cheaper Bridge can be designed, but from what I understand of the requirements of the Local Government Board, whose sanction will be necessary to the loan, I do not think that the price can be much reduced."

Waterford Timber Bridge Defective Timber

Beams:- 55 unsound & requiring renewal.
111 defective angles.- to be repaired.
17 sagged owing to broken shoes.

Piles:- 16 unsound in part-requiring scarfing.
20 defective angles.- to be repaired.

Crossheads :- 32 ends unsound - requiring scarfing.
9 defective angles - to be repaired.

Sills under Railing :- 36 unsound, & requiring renewal.

Horizontals :- 17 ends unsound & requiring scarfing.
6 defective angles - to be repaired.

Diagonals :- 10 ends unsound & requiring scarfing.
3 defective angles - to be repaired.

Total number of timbers in Bridge, excluding opening span, which was repaired two years ago:-

Beams :- 40 ft. spans	240 Beams
25 ft to 27 ft	32 "
Piles :-	288 Piles
Cross Heads :-	288 crossheads
Sills :-	72 Sills
Horizontals :-	72 Horizontals
Diagonals :-	72 Diagonals.

The Chairman proposed :-

"That we postpone the consideration of the erection of a new bridge at Wexford for two years; that the County Surveyor be instructed to - in the meantime - keep the present structure safe from the public at as small an expense as possible."

M^r. M. Doyle Senr., seconded the resolution which was passed.

District Councils meetings etc.,

The following dates were fixed for half-yearly meetings of Rural District Councils and Proposal Committee :-

Enniscorthy R. D. Council - Monday 3rd November at 11. a.m.,
Gorey R. D. Council - Thursday - 30th October - at 11.30 a.m.,
New Ross R. D. Council - Tuesday - 4th November - 11.30 a.m.

Wexford R.D. Council - Saturday - 8th November - 10.30 a.m.,
 Proposal Committee - Wednesday - 12th November - 10.30 a.m.,
 Wexford Co. Council - Half-yearly meeting - 3rd December - 10.30.
 " " " Quarterly meeting - 6th August - 10.30 a.m.

— National Insurance Act. —

The following resolution was forwarded from the Finance & Roads Committee for adoption:-

"That the Insurance Commission be informed that as the appointment of the assistant Surveyors of the County have to receive the approval of the Local Government Board, and as the Co. Council cannot fix the salaries to be paid these officials without the approval of the Local Government Board, we consider that, in the light of the decision of the Master of the Rolls in the case of the officials of the South Dublin Union, the assistant Surveyors have no proper contract of service with the County Council, and are not therefore compulsorily insurable under Part I. of the National Insurance Act 1911.

That a copy of this resolution be furnished the Local Government Board and the National Insurance Commission."

"adopted on the motion of Mr Doyle S.
 seconded by Mr Rossiter."

Under date 9th April, letter No 11993, was read from the Insurance Commission, requesting the Council to nominate some person as a member of the County Insurance Committee, vice Mr. H. Rowe resigned.

A resolution was submitted from the Insurance Committee, asking the Council to appoint to the vacancy, the Mayor of Wexford for the time being.

Mr. Peacocke proposed, that the mayor of Wexford for the time being be appointed a member of the County Insurance Committee vice Mr. H. Rowe resigned.

Mr. Rice seconded.

Passed.

Security of Secretary & Treasurer
Co. Insurance Society.

The Secretary of the County Wexford Insurance Society wrote asking the Council to agree to the acceptance of personal security for him in the sum of £50 as had been agreed to by the Society, and the National Insurance Commission letter of 11th April 1913 No. 12719.

Under date 28th April, letter was read from Mr. W. J. Walsh, Treasurer of County Wexford Society, asking the Council to agree to reduce the amount of the security required from him as Treasurer.

On the motion of Mr. Rossiter

Seconded by Mr. M. Doyle Junr. the following resolution was agreed to:-

"The County Council have no objection to a reduction in the amount of security for Secretary and Treasurer of Wexford Co. Society to the sum of £50 in each case, to be provided by personal security."

Sanatorium Treatment - Non Insured Persons.

On the motion of Mr. M. Doyle Senr., seconded by Mr. Lynch, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That as the Co. Council agreed to strike a rate of a half penny in the £ in order to secure sanatorium benefit for non-insured persons, we request the Local Government Board and the National Health Insurance Commission to let us have some information as to when

non-insured persons can receive the treatment to which they are entitled."

— Correspondence - Road Contracts. —

Under date 5th May, letter was read from Mr. Andrew Dunne, Dranagh, Enniscorthy; asking to be released of his contract for No. 219 Enniscorthy on the grounds of unfair treatment in his payments. He contended that portion of his money was constantly struck off although he had no shortage of material.

"No Order."

A complaint from Messrs Huggard & Brennan Solicitors, Gorey; on behalf of Mrs. Mary Maloney, Emond's Street, Gorey; as to interference by a contractor of the Co. Council, with the foundations of her houses and footpath at Emond's Street; and report of committee appointed by the Gorey District Council to deal with the matter, were read.

"Referred to County Surveyor."

— New Ross Urban Council & Road Board. —

Under date 6th May, a letter was read from the Town Clerk, New Ross; forwarding for transmission to the Road Board a small scheme amounting to £285 for the carrying out of which his Council hoped to receive a Grant from the Board.

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

"That the scheme forwarded by the New Ross Urban District Council be referred to the County Surveyor."

— Payment of Motor Tax. —

The following list of owners of motor cars,

or motor cycles, who had neglected to pay motor duty was laid before the meeting:-

H. L. Meadows; Major Chas. Head; W. J. Hearn; Mary Clancy; J. W. Salmon; John J. Kirwan; J. Malcolm McAlpine; Joseph McGrath; W. C. Fitzsimons; Joseph A. Stokes; Charles Horandner; J. W. Thompson; Michael Barton; M. M. Ingram; James Lower; Wm. Athurington; Dr. W. W. Murphy; R. A. Rice; W. Thorpe; Rev W. R. Evans; J. J. Scallan; Horace Ashton; Capt P. C. Alcock; Capt L. A. Bryan; Geo. H. Lambert; J. C. Dormer; Dr. J. J. Dwyer; Rev W. McKerr; Rev W. H. J. Gahan; Janssen Dudgeon; John Carroll; Frederic Hughes; Sir J. J. Lower; Lte. McCarthy; Sir Geo. Errington; Rev N. Murnagh P.P.; P. L. K. Dobbin; G. C. Braddell; Robert H. Keane; A. L. Bluff; J. M. Ronan; Samuel Hulme; Patrick J. Carey Jr.; J. Thompson; Son; Stafford Gaffney; Geo. Heaton; N. J. Cooke; J. Noblett; P. A. Jeffares; Robt Mc Kenzie; Malachy Scally; Wm. J. Cranston; Rev James Redmond B.C.; J. H. Whitney; Myles Sheill; W. L. Garton; R. J. Spring; Rev Peter Doyle; John M. Roche; H. J. A. S. Boyle; Dr. D. Hadden; Edw. Hartick; Dr. J. Nolan; James Walsh; J. P. Roche; Richard Whitney; M. V. McKivitt; J. J. Roche; Claude Dinnion; J. J. Chichester; J. C. Bailey; Mrs L. Chadwick; Thompson Bros; W. J. Doyle; Mrs Maud Stanley; C. J. Bouchier; A. L. Bryan; J. L. Comonde; S. A. Furlong; Bates & Sons; H. J. Roche; J. W. Cairns; Rev Denis Murphy B.C.; J. C. Harman; Dr. G. A. Hickey; C. C. Harvey; Rev J. Byrne; Wm Barber; Sergt J. Dorney; Rev S. Ridgway; James O'Connor B.C.; Rev E. Crean; J. W. Taylor; Dr. J. O'Regan; Moses Kehoe.

On the motion of the Chairman, the following resolution was adopted:-
"That instructions be given to Mr. Elger,

Solicitor, to proceed against owners of motor cars, and motor cycles who are in arrear with the payment of their motor duty."

Analyst's Report.

The following Report was read :-

City Laboratory
17 Castle St., Dublin.
28th April 1913.

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 31st March 1913.

107 articles were received from the Food Inspectors
R. J. G., as follows :-

<u>article</u>	<u>number.</u>
milk	38
Butter	26
whiskey	22
margarine	7
cheese	5
Buttermilk	3
Ginger wine	2
Claret	1
Brandy	1
Rum	1
Port wine	1
Total	<u>107.</u>

Two certificates were sent to Sergeant Scully,
Wexford, for specimens of milk adulterated
with at least 8.9 and 26 per cent of added
water respectively and one certificate for
specimen of milk adulterated with at least
26 per cent of added water, and was also deficient
of at least 16 per cent of its fat.

One certificate was sent to Sergeant Ruane,
New Ross, for specimen of milk adulterated with
at least 8.9 per cent of added water.

One certificate was sent to Sergeant Flynn, Ballybrasil, Campile; was adulterated with at least 7.5 per cent of added water.

One certificate was sent to Constable Kelly, Gory, for specimen of milk adulterated with at least 6.25 per cent of added water and was also deficient of at least 13 per cent its fats.

For the Guardians of Gory union nine drugs were analysed and were correct.

For the Guardians of Enniscorthy union, nine drugs, sixteen specimens of tea and ten of port wine were received. The drugs were correct. The specimens of tea and wine were examined to determine which was best for use in the workhouse.

One specimen of water analysed for New Ross Rural District Council had the following composition.

One imperial gallon contained in grains.

Total solid matters	14.700
Including	
albuminoid ammonia	0.005
Saline ammonia	0.001
Nitric acid	1.750
Chlorine	2.680
Colour	colourless.

A very pure water.

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

One imperial gallon contained in grains.

Total solid matters	84.000
Including	
albuminoid ammonia	0.017
Saline ammonia	0.0025
Nitric acid	Trace
Chlorine	15.70
Colour.	light yellow.

a slightly inferior water.

A substance which proved on analysis to be butter was received from the Secretary, Wexford Co. Council.

One specimen of milk analysed for the Rev Father Murphy, Ferns; was under the average quality of pure milk.

For the Enniscorthy Co-operative Society, Enniscorthy; one specimen of feeding stuff was analysed.

One specimen of water analysed for Messrs Buttle Bros. & Co., Ltd, Enniscorthy; had the following composition:-

One imperial gallon contained in grains..

Total solid matter	80.000
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Including

albuminoid ammonia	0.008
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saline ammonia	0.008
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Nitric acid	11.620
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Chlorine	18.980
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colour.

light yellow.

This water was fit for use.

The viscera of a dog received from B. Hickey Esq, R.S., Wexford; is in the process of analysis.

For Shillagh Union, which is partly situated in the County Wexford, six 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 ..	164
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adulterated & defective articles	6.
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Charles A. Cameron

marked "Read."

John Belger

Special Meeting.-28th May 1913

A Special Meeting of the Wexford County Council, was held in the County Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford, on 28th May 1913.

Present :- Mr John Bolger, (chairman) presiding.

Other Members:- Messrs Rice, Rossiter, M. Doyle, Junr., J. J. Stafford, P. O'Neill, C. H. Peacocke, M. Doyle Senr., M. Cloney, T. Asple, J. Codd, J. A. Doyle.

The Secretary, County Surveyor, and Solicitor to the Council were also in attendance.

New Assistant Surveyor.

Under date 19th May 1913, the following letter No. 24563, Wexford County, was read from the Local Government Board relative to the appointment of Mr J. H. O'Connor, as an Assistant County Surveyor:-

"With reference to the entry in the Minutes of Proceedings of the Wexford County Council on the 7th instant, relative to the proposed appointment of Mr J. H. O'Connor as an Assistant County Surveyor, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to state that they consider that Mr O'Connor cannot legally perform the duties of an Assistant Surveyor as he is not qualified in accordance with the statutes.

The County Council should at once make arrangements for the discharge of the duties of the vacant office by a qualified person.

A form of queries in connection with the vacancy is enclosed.

Mr Peacocke moved:- "That the Local Government Board be requested to allow the County Council to retain in office as Assistant Surveyor Mr J. H. O'Connor, and that they be requested to arrange for a special examination in order to ascertain the qualifications of Mr O'Connor for the office."

Mr Rossiter seconded.

Mr O'Neill moved as an amendment:-

"That in pursuance of the letter of the Local Government Board of 19th May, and No. 24,563-1913, Wexford County, refusing to sanction the appointment of Mr J. H. O'Connor as Assistant Surveyor, we appoint

Mr Gerald Flood, to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Mr Howlin, late Assistant Surveyor, this appointment to be subject to the sanction of the Local Government Board."

Mr J. A. Doyle seconded.

A poll was taken with the following result:-

For the Amendment:- Messrs Rice, O'Neill, Asple, J. A. Doyle, and the Chairman.-5.

Against:- Messrs Rossiter, M. Doyle Junr., Stafford, Peacocke, M. Doyle Senr., Cloney, and Codd.-7.

The Chairman declared the amendment lost.

As a further amendment Mr M. Doyle Senr., proposed:-

"That Mr Gerald Flood be appointed as temporary Assistant Surveyor for the vacancy in Enniscorthy District, and that our Secretary be directed to issue advertisement for the permanent appointment to be made at the Annual Meeting of the Council on the 12th June."

The Chairman seconded.

A poll was taken with the following result:-

For the Amendment:- Messrs Rice, O'Neill, M. Doyle Senr., Asple, J. A. Doyle, and the Chairman.-6.

Against:- Messrs Rossiter, Stafford, Peacocke, Cloney, and Codd.-5.

Mr M. Doyle Junr., did not vote.

The Chairman declared the amendment carried.

It was then put as the substantive motion and passed nem con.

Application- Holidays.

Application for ten days' holidays was received from Mr Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, and for eight days' holidays from Mr Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor.

"On the motion of Mr O'Neill, seconded by Mr M. Doyle Senr., the applications were acceded to."

Tuberculosis (Ireland) Order 1913.

Correspondence was read from the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction, forwarding copies of Tuberculosis (Ireland) Order 1913, and Memoranda explanatory of the working of this Order.

On the motion of Mr Peacocke, seconded by Mr M. Doyle Junr., the

following resolution was adopted:-

"That as we believe the Stock of this County to be thoroughly healthy, we do not consider it necessary to carry out the provisions of the Tuberculosis (Ireland) Order 1913."

Poisons & Pharmacy Act.

Applications for licenses under the Poisons & Pharmacy Act were read from:-

William B. Jackson, 51 Main Street, Gorey.

Laurence Codd, 26 Main Street, Enniscorthy.

"Agreed to on the motion of Mr Asple, seconded by Mr O'Neill."

Ferryarrig Bridge.

Mr Peacocke proposed:-

"That this Meeting resolve itself into Committee for the purpose of discussing the claim of Mr R. Colhoun, Contractor for the erection of Ferryarrig Bridge."

Mr O'Neill seconded.

"Passed"

The County Surveyor read the following letter which he had received from Mr Colhoun, under date 12th May 1913:-

"I am now in a position to give you particulars of my claim in connection with the above work which you wrote for sometime ago, and which I herewith enclose.

This claim is in addition to any balances and extras agreed upon, and is made out on the basis of an amicable settlement being come to between myself and the Council.

It is without prejudice to any further claims that I may be entitled to make, should it be necessary to appeal to a Law Court.

I would be glad if you would arrange an early date when we could go into the matter suggested by you in your previous correspondence."

The Claim referred to amounted to £2137. 10. 0.

The following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed on the motion of Mr Peacocke, seconded by Mr M. Doyle Senr:-

"That we instruct our Solicitor to repudiate the claim of Mr Colhoun in his letter of the 12th May to the County Surveyor, on foot of contract, etc., for the erection of Ferryarrig Bridge, and to

defend any proceedings which Mr Colhoun may institute against the County Council on foot of said claim."

Deeps Bridge.

Under date 19th May 1913, the Local Government Board wrote, letter No.25613, relative to loan for Deeps Bridge:-

"The Local Government Board for Ireland have had before them the application of the County Council of Wexford for sanction to a loan of £5,000 for the purpose of reconstructing a bridge over the river Slaney at the Deeps, 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 twenty-five years.

The Plans, Specification, and Estimate are returned herewith."

Under date 26th May, the following letter addressed to Mr Elgee, Solicitor to the County Council, by the British Reinforced Concrete Engineering Co., Ltd., was read:-

"We understand that the Bond was completed on the 23rd inst., by the Insurance Company, and was forwarded to you by Friday night's post. We shall be glad to have the Agreement, so that we can go ahead with the working."

"Referred to Mr Elgee."

Food & Drugs Acts.

Under date 26th May 1913, letter No. G 1891-13, as to the result of the analyses of samples of butter taken up by officers of the Department being found pure, was read.

Marked "Read"

National Insurance Act.-Treatment of Tuberculosis.

Under date 22nd May 1913, letter No. 20179-13, was read from the Insurance Commissioners stating that the approval of Schemes under the Tuberculosis Prevention (Ireland) Acts 1908 and 1913, was a matter for the Local Government Board for Ireland.

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

"That no action be taken to put into force the permanent scheme of the County Council relative to treatment of Tuberculosis, until the return of Dr W. O'Connor, Chief Tuberculosis Officer, from course of special training."

Insurance of Co Council Employees.

Under date 10th May 1913, letter No. 19548, was read from the Insurance Commissioners, stating that they had at present under consideration the position under the National Insurance Act of employees of local authorities in Ireland, and that a further communication would be issued in the matter in due course."

Marked "Read"

John Belger

Presiding Chairman

Dated this 12th day of *June* 1913.

ANNUAL MEETING.- 12th JUNE 1913.

The Annual Meeting of the Wexford County Council, was held in the Co. Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford, on 12th June 1913.

Present:- Mr John Bolger, (Chairman) Presiding.

Other Members:- Messrs John O'Connor, M. Doyle Junr., Patrick O'Neill, R. A. Rice, T. L. Esmonde, J. J. Stafford, Patrick Rossiter, J. S. Hearn, C. H. Peacocke, James Lynch, M. Gough, D. Sinnott, J. T. Mayler, M. Cloney, M. Hickey, T. Asple, M. Codd, J. A. Doyle, M. Doyle Senr., A. Kinsella, James Codd.

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.

Election of Chairman.

On the motion of Mr Peacocke,

Seconded by Mr Lynch.

Mr John Bolger was elected Chairman for 1913-14.

Mr Bolger returned thanks for his election.

He then subscribed the usual declaration of office.

Election of Vice-Chairman.

On the motion of the Chairman,

Seconded by Mr Asple,

Mr C. H. Peacocke was elected Vice-Chairman for the year 1913-14.

Mr Peacocke returned thanks for his election.

He then subscribed the usual declaration of office.

Proposal Committee.

Proposed by Mr Doyle Senr.,

Seconded by Mr Rossiter,

"That the Proposal Committee be a Committee of the "whole house".

Passed.

Executive Committee under Diseases of Animals Acts 1894.

The following resolution was proposed by Mr Peacocke, seconded by Mr Hearn, and adopted:-

"That the County Wexford Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction be appointed the Executive Committee of the County Council as Local Authority under the Diseases of Animals Acts 1894".

Finance & Roads Committee.

On the motion of Mr Sinnott, seconded by Mr J. A. Doyle, the following were appointed as the Finance & Roads Committee:-

John Bolger.	M. Cloney.
C. H. Peacocke.	J. T. Mayler.
J. S. Hearn.	P. O'Neill.
M. Doyle Junr.,	James Codd.
J. J. Stafford.	John O'Connor.
James Lynch.	T. L. Esmonde.
P. Rossiter.	R. A. Rice.
M. Hickey.	A. Kinsella.
Sir T. Esmonde.	P. J. Fanning.
T. Asple.	Lord Viscount Stopford.

Chairmen etc., 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:-

Enniscorthy:- Mr James Lynch.

Gorey:- Mr P. J. Fanning.

New Ross:- Mr M. Hickey.

Wexford:- Mr P. Rossiter.

Messrs Lynch, Hickey, and Rossiter, attended and signed the usual declaration of office.

Notice of Motion.

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

"That the County Surveyor make an annual inspection of the Piers & Harbours which are vested in the Wexford County Council, and present a report thereon to the Council, and where repairs are required an Estimate of the cost of same".

The motion was seconded by Mr Rice, and adopted nem con.

Ferry carrig Bridge.

The Council having heard a statement from the County Surveyor the following resolution was adopted:-

"That we authorise our Solicitor, Mr Elgee, to offer Mr Robert Colhoun, Contractor for Ferry carrig Bridge, a sum of £1,210: 7: 11d in full settlement of his claim on foot of his contract for the erection of Ferry carrig Bridge, and of all extras thereon. Should Mr Colhoun agree to accept this amount, the County Council are prepared to forego any claim they may have against Mr Colhoun with respect to delay or otherwise. This offer to be made without prejudice."

Appointment of Assistant Surveyor.

Mr Vincent R. Doyle, Broadway, and Mr Gerald Flood, Castleboro, Clonroche, applied for the position of Assistant Surveyor, vacant through the resignation of Mr Michael Howlin.

Mr O'Neill proposed, and Mr. Lynch, seconded the appointment of Mr Gerald Flood, as Assistant Surveyor.

proposed,
Mr M. Doyle Junr. / Mr J. J. Stafford seconded the appointment of Mr V. R. Doyle.

A poll was taken with the following result:-

For Mr Flood:- Messrs Asple, Cloney, M.Codd, J. A. Doyle, M. Doyle Sr., T. L. Esmonde, M. Gough, M. Hickey, James Lynch, P.O'Neill, C. H. Peacocke, R. A. Rice, D. Sinnott, and the Chairman-14

For Mr Doyle:- Messrs James Codd, M. Doyle Junr., J.S.Hearn, A.Kinsella, J. T. Mayler, John O'Connor, P.Rossiter, J.J.Stafford.-8.

Mr Flood having obtained a majority, was declared elected by the Chairman.

Mr Flood returned thanks for his election.

The following is Mr Flood's application:-

"I beg to offer myself as Candidate for the position of Assistant Surveyor for No.2 district as advertised.

If elected I hope to discharge the duties of the office to the satisfaction of the Council."

Tuberculosis (Ireland) Order 1913.

Under date 30th May 1913, (No. 2418-13) the following letter from the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction relative to Tuberculosis (Ireland) Order 1913, was read:-

"Adverting to this Department's Circular of the 16th instant, No. 2098/13, on the above subject, it is desired to forward herewith, for the information and guidance of your Local Authority and their Officers, copies of Memorandum which, as indicated in that Circular, the Department have had in preparation regarding various details of procedure in connection with the Order, together with specimen copies of the Forms referred to in the two closing paragraphs of such Memorandum.

Assuming that your Local Authority have not already done so, it will be desirable for them now to advertise the Order in the newspaper circulating in their district, and a copy of a form of notice which it suggested should be adapted for this purpose with a view of drawing attention to the leading provisions of the Order, will be found enclosed. Embodiment of the full text of the Order in the newspaper advertisement is scarcely requisite.

Claims for repayment from the Exchequer Grant-during the five years for which such Grant will be available- of half the net cost incurred for compensation under the Order in the district of your Local Authority should be furnished to the Department quarterly, the 30th June, 1913, to be regarded as the terminating date for the first statement of claim.

As the Local Authority will further be at liberty to claim repayment from the General Account of the General Cattle Diseases Fund of the remaining half of the net compensation, as well as half of any other duly authorised expenditure for the purposes of the Order, the circumstances will be favourable to an energetic enforcement of the Order and the Department trust that the results in checking the disease will be ^{of} marked benefit to the community generally and the stockowners in particular.

It is proposed to forward to your Local Authority before 30th June specimens of the proposed Forms of Claim. These will admit of being readily filled up from the Record (Form A) referred to in the final paragraph of the Memorandum."

Under date 7th June 1913, the Department wrote (letter No. 2436-13., V, B.,) as follows:-

"I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 29th ultimo, apprising the Department that your County Council, at their meeting on

the previous day had adopted a resolution as follows:-

"That as we believe the stock of this County to be thoroughly healthy, we do not consider it necessary to carry out the provisions of the Tuberculosis (Ireland) Order of 1913."

With reference thereto I have to state that the County Council as the Local Authority under the Diseases of Animals Acts are bound under Section 2 of the Act of 1894- to execute and enforce the Order, and they cannot ignore this obligation without serious disadvantage to stockowners in the County and indeed to the live stock trade generally.

I have, therefore, earnestly to express the hope that when the matter comes to be considered again, at the meeting which you indicate will be held on 12th instant, it will be decided duly to carry out the Order. Already notifications have been received regarding three cases within the county of cattle supposed to be affected as described in the Order."

Under date 9th June 1913, the Department wrote (letter No.2600-13, V.B.,) as follows:-

"I have to acknowledge the receipt of your further letter of 7th instant, in connection with the above matter and to state that a reply to your earlier communication of the 29th ultimo, is being forwarded separately to-day.

The Department would be glad to learn as soon as practicable regarding the action taken on behalf of your Local Authority in the cases to which the three notices mentioned in your letter of the 7th instant refer, and particularly in relation to the case of Mr Richards' four cows, which it appears desirable should be promptly dealt with."

Mr O'Neill proposed, and Mr Rice seconded the following:-

"That in view of the letters from the Department of Agriculture of the 30th May (No.2418), 7th June (No.2436), 9th June (No.2600) and of the statement of Mr William Malone V. S., their representative, who attended this meeting, we hereby agree (although we do not consider the Order necessary for County Wexford) to adopt the Tuberculosis (Ireland) Order 1913."

As an Amendment- Mr Codd proposed and Mr Rossiter seconded the following resolution:-

"That the question of the adoption of the Tuberculosis(Ireland) Order 1913, be postponed pending the examination of Mr Richards' four cows detained under the Order of the Department."

"On a show of hands five members voted for the amendment, and 12 against."

The Chairman declared the amendment lost, and put the original resolution, which was passed nem con.

Transit of Animals.

The Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction wrote forwarding copies of their Orders² Transit of Horses, Asses, and Mules, (Ireland) Order 1913, and Animals (Transit & General) (Ireland) Order 1913

The Secretary explained the provisions of these Orders for the Meeting.

Marked "Read"

Poisons & Pharmacy Act.

Mr James J. Stafford, South Main Street, Wexford, applied for license under Poisons & Pharmacy Act, and for renewal of licenses the following applied:-

Mr Edmund Doyle, Broadway.

Mr George Stafford, John Street, Wexford.

Messrs John Lambert & Son, Enniscorthy.

Mr W. Keating, Taghmon.

Mr Martin Forrestal, Baldwinstown.

"On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Rossiter the above applications were agreed to."

Purchase of Stonebreakers.

The following resolution was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Mr Rice, and carried unanimously:-

"That we request the Local Government Board to sanction the loan of £510 from the Road Board free of Interest, repayable in five years, amount to be devoted to the purchase of two stonebreakers."

On the motion of Mr Stafford, seconded by Mr Lynch it was decided that the Chairman sign on behalf of the Council the draft undertaking to the Road Board for repayment of loan of £510."

Acquirement of Quarries.

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

"That Mr Elgee, Solicitor to the Council, be instructed to take the necessary steps to acquire the quarry at Ballingly, and the rights of^{way} thereto, and that the Seal of the Council be affixed to the Agreements and Counterparts of leases of Quarries at Clolourish, Kyle, (Oulart), Palace, Tomgarrow, Newcastle (Murrintown) and Cherryorchard."

University Scholarship Committee.

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

"That the Finance & Roads Committee be requested to act as a Committee to draft the provisions of the University Scholarship Scheme of the Council for 1914, in conjunction with representatives of the Gaelic League"

Motor Car Act.

Under date 8th May 1913, the Local Government Board (letter No. 18227) wrote forwarding for the information of the County Council copies of an Order which they had made relative to examination of motor cars and drivers travelling in foreign countries, and the issue of travelling passes.

Marked "Read"

Audit of Accounts.

Under date 5th June 1913, the Local Government Board wrote, (letter No. 29069) forwarding copy of report of their Auditor on his audit of the Accounts of Enniscorthy Asylum in respect of half-year ended 31st March 1913.

Marked "Read"

Annual Holidays.

On the motion of Mr Hearp.

Seconded by Mr M Doyle Senr.,

the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the usual Annual Holidays be granted the Staff of the County Council. That the County Surveyor and the County Secretary arrange the dates of holidays to suit the convenience of the work."

Trunk Roads.

With reference to the resolution of the County Council, that Main or important roads should be placed in the sole control of the County

Councils, the Clerks of Gorey, and Wexford District Councils, wrote that their Councils had rejected the proposal.

"No Order."

Land Purchase.

A resolution was read from Louth County Council as to Compulsory Land Purchase, the purchase by the Government of untenanted arable land in Ireland fit for cultivation, providing holdings for 8,000 evicted tenants and their dependants, and also providing economic holdings for "landless" men.

"No Order"

Grant for Secondary Education.

A resolution was received from Cork Corporation pointing out that it would be a very serious loss to the country, if the annual grant of £40000 promised by the Treasury for secondary education in Ireland was not at once sanctioned.

A letter was read from the Hon Sec., of Secondary Teachers, (Ireland) Association, asking the County Council to adopt this resolution.

"Adjourned"

Revision of Valuation.

On the motion of Mr Stafford,

Seconded by Mr Rossiter, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the Finance & Roads Committee are hereby empowered to at their meeting on the 25th June, deal with all applications for revisions of valuation."

Deeps Bridge.

On the motion of Mr Rossiter,

Seconded by Mr Peacocke, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That in pursuance of the consent of the Local Government Board for Ireland dated 19th of May 1913, to the raising by the Council of a loan of £5,000 for the purposes of defraying the cost of reconstructing the bridge at Deeps over the River Slaney-the Common Seal of the Council be affixed to the Deed of Mortgage to secure the sum of £5,000 now to be advanced by the National Bank Ltd., to the Council bearing interest at 3% per annum and repayment to be spread over a period of 25 years."

Irish Taxpayers Association.

Under date 24th May 1913, a letter was read from the Irish Tax-Payers Association, pointing out that Clause 14 of the Government of Ireland Bill repealed all Grants in aid of rates, which are now made to support local government in Ireland, and which last year amounted to £1,321. 12. 0d.

The letter also requested the Council to adopt a resolution in support of a proposal that a deputation should wait on the Lord Chancellor in connection with the matter."

"Adjourned to next Meeting,".

Enniscorthy R. D. School Attendance Committee.

A letter was read from the Secretary of the Commissioners of National Education, that the Commissioners had appointed the following as their representatives on the Enniscorthy Rural District School Attendance Committee.:-

Rev Canon Macbeth, Killegney Rectory, Enniscorthy.

Rev A. Forrestal, C. C., Blackwater, Enniscorthy.

Rev J. N. Sinnott, C. C., Galbally, Bree.

Rev D. A. Kavanagh, C. C., Kiltaly, Enniscorthy.

Rev J. W. O'Byrne, C. C., Boolavogue, Ferns.

to hold office for a period of three years from 1st June 1913."

Marked "Read"

Detention of Lambs.

Under date 29th May 1913, the following letter No. A.6294-1913, was read from Sir Sidney Oliver, Secretary Board of Agriculture & Fisheries, London, relative to detention of lambs exported from Ireland to ports in Great Britain:-

"I am directed by the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries, to refer to your letter of the 8th instant, transmitting a copy of a Resolution passed at a recent meeting of your Council, in which it is represented that serious losses are inflicted upon the Irish Lamb trade by the requirement of 12 hours' detention at the Landing Place in Great Britain. I am to say, for the information of your Council, that the statement contained in the Resolution are not borne out by the reports of the Veterinary Inspectors of the Board in charge of the various landing places, which show that lambs do not deteriorate by reason of their detention at the Landing Places before proceeding to their destination."

They take food readily in the Landing Places, and in many instances improve appreciably both in condition and weight. Moreover, the number of lambs already landed in this country from Ireland during the current month, although not so large as the corresponding period of 1912, is considerably larger than in that of 1911.

With regard to the general question raised by the Resolution I am to refer your Council to the statement made by Mr Runciman in the course of a debate on the subject in the House of Commons, on the 5th inst."

"No Order"

Contract-Deeps Bridge.

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

"That the deed of contract between the County Council and the British Reinforced Engineering Concrete Co., London, in connection with the erection of Deeps Bridge, and counterpart thereof, be sealed with the Common Seal of the Council."

Proposed Live Stock Transit from Rosslare Harbour.

Resolutions from Forth Farmers' Association were read asking the Gt. Western Railway Co., of England, to immediately exercise the powers vested in them to run a cargo and cattle boat from Rosslare Harbour, and pledging support to the movement.

"On the motion of Mr Peacocke, seconded by Mr Rice, it was decided that a copy of the resolution be sent to the Parliamentary Representatives of the County."

Arterial Drainage.

A resolution was read from Londonderry County Council, as to the County Councils of Ireland being created the authorities for the purpose of superintending and managing Arterial drainage, and requesting the Government to bring in an amending measure to the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898, to carry out this proposal.

Marked "Read"

Tuberculosis Prevention (Ireland) Act 1908.

Under date 28th May 1913, the following letter (No.24563) was read

from the Local Government Board:-

"With reference to the resolution passed by the Wexford County Council on the 7th instant, inquiring when non-insured persons in the County suffering from Tuberculosis "can receive the treatment to which they are entitled", I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to state that the matter is one for the consideration of the Co. Council.

So far as the Board are aware, the Council do not appear to have as yet made definite arrangements in regard to the provision of the ten Sanatorium beds included in their Scheme, but the Board presume that the Council will proceed to enter into an agreement with the authorities of the Royal Hospital for Consumption at Newcastle, as was suggested at an earlier stage of the consideration of their Scheme.

As regards Dispensary treatment, the Board note that the County Council are still in negotiation on the matter, but pending final arrangements, it would be competent for them, after consultation with Dr O'Connor Locum tenens, to make temporary provision for cases requiring Dispensary treatment."

"No Order".

Town Tenants' League.

A series of Resolutions was read from the General Secretary Town Tenants' League, relative to town purchase, Grant to Irish Agricultural Organization Society, organisation and finance of Town Tenants' movement restoration of Irish Industries.

"Adjourned to next Meeting."

Pilotage New Ross Bridge.

The following letter under date 19th May 1913, was read from Mr R. W. Elgee, Solicitor to the County Council, relative to pilotage for New Ross Bridge:-

"Referring to the letter of the 7th March last, from the Secretary of the New Ross Harbour Commissioners as to a Pilot being on board Vessels when passing through New Ross Bridge, I write to say that as matters at present stand the Caretaker of the Bridge has no power to prevent vessels going through without a Pilot, as there is nothing in the Bye-laws authorizing the Caretaker to require a Pilot to be on Board.

If the Co Council wish the Caretaker to have such a power it seems

to me that they would have to make an additional Bye-Law which should be approved by the Lord Lieutenant in Council, and he probably would refuse to approve of it, on the ground that it should have been inserted in the Original Bye-Laws.

The recent Pilotage Act has nothing to say to the question in this case.

I return the three letters you sent me,."

"Adjourned to next Meeting."

Peamount Sanatorium.

Under date 4th June, a resolution was received from the Cavan Board of Guardians, protesting against the attempt to invalidate the appointment of Dr McGrath as Tuberculosis Officer of Peamount Sanatorium after his election by the representatives of Bodies subscribing to that Institution.

"Adjourned to next Meeting."

John Bolger

Presiding Chairman.

Dated this 15th day of July 1913.

SPECIAL MEETING.- 15th JULY 1913.

A Special Meeting of the Wexford County Council, was held in the County Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford, on 15th July 1913.

Present:- Mr John Bolger, (Chairman) presiding.

Also present:- Messrs J. J. Stafford, M. Doyle Junr., C. H. Peacocke, James Codd, J. T. Mayler, John O'Connor.

The Secretary, and Mr R. W. Elgee, Solicitor to the Council were in attendance.

University Scholarship Scheme.

With reference to the adoption of the University Scholarship Scheme for the year 1914, the Secretary explained that the representatives of the Gaelic League who were to have conferred with the Finance & Roads Committee, found themselves unable to attend.

"It was decided that the matter be postponed to the meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee on 30th July."

Additional Members.-Insurance Committee.

Under date 7th July 1913, letter No. 30513-13, was read from the National Health Insurance Commission:-

This communication pointed out that as the County Council had proposed to defray part of the cost of Sanatorium benefit under the National Health Insurance Act, the Commission had decided to increase the representation of the Council from eight to ten members, and it was therefore necessary that the Council should, at once, meet and appoint two additional representatives who would hold office until 15th July 1914.

"On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr O'Connor, Messrs Stafford, and James Codd, were appointed as the two additional representatives of the County Council on the County Insurance Committee."

Tuberculosis (Ireland) Order 1913.

Under date 2nd July 1913, the following letter (No. 3011-13, V. B.) was read from the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction:-

"I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 26th ultimo.

conveying the terms of recommendations adopted the previous day by the Finance & Roads Committee of the Wexford County Council in connection with the Tuberculosis (Ireland) Order of 1913.

The cost of an outfit for testing milk for tuberculosis under the Order is about £20, and a list giving particulars as to such an outfit will be found enclosed. The instruments included therein may be obtained from such Firms as:-

Messrs Watson & Co.,

313 High Holborn,

London,

Messrs Gallenkamp & Co., Ltd.,

19-21 Sun Street,

Finsbury Square,

London.

Messrs R. & J. Beck & Co.,

66 Cornhill,

London.

If it can be arranged to have the testing for the County done by one of the Inspectors a single outfit would be sufficient.

The Department note the proposal received in the matter from Dr Kelly, but, for the purposes of correspondence and general administration it is desirable, from the point of view of the Department, that the investigation duties under the Order should be confined to the Veterinary Inspectors."

Under date 4th July 1913, the following letter (No. 3030-13 V.B.,) was read from the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction:-

"With reference to your letter of 30th ultimo, respecting procedure under the Tuberculosis (Ireland) Order, I have to state that although the Local Authority as a body are charged with the duty of executing the provisions of the Order it appears to the Department that in practice it will be necessary so as to secure a proper working of the Order for the Local Authority to arrange for the administrative work in their district to be carried out by one of their officials. The various administrative steps which the Order requires the Local Authority to take in connection with a reported case of Tuberculosis are in the Department's view within the function of the Clerk of the Local Authority and there would be no objection on the Department's part to your being deputed in that capacity to take all requisite steps on behalf of the

Local Authority.

A list of the requirements of a milk testing outfit which should have been sent with my letter of 2nd instant, is now enclosed."

Under date 9th July, the following letter (No.3218-13 V.B.,) was read from the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction:-

"With reference to your letter of the 5th instant enquiring whether it is the business of the Veterinary Inspector to provide the various articles required for the testing of milk in connection with Tuberculosis (Ireland) Order of 1913, I have to state that in the opinion of the Department an affirmative reply cannot be given to such query.

The Department consider that the Local Authority should provide the needed outfit in the matter for one or more of their Veterinary Inspectors. If the outfit be supplied to one Inspector only it should be arranged that he should receive milk samples from and carry out the testing thereof for the remaining Inspectors."

On the motion of Mr Peacocke, seconded by Mr Stafford, the following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed:-

"That our Secretary be empowered as Clerk to the Local Authority to take all requisite steps, on behalf of the County Council as the Local Authority in connection with the administration of the Tuberculosis (Ireland) Order. That, should he require the direction of the County Council in any particular cases he be instructed to bring same before the next available meeting, or, if necessary, in consultation with the Chairman, to summon a special meeting for the purpose, all cases of indurated udder to come before meetings of the County Council."

On the motion of Mr Peacocke, seconded by Mr Stafford, the following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed:-

"That we request the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction to sanction the proposal of Dr W.P.Kelly, Enniscorthy, as to bacteriological examinations necessary under the Tuberculosis (Ireland) Order for three months in order to ascertain how the Order will work in this County."

Proposed Increased Railway Rates.

The following resolution was received from Cork County Council:-

"RESOLVED- That the County Council of Cork County decide to appear

before the Railway Commission in opposition to the proposed application for power to increase their rates for Goods, Minerals, merchandise, Parcels, etc., and instruct their Secretary to take the necessary steps to present the case of the opposition of the Council to the said application.

And further that the County Secretary be directed to enter into communication with the County Councils of the other Counties and other public bodies in the area sought to be affected, with a view to the preparation and presentation of a full statement of the reasons for such opposition, and to employ whatever expert assistance may be necessary for such purpose."

On the motion of Mr Peacocke, seconded by Mr James Codd, the following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed:-

"That we protest against the increased rates for Goods, Minerals, Merchandise etc., proposed by the Gt Southern & Western Railway Co., and Dublin & South Eastern Railway Co., and we request the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction to appear before the Railway Commissioners in opposition to these increases.

We desire to point out that, in the case of Milk, the Dublin & South Eastern Railway Co., propose to increase the rate by 100 per cent.

We also regard the proposed increased rates for parcels as exorbitant."

County Wexford Infirmary.

Under date 25th June ,1913, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No.33703 Wexford County) forwarding the following letter from Colonel Tottenham, Ballycurry Ashford, Co. Wicklow, relative to expenditure of County Wexford Infirmary:-

"As a Ratepayer in County Wexford as well as in County Wicklow I ask leave to draw the attention of the Local Government Commissioners to the very heavy expenditure on County Wexford Infirmary, and I take the liberty of enclosing the reports of County Wexford and County Wicklow Infirmaries, respectively, for comparison. The Wexford Infirmary receives £1,387. 10. 0 from the Ratepayers and £16. 16. 0 from local subscribers. Its total expenditure for the year is £1,886. 13. 10. It dealt with 397 intern patients including "upwards of 80 accidents".

The County Wicklow Infirmary receives only £500 from the Ratepayers, plus the Surgeon's salary, and obtains £134 : 19 : 9, from local

subscriptions. Its total expenditure for the year is £704 : 9 : 4. It dealt with 450 intern patients including 231 accidents.

I cannot but consider that these figures deserve the attentive consideration of the Local Government Commissioners, and that they will find that there must be some want of method in the management of the Wexford Hospital.

It would appear that 979 externpatients were "treated free" It is hardly possible to doubt that a very large proportion of those should probably have gone to the District dispensary and that the County Wexford at large is subject to a substantial charge which should be borne by the Ratepayers of the Rural District and this is an injustice that calls for the interference of the Local Government Board."

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Peacocke, the following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed:-

"That we request the Managing Committee of the County Wexford Infirmary, to furnish the County Council with their observations as to the communication received from Colonel Tottenham, and that our Secretary submit same to the next meeting of the County Council."

County Council Insurances.

On the motion of Mr Stafford, seconded by Mr Doyle Jr., the following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed:-

"That the County Council place with their Treasurer a sum of £100 per annum in a suspense account, to meet claims for compensation under the Workmen's Compensation Act., etc."

Duncannon Hulk.

Under date 28th June, the following letter was read from Mr P.G. Forrestal, Hon Sec., Duncannon Hulk Committee:-

"On behalf of the "Duncannon Hulk Committee" I am instructed to lay before you their views contingent on the immediate necessity of having it repaired and restored to its former position.

From correspondence received from Mr Poole (Manager of W.D.Steamboat Co.) I glean it is the Co's intention not to call hear only on certain conditions of tide, and after 1st September the terminus will be Ballyhack.

Needless to recount- the great disappointment, loss and expense the public (within a large radius here) will have to bear because of its

absence,. Feelings are running high at present, amongst farmers, labourers, shopkeepers, and all the public and district tapped by this service, and as a sequence my Committee intend calling a public protest meeting if further prolongation takes place.

My Committee trust your Council will accede to their request without delay and thank your Council for their best offices in having the pontoon and stage repaired and restored.

I am sending you herewith Mr Poole's letter (to return at convenience) explanatory of the Company's position, and some details arising out of your inspection meeting here sometime past.

On last Sunday the Company decided not to call or take passengers to Duncannon from New Ross Excursion, because of state of tide and absence of hulk.

The determination of Company not to risk the "People's Steamer" for continuous traffic here, must be considered as very material against requirements of the district, they being actuated by a desire to protect the boat as an asset of the "People" while on the other hand the restoration of hulk will settle matters, satisfactory to all."

"Postponed to next meeting of the County Council."

Proposed Boys' Club-Enniscorthy.

Under date 12th July 1913, a letter was read from Rev R. Fitzhenry, Adm., Enniscorthy, asking the County Council to lease at a reasonable figure the old Bridewell adjoining the Courthouse, Enniscorthy, for the purpose of its being transferred into a place of recreation for the members of the Boys' Club recently established in Enniscorthy, and to give him permission to make the necessary alterations.

"Referred to Mr Elgee to ascertain if the County Council have any power to comply with Father Fitzhenry's request."

Assistant Surveyor M. Hassett.

Under date 15th July 1913, the following was read from Mr M. Hassett Assistant Surveyor:-

"I beg to apply for permission to undertake the duties of Engineer to the Enniscorthy R. D. C., if elected on Thursday next. The appointment is but temporary yet, and will be for about three weeks. If necessary I would employ a qualified substitute."

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

"That the application of Mr Hassett, Assistant Surveyor, for leave of absence be acceded to, provided he names and pays a substitute approved by the County Surveyor."

Oulart Water Supply.

The Local Government Board forwarded Sealed Order No. 32377-1913, relative to expenses of Oulart water supply being a charge on the Oulart Dispensary District.

Marked "Read"

Mr Gerald Flood-Assistant Surveyor.

Under date 25th June 1913, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 32800) approving of the appointment for one year on probation, of Mr Gerald Flood, as Assistant Surveyor for Wexford County.

Marked "Read"

Audit of Accounts.

The Local Government Board wrote forwarding reports of their Auditor on his audit of the Accounts of Gorey and New Ross Union and Gorey and New Ross District Councils, in respect of half-year ended 31st March 1913.

Marked "Read".

Poisons & Pharmacy Act.

Mr Patrick Healy, 82 North Main Street, Wexford, applied for a license under Poisons & Pharmacy Act.

"On the motion of Mr Peacocke, seconded by Mr Codd the application was granted."

Approval Loans-Steam-Rolling.

Under date 27th June 1913, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 29,929-1913, Wexford County) :-

"The Local Government Board for Ireland have had before them the applications of the County Council of Wexford for sanction to loans of £520, £460 and £720 for the purposes of steamrolling roads in the Rural Districts of Enniscorthy, Gorey and New Ross respectively, and

the Board desire to express their sanction to the loans in question, in pursuance of Article 22 of the Schedule of 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 5 years, in each case.

The Ordnance Sheets, Specification and Estimate, are returned herewith."

Marked "Read"

(Signed)

John Bolger

Presiding Chairman.

Dated this 6th day of August 1913.

QUARTERLY MEETING.- 6th AUGUST 1913.

The Quarterly Meeting of the Wexford County Council, was held in the Co Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford, on 6th August 1913.

Present:- Mr John Bolger, (Chairman) presiding.

Other Members:-Messrs Patrick Rossiter, P. O'Neill, J. J. Stafford, P. J. Fanning, J. Lynch, James Codd, M. Doyle Senr., M. Gough, M. Cloney, M. Doyle Junr., John O'Connor, Lord Stopford, Mark Codd, T. L. Esmonde.

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

Confirmation of Minutes.

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and confirmed.

Notice of Motion.

Mr J. J. Stafford moved the following of which he had given previous notice:-

"That the County Council consider the advisability of providing the County Surveyor with a Motor Car."

"Referred to Finance & Roads Committee"

The late Mr James Ahearne.

Proposed by Mr Cloney, Seconded by Mr O'Neill, and passed:-

"That we express our deep regret at the demise of our late Colleague, Mr James Ahearne, and offer to his Widow and family, our sincere condolence in their bereavement."

By the death of Mr Ahearne our public life has been deprived of an able and upright Administrator, while Ireland mourns the loss of an unselfish and sterling patriot."

Proposals for Payments.

On the motion of Mr O'Neill, seconded by the Chairman, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the several payments for quarterly accounts, etc., as agreed to be the Proposal Committee be paid and Treasurer's Advice Notes be issued in respect of same, with the exception of claims of £1. 16. 4 for telegrams from Messrs French, Roche and Dr Lawler, Coroners, which we

direct to be struck out of the said Treasurer's Advice Notes."

University Scholarships.

On the motion of Mr Fanning, Seconded by Mr Gough, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the balance standing to the credit of each University Scholarship Holder for first and second year Scholarships after payment of University and Hostel fees be paid at this meeting as provided for by the University Scholarship Scheme."

On the motion of Mr Fanning, Seconded by Mr Gough, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That continuing University Scholarships be awarded Messrs James Power, and James Ryan, Misses Mary H. McGrath, and Mary G. Furlong, (third year). Mr George F. Duggan, Misses Mary J. Byrne, Margaret Furlong (second year), and continuing bursaries to Miss Philomena Ryan and Thomas C. Hassett, (second year), provided satisfactory reports as to attendance and progress be received from the University Authorities."

Transfer of Road Contract.

Michael Devereux, Curraghmore, Arthurstown, applied to the Council to assign his contract on Road No. 202 to Patrick Doody, Curraghmore.

"After considerable discussion it was unanimously decided to refuse the application."

Government Grants.

Under date 15th July 1913, the Local Government Board wrote forwarding an Order for payment of £1,035 : 1 : 8d on account of Medical & Educational Expenditure of the Boards of Guardians of the County in respect of year ending 30th September 1913.

Under date 15th July 1913, the Local Government Board wrote forwarding an Order for £138 for the salaries of Sanitary Officers of the Rural Districts of the County in respect of year ended 30th September 1913.

Marked "Read"

Temporary Leave-Assistant Surveyor Hassett.

Under date 24th July 1913, the Local Government Board wrote, letter No. 38296-1913, Wexford County:-

"The Local Government Board for Ireland have had before them the

Minutes of Proceedings of the Wexford County Council on the 15th instant, containing an entry of a resolution granting Mr Hassett, Assistant Surveyor, temporary leave of absence to undertake the duties of Engineer to the Enniscorthy Rural District Council.

The Board note from recent correspondence that Mr Hassett had been absent from duty through illness for a considerable part of this year, and as it would appear that his whole time is required for County work, the Board do not consider that the arrangement now proposed is desirable. It is essential at this season of the year that proper attention be given to road supervision, and the Board would specially refer the County Council to their letter of the 3rd April last in which it was pointed out that no person can legally perform the duties of an Assistant Surveyor unless he is duly qualified in accordance with Statute."

Marked "Read"

Sealed Order.-Caim Post Office.

The Local Government Board forwarded Sealed Order No. 32378 relative to guarantee a sum of £8 : 6 : 0d to the Postmaster General by the Enniscorthy Rural District for any loss he might sustain through the working of telegraph business at Caim Post Office.

Marked "Read"

Bonds of Officers of County Insurance Societies.

Under date 25th June 1913, the Local Government Board wrote letter No. 32618-1913, Misc, pointing out that if any deficiency in the funds of a County Insurance Society is shown to arise wholly or partly from the malversation or misappropriation of the officers of such Societies, the Insurance Commission shall be entitled to recover from the County Council the amount of such deficiency in so far as it is not made good by the defaulting officer or other person.

The appointment of officers of a County Society were subject to the approval of the County Council and it was therefore open to the County Council to insist that each such officer should furnish a bond of such amount and on such conditions as to prevent the possibility of the County funds being called upon to meet any liability under the bond given by the Co. Council to the Insurance Commission. It should be required that such bonds should in all cases be given to the County Council either solely or, if this course is not practicable, to the County Council and County Society (or Trustees) jointly and severally. The County Council would do well to

secure that the bonds of the officers should be drawn in such form as to prevent liability being repudiated on technical grounds. The County Council might accordingly have the bonds in each case examined by their Solicitor special regard being paid to the obligations of the County Council both as to the amounts of security and otherwise undertaken in pursuance of the bond given by the County Council to Insurance Commission.

Provision should also be made for securing that the bonds may be kept in force from time to time by the payment of annual premiums or substitution of sureties as each case may require."

"Mr Elgee stated that the instructions of the Local Government Board had been observed."

Motor Licence Duties.

Under date 28th July 1913, the Local Government Board wrote forwarding copy of certified statement received from the Postmaster General showing the value of the Motor Licence duties levied during the year ended 31st March 1913 by each County and County Borough in Ireland.

The amount of the fees collected in Wexford was £377 : 14 : 6d.

Marked "Read"

Tuberculosis Order.

With reference to the proposal of the County Council to employ Dr W. P. Kelly, Enniscorthy, for the purpose of carrying out the bacteriological and microscopical examinations necessary in connection with the Tuberculosis (Ireland) Order, the following letter was read from the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction:-

"Adverting to your letter of the 16th instant, I have to state that the Department have further carefully considered the question with which the first of the two resolutions embodied therein is concerned.

The position, however, in relation to the working of the Tuberculosis (Ireland) Order is that the responsibility for diagnosis of any reported case rests with the Veterinary Inspector, and his report is the guide to the Local Authority's subsequent action. It is, moreover, to be desired that microscopic examinations, where deemed advisable for the purposes of diagnosis in relation to suspected cattle, should be carried out by a person possessing veterinary qualifications or experience.

Administrative convenience also points to the suitability of dealing with the Order through the duly appointed staff, and on all these grounds the

Department adhere to the view that it would be disadvantageous to complicate matters by bringing in the services of a medical practitioner. They are accordingly not prepared to sanction the proposal received from Dr Kelly."

"Under date 21st July 1913, a letter was read from Mr Dobbyn, V. S., asking when he might expect to be furnished with a microscope."

Mr Stafford proposed:-

"That an outfit for bacteriological and microscopical examinations in connection with Tuberculosis (Ireland) Order be procured at a cost not exceeding £25. That Mr Richard Malone V. S., Wexford, be appointed for six months to carry out the examinations necessary at the following scale of charges, Viz:- examination of Milk at a charge of 2/6 per sample, faeces at 4/- per sample, and blood at 5/- per sample. That at the end of six months the outfit be transferred to the custody of Mr Wm Doyle V. S., Enniscorthy, for a further six months, thence to Mr James Malone, Gorey, for six months and then to Mr Taylor, New Ross for six months, after which the same method of circulation of the outfit to be observed provided that the Veterinary Surgeons accept for this work the remuneration which has been offered to Mr R. Malone."

Mr O'Neill seconded.

Mr M. Doyle Junr., as an amendment, moved:-

"That the County Council provide for use in connection with Tuberculosis (Ireland) Order one outfit for the necessary microscopical and bacteriological examinations, cost not to exceed £25. That Mr R. Malone V. S., Wexford, be appointed to carry out this work for the County for six months at remuneration according to the following scale Viz:- Milk at 2/6 per sample, faeces at 4/- and blood at 5/- per sample, At the end of six months the County Council to take into consideration the best manner of dealing with this work for the future."

Mr Rossiter seconded.

A poll was taken with the following result :-

For the Amendment:- Messrs Mayler, M. Doyle Junr., Rossiter, Chairman, Lord Stopford, Fanning, J. Codd, and Cloney. - 8.

Against:- Messrs Esmonde, O'Neill, Stafford, Lynch, M. Doyle Sr., Gough, and M. Codd.-7 .

The Chairman declared the amendment carried.

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

Administration of Diseases of Animals Acts.

The Secretary mentioned that some confusion obtained at present in connection with the working of the Contagious Diseases Animals Acts, as portion of the business was transacted by the County Council as Local Authority, and portion by the County Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction, which had been appointed as the Executive Committee of the Council under these Acts.

The Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction were prepared to sanction an arrangement by which the County Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction would deal with all matters in connection with the Act, or act on a special reference to attend to all details subject to the reservation that all questions involving increased expenditure should receive the special approval of the County Council.

Dealing with the General question of the administration of the Contagious Diseases Animals Acts, the following resolution was received from Dublin County Council:-

"That in view of the increased expenditure which the administration of the Tuberculosis Order 1913, will impose upon County Councils in Ireland, this Council is of opinion that the Irish Government should now co-ordinate the working of the existing Veterinary services throughout the Country, thereby securing greater uniformity and more efficient administration as well as a considerable saving in expense."

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

"That all matters of detail in connection with the administration of the Contagious Diseases of Animals Acts, be dealt with by the County Wexford Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction acting as Executive Committee under these Acts, subject to the reservation that all questions involving increased expenditure be submitted to the County Council for their approval."

"on the motion of Mr Rossiter, seconded by Mr Lynch, the resolution of the Dublin County Council as to the co-ordination of the Veterinary Services of the Country, was adopted.

University Scholarships Scheme 1913-14.

On the motion of Mr Stafford, Seconded by Mr Doyle Junr., the

following resolution was adopted:-

"That we approve of the provisions of the University Scholarship Scheme for 1913-14, as submitted by the Finance & Roads Committee and agreed to by representatives of the Gaelic League."

Sheep Dipping Order-Summer Period.

On the motion of Mr Cloney, Seconded by Mr O'Neill, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That prosecutions be instituted in all cases of sheep owners who have failed to dip their sheep within the Summer dipping period."

Recommendations of Finance & Roads Committee.

"That the County Surveyor be empowered to employ the necessary men in order to obtain the best results from the working of the County Stonebreakers, wages in each case not to exceed 24/- per week, and to be covered by hireage agreements with contractors."

Proposed by Mr Lynch, Seconded by Mr Stafford and passed:-

"That Mr Barry, County Surveyor, be empowered to employ two men (one for each County Stonebreaker) to supervise the work of the Stonebreakers at weekly wages not to exceed 24/- per week each case, amount to be included, in hireage charge to Road Contractors."

"That the County Surveyor be given permission to erect a Press in the entrance hall of the prisoners' room of the County Courthouse, for storeage of machinery parts."

"Confirmed"

"That Mr Elgee, Solicitor, be instructed to have proper ad valorem stamps attached to quarry agreements entered into by the County Council."

"Confirmed"

"That Patrick Byrne, Blacksmith at Tara Hill Quarry, be granted permission to cease work at 2 p.m., on Saturdays the same as the other employees at the quarry."

"Confirmed"

"That the salary of Mr M. J. O'Leary, Clerk in County Surveyor's Office be fixed at £65 per annum, That he be instructed to commence

work each day at 9 a.m.,"

Mr M. Doyle Junr., moved:-

"That we dissent from the recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee increasing the salary of the Clerk to the County Surveyor."

Lord Stopford seconded.

A poll was taken with the following result:-

For Mr Doyle's Motion:- Messrs Esmonde, Mayler, M. Doyle Junr., O'Neill, Chairman, Lord Stopford, Fanning, Lynch, Gough, Cloney, and M. Codd.-11.
Against:- and in favour of confirming the recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee:- Messrs Rossiter, Stafford, and James Codd.- 3.

"The Chairman declared the resolution dissenting from the Committee's recommendation carried."

"It was decided to effect an indemnity policy of Insurance for three steam rollers and 4 traction engines and trailers £500 one accident, and £500 one machine, premium £22 : 10/- with the Ocean Accident & Guarantee Corporation Ltd.,"

"It was also decided that the County Surveyor insure boiler of engine at Tara Hill Quarry, with the same Company at a premium of £1: 15/-"

"The recommendation of the Committee was agreed to on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Lynch."

Poisons & Pharmacy Act.

"On the motion of Mr Stafford, Seconded by Mr Fanning, license under Poisons & Pharmacy Act held by Mr James Cullen, Taghmon, was renewed."

Increased Railway Rates.

The following letter under date 18th July 1913, (No. G 2649-'13) was read from the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction:-

"I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 16th instant transmitting a copy of a resolution adopted by the Wexford County Council in regard to increases of railway rates, and to state that the rates charged on the 30th June 1900 on the lines now forming the Great Southern & Western system, cannot be increased without the consent of the Railway and Canal Commissioners. In the case of other Irish Railway Companies the previous consent of the Railway and Canal Commissioners is not required for increases of rates. Any complaints that the increased

rates are unreasonable may however be brought for determination before the Railway & Canal Commissioners, but not until such complaints have first been made to and considered by the Board of Trade under Section 31 of the Railway & Canal Traffic Act, 1888. In this Section it is provided that-"Whenever any person receiving or sending or desiring to send goods by any railway is of opinion that the railway Company is charging him an unfair or unreasonable rate of charge, or is in any other respect treating him in an oppressive or unreasonable manner, such person may complain to the Board of Trade".-

The Department are empowered under Section 17 of the Agriculture & Technical Instruction (Ireland) Act, 1899, to appear as complainant on behalf of persons aggrieved in reference to matters which the Railway & Canal Commissioners have jurisdiction to hear and determine and which relate to agriculture or other industry, and the Department are prepared to consider representations from aggrieved persons with a view to exercising this power in suitable cases. The increases in question have, however, a wider scope, relating as they do to goods generally, and the Department desire to bring under the notice of the Wexford County Council the fact that under Section 7 of the Railway and Canal Traffic Act, 1888, a County Council may make to the Commissioners any complaint which the Commissioners have jurisdiction to determine. The complaint may in such a case be made without proof that the Council is aggrieved by the matter complained of."

On the motion of Mr Fanning, Seconded by Mr M. Doyle Senr., the following resolution was adopted:-

"That this matter be left in the hands of the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction, with the request from this Council that the Department by every means in their power oppose all increases in railway rates for carriage of Goods, etc.,"

County Insurance Committee.

Under date 22nd July 1913, (letter No. 33625-'13) the Insurance Commission wrote approving of the appointment of Messrs J. J. Stafford, and James Codd, as additional representatives of the County Council.

Marked "Read"

Deck Regulations.

Under date 25th July 1913, the Inspector of Factories, wrote

pointing out that a copy of the Dock Regulations should be posted at the Quay, Fethard, Duncannon Quay, and Arthurstown Quay, Life saving appliances were also required at Fethard Quay.

"The Secretary said he had procured the copies of the Dock Regulations required and had sent them to the lamplighters for posting. The County Surveyor had made a proposal for Lifesaving apparatus at Fethard."

Duncannon Hulk.

Letters were read from Mr W. G. Forrestal, Duncannon, calling the attention of the County Council to the necessity of having Duncannon Hulk repaired in order to meet the wants of the people of the district.

Marked "Read"

New Ross Bridge.

With reference to the question raised by the New Ross Harbour Board asking the County Council to instruct the caretaker of New Ross Bridge not to allow any vessel through the structure unless in charge of a Pilot.

Mr Elgee Solicitor to the Council, wrote that the Caretaker had no power in the matter, and if the County Council wished that he should have such power, it would be necessary for them to adopt a by-law to this effect.

Marked "Read"

Asphalte Footpath-New Ross Bridge.

Under date 14th July 1913, the following resolution was received from New Ross Urban Council:-

"That the Wexford County Council be asked to have an asphalte footpath constructed on the New Ross Bridge instead of the present gravel surface one."

"Referred to Mr Barry, County Surveyor, for report to next meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee."

Town Tenants' League.

Under date 24th July 1913, letter was read from the General Secretary to the Town Tenants' League, asking the Council to appoint two or more delegates to the annual convention to be held in Dublin on the 28th August.

On the motion of Mr Doyle Senr., seconded by Mr Fanning, Mr John Bolger, Chairman, and Mr James J. Stafford, were appointed the delegates to the Annual Convention.

Analyst's Report.

The following Report was read:-

City Laboratory,

17 Castle Street,

Dublin. 28th July 1913.

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 30th June 1913.

130 articles were received from the Food Inspectors R. I. C., as follows...

<u>Article.</u>	<u>Number.</u>
Milk	50
Butter	38
Whiskey	18
Buttermilk	11
Cheese	5
Margarine	2
Rum	2
Gin	1
Port Wine	1
Ginger Wine	1
Brandy	1
Total	<u>130</u>

Two certificates were sent to Sergeant Groves, Enniscorthy, for specimens of buttermilk adulterated with at least 41 and 66 per cent of added water respectively exclusive of 25 per cent allowed for churning purposes.

One certificate was sent to Sergeant Breadon, Clonroche, for specimen of milk deprived of at least 20 per cent of its fats.

One certificate was sent to Sergeant Howard, Newtownbarry, for specimen of milk deprived of at least 23 per cent of its fats.

There were ten 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.

For the Guardians of Enniscorthy Union twentyseven drugs and a specimen of tea were analysed. One drug was incorrect.

For the Guardians of Gorey Union fifteen drugs, three specimens of wine and two of whiskey were analysed. Two drugs were incorrect.

For Messrs John Daly & Son., Wexford, one specimen of pollard was analysed.

For Mr Peter White, Enniscorthy, one specimen of feeding stuff was analysed.

For Enniscorthy Co-operative Society, Enniscorthy, one fertilizer was analysed.

For T. L. Esmonde, Esq, Ballycourcy, Enniscorthy, one specimen of water was analysed and had the following composition.

One imperial gallon contained in grains...

Total solid matter, 92.400

Including

Albuminoid Ammonia 0.006

Saline Ammonia 0.0035

Nitric Acid 9.120

Chlorine 5.160

Colour semi-opaque

A good water.

For Shillelagh Union, which is partly situated in the County Wexford, nine drugs were analysed. One was incorrect.

In the original report on the water above referred to, full details, chemical and microscopical, were given, but in the foregoing, only the more important points are given.

Total analyses.....201

Adulterated and defective articles..... 7

C. A. Cameron.

Marked "Read"

County Surveyor's Report.

The following report was read:-

"Within the last couple of weeks the two stonebreakers have come to hands and have been erected and sent out through the country. The fitter sent by the Makers attended on the first journey with each machine, and started the working, his expenses are included in the quotation, but I had to employ assistance for the erection of the machines and this I consider is covered by the quotation and I am asking for refund of the

amount. The certificates for this outlay are on the present pay sheets.

Owing to the late period of the year at which the machines were purchased I find that most of the Contractors in New Ross District have already made their arrangements for stonebreaking, and very probably I shall have to cease work with No. 2 Breaker for this season.

No arrangements have been made as to where the machines should be kept when not at work and this should be decided now.

I recently removed the Roller working in Gorey District to Newtownbarry as I found a difficulty in arranging for work in Gorey, but it will return to this district to carry out the Road Board work later on. I delayed commencing the work on Gorey Streets owing to the very dry weather which would have been unsuitable for the best carrying out of the work.

Re Courtown Harbour- I have letters from Mr King, who has in hands the survey and Borings, that the work is now completed, but he is not able to have full report in time for this meeting so the matter must stand adjourned.

Recently I had some repair work done to the breakwater at Kilmore Harbour, and on my inspection of it on the 24th ult., I found it satisfactorily completed. Bills for this work are certified for and will be before you.

On the 31st ult., I inspected Fethard Harbour and found no provision made of life saving apparatus and as the Inspector of Factories requires this to be provided I ask for your authority.

On the same date I inspected Slade Harbour and in connection with this I now certify payment for the new bollards.

The building of the protection wall at Boyce's Bay is in progress. I have a Clerk of Works employed to superintend this important job, and Mr Jones, Mr Treanor and myself, have visited the place on several occasions.

The tenders for Duncannon Hulk repair will be before you for consideration.

The work at Tara Hill Quarry is progressing in a satisfactory manner. I have received from Mr Paddle a communication addressed to the Chairman regarding his duties at the Quarry, but as it was not received in time to go on the Agenda Paper it may be well if you refer it to the Roads & Finance Committee for their report.

I now have in hands the repair work on the Wexford new Bridge, and am restricting it to defective timbers, etc., that cannot be depended

upon as quite safe. The work is progressing satisfactorily.

On the 29th ult., I made a thorough examination, as far as was possible, of the Abutments of the Deeps Bridge, and I ask for your authority to incur such extra expenditure as may be necessary to rebuild or re-model these to suit the new bridge. I shall submit a Proposal to cover the cost at your November meeting, if it cannot now be dealt with.

The old structure is now being dismantled and it is quite evident that the old bridge was in a very dangerous condition. The contractors are making good progress with their work for the rebuilding.

The recent dry weather has caused a large number of roads to loosen^{up} badly, and in some cases it has been almost impossible to keep them free from scattered stones. I have instructed the Assistant Surveyors to get Contractors to gather loose stones as often as possible and many of them have done good work in this direction."

"The question of arranging for storage of stonebreakers was referred to Mr Barry, County Surveyor."

"In connection with the claim of Mr Paddle, it was decided that the matter come before the Finance & Roads Committee for report."

"It was decided that proposals for erection of abutments for Deeps Bridge, not to exceed £500, repair Duncannon Hulk not to exceed £312, and procuring life saving apparatus at Fethard Harbour, not to exceed £2, be given in charge of the County Surveyor."

"It was decided that report from the Engineers at Courtown Harbour re Borings, be considered at next meeting of the Council."

(Signed) _____

Presiding Chairman.

Dated this 12th day of November 1913.

SPECIAL MEETING.-6th OCTOBER 1913.

A Special Meeting of the Wexford County Council was held in the Co Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford, on 6th October 1913.

Present:- Mr John Bolger, Chairman, presiding.

Other Members:-Messrs A. Kinsella, James Codd, M. Doyle Junr, R. A. Rice, Patrick Rossiter, C. H. Peacocke, M. Gough, David Sinnott, J. T. Mayler, M. Doyle Senr., James A. Doyle, T. Asple, and P. J. Fanning.

The Secretary, County Surveyor, Mr R. W. Elgee, Solicitor, and Dr Wm O'Connor, Chief Tuberculosis Officer, were in attendance.

Solicitor's Costs.

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

"That the Seal of the Council be affixed to the requisition to tax the Miscellaneous Costs of our Solicitor (Mr Elgee) as from 30th September 1912, to 30th September 1913, and that Mr T. J. Healy, Solicitor, be appointed to represent the County Council at said taxation."

Loans-Steamrolling.

Proposed by Mr Rossiter, seconded by Mr Peacocke, and Resolved:-

"That the Seal of the County Council be attached to a Mortgage to The National Bank Ltd., to secure the sum of £1,700 in three sums of £520, £460, and £720, respectively, to be borrowed from the Bank in pursuance of the Consent of the Local Government Board dated 27th June 1913, said loan being for the purpose of steam-rolling roads as in said consent mentioned and to be repaid by five equal yearly instalments spread over a period of five years together with interest on the amount for the time being due at Three per cent per annum."

Road Material from Quarries.

Under date 17th September 1913, the Local Government Board forwarded for the information of the County Council the following Judgment of Chief Baron Palles, in the case of Britton v Tipperary (South Riding) County Council:-

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE IN IRELAND.

Kings Bench Division.

B R I T T O N

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TIPPERARY COUNTY COUNCIL.

(BEFORE PALLES C.B. AND DODD & MALONY JJ.,)

J U D G M E N T.

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The question argued is an important one not only because it is one which so often arises, but because there has been such a remarkable diversity of judicial opinion upon it, Mr Justice Lawson, in Smith v McIldowney (1) and Mr Justice Andrews, in Murphy v Macrory (2) have decided in favour of Mr Gibson's contention, while Mr Justice Murphy, in Latouche v Coady (3) and Mr Justice Johnson in Coplis v Nolan (4) have decided a contrary way.

I need not say that there is no Judge of modern times for whose opinion I have a greater respect than that of Mr Justice Andrews, and in addition to that we have in the report of Murphy v Macrory the reasons for the conclusion he arrived at. This shows that we must be careful in considering the case before coming to a conclusion, but I must say that I have arrived at a very clear conclusion upon it. I have no recollection whether it was argued before me on a civil-bill appeal as my brother Dodd thinks it was, but if it was I have no doubt that I decided in accordance with the views of Mr Justice Murphy and Mr Justice Johnson, as that has always been my view of the construction of the section.

I agree in much that Mr Gibson has said. I think it is against the genius of our law that an Act of Parliament should take away a man's property without giving him any compensation, and I agree that it requires affirmative, indeed coercive, words to do so, and I approach the question with that fixed opinion.

I decide entirely on the words of the section, Section 162 of the Grand Jury Act of 1836, as adapted by the Local Government (Adaptation of Irish Enactments) Order 1899, without reference to any English Act. That Section enacts:-

"Every County Council and every Contractor for any work to be executed in pursuance of a resolution of a County Council shall have power and authority to dig for, raise, and carry away in or out of any lands, (not being a deer park, bleach green, orchard, walled garden, haggard or yard, or planted walk, lawn, or avenue, of a Mansion house), any gravel, stones, sand, or other materials, whether the same be found in the same or adjoining county, which may be wanted for the building, re-building, enlarging, or repairing any bridge, arch, gullett, pipe or wall, or for making repairing, or preserving any road or footpath."

In my opinion, having regard to the entire section, this clause in the section authorises not only the digging for, raising and carrying away the specified materials, but also their use in the specified building rebuilding, enlarging, making, repairing, or preserving.

Now what are the terms on which the County Surveyor or Contractor is authorised to do this? It is not without doing something in return that he was given the right. He "shall make such satisfaction for the damage done thereby, or by taking any such materials as aforesaid, as shall be assessed by three substantial householders." That is, it is a power to the County Surveyor or Contractor to take these materials upon his making a certain satisfaction, and the Legislature unquestionably did not consider that that was taking a man's property without giving him compensation.

Let us see then what that satisfaction is to be, the making of which is the condition upon which this right is given to the County Surveyor or Contractor. It is, as I read from the section, to be satisfaction for the damage done thereby or the taking of the materials as shall be assessed by three substantial householders, and the section goes on to say that these three householders in appraising the damages are not to include in their estimate the value of any stones, gravel, or other materials, but only the waste committed by breaking the surface and making a passage through the land, unless such stones, gravel, or other materials shall be taken from any quarries and gravel-pits bona fide demised with liberty to work the same-an exception that does not apply here.

Thus the Legislature says that this thing may be done upon satisfaction being made for damage by paying a certain amount of money to a particular person. What is the meaning of that? I hold that it is to make lawful that which would be otherwise unlawful. To authorise the taking of these stones which form part of the freehold of the land, and the applying them in the making of roads or other specified public works within the county, upon a sum to be ascertained in a particular way being paid in satisfaction I cannot add anything to that, The Legislature may have been right or it may have been wrong, but what it provided was:- "You may do this thing, which would otherwise be wrongful, on paying a certain sum to be ascertained by a tribunal constituted for that purpose".

What is the answer to that prima facie view of the section? It has been well put by Mr Kinahan. He argues that there would be an anomaly in holding that if the stones are taken from quarries which have been bona fide demised with liberty to work them, the estimate is to include the value of the stones taken, but if the person who works the quarry is not a lessee, but the owner in fee simple of the land, he is not to be paid such value. There is no doubt that anomaly. I agree however in the view put forward by Mr O'Connor that underlying the whole of this section is the idea that stones in situ, otherwise than in quarries actually worked or agreed to be worked, are of no value, and that this exception was introduced for the benefit of a lessee who was working or permitted to work as a trade an open quarry.

I hold that upon the true construction of the section the Legislature intended what it said, that these stones should be taken upon the terms of compensation being made for a particular thing in a particular way, and if these terms are hard terms in the present state of the country as distinct from the state in which the country was when the Act of William IV was passed, we have nothing to do with that. We must simply deal with the Act of Parliament as we find it.

We must give Judgment for the defendants.

Dodd and Malony JJ. concurred.

I certify the above to be a correct report of the
Judgment in this case.

J.G. Thompson, Barrister.

Reporting in the King's Bench Division for the Incorporated
Council of Law Reporting for Ireland.

23rd August 1913.

The Finance & Roads Committee discussed this matter, and referred it to Mr Elgee, Solicitor, for report, which Mr Elgee had furnished as follows:-

"In pursuance of the Resolution of the Finance & Roads Committee of the 24th September^{1st.}, directing me to report to the County Council ^{next} at their/meeting as to the effect of the Judgment of the Lord Chief Baron in the Case of Britton v The Tipperary (South Riding) County Council on the action of our County Council in taking Quarries by Agreement. I beg to say that I have perused the copy Judgment which you sent me and the Sections of the Act referred to in it and in my opinion the Judgment does not affect the County Council's action at all.

What the Chief Baron decided was that in cases where the County Surveyor or a Road Contractor obtain power to enter Land under the provisions of Sections 162 etc., of the Grand Jury Act compulsorily for the purpose of obtaining Stones, etc., for the repairs of any road, the Owner of the Quarry is only to be paid for the waste committed by breaking the surface of the Land and making a passage through it and not for value of any stones, gravel etc., taken out of the quarry, but the Judgment does not deal in anyway with cases where a quarry is taken by Agreement. It deals solely with compulsory taking.

The Judgment is rather a peculiar one as it is not stated in the first part of it what the question to be argued was, nor does it state in exact words at the end of it what the decision was, it leaves you to infer it from the words of the Section."

"NoOrder"

PROPOSED BARROW DRAINAGE.

Under date 15th August, the Under Secretary, Dublin Castle, forwarded Memorandum as to Draft Bill for proposed River Barrow Drainage and provision of Draft Bill.

This matter had been under consideration by the Finance & Roads Committee of the 3rd September 1913, when the following recommendation was adopted:-

"That we protest against the imposition of any taxation being imposed on this County for the drainage of the River Barrow as no benefit will be derived from this project by any of the ratepayers of the County. We demand that should the drainage works be carried out that steps be taken to safeguard the property of the ratepayers residing in the lower reaches of the river."

"On the motion of the Chairman, the recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed."

New Member Co. Committee of Agriculture & Technical
----- Instruction-----

Mr M. Doyle, Cottage, Tagcoat, wrote resigning his Membership of the County Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction.

A resolution was read from the County Committee recommending the appointment of Rev R. Fitzhenry, Adm., Enniscorthy, to the vacancy.

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

"That Rev R. Fitzhenry, Adm., Enniscorthy, be appointed a Member of the County Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction, vice Mr M. Doyle Junr., resigned."

"On the motion of Mr M. Doyle Junr., seconded by Mr Rossiter, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That Mr Peter Walsh, Killiane, Drinagh, be appointed an additional Member of the County Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction."

Tuberculosis Scheme under Insurance Act.

Under date 2nd October 1913, the following letter No. 51981-13, Wexford County, was read from the Local Government Board:-

"With reference to your letter of the 29th ultimo, relative to the arrangements of the Wexford County Council for the treatment of Tuberculosis, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to suggest that the County Council might authorise the Committee appointed by them on the 7th April last to proceed, in consultation with the Tuberculosis Officer, with the elaboration of the details of the Dispensary Scheme, such as, the selection of the site of the Central Dispensary, the preparation of plans and estimate of cost, the location of Branch Dispensaries, and the provision of temporary arrangements pending the completion of the Dispensary system, provided that the Committee's decisions are subsequently submitted to the County Council for confirmation.

It would be desirable that the County Council should now proceed to make definite arrangements in regard to the ten Sanatorium beds included in the Scheme adopted on 29th January last, and they might also enter into negotiations with the Insurance Committee with a view to the preparation of an agreement embodying the terms on which the County Council will assume responsibility for providing treatment for insured persons and

their dependants suffering from Tuberculosis."

Under date 3rd October, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 51,523-13 Wexford County) as follows:-

"I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 27th ultimo, with enclosures, relative to the appointment of Dr William O'Connor, as Medical Superintendent of the Central Tuberculosis Dispensary to be established by the Wexford County Council, and, in reference thereto, I am to state, for the information of the County Council, that the Board have extended, for a period of six months, their provisional approval to Dr O'Connor's appointment.

I am to add that the evidence furnished in regard to the completion by Dr O'Connor of a six months' course of instruction in compliance with paragraph (b) of the Board's Order of the 19th July 1912, is satisfactory.

The Certificates which accompanied your letter are returned, herewith."

"On the motion of Mr Peacocke, Seconded by Mr Rossiter, Mr R. A. Rice, was appointed a member of the Management Committee under Section 5 of the Tuberculosis Prevention (Ireland) Act, vice Mr D. S. Goggin."

On the motion of the Chairman,

Seconded by Mr Rossiter, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the details of the Scheme of the Council for the treatment of Tuberculosis as agreed to at the meeting on the 29th January 1913, be referred to the Managing Committee appointed by the County Council on the 7th April with liberty to make any alterations or amendments in these details which they, in conjunction with Dr O'Connor Chief Tuberculosis Officer, may consider necessary for the efficient working of the Scheme provided that the liability of the County Council will not be increased beyond the figure agreed to at the meeting of the 29th January 1913, viz:- £816 (practically the equivalent of one-half penny in the £) the Minutes of the Committee to receive the subsequent approval of the Council.

That the first meeting of the Management Committee be held at 10 O'Clock a.m., on 21st October in the County Council Chamber, Court House, Wexford."

On the motion of Mr Rice, seconded by Mr Peacocke the following

resolution was adopted:-

"That Mr Barry, County Surveyor, be requested to attend meeting of the Managing Committee."

Tuberculosis (Ireland) Order 1913.

Under date 12th August 1913, the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction wrote, approving of the proposal of the County Council to purchase one outfit for milk testing, cost not to exceed £25, and of the appointment of Mr R. Malone V.S., to carry out microscopical and bacteriological examinations necessary for the whole County for six months.

The Department further stated they had been advised that the fee of 2/6 for testing samples of milk was scarcely commensurate with the amount of work involved in a careful and exhaustive examination of milk of a cow suspected of tuberculosis.

The Department regarded the fee of 10/6 as recommended by the Veterinary Medical Association as on the whole a fairly equitable one, and had already approved of it for a period of six months in the case of another County.

Under date 8th August 1913, Mr R. Malone wrote that he was willing to carry out the microscopical examination etc., under the tuberculosis Order for the whole County.

As a considerable amount of time would be required in examining each sample he was sure on consideration that the Council would recognise that a fee of 2/6 per sample was inadequate. He was satisfied to accept whatever fee the Department would fix.

"The Finance & Roads Committee recommended that Mr R. Malone should be offered a fee of 7/6 per sample for testing milk for tuberculosis.

Under date 29th September 1913, a letter was read from Mr R. Malone, accepting the fee of 7/6 per sample for examination of milk samples.

"On the motion of Mr Peacocke, Seconded by Mr Rossiter, the recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was adopted."

The Finance & Roads Committee also recommended the acceptance of estimate of R. & J. Beck, Ltd., 68 Cornhill, London, (lowest estimate)

for supply of outfit for microscopical and bacteriological examination under Tuberculosis (Ireland) Order of the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction.

Under date 2nd September the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction wrote (letter 4278-V.B., 1913) approving of the acceptance of the estimate.

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

"That the question of the amount of fees or salary to be ^{paid} fixed to the Veterinary Surgeons for the work performed by them under the Tuberculosis (Ireland) Order 1913, be referred to the next meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee, the Committee to be empowered to make recommendations to the County Council as to the fixing of a standing salary as from the 1st June in each case for this work. That the Veterinary Surgeons of the County be requested to attend said meeting for the purpose of conferring with the Committee."

Death of Collector Lennon.

The Secretary reported the death of Mr A. Lennon, Rate Collector on 30th September, as the result of an accident, having been knocked off his bicycle by a runaway horse.

Mr Lennon had outstanding a sum of £144. 12. 8d. He had communicated with the Insurance Companies concerned as regards the amount of rates outstanding, and as to the accident."

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

"That we deeply regret the tragic death of Mr A. Lennon, Rate Collector, a valued and trusted servant of this Council, and offer his Widow and relatives our sincere condolence in the bereavement which they have sustained. That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Mrs Lennon, Very Rev Canon Lennon, Duncormack, and Rev Albert Lennon, C. C., Courtnacuddy."

"It was decided that the election for successor to Mr Lennon, be held on 21st October at 2.30 p.m., in the County Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford."

Appointment of Assistant Surveyors.

The Local Government Board forwarded copy of Memorandum as to the qualifications, etc., of Assistant Surveyors as prescribed by their Order of 31st March 1913.

Marked "Read"

Audit of Accounts of Co.Council Etc.,

Under date 6th August 1913, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 41705-13, Wexford Co.,) forwarding the following report of Mr C. D. Barry, B. L., their Auditor, in connection with the Audit of the Accounts of the County Council for half-year ended 31st March 1913:-

"I have the honour to report that I have audited the accounts of the Accounts of the County Council of Wexford for the half-year ended March last, and I forward herewith, a certified abstract 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."

Reports of Local Government Auditor as to audit of accounts of Enniscorthy Union and R. D. Council for half-year ended 31st March 1913, were also laid before the meeting.

Marked "Read".

Estate Duty Grants.

Under date 19th September, the Local Government Board wrote forwarding Paying Order for £1,202. 9. 1d first instalment of Estate Duty Grant payable to the County Council on behalf of the Guardians of the County for half-year ending 31st March 1914.

Under date 19th September 1913, the Local Government Board, wrote forwarding Pay Order for £1,087. 15. 11d being first instalment payable to the County Council as a Road Authority in respect of Estate Duty Grant for the year ending 31 March next.

Marked "Read"

Forms 20 & 22-Enniscorthy Rural District.

Under date 11th August 1913, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 40737-13) forwarding copy of letter which they had addressed

to the Clerk of Enniscorthy R.D. Council respecting a report of Mr E.A. Saunderson, L.G. Inspector, as to the careless manner in which forms 20 and 22 for Enniscorthy District had been filled,.

Marked "Read"

Proposed Road Board Grant.

Under date 25th September 1913, the following letter was read from the Secretary to the Road Board:-

"I am directed by the Road Board to inform you that they have had under consideration the question of further Grants to works of road improvement in Ireland and they have caused an inspection to be made of a considerable mileage of roads throughout the country.

As a result of their consideration they have formed the opinion that the sum which they are prepared at the present time to grant towards the cost of improvement work in Ireland would be best employed in contributions to aid the improvement of the lengths of road shown by a red colour on the Ordnance Map sent herewith.

You will observe that part of the mileage to the improvement of which the Board are disposed to contribute is situated in the County of Wexford, and I am directed to ask whether the County Council are prepared to undertake the improvement of the selected lengths of road with the assistance of a suitable grant from the Board, and to take steps to obtain the consent of the Rural District Councils whose consent may be necessary.

The improved lengths would have to be subsequently maintained on the improved standard by the Highway Authorities.

I am also desired to inform you that a similar letter is being sent to the County Secretary of each County in which roads marked red on the enclosed map are situated and that it is the intention of the Chairman of the Board to go to Ireland, accompanied by the Engineer to the Board, and to spend there the week commencing the 13th October for the purpose of conferring about the matter with representatives of the various Highway Authorities concerned.

The present intention of the Chairman is to be in Belfast on the 13th and 14th October, in Dublin on the 15th and 16th October and in Cork on 17th and 18th October, and he would be glad to know whether it will be convenient for the Chairman of your Council or any representatives of the Council who take charge of Highway matters, accompanied by the County Surveyor and some representatives of some of the more important Rural District Councils concerned to meet him in Cork on one of the days

named above with a view to discussing and settling the road improvements to be carried out during next year in your County with the aid of grants from the Board.

On receipt of replies from the various Authorities to whom this letter is addressed, definite appointments will be made for the proposed interviews."

The Secretary stated that in acknowledging this communication he had pointed out that it would be much more convenient for the representatives from Wexford to attend a Conference in Dublin than one in Cork.

On the motion of Mr Rossiter, seconded by Mr Rice, it was decided that the County Council be represented at the Conference between the Chairman and the Engineer of the Road Board, and the various local authorities concerned in the project outlined in the communication of the Road Board, by the Chairman of the County Council, Mr John Bolger, and Messrs Peacocke, and Fanning, with the County Surveyor. That Messrs Lynch and Hickey, Chairmen, respectively of the Enniscorthy and New Ross, District Councils be requested to attend the Conference and, in the event of being unable to do so, that they nominate substitutes.

That the Secretary of the Road Board be requested to fix the Conference with the Wexford representatives for the 15th October in Dublin."

Finance & Roads Committee Recommendations.

The following recommendations were presented from Finance & Roads Committee:-

"Purchase of two tarpaulins by County Surveyor cost not to exceed £6"

"Attendance of Mr Treanor, Senior Assistant Surveyor, at Tara Hill for two days each week during the period that Mr Paddle Assistant Surveyor, would be engaged in annual measurement of road metalling."

"Application of Mr Paddle Assistant Surveyor, for increase of salary in connection with his services at Tara Hill Quarry, as from 11th April last."

"Referred to County Council".

"Instructions to Mr Barry, County Surveyor, to attend next meeting of

Courtown Harbour Committee and lay before them report of Messrs Allanson-Winn, & King, as to proposed extension of the Piers."

"Sanctioning £1. 2/- paid by Harbour Master at Courtown, for salvage of discharging boat."

"Recommendation to Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction to oppose by every means at their command any increase in railway rates, particularly rates for carriage of milk and parcels."

"Instructing Mr Elgee to prosecute all owners of motor cars and motor cycles who have not paid their motor licence duties, this instruction to be advertised in the local papers."

"Recommending consent of County Council to the erection of overhead telegraph line from Blackwater to Ford."

"Agreeing to authorise District Inspector O'Hara, Wexford, to expend 7/- in purchasing new weights under Weights & Measures Act."

"Refusing to pay for telegrams sent by Coroners in connection with the holding of Inquests."

"Asking Mr Elgee, Solicitor, to report on Circular letter (No. 135M-1913) of 8th September from the National Health Insurance Commission as to effect etc., of section 6 of the National Insurance Act 1913, dealing with insurance of officials of local or public authorities."

"The foregoing recommendations of the Finance & Roads Committee were confirmed on the motion of Mr Peacocke, seconded by Mr Rossiter,."

Reports-County Surveyor.

Reports of County Surveyor to the Finance & Roads Committee of 3rd and 24th September, were read for the meeting:-

Arising out of these reports the following recommendations had been made by the Committee:-

"Appointment of Committee to visit Carne Pier and report as to whether they considered it a work of public utility."

Report of this Committee unanimously adopted that the pier in question was a work of public utility and should be maintained,

The Finance & Roads Committee decided that the County Surveyor should carry out any immediate necessary repairs to the pier!"

"Claim on behalf of Peter Cullen, Ballybreen, Ballindaggin, in connection with a sum of £14 (dealt with in report of Co. Surveyor) was referred to Mr Elgee, Solicitor, and the County Surveyor."

"Recommending arbitration as to items claimed by Mr Colhoun, Contractor for Ferrycarrig Bridge for extra work actually done and repudiating the claim of Mr Colhoun for £2137 . 10/- for delay etc.,."

"Recommending the County Council not to proceed with the work of asphaltting footpaths and approaches of New Ross Bridge in view of the estimate of the County Surveyor for the work."

"On the motion of Mr Peacecke, seconded by Mr Rossiter, the foregoing recommendations were adopted."

University Scholarships.

Three applications were received for award of three Scholarships and two bursaries in connection with Irish University Act 1908.

The Secretary dealt in detail with the marks obtained by ^{the} three Candidates the totals of which were as follows:-

1.- Maurice Kinsella, Old Pound, Wexford	1052.
2.- John Connolly, 21 Trinity St., Wexford.	933.
3.- Miss Bookey, Newtownbarry.	869.

On the motion of Mr Peacecke, seconded by Mr M.Doyle Senr., the following resolution was adopted:-

"That in accordance with the terms of the University Scholarship Scheme, Scholarships valued £50 each, tenable for three years be awarded to:-

Maurice Kinsella, Old Pound, Wexford.

John Connolly, 21 Trinity Street, Wexford.

Miss E. Bookey, Newtownbarry.

We have satisfied ourselves that the parents or Guardians of the above-named students could not possibly provide them with University

Education without the aid of the Scholarship."

"Report was received from Professor Conway, Registrar of University College, Dublin, as to the progress of the County Council Scholars at the National University. The conduct and application of all the students were most satisfactory, and the renewal of Scholarships was highly recommended.

Marked "Read"

County Wexford Infirmary Finances.

Under date 11th September 1913, Mr M.J.Kavanagh, Registrar Co. Infirmary forwarded report of Sub-Committee of County Infirmary as to the finances of the Institution.

No Order.

Increased Rates on D. & S. E. Railway System.

The Board of Trade wrote letter No. 10333, under date 30th September enclosing copy of proposed increase of rates charged by the Dublin & South Eastern Railway Co.

Marked "Read"

Ballyhack Boat Slip.

Under date 16th September, the following letter (No. 5,091 F. B.,) was read from the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction:-

"With reference to previous correspondence on the subject of the proposed improvement of the accommodation for fishing boats at Ballyhack, I have to state, for the information of the Wexford County Council, that the Department's Engineer has prepared the accompanying plan which would appear to meet with the approval of the local fishermen better than the plan for the larger harbour originally contemplated. An estimate for carrying out the work now proposed is enclosed.

If the scheme meets with the approval of the Council, a draft Agreement will be forwarded to you for their consideration."

"The estimate of the Department for the work was £900."

On the motion of Mr Peacecke, seconded by Mr Rice, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That we approve of the plan for the improvement of Ballyhack Boat

Slip as laid before this meeting by Mr Oliver, Engineer of the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction, provided the Contribution from the County Council does not exceed £450. That we request the Department to carry out this work.

That the details of the work be arranged by Mr Oliver and Mr Barry, County Surveyor.

That the Finance & Roads Committee be given authority to execute the formal agreement between the County Council and the Department in the matter."

Kilmore Pier.

Mr J. N. Scallan, Solicitor, Enniscorthy, wrote forwarding an extensively signed Memorial from fishermen and ratepayers asking for the appointment of a Committee to inspect Kilmore Pier with a view to having a light erected at the end of the pier owing to the risk and danger of getting in there at present owing to want of a proper light.

On the motion of the Chairman, the following resolution was adopted-

"That the matter be left in the hands of Mr Gough, County Councillor for the division, to report to next meeting of the County Council."

Duncannon Hulk.

Under date 8th August 1913, the following letter was read from the Secretary, Waterford & Duncannon Steamboat Co.,:-

"Your favour of the 7th inst., addressed to Mr Poole (who has gone for a short holiday) to hand, and I note that your County Council has accepted a tender for the repairs of the Hulk.

My Company are prepared to undertake to maintain the Steamboat service between Duncannon and Waterford for the required time, Viz:- three years, from the time that the Hulk will be replaced at Duncannon provided that the berthing accommodation is adequate, that is to say, that the Hulk will not be removed during the specified time, and furthermore that the continuance of the River service will not embarrass the Company financially.

The second condition is made simply to protect this Company from any claim that your Council might consider they were justified in making in the event of this Company going into liquidation, which latter event is very improbable considering that the Boat has now been on the Station almost six years and has during that time, even in poor years, earned sufficient to pay expenses, and I see no reason why she should

not do so in the years to come."

Marked "Read"

Proposed Boys Club at Enniscorthy.

In connection with the proposal to utilise portion of the old bridewell at Enniscorthy for the purpose of establishing a Boys' Club, the following letter to Mr R. W. Elgee, Solicitor, was read from Messrs P. J. O'Flaherty & Son, Agents to Lord Portsmouth.:-

"Referring to your letter of the 29th September, His Lordship was never in the habit of interfering with sub-lettings or other dealings on his estate, therefore if it is merely a question of the County Council making a letting to Father Fitzhenry we see no reason to think his Lordship would be likely to raise any objection. Of course if a Lease is required to be made to Father Fitzhenry by his Lordship, a proposal would have to be made to us and submitted to him in the ordinary course."

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

"That Lord Portsmouth be requested to execute a lease to the Co. Council, of the Courthouse premises at Enniscorthy. That said lease to be acceptable to the County Council must provide for a sub-letting on lease to the Committee of proposed Boys' Club for Enniscorthy, to enable this Committee to have a suitable Club erected on the site of old Bridewell at Enniscorthy."

Sheep Dipping Order.

Sergeant Chambers, Carnew, reported the names of seven farmers who had exposed sheep for sale at Carnew fair on 10th September, without having the requisite declaration as to the dipping of the sheep.

The Chairman proposed, Mr Peacocke seconded, and it was adopted:-

"That Sergeant Chambers, R. I. C., be informed that it is not the wish of the County Council that any proceedings be instituted against the persons who exposed sheep at Carnew fair on 10th September without having a Declaration, as we believe this breach of the Order occurred through forgetfulness on the part of the persons concerned. If in future these parties are again found offending the County Council will assuredly prosecute."

Sending Co. Wexford Prisoners to Dublin & Waterford.

The following resolution was read from Gorey Rural District Council:-

"That we direct the attention of the County Council to the existing anomaly in forwarding prisoners from Gorey to Dublin or Waterford prisons for trifling offences and non-payment of small fines at considerable expense to the public. An instance in point is the case of a prisoner sent from Gorey on Wednesday last for the non-payment of a fine of one shilling. His train fare together with that of a policeman accompanying him amounted to £1. 14. 9"

"Adjourned to next meeting of County Council".

Close of Rate Collection.

The Secretary reported that all the Collectors had closed their Collections with the exception of Collector Andrew Lennon, who had £144. 12. 8d outstanding, and who unfortunately had died as the result of an accident.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr M. Doyle Senr., the following resolution was agreed to:-

"That provided Mr Lennon's Books are found in order we agree to the inclusion of £144. 12. 8 arrears of Mr Lennon, into the Collection for March 1914."

Poisons & Pharmacy Act.

Mr A. B. Brennan, Coolgreany, applied for a licence under Poisons & Pharmacy Act.

"On the motion of Mr Peacocke, seconded by Mr Rossiter, the Licence was granted."

Insurance of Co. Council Employees.

Under date 8th September, Circular letter was read from the National Health Insurance Commission, as to the Insurance of employees of local and public authorities.

The Finance & Roads Committee had referred this communication to Mr Elgee, Solicitor for report, and Mr Elgee under date 3rd October, wrote as follows:-

"In pursuance of your communication of the 30th September, Ult., I beg to report for the information of the County Council that I have considered the question as to whether it would be more economical to

insure under the provisions of the National Health Insurance Act 1911, the persons who now come in, in consequence of the passing of the National Insurance Act 1913, or to adopt a pension Scheme something like that of Galway County Council, and I find it a very difficult question on which to give a definite opinion.

I understand there are thirty persons who must now be insured under the Act of 1913, (in addition to those already insured under the Act of 1911) viz:-Deputy Surveyors 5, Rate Collectors 21, and Clerical Staff 4, and to insure these under the Act would, as I estimate, cost about £17 per annum or perhaps a little more.

It would be almost impossible to estimate what the Cost would be under a Pension Scheme because that would entirely depend on how many of the 30 persons might hereafter come in under it.

Of course at present there are none of them, so far as I know, who would be likely to or could avail themselves of a Pension under the Scheme if adopted, so consequently the Scheme would appear to be more economical, but supposing that in the near future some of them could and did do so, say, even two or three, it would seem to me that the Cost per annum under it would far exceed the cost under the Insurance Act, for even if the Council could keep a Pension down to the low sum of (say) £10 per annum, two of such Pensions would exceed the Insurance payments.

On the whole therefore I am inclined to the opinion that to insure under the Act would be most economical, bearing in mind that there are no less than 30 persons who some time or other might^{and}/probably would be able to avail themselves of the Pension Scheme and the Pensions might come to something large.

The Council know what they have to pay under the Act, but they don't under the Pension Scheme."

On the motion of Mr M. Doyle Junr., seconded by Mr Rossiter, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the employees of the Council be insured under the National Insurance Act, as suggested by Mr Elgee, in his report."

Courtown Harbour.

The County Surveyor laid before the meeting the report of Messrs Allanson-Winn & King, as to the proposed extension of the Piers at Courtown. The total estimate for the work was £18,670.

The following resolution was read:.

"That the Joint Committee of the Courtown Harbour Committee, and the Courtown Harbour Improvement Committee, having heard Mr King's report, Beg to propose that we request the County Council to provide one-third of the cost of the work as detailed in Messrs Winn & King's report, and that they request the Development Commissioners to provide the remaining two-thirds."

The following resolution of Gorey Rural District Council (which had been carried by a majority of the Council) was read:-

"That we ask the County Council to adopt the proposal now before them for the improvement of Courtown Harbour by resolving to raise one-third the proposed cost provisionally on the condition that the Development Commissioners grant the remaining two-thirds."

We desire to reiterate our oft repeated declaration that the agricultural, commercial, and fishing interests of the Gorey District urgently require the carrying through of this improvement scheme."

Under date 3rd October, a resolution was received from fishermen and residents of Courtown Harbour and District, asking the County Council to adopt the Scheme of Messrs Allanson-Winn & King, and offering to pay the following rates on fish landed at the pier. viz:- 1d per box for plaice, and sole, 1d per cwt on Oysters and 1d per mease on herrings.

Under date 3rd October, a resolution was read from the Executive Council of the Irish National Trade & Labour Benefit Society, urging on the County Council the necessity of carrying out the improvements at Courtown Harbour.

Resolutions in favour of the extension of the pier were also received from Gorey Town Commissioners and the principal Shareholders of Ballycanew Co-operative Agricultural & Dairy Society.

The report of Messrs Allanson-Winn & King, Engineers, Dublin, as to extension of piers at Courtown Harbour, estimated cost £18670, was laid before the meeting:-

Mr King, Mr Barry, County Surveyor, Major Richards, Rev J. O'Grady, C., Rev R. Tilson, Rector Ardamine, Messrs John McLaughlin, P. Walsh D.C., and J. R. Etchingham, having addressed the meeting the project was discussed at length.

Mr Kinsella, proposed, and Mr Fanning, seconded the following resolution:-

"That we approve of the proposal for the improvement of Courtown Harbour, as outlined in plan and report of Messrs Allanson-Winn & King, and agree to raise a loan from the National Bank, Ltd., not exceeding £6,223 at 3 per cent, per annum, repayable in 45 years, this proposal to be subject to the Development Commissioners providing two-thirds of the cost required to complete the plan considered at this meeting."

The Chairman put the resolution, which he declared carried, with two dissentients.

Major Richards returned thanks to the County Council for the adoption of the resolution on behalf of the Courtown Harbour Improvement Committee.

Proposals for Payment.

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

"That the several Proposals for Payment in respect of items for fixed salaries and other fixed items of account and Rate Collectors poundage be and hereby approved."

(Signed)

B. H. Peacocke

Presiding Cahirman.

Dated this 12th day of November 1913.

SPECIAL MEETING.-21st OCTOBER 1913.

A Special Meeting of the Wexford County Council was held in the County Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford, on 21st October 1913.

Present:- Mr John Bolger, Chairman, Presiding.

Other Members:- Messrs C. H. Peacocke, J. O'Connor, M. Doyle Junr., A.Kinsella, J. J. Stafford, P. O'Neill, J. Lynch, M. Gough, Lord Stopford, P. J. Fanning, M. Cloney, James Codd, Patrick Rossiter, J. T. Mayler, Michael Hickey, T. Asple, Mark Codd, M. Doyle Senr.,

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

County Surveyor's Report.

The following report was read from the County Surveyor:-

"As directed by you, I attended in Dublin on the 15th inst., to meet the Road Board with regard to advances to be made to this County for road improvement. Mr Lynch, Chairman of the Enniscorthy Rural District Council, also attended and we placed the claim of this County for special treatment before the Board. We were met by the Board with a statement that Wexford has a high valuation per head of population as compared with other Counties, and that special treatment could not be granted. Mr Lynch and myself pointed out that it was unfair to ask the Districts to lay out an increased expenditure for improvements of roads that were already in better condition than many others whereon the Board would grant no assistance for improvement and we referred specially to the Newtownbarry road.

After some discussion the Board agreed to include this line, that is, from Enniscorthy to Newtownbarry, with branch from Scarawalsh to Ferns, the latter already suggested, and we were offered half the cost of doing this road estimated at £3,500 and further the Board will give a loan free of interest payable in five annual instalments to the amount of the other half cost, namely £3,500. This is the assistance to be given in Enniscorthy Rural District.

In New Ross Rural District, the Board will give a free grant of £750 and a loan of £750 free of interest, repayable in five annual instalments to cover the cost of improving some three miles of road from Ballyanne to Corcoran's cross. I pressed the Board to give some assistance for

improving the road between New Ross and Duncannon where the present bad turns are made more dangerous owing to motor traffic, but for the present the Board declined to entertain this.

In Wexford District the Board has agreed to give a free grant of half the cost of raising and improving the flooded road at Farnogue up to £200, but the District must meet the other half cost of the work.

In all, the estimated cost of the improvement suggested in the County is £8,900 and of this the Road Board will give £4,500, and a loan free of interest repayable as above of £4,250.

In my opinion this assistance is well worth accepting on the terms granted, and I shall bring proposals before the several District Councils to cover work in each District."

On the motion of Mr O'Neill, seconded by Mr M. Doyle Senr., the following resolution was adopted:-

"That we recommend to the favourable consideration of the Rural District Councils concerned the offer of assistance from the Road Board as outlined in the foregoing report of the County Surveyor."

The late Mr Andrew Lennon.

On the motion of Mr Peacocke, seconded by Mr Lynch, the following letters in reply to vote of condolence in the death of Mr Andrew Lennon, were ordered to be inserted on the Minutes:-

From Very Rev Canon Lennon, Rathangan, Bridgetown:-

"Dear Mr Frizelle,

I beg to thank you very much for your note conveying the kind sympathy of the County Council to the Widow and Relatives of my brother the late Mr A. Lennon, I need not say that I appreciate very much the kindness and thoughtfulness of the Council in this matter.

I also wish to thank you very much for your own personal sympathy, and am glad to know that pleasant relations always existed between you and him."

From Rev Albert Lennon, C. C., Courtnacuddy:-

"I beg to say that I am very grateful for the kind letter of sympathy received from the Members of the Wexford County Council in connection with the recent death of my brother.

A resolution coming from the County Council is one which we appreciate over and above and value it extremely, because of the kindness

and thoughtfulness of the Council in sending it."

From Mrs A. Lennon, Eden Vale, Castlebridge:-

"I beg to return my sincere thanks through you, to the Chairman and County Council for their kind resolution of sympathy in reference to my recent^{sad} trial. I also take the opportunity of thanking yourself for your invariable courtesy to my late husband and myself."

The following report was read from Mr N. Kehoe, Deputy Checker of Rate Collectors' Accounts, for Wexford District:-

"I beg to report that I have examined the Accounts of the late Mr Andrew Lennon, Rate Collector, and hereunder is the result of my investigation:-

1st Moiety.

Amount outstanding at close of fortnight ended the

16th September 1913..... £386. 0. 1

Apparently collected or amount for which receipts

were issued or used..... 289. 11. 1½

Leaving uncollected as detailed in lists herewith... 96. 9. 0½

2nd Moiety.

Amount Collected-Receipt No.40 Kilpatrick E.D... 3. 11½

At the close of the previous fortnight he had a balance of 8/10 in hand, since, he apparently collected £289. 15. 1- making a total of £290. 3. 11d.

Of this sum £257, 12. 7 has been lodged, which leaves a balance of £32. 11. 4d to be lodged.

Herewith I send you:-

- (1) Mr Lennon's Abstract Book.
- (2) List of Uncollected Rates.
- (3) Eight Collecting Books.
- (4) Usual Report on Checking.

The Secretary stated he had written the National Benefit Life & Property Insurance Association (who were guarantors to the County Council for Mr Lennon on a fidelity bond), and to the representatives of the late Mr Lennon, calling on them to lodge £32. 11.4d.

Mr Lennon's representatives had since lodged this amount.

The following resolution was adopted:-

On the motion of Mr Peacocke, seconded by Mr Lynch:-

"That the Local Government Board be requested to allow the County Council to pay to the representatives of the late Mr Andrew Lennon, Rate Collector for No. 2 Collection District, who died on the 30th September as the result of an accident, poundage fees on the amount of Rate collected by him.

The County Council have made arrangements for the balance of outstanding Rates to be collected by his Successor in office."

At the suggestion of Mr Elgee, Solicitor, it was decided that correspondence between him and the Legal Insurance Company, be discussed in Committee.

After considering the matter the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Peacocke, seconded by Lord Stopford:-

"That in the circumstances explained by our Solicitor, Mr Elgee- we deny any liability whatsoever under the Workmen's Compensation Act regarding the fatal accident to the late Collector Lennon.

That we leave the matter in the hands of our Solicitor-Mr Elgee-.

The Development Commission & Courtown Harbour.

Under date 14th October 1913, the following letter No. 2860-13, was read from the Secretary, to the Development Commission:-

"I am directed by the Development Commissioners to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 7th instant, forwarding a copy of a resolution of the Wexford County Council concerning the improvement of Courtown Harbour.

As your Council desire assistance from the Development Fund for this purpose, they will no doubt make formal application to the Treasury (if they have not already done so) in accordance with the Regulations enclosed I am to observe, however, that the claims of Courtown Harbour have previously been considered together with those of other Irish Harbours, and that the Commissioners see no present prospect that they will be able to recommend an advance from the Development Fund for its improvement."

On the motion of Mr Peacocke, seconded by Mr Fanning, it was decided that a copy of the letter from the Development Commission be sent to Sir Thomas Esmonde, and the Courtown Harbour Committee."

Rate Collector for No.2 Collection District.

Applications were received from the following for the office of Rate Collector for No. 2 Collection District, vacant through the demise of Mr Andrew Lennon:-

Dempsey, Henry. Ballina, Ballyvaloo, Blackwater.

Devereux, R.P. Rochestown, Drinagh.

Furlong, Michael. Ballyharron, Kyle.

Larkin, Bernard J. Taghmon.

Murphy, Gerald. Barmoney, Bree.

Parker, John. Killelan, Screen.

Rossiter, Gregory. Brookfield, Murrintown.

Ryan, John E. Ballygoman, Barntown.

The Meeting decided to take a vote.

The following is the result of first poll:-

For Mr Dempsey:- Messrs Fanning, Mayler, and Lord Stopford.-3.

For Mr Devereux:- Messrs James Codd, M.Doyle Junr., M. Gough.-3.

For Mr Furlong:- Messrs M.Codd, M.Doyle Senr., A.Kinsella, J.Lynch, P. O'Neill.-5.

For Mr Larkin:- Mr Hickey.-1.

For Mr Murphy:- Mr T. Asple.-1.

For Mr Rossiter:- The Chairman, Messrs M. Cloney, P. Rossiter, J.J. Stafford.-4.

For Mr Ryan:- Messrs J.O'Connor, and C. H. Peacocke.-2.

A poll was taken between Messrs Murphy and Larkin as to which of their names would be retained in next vote.

The following was the result:-

For Mr Murphy:- Messrs Asple, M.Codd, M.Doyle Junr., O'Neill, Lynch, Peacocke, Fanning, Cloney, J.Codd, Rossiter, Mayler, and the Chairman-12-

For Mr Larkin:- Messrs M.Doyle Senr., O'Connor, Kinsella, Stafford, Gough, Stopford, and Hickey.-7.

Mr Larkin then fell out.

A further poll was taken with the following result:-

For Mr Dempsey:- Lord Stopford, Messrs P. J. Fanning, and Mayler.-3.

For Mr Devereux:- Messrs M.Doyle Junr., Gough and J. Codd.-3.

For Mr Furlong:- Messrs M.Codd, Kinsella, O'Neill, J.Lynch, and M. Hickey.-5.

For Mr Murphy:-Messrs Asple, and M. Doyle Senr.-2.

For Mr Rossiter:-Messrs Stafford, Cloney, Rossiter, and the Chairman.4.

For Mr Ryan:-Messrs Peacocke, and O'Connor.-2.

A further poll was taken between Messrs Ryan and Murphy as to which of their names would be included in the next poll.

The following was the result:-

For Mr Ryan:- Messrs M. Codd, M. Doyle Senr., O'Connor, M.Doyle Junr., Kinsella, Stafford, Gough, Peacocke, James Codd, Hickey, and the Chairman.-11.

For Mr Murphy:-Messrs Asple, O'Neill, Lynch, Fanning, Cloney, Rossiter, Mayler, and Lord Stopford.- 8.

Mr Murphy dropped out of the running.

A poll was taken between Messrs Dempsey, Devereux, Furlong, Rossiter, and Ryan, with the following result:-

For Mr Dempsey:-Messrs Fanning, Mayler, and Lord Stopford.-3.

For Mr Devereux:-Messrs M. Doyle Junr., M. Gough, and J. Codd.-3.

For Mr Furlong:-Messrs Asple, M.Codd, Kinsella, O'Neill, Lynch, and Hickey.-6.

For Mr Rossiter:-Messrs Stafford, Cloney, Rossiter, and the Chairman.-4.

For Mr Ryan:- Messrs M. Doyle Senr., O'Connor, and Peacocke.-3.

Messrs Dempsey, Devereux, and Ryan, having received three votes each, a poll was taken as to which of their names would be retained in the next poll.

The following was the result:-

For Mr Dempsey:- Lord Stopford, Messrs Fanning, Cloney, and Mayler.-4.

For Mr Devereux:- Messrs M. Doyle Junr., and J. Codd.-2.

For Mr Ryan:- Messrs Asple, M. Codd, M. Doyle Senr., O'Connor, Kinsella, Stafford, O'Neill, Lynch, Gough, Peacocke, Rossiter, Hickey and the Chairman.-13.

Mr Devereux then fell out, and a vote was taken between Messrs Dempsey, Furlong, Rossiter, and Ryan.

For Mr Dempsey:- Messrs Gough, Fanning, Mayler, and Lord Stopford.-4.

For Mr Furlong:-Messrs Asple, M. Codd, M. Doyle Senr., Kinsella, O'Neill, J. Lynch, and Hickey.-7.

For Mr Rossiter:-Messrs M. Doyle Junr., Stafford, Rossiter, J. Codd, Cloney, and the Chairman.-6.

For Mr Ryan:- Messrs O'Connor, and Peacocke.-2

Mr Ryan then fell out, and a vote was taken as between Messrs Dempsey, Furlong and Rossiter, with the following result:-

For Mr Dempsey:- Messrs Gough, Fanning, Mayler, and Lord Stopford.-4.

For Mr Furlong:- Messrs Asple, M. Codd, M. Doyle Senr., Kinsella, O'Neill, Lynch, and Hickey.-7.

For Mr Rossiter:- Messrs O'Connor, M. Doyle Junr., Stafford, Peacocke, Cloney, James Codd, Rossiter, and the Chairman.-8.

Mr Dempsey then fell out, and the final poll was taken as between Mr Furlong and Mr Rossiter, with the following result:-

For Mr Furlong:- Messrs Asple, M. Codd, M. Doyle senr., Kinsella, O'Neill, Lynch, Gough, and Hickey.-8.

For Mr Rossiter:- Messrs O'Connor, M. Doyle Junr., Stafford, Peacocke, Fanning, Cloney, J. Codd, P. Rossiter, Mayler, Lord Stopford, and the Chairman.-11.

The Chairman declared Mr Rossiter elected.

The following is Mr Rossiter's application:-

"I beg to apply for the position of Rate Collector for No.2 District, now vacant by the lamented death of Mr Lennon."

Mr Rossiter submitted a testimonial from Very Rev Canon Fortune, Piercestown, in which he stated that Mr Rossiter was an exceedingly good young man, and bore an excellent reputation amongst all classes. He was strictly temperate, upright, and honourable, industrious, and well connected. In Canon Fortune's opinion he was quite competent to fill the position of Rate Collector and he (Canon Fortune) had every confidence that if elected he would prove a satisfactory official."

Schemes of County Committees.

Under date 3rd October, the following letter No.A.13000-13, was read from the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction:-

"I have to transmit for the information of your Council the accompanying copy of the Department's circular letter dated 1st instant, on the subject of the exclusion of Members of County Committees, appointed under the Agriculture & Technical Instruction (Ireland) Act 1899 from participating in the benefits of schemes administered by such Committees.

The special attention of your Council is directed to the second last paragraph in the circular."

The following is copy of the Communication of the letter of the Department:-

"I have to state for the information of your Committee, that a question having arisen as to whether a member of a County Committee is debarred from participating in the benefits resulting from County Schemes the Department considered it advisable to submit the matter for the opinion of their legal advisers.

The Department are now advised:-

- 1.- that under Article 12, paragraphs (3) (4) and (6) of the Schedule to Application of Enactments Order 1898, it is not lawful for a member of a Committee appointed under Section 14 of the Agriculture and Technical Instruction (Ireland) Act 1899, to derive directly or indirectly financial benefit from the operations of any scheme administered by the Committee of which he is a member.
- 2.- that a member who has obtained any such benefit is ipso facto disqualified for continuing to act on the Committee, and under paragraph (11) of the Order becomes liable to a substantial fine for each occasion on which he acts or votes on the Committee subsequent to becoming disqualified, and further,
- 3.- that while a Committee appointed under the Agriculture & Technical Instruction Act may consist partly of members of the appointing Council and partly of other persons, the responsibilities and liabilities of each class of member are identical save that a member of the Committee who is also a member of the appointing body is in addition to the penalties above mentioned liable for a period of seven years to be disqualified for being elected a member of any Council or Board.

I have to add that as a Committee appointed under Section 14 of the Agriculture & Technical Instruction Act is a Committee of the body by which it was appointed, it follows from the foregoing that a member of the appointing body, although not a member of the Committee in question, cannot legally obtain any financial benefit from a scheme administered by such Committee.

Be good enough to submit this letter at the next meeting of your Committee."

"No Order"

All Ireland Industrial Conference,

Circular letter was read from Mr Maurice P. Riordan, Secretary Limerick Industrial Association, calling attention to the ninth All Ireland Industrial Conference in Limerick, on 22nd & 23rd instant, and asking the Council to nominate two members to attend.

University Scholarships.

Messrs George F. Duggan, and John Connolly, two of the Council's Scholars under University Scholarship Scheme, wrote asking permission to reside outside an approved hostel as no accommodation could be obtained at any hostel.

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

"That permission to reside outside hostels be granted Messrs Maurice Kinsella, George F. Duggan, and John Connolly, Scholars under University Scholarship Scheme, provided they furnish letter of approval of selected lodgings from their Dean of Residence."

Proposed Light at Pier Head, Kilmore.

In connection with proposal to erect a light at the pier head Kilmore, which was referred to Mr Gough, County Councillor, it was decided that the matter be postponed to the meeting of the County Council on 3rd December.

Ballingly Quarry.

Under date 10th October 1913, the following letter was read from Mr R. W. Elgee, Solicitor to the Council:-

"In pursuance of the resolution of the County Council of the 12th June last, and after consultation with the County Surveyor, I arranged with Patrick Hanlon, the Owner of the above Quarry, for the purchase of the Quarry for the sum of £100, subject to the consent of the Land Commission being obtained to his sub-letting the holding on which the Quarry is situate, he having purchased it under the Land Purchase Acts.

Hanlon however stipulated that if the Land Commission did consent but should require any part of the Annuity (£5. 11. 10 per annum) which he paid them in respect of the holding to be redeemed the redemption price should be paid by the County Council and not by him.

I then applied to the Land Commission for the requisite Consent and they have given it, but only on condition that 7/6 of the Annuity is placed upon the Quarry and redeemed the redemption price being £10.

I shall therefore feel obliged by your bringing the matter before the next meeting of the Council and ascertain if, in order to acquire the Quarry, they are prepared to pay this sum (in addition to the £100) as Hanlon will not do so."

Proposed by Mr Peacocke, seconded by Mr Asple and adopted:-

"That in order to acquire Ballingly Quarry, the Wexford County Council agree to redeem the annuity of 7/6 in respect of quarry as mentioned in Mr Elgee's letter, the total payment for this purpose not to exceed £10, and provided that the right of way through Mr Byrne's land be secured upon reasonable terms."

Assistant Surveyor Paddle.-Increase of Salary Application.

Under date 3rd July 1913, Mr T. Paddle, Assistant Surveyor, wrote as follows:-

"I beg to make application for some remuneration in connection with my services attending at Tara Hill Quarry during the weighing of the material there since the new arrangement of the 11th April last.

I have to attend practically on two days each week, I have to leave here at 7.30 each morning, and cannot return until about 6.40 each evening.

When the wind blows from an easterly direction it means inhaling in a cloud of dust for the entire length of a day, and equally uncomfortable in showery weather.

I do not wish to say, Mr Chairman, and Gentlemen, it is not part of my duty, but I believe it is rather unusual in the duties of an Assistant Surveyor.

Trusting Mr Chairman and Gentlemen, you will accede to my application as I feel sure you will do what is fair in the matter."

Mr Fanning proposed, :-"That Mr Paddle Assistant Surveyor be voted a lump sum of £10 per annum, so long as he has to attend at Tara Hill Quarry."

Mr Kinsella seconded.

As an Amendment Mr Peacocke proposed, and Mr Lynch seconded the following:- "That Mr Paddle, Assistant Surveyor, be voted a lump sum of £5 per annum so long as he has to attend at Tara Hill Quarry, and provided he discharges his duties in connection with the quarry to the satisfaction of the County Council and the County Surveyor."

"The Chairman took a show of hands on the amendment (Mr Fanning having withdrawn his resolution) declared it carried by 8 to 4, the other members of the Council having left."

Dated this 12th day of Novbr. 1913

B. H. Peacocke
Chairman.

MEETING.-12th NOVEMBER 1913.

A Meeting of the County Council, was held in the County Council, Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford, on 12th November 1913.

Present:: -Mr C. H. Peacocke, (Vice-Chairman) presiding.

Other Members:- Messrs M. Gaugh, M. Doyle Junr., R. A. Rice, P.O'Neill, Patrick Rossiter, M. Cloney, James Codd, Mark Codd, M. Doyle Senr., John O'Conner, Lord Stepford, T. L. Esmonde, and J. T. Mayler.

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

Confirmation of Minutes.

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and confirmed.

Old Bridewell-Enniscorthy Courthouse.

Under date 5th November, the Local Government Board wrote, (letter No. 56907-1913, Wexford County):-

"With reference to the entry in the Minutes of Proceedings of the Wexford County Council on the 6th ultimo, relative to the application of the Reverend R. Fitzhenry, Administrator, Enniscorthy, for a lease of the old bridewell adjoining the Courthouse, Enniscorthy, for the purpose of a Boys' Club, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland, to state that they now learn from Mr R. W. Elgee, Solicitor to the Council, that the tenancy of that body is only an annual one, and it appears to the Board therefore that the Council are unable to transfer a satisfactory interest in these premises to the Committee of the Boys' Club.

In the circumstances, the Local Government Board would suggest that if the premises are not required by the Council for the purpose of any of their powers and duties they may do well to surrender them to the owner Lord Portsmouth, and the Committee of the Club would then be in a position to deal with Lord Portsmouth."

In connection with this matter Mr R. W. Elgee, Solicitor to the County Council, forwarded copy of the following letter which he had forwarded Messrs O'Flaherty & Son, Solicitors, Agents to Lord Portsmouth, owner of the Courthouse, Enniscorthy, and to which he had received no reply.

reply:-

"I am much obliged for your letter of the 2nd inst., re the Courthouse premises in Enniscorthy.

I am now directed by the County Council to ask you would Lord Portsmouth see his way to grant the Council a Lease of the premises, Court House, Old Bridewell, and all the premises included in the present holding, for which I think they pay £15 per annum, so as to enable the Council to make a Sub-Lease of the Old Bridewell portion to the Committee of the proposed Boys' Club for Enniscorthy, in order to enable the Committee to have a suitable Club erected on the site of the old Bridewell.

I do not say anything as to the term of a Lease as perhaps Lord Portsmouth may have some rule as to that."

On the motion of the Chairman, it was decided that the matter be left in the hands of the Solicitor to the Council-Mr Elgee."

Increased Salary.-Mr Paddle, Assistant Surveyor.

Under date 6th November 1913, the following letter (No. 55934-1913, Wexford County) was read:-

"The Local Government Board for Ireland, have had before them the Minutes of Proceedings of the Wexford County Council on the 21st ultime, relative to the proposal of the Council to allow Mr Paddle, Assistant County Surveyor, a sum of £5 per annum for his services in connection with Tara Hill Quarry, and with reference thereto, the Board direct me to state that they will raise no objection to the proposed allowance to Mr Paddle, on the conditions set forth in the Council's resolution contained in the Minutes above referred to."

In connection with the proposed increase to Mr Paddle, the following letter, under date 8th November 1913, was read from him:-

"In reference to my recent application for some remuneration for checking the returns at the Weighbridge at Tara Hill Quarry. It would appear from the report of the Council Meeting in the Press in reference to same, that I applied for an increase of my present salary. This is not so, I simply applied for some remuneration for what I consider extra work.

It would also appear that the conditions under which the above duties have to be carried out, especially during the Winter period are not very well understood by this Council.

I can assure them that it is anything but a pleasure to stand by the weighbridge during a winter's day, without a roof or a fire or a place in which one might partake of a bit of lunch with any degree of comfort, which latter must of necessity be partaken of cold, and in the open.

It would be a convenience if I had the use of the forge, but the men partake of their repast there.

I would not trouble the Council again in the matter, but I believe had they known the circumstances under which the duties have to be performed, they would have acted more generously.

I believe I am not asking for any concession, only what I think in justice I am entitled to.

I would gladly prefer to be relieved of the duties.

I thought the Council would not have allowed a less sum than £10."

"On the motion of the Chairman, it was decided that the letter from Mr Paddle be referred to the Finance & Roads Committee."

Rate Collection.

Under date 6th November 1913, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 58396-13 Wexford Co.,) as follows:-

"With reference to the return showing the condition to the 31st ultimo of the collection of the poor rate in Wexford County, for the current half year, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland, to state that the Collectors should be urged to proceed with all due diligence with the collection of the second moiety."

"The Secretary stated he had sent a copy of the Local Government Board's letter to each of the Rate Collectors."

On the motion of the Chairman, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the question of the progress of the Rate Collection for the current half-year be specially dealt with at next meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee."

Rate Collection District No. 2.

Under date 28th October, the Local Government Board wrote, (letter No. 56189-13 Wexford County) as follows:-

"The Local Government Board for Ireland, have had before them the replies to queries respecting the appointment of Mr Gregory Rossiter,

as Poor Rate Collector in Wexford County, and I am to state that the Board have approved of this appointment on the terms set out in the query form returned, herewith, which should be carefully filed for future reference.

The Board presume that the County Council are satisfied that the fact that Mr Rossiter does not reside within the collection district will not prevent him from discharging efficiently the duties of Collector.

I am to add that the bond of Mr Rossiter should be submitted for the Board's inspection in due course."

Marked "Read"

Members of Co. Councils & Department of Agriculture Schemes.

In connection with the letter of the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction (A.13000-13, under date 1st October 1913) relative to disqualification of County Councilors who, as Members of County Committees of Agriculture have derived financial benefit from County Schemes, the Department wrote (letter No, A.22162-13, under date 23th October 1913) forwarding copy of Memorandum on certain points which have arisen in connection with the Department's letter.

On the motion of Mr O'Neill, seconded by Mr M. Doyle Senr., the following resolution was adopted:-

"That we direct the Department's attention to the resolution of the County Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction of 30th October 1913."

New Member.-County Committee.

Under date 4th November 1913, the following letter was read from Mr R. G. Wordsworth, Duffcarrig, Gorey:-

"Understanding that I am not permitted to be a Member of the Co. Committee of Agriculture any longer, as I have a Stallion that is registered, will you kindly hand in my resignation, with my regret.

Thanking you for your kindness and courtesy to me from the very beginning."

On the motion of Lord Stopford, seconded by Mr Rossiter, Mr H. H. Moore, Knockbawn, Gorey, was elected a member of the County Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction, vice Mr Wordsworth, resigned."

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr J. Codd, the

following resolution was adopted:-

"That our Secretary convey to Mr Wordsworth our expression of regret on his resignation as a Member of the County Committee owing to Memorandum of disqualification issued by the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction."

Insurance County Council Employees.

In connection with circular letter (No. 160 M. 1913 X B.,) from the National Health Insurance Commission, as to Insurance of Employees of public bodies, the Secretary stated that he had written to the Commission that in view of Section 1 of the Union Officers Superannuation (Ireland) Act 1865, (28 & 29 Vic., Cap 26) the permanent officials of County Councils were not compulsory insurable.

Mr Elgee, Solicitor, concurred in this view.

The opinion of Mr Elgee in the matter had been furnished the Insurance Commission, the Secretary of which had written as follows, under date 7th November (letter No. 53211-13 Misc.)

"I am directed by the National Health Insurance Commission (Ireland) to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 5th instant, and enclosures, and with reference thereto, I am to state that the Commissioners concur in Mr Elgee's interpretation of the application of the provisions of the Special Order under Section 6 of the National Insurance Act to the employees in the service of the Wexford County Council."

Proposed by Mr Rossiter, seconded by Mr J. Codd, and passed. Mr M. Doyle senr., dissenting:-

"That in view of Mr Elgee's opinion as to insurance of County Council Employees, and to letter of the National Health Insurance Commission, under date 17th November 1913, (No. 53211-13 Misc) our Secretary be instructed as from this date to allow the Compulsory Insurance (under the National Health Insurance Acts) to lapse as regards the permanent officials of the County Council whose whole time is devoted to their service."

Poundage fees - Late Mr A. Lennen.

Under date 30th October, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 55,934-1913, Wexford County) as follows::

"With reference to the entry in the Minutes of Proceedings of the

Wexford County Council on 21st instant, relative to the payment of poundage fees on the amount of rate collected by the late Mr Andrew Lennen, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland, to state that they will defer the consideration of this matter until the balance of the first moiety has been lodged to the credit of the Council."

Marked "Read"

Post Office at Ramsgrange.

The Local Government Board forwarded Sealed Order No. 49543-1913, as to undertaking to pay to the Postmaster General a sum not exceeding £7 for seven years as from the 23rd August 1913, in connection with telegraphic business at Ramsgrange Post Office.

Marked "Read"

Proposed Purchase of Steam Roller.

The following resolution was received from Enniscorthy R. D. Council:-

"That we request the County Council to purchase a Steam Roller for the Enniscorthy Rural District."

"It was decided that this matter be postponed to the meeting of the Council on 3rd December 1913."

Motor Car Act 1903.

Under date 23rd October 1913, the Local Government Board wrote, (letter No. 104-M-1913 Misc) that by the expiring Laws Continuance Act, 1903, which received the Royal Assent on the 15th August 1913, the Motor Car Act 1903 was continued until the 31st December 1914.

Appointment of Food & Drugs Inspectors,

Under date 7th November 1913, the County Inspector, R. I. C., Wexford, wrote, recommending the appointment of the following as Ex-Officio Inspectors, under the Food & Drugs Acts:-

Sergeant Patrick White, Wexford, for Wexford Petty Session District.

Sergeant Peter Ruane, Taghmon, for Taghmon and Duncormick Petty Sessions Districts.

Sergeant Henry Murphy, Oulart, for Oulart Petty Sessions District.

Acting Sergeant John Moynihan, New Ross, for New Ross Petty Sessions District.

On the motion of Lord Stopford, seconded by Mr Rossiter, the

following resolution was adopted:-

"That Sergeants Patrick White, Peter Ruane, Henry Murphy, and Acting Sergeant John Moynihan, be appointed Ex-Officio Inspectors under Food & Drugs Acts, for the following districts respectively, viz:- Wexford, Taghmon & Duncormack, Oulart, New Ross."

Death of Harbour Master, Kilmore.

The Secretary reported the death, on November 1st, of Mr E. O'Flaherty Harbour Master, Kilmore. The remuneration paid late Harbour Master was as follows:-

As Caretaker or Harbour Master of the Pier £15 per annum.

For Burial of Carcases £4 per annum., and for lamplighter £6 per annum. Total £25.

A letter was read from Mrs O'Flaherty, asking the County Council to allow her to have the work performed until the end of the year.

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

"That we tender to Mrs O'Flaherty, Widow of Mr E. O'Flaherty, Harbour Master, Kilmore, our sincere condolence in her bereavement. By the demise of Mr O'Flaherty, the County Council have lost a faithful and loyal servant.

That a copy of this resolution be furnished Mrs O'Flaherty."

On the motion of Mr O'Neill, seconded by Mr Cloney, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That Mrs O'Flaherty be appointed as Harbour Master as from present date to 31st December 1913."

On the motion of Mr O'Neill, seconded by Mr Cloney, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That a Harbour Master be appointed at the meeting of the Council on 3rd prox., at a salary of £15 per annum as Harbour Master, as Official for burial of carcases washed ashore in Kilmore District £4 per annum, and at £6 per annum as lamplighter. Commission to be paid at the rate of 5% on amount of dues collected. Appointment to be determinable on a month's notice at either side."

Transfer of Loans.

Proposed by Mr Cloney,

Seconded by Mr M. Doyle Junr:-

"That the sum of £5,000 loan for Deeps Bridge Contract, and of £520 £460, and £720, loans for the purpose of steamrolling roads in the Rural Districts of Enniscorthy, Gorey, and New Ross, respectively, be transferred to the Subsidiary Account, to enable payments to be made from time to time on foot of Contracts for these works."

Passed.

New Ross School Attendance Committee.

Mr J. J. Rochford, Secretary, New Ross School Attendance Committee, wrote under date 30th October 1913, that Mr M. Noonan, School Attendance Officer, for the Southern District had resigned as from that date, and the Committee had appointed Mr John Aspel, School Attendance Officer, for the Northern District, to do duty also in the Southern district for the coming six months, at a remuneration of £25 per annum. The Committee did not wish at present to make a permanent appointment.

On the motion of Mr M. Cloney,

Seconded by Mr M. Doyle Senr., the following resolution was adopted:-

"That we approve of the arrangements made by New Ross R. D. School Attendance Committee, as to inspection of the Schools of their District by Mr Aspel, and as set out in the letter of Mr Rochford, Secretary to the Committee under date 30th October."

Ballingly Quarry.

Under date October 28th 1913, Mr Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor, wrote that he had agreed with Mr Byrne, Ballingly, to give the County Council a right of way to Ballingly Quarry at £5 per annum.

On the motion of Mr Rossiter, seconded by Lord Stopford, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the County Council agree to pay Mr Byrne, Ballingly, a sum of £5 per annum, for right of way to Ballingly quarry. That our Solicitor, Mr R. W. Elgee, be instructed to endeavour to arrange with Mr Byrne for purchase (in fee) of this right of way."

Ferry carrig Bridge.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Rossiter, it was

decided that the discussion of claim of Mr R. Colhoun, Contractor, for Ferrycarrig Bridge, for extras etc., in connection with his Contract, be dealt with in Committee.

Mr Barry, County Surveyor, having submitted the figures in connection with the claim the following resolution was adopted:-

"That Mr Barry, County Surveyor, and Mr Elgee, Solicitor, be instructed to endeavour to settle the claim made by Mr R. Colhoun, relative to extras on foot of Ferrycarrig Bridge, within a limit of £153 in addition to £1,210. 7. 11d due on foot of the Contract."

Tuberculosis (Ireland) Order.

At the meeting of the County Council on the 6th October, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the question of the amount of fees or salary to be paid to the Veterinary Surgeons for the work performed by them under the Tuberculosis (Ireland) Order 1913, be referred to the next meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee, the Committee to be empowered to make recommendations to the County Council as to the fixing of a standing salary, as from 1st June 1913, in each case for this work.

That the Veterinary Surgeons of the County be requested to attend said meeting for the purpose of conferring with the Committee."

The matter was considered at the meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee on the 29th October.

Messrs R. Malone, James Malone, W. J. Doyle, and F. W. Taylor, Veterinary Inspectors, came before the meeting and discussed the various articles of the Order.

The Veterinary Inspectors stated they would not accept less than £150 as an addition to their salary.

The following recommendation was agreed to:-

"That the County Council be recommended to allocate for 12 months to the Veterinary Inspectors of the County as from 1st June 1913, for increased work caused by the Tuberculosis (Ireland) Order 1913, the following sums, viz:-

To Mr R. Malone £123, to Mr W. J. Doyle £90, to Mr James Malone £69, to Mr F. W. Taylor £42, to Mr A. Dobbyn £54, which amounts are calculated at the amount of fees suggested by the veterinary Inspectors in their letter which was read at the meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee under date 25th June 1913"

Under date 30th October, Mr Dobbyn V. S., wrote that he was not satisfied with the recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee.

The following recommendation was also agreed to:-

"That a sum of £15 be allocated for one year as from 1st June, 1913, to the Secretary of the County Council, as Clerk to the Local Authority under the Contagious Diseases (Animals) Acts, for extra work imposed on him by the Tuberculosis (Ireland) Order 1913."

In connection with the Tuberculosis (Ireland) Order, the County Council at a recent meeting appointed Mr R. Malone, V S., Wexford, to carry out bacteriological and microscopical examination of milk for the whole County, and procured an outfit for him for the purpose.

In connection with this matter the following letter under date 15th October, was read from Mr F. W. Taylor, V.S.:-

"In reply to your letter of the 14th I wish to say that I have my own Microscope and outfit, and have been examining the samples of milk myself since the Tuberculosis Order came in force.

I conclude in these circumstances that the County Council will have no objection to my continuing to do so, instead of sending the samples in to Mr Malone. Of course I would expect whatever fee is allowed by the County Council for such examinations."

On the motion of Mr O'Neill, seconded by Mr Rice, the recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee as regards the proposed increases to the Veterinary Inspectors and to the Secretary of the County Council as Clerk to the Local Authority were confirmed."

In connection with the letter from Mr Taylor, it was decided on the motion of the Chairman, that Mr Taylor be informed that the Co. Council had appointed Mr R. Malone V. S., to examine samples of milk etc., for the whole County, and the County Council could not see their way to interfere with that arrangement."

Courtown Harbour.

Resolutions thanking the Co Council for having agreed to raise by loan their share of the sum necessary to cover the cost of extending the piers at Courtown Harbour, were received from Gorey Rural District Council, and Courtown Harbour Committee.

Analyst's Report.

The following report was read from Sir C. Cameron, County Analyst:-

City Laboratory,

17 Castle St., Dublin.

24th October 1913.

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 30th September 1913.

51 articles were received from the Food Inspectors, R. I. C., as follows...

<u>Article.</u>	<u>Number.</u>
Butter	19
Milk	9
Whiskey	7
Cheese	5
Rum	3
Port Wine	2
Margarine	1
Brandy	1
Buttermilk	1
Gin	1
Sherry	1
Ginger	<u>1</u>
Total	<u>51</u>

They were pure.

Two specimens of water analysed for the Enniscorthy Council, had the following compositions.

One imperial gallon contained in grains.

	<u>No.1</u>	<u>No.2</u>
Total solid matter,	14.000	15.400
Including		
Albuminoid Ammonia	0.005	0.003
Saline Ammonia	0.0025	0.000
Nitric Acid	3.250	3.250
Chlorine	2.580	2.580
Colour	almost colourless.	Colourless

Both good Waters.

For the Guardians of Enniscorthy Union fifteen drugs were analysed and were correct.

For the Guardians of Gorey Union three drugs were analysed and were correct.

One specimen of water analysed for W. J. Toole, Esq, Curraclloe, Wexford, had the following composition.

One imperial gallon contained in grains.

Total solid matter,	26.600
Including	
Albuminoid Ammonia	0.015
Saline Ammonia	0.0035
Nitric Acid	Trace
Chlorine	5.160
Colour	Yellow.

Being a peaty water the large amount of ammonia is not serious, and on the whole the water was fit for use.

For Messrs Buttle, Bros., Ltd., Enniscorthy, one specimen of cotton seed oil was analysed.

For Shillelagh Union, which is partly situated in the County Wexford one drug was analysed and was correct.

Total analyses.. 74.

Charles A. Cameron,

Marked "READ"

(Signed)

John Bolger

Presiding Chairman.

Dated this 3rd day of December 1913.

STATUTABLE HALF-YEARLY MEETING.-3rd DECEMBER 1913.

The Statutable Half-Yearly Meeting of the Wexford County Council was held in the County Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford, on 3rd December 1913.

Present:- Mr John Bolger, (Chairman) presiding.

Other Members:- Messrs C. H. Peacocke, M. Doyle Junr., James Codd, M. Gough, R. A. Rice, J. J. Stafford, James Lynch, Patrick Rossiter, M. Cloney, J. T. Mayler, Michael Doyle Senr., T. Asple, James A. Doyle, T. L. Esmonde, Mark Codd.

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.

Killabeg Quarry.

It was decided on the motion of the Chairman, that the question of proposed purchase of Killabeg Quarry, be placed on agenda paper for next meeting.

Dates of Meetings of Councils.

On the motion of Mr Peacocke,

Seconded by Mr Rice,

the following dates of half-yearly meetings of Councils were agreed to-
Enniscorthy R. D. Council.-Tuesday, 7th April 1914, at 11 a.m.,
Gorey R. D. Council, Friday, 3rd April 1914 at 11.30 a.m.,
New Ross R. D. Council-Wednesday 8th April 1914, at 11.30 a.m.,
Wexford R. D. Council, Saturday, 4th April 1914 at 10.30 a.m.,
Proposal Committee-April 15th 1914 at 10.30 a.m.,
Co Council Quarterly Meeting.-11th February 1914, at 10.30 a.m.,
Co Council Half-yearly Meeting.-6th May 1914 at 11 a.m.,

Mr G. Rossiter, Rate Collector.

The Local Government Board wrote under date 24th November 1913, (letter No 61875-1913, Wexford County) approving of fidelity guarantee bond of Mr G. Rossiter, Rate Collector.

County Wexford Infirmary.

Under date 21st November 1913, the Local Government Board wrote, (letter No. 55175-1913, Wexford Co.,) forwarding copy of letter which they had addressed to Col G. Tottenham, D. L., with reference to the expenditure incurred in the maintenance of the County Infirmary.

"No Order"

Road Maintenance.

With reference to the maintenance of roads which are placed in charge of the County Surveyor, the following resolution was received from Enniscorthy Rural District Council:-

"That in future we recommend the County Council when placing roads untendered for in the County Surveyor's hands, that they insist upon the full tonnage being placed upon such roads and that all work prescribed in the Specification be carried out."

"On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Lynch, it was decided that the matter be referred to the County Surveyor, for his observations."

Proposed Purchase of Steamroller.

The following resolution from Enniscorthy Rural District Council, was submitted:-

"That we request the County Council to purchase a Steam Roller for the exclusive use of the Enniscorthy Rural District."

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

"The County Council having fully considered the question of the purchase of steamroller, in conjunction with figures submitted by the County Surveyor, are of opinion that, for the present, it would be more advisable to hire Steamrollers."

That a copy of this resolution be furnished the Clerk of the Enniscorthy Rural District Council."

Proposals for Payment.

On the motion of Mr Rossiter, seconded by Mr Lynch, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the several proposals for payment from the Proposal Committee and from the four Rural Districts of the County, as appearing on

Forms 22 with the modifications and alterations noted thereon, and initialled by the Chairman, be and are hereby approved."

Proposals for Works.

On the motion of Mr Rossiter, seconded by Mr Lynch, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the several Proposals for New Works and for Maintenance of Works formulated by the Proposal Committee, and by the four Rural Districts of the County, as appearing on Forms 20, with the modifications and alterations noted thereon, and initialled by the Chairman, be and are hereby approved."

Tuberculosis (Ireland) Order 1913.

Under date 1st December 1913, the following letter No. 5556-13, V.B., was read from the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction:-

"With reference to your reply of 14th ultimo, to this Department's communication, No. 5377/13, of the previous day, and to previous correspondence, I have hereby to convey the Department's approval of payment at the following rates by your Local Authority to their Veterinary Inspectors in connection with duties under the Tuberculosis (Ireland) Order of 1913, for the six months ended 30th Ultimo, viz:-

Mr R. Malone M.R.C.V.S., £123 per annum.

Mr W. J. Doyle " 90 "

Mr James Malone, " 69 "

Mr F. W. Taylor " 42 " and

Mr A. Dobbyn, " 54 "

The question of sanctioning further like payments at these rates will be considered in the light of a Return-to be furnished at your Local Authority's convenience- showing to what payments the Inspectors concerned would have been entitled had the suggestion of payment by fees, made in the Department's letter of 12th August last, been adopted.

I have also to express the Department's approval of the Council's proposal to pay the Clerk of the Local Authority a sum of £15 in respect of extra duties under the Tuberculosis Order, for a year from 1st June last."

"The Secretary stated he would furnish the Department with the Return they required."

Tuberculosis (Ireland) Order.

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

"That the several amounts of compensation for slaughter of animals under the Tuberculosis (Ireland) Order, as appearing on Schedule submitted by our Secretary and amounting to £18. 2. 6d be approved for payment.

That we request the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction to procure the amounts paid at this meeting for compensation under Tuberculosis (Ireland) Order, from the Treasury as soon as possible and have same lodged to the credit of the Wexford County Council."

Auditor's Report-Cp. Council Accounts.

Under date 27th November 1913, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 62950-13, Wexford County) forwarding the following report of their Auditor (Mr C.D. Barry) in connection with the Accounts of the County Council for half-year ended 30th September 1913:-

"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 very satisfactory manner, and no item of expenditure calls for any remark on my part."

Marked "Read".

Harbour Master etc., - Kilmore.

Applications were received from the following for the position of Harbour Master, etc., Kilmore Quay:-

John Cousins, Kilmore Quay.

John Kehoe, Do.,

Walter Kehoe, Do.,

Albert Porter, Ballygeary.

Patrick Power, Kilmore Quay.

Fredk Spanner, Do.,

John Walsh, Do.,

A poll was taken with the following result:-

For Walsh:- Messrs J. Codd, Gough, Peacocke, Rossiter, Cloney, and

Mayler.-6

For Patrick Power:-Messrs Stafford, M. Doyle Senr., M. Codd.-3.

For W. Kehoe:- Messrs Rice, James A Doyle, and the Chairman.-3

For John Kehoe:- Messrs Lynch, and Asple.-2.

Messrs Cousins, Porter, and Spanner, were not proposed.

Mr Esmonde was not present, and Mr M.Doyle Junr., did not vote.

A vote was taken as between Walter Kehoe, and Patrick Power, as to which of them would remain in for second poll.

There voted for Walter Kehoe:- Messrs M. Doyle Junr., J. Codd, Gough, Rice, Cloney, J. A. Doyle, Mayler, Asple, and the Chairman.-9.

For Patrick Power:- Messrs Stafford, Peacocke, Lynch, Rossiter, M. Doyle Senr., and M. Codd.-6.

Patrick Power then fell out and the final poll was taken between Walter Kehoe, and John Walsh, with the following result:-

For Kehoe:- Messrs M. Doyle Junr., Rice, Lynch, J. A. Doyle, M. Doyle Senr., M. Codd, Asple, and the Chairman.-8

For Walsh:- Messrs James Codd, Gough, J. J. Stafford, Peacocke, Rossiter, Cloney, and Mayler.-7.

The Chairman declared Walter Kehoe elected.

The following is the application of the successful Candidate:-

"I beg to apply for the position of Harbour Master at Kilmore Quay according to the terms of the advertisement.

Please bring under the notice of the County Council the fact that I am a practical seafaring man, having been engaged at sea for over twenty years. I live at Kilmore Quay, and I am free to give all the time that the duties of Harbour Master require.

I have pleasure to enclose letters of recommendation from my Parish Priest-the very Rev Canon O'German- who has known me since a boy, and Father Crean, Kilmore Quay, to whom both can testify to my steadiness and general good conduct.

I also enclose letters of recommendation from Capt Monaghan, who is the eldest sea Captain trading to the Port, and Captain Grant, of the Barrels Reek Lightship, both of whom can testify as to my qualification as a general seaman.

If elected I will leave nothing undone to give every satisfaction to the County Council, in carrying out the duties of the Position!"

The applicant was recommended by:-

Very Rev Canon O'German, P.P., Kilmore.

Rev E. Creane, C. C., Kilmore Quay.

J, Monaghan, Kilmore Quay.

J. W. Grant, Bridgetown.

S. W. Boxwell, Sarshill, Kilmore.

James Kehoe, Kilmore Quay.

Sheep Dipping Order.

Sergeant Cullen, Ballywilliam, and Constable Meany, Kilmore Quay, reported several persons in their districts for breaches of Sheep Order.

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

"That instructions be given to the Royal Irish Constabulary to prosecute sheep owners who have failed to dip their animals within the prescribed period."

Irish Journalists Association.

The following resolution was received from the Irish Journalists Association:-

"That we request the Local Government Board, in all cases of Inquiry in this County, to appoint as official note-taker a local working Journalist."

"The above resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Peacocke, seconded by Mr Lynch."

Leave of Absence.

Mr T. Treanor, Senior Assistant Surveyor, writing under date 2nd December 1913, applied for leave of absence for one week from Monday 22nd to 29th inst.,

Proposed by Mr Peacocke, seconded by Mr Lynch:- "That Mr Treanor Senior Assistant Surveyor, be granted one week's holidays at Christmas during the dates mentioned in his application of 2nd December."

Tender for Coal.

Mr J. Ffrench, Custom House Quay, Wexford, tendered to deliver Powell's Best Red Ash Newport Coals to the County Courthouse, at 29/- per ton.

"On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Rossiter, the

tender was accepted."

Exemption from Rates.

The following claims for exemption from Rates were laid before the Meeting:-

Collector N. O'H. Walsh:- Nos. 155 Aughwilliam, 122,216, 103 Carrick, 3, 133, 137 Forth, 62, 78,236 Rathaspeck, 142, 73, Taghmon, 107,289, 334, 17, 157, Wexford Rural.

Collector N. Moore:- No.117 Ballymitty.

Collector P. Rossiter:- Nos 272, 294 Rosslare.

Collector Joseph Cummins:-No. 21 Ballycarney.

Collector Pierce Redmond:-Nos. 17 Edermine, 121 Kilmallock.

Collector Laurence Lacy:-Nos. 33, 250, Ballyvaldon, 177 Bolaboy, 148 150, Castle Ellis, 175,206, 240, Castle Talbot.

Collector Patrick Nolan:- Nos. 5 Ballyoughter, 22, 38 Ballyellis, 62, 117 Ballybeg, 207, 300, 301 Kilcomb, 52 Monaseed, 144 Rossminogue,

Collector J. C. Smith:- Nos. 17, 111, Ardamine, 108 Ballycanew, 160, 162, 234, 292, 351, 394, Courtown, 14, 35, 49, Gorey Rural, 72 Kilnahue.

Collector R. Earle:- No. 17 Killenagh.

Collector E. J. Murphy:- No. 73, 191, New Ross Rural.

Collector Edward Cummins:- No. 134 Kilmokea.

Collector John Banville:- Nos. 118, 135, Carrigbyrne, 80 Horetown, 18 Kilgarvan.

Collector J. L. Doyle:- Nos. 19 Dunmain, 21, 175, 203, 204, 248, 346, Tintern.

Collector James Cogley:- Nos 235, 236, Ballyhack.

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

"That the Poor Law Amendment Act 1890, be applied to those cases, and that they be exempted for the period stated, on the grounds that the premises have been vacant and empty."

Tuberculosis Prevention (Ireland) Act 1908.

The Minutes of the Committee of Management appointed under section 5 of Tuberculosis Prevention (Ireland) Act, for Meetings held on 21st October, and 24th November 1913, were submitted.

The Committee appointed Mr Bolger, Chairman of the Council, to be their Chairman, and Mr C. H. Peacocke, Vice-Chairman of the Council

as their Vice-Chairman.

Resolutions were adopted to advertise for Site for Central Tuberculosis Dispensary and Home for Advanced Cases.

Referring this matter and the drafting of report as to maintenance charges under Scheme for dealing with Tuberculosis adopted by the County Council on 29th January 1913, to a Sub-Committee.

Also instructing Dr O'Connor, Chief Tuberculosis Officer, to endeavour to secure premises for branch dispensaries.

On the consideration of report from the Sub-Committee the following resolutions were adopted by the meeting of the Committee of Management held on 23th November:-

"That we confirm the resolution of the Sub-Committee at meeting of this date, relative to the acceptance of offer of four acres of plot opposite Convent of St John of God at £350. That the Committee agree to the condition mentioned in the letter of the Rev Mother of the 24th November, as to the Community being placed in charge of the Nursing arrangements at Sanatorium provided these arrangements meet with the approval of the Local Government Board and the Committee of Management.

That we request Mr Frizelle, to act as Clerk to the Committee for a period of six months at a salary calculated at the rate of £52. That we recommend the County Council to sanction this arrangement.

That we request the County Council to direct Dr O'Connor, Chief Tuberculosis Officer to draft advertisement for Chief Tuberculosis Nurse at a salary of £75 per annum, with £25 per annum to cover travelling expenses.

That the details of Scheme for maintenance as drafted by the Sub-Committee be and are hereby approved.

That we request the County Council to sanction this proposal.

The Secretary stated that he had forwarded to the Local Government Board, copy of the resolution of the Management Committee relative to proposed purchase of four acre plot from the Community of St. John of God, and in reply the Local Government Board had written, under date 1st December (letter No. 63476-1913) as follows:-

"I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland, to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 26th ultimo, relative to the proposed arrangements for the establishment of a Tuberculosis

Dispensary for County Wexford, and, in reply, I am to observe that in view of the head rent to which the site at Barntown Road is subject, the price of £37. 10. 0 per acre seems high. If the County Council are unable to obtain more favourable terms, they will do well to consider the advisability of reducing the size of the plot to be acquired by them as a site for the Dispensary.

As regards the appointment of Nurses, I am to state that the Board consider that a nurse in charge of a County Tuberculosis Dispensary should be a "trained" nurse, which term they have defined to mean "any person who has resided for not less than two years in a general clinical or other hospital recognised by them, and who, after examination, has obtained from such hospital a certificate of proficiency in nursing." In addition it would be desirable that she should have a special course of training in nursing tuberculosis cases in a modern and up-to-date sanatorium or Tuberculosis Dispensary."

"On the motion of Mr Cloney, seconded by Mr Lynch, the Minutes of the Committee of Management established under section 5 of the Tuberculosis Prevention (Ireland) Act in respect of meetings of 21st October and 24th November were confirmed."

"On the motion of Mr Peacocke, seconded by Mr Lynch, the following resolution was adopted:- That in respect of the letter of the Local Government Board, under date 1st December 1913, (No.63476) we desire to point out to the Local Government Board that in the opinion of our Chief Tuberculosis Officer it is necessary for the purposes of the Scheme of the County Council for the treatment of Tuberculosis to provide a plot of not less than four acres as it is the intention of the Council to erect a Sanatorium or Home for Advanced Cases on the Plot. That as the site is a building one adjacent to the town of Wexford, we consider the price offered for the plot by the Committee of Management, reasonable,."

That we request the Local Government Board to have the plot inspected, and the opinion of their Inspector as to its suitability conveyed to the Management Committee as soon as possible.

That should the Local Government Board approve of the plot, and when plans etc., has been prepared and agreed to, we request the Local Government Board to procure from the Treasury, as soon as

possible the capital grant provided by Parliament to enable the Committee to pay Contractors etc., without having recourse to the County Council funds.

That the administration of the details of the Scheme for the treatment of Tuberculosis be given in charge of the Committee of Management whom we also empower to accept suitable plans for central dispensary and Sanatorium, accept contracts for the erection of same, make payments on foot of these contracts, to negotiate with the Insurance Committee, and generally to perform all duties and powers necessary to put the Scheme into full operation."

Barrow Drainage Bill.

Rev E. O'Leary, P.P. Portarlinton, wrote forwarding circular letter in favour of the Barrow Drainage Bill, and asking the County Council to adopt a resolution in favour of it.

On the motion of Mr J. A. Doyle, seconded by Mr Cloney, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That Father O'Leary, P.P., Portarlinton, be informed that the Wexford County Council have already adopted a resolution protesting against any portion of the County being taxed for the purposes of the Barrow Drainage Bill."

Home Rule Demonstration-Rathdrum.

A letter was read from the Secretaries, United Irish League, Rathdrum, asking the County Council to attend a Home Rule demonstration to be held on 7th December.

"The Chairman said he hoped as many Members of the County Council as possible, would attend the demonstration at Rathdrum."

Footpath New Ross Bridge.

The following resolution was received from New Ross Urban Council:-

"That we earnestly request the County Council to re-consider their decision refusing to have the footpath of the New Ross Bridge asphalted, and to take the necessary steps to have the work carried out, as it is very much needed."

Proposed by Mr Peacocke, seconded by Mr Rossiter and adopted:-

"That this matter be postponed to next meeting."

Poisons & Pharmacy Act.

N, Taekaberry, Newtownbarry, applied for renewal of licence under Poisons & Pharmacy Act.

"On the motion of Mr Asple, seconded by Mr J. A. Doyle, the renewal of the licence to Mr Thackaberry, was agreed to."

The late Mr E. O'Flaherty.

On the motion of Mr Gough, seconded by Mr Peacocke, the following letter from Mrs O'Flaherty, Harbour Master, Kilmore, was ordered to be inserted on the Minutes:-

"Many thanks for your kind message of sympathy it is indeed a great sorrow and loss to me in my old age, and I thank you also for allowing me to keep it on until the end of the year.

You have always been very kind and good to my poor husband and he thought such a lot of you.

With reference to the dues on vessels discharging at the pier, you remember my daughter took in the dues of four cargoes, and that was the last and only dues to be paid, in fact one of those vessels are lying at the pier still, and there is not one penny to be paid as I'm sure you know what dangerous and meddlesome people are in this world, I am sending you in the books, the boats names are written down, but I did not give out the receipts or collect the money until I heard from you after the meeting.

If you will please send out the books as soon as audited I shall give out receipts and collect money soon as I possibly can. Again thanking you for your kindness."

Wexford Petty Sessions.

Under date 12th November 1913, the following letter was read from Mr M. Kavanagh, C. P. S., Wexford:-

"I am directed by Capt Herries-Crosbie, R. M., and the Magistrates presiding at Petty Sessions to-day, to say that they consider the Record Court in the County Court House, brighter and more suitable for holding the petty sessions court than the Crown Court where the petty sessions court has been held heretofore, and they will feel obliged if you will kindly ask the County Council to supply a heating stove for this Court as at present there is no fire place or stove

in it, also to have locks put on the desks under the bench, and a moulding about $\frac{3}{4}$ inch high in front of desk to keep the Order Books from slipping off. Mr Barry, J.P., said the Gas Company are now in a position to supply Gas Stoves of considerable heating power and he thought one of these might answer the purpose of heating this Court. Of course if a Gas Stove is supplied it will be necessary to have a flue from it.

Hoping this application will receive the favourable consideration of the County Council."

On the motion of Mr J. A. Doyle, seconded by Mr M. Codd, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That no order be made on the letter of Mr Kavanagh, C. P. S., relative to the proposal to hold the Wexford Petty Sessions in the Record Court of the County Courthouse. The County Council consider that the Crown Court is quite suitable for the purpose."

General Resolutions.

A resolution was received from Galway County Council calling attention to the custom of collecting Tolls at Fairs and Markets and to the necessity existing for its amendment.

Marked "Read"

The Irish Pig Dealers Association asking for removal of detention period for pigs.

"Adopted on the motion of Mr Lynch, seconded by Mr M. Codd."

A resolution was received from King's County Council that all lands purchased under the provisions of the Irish Land Acts where the judicial tenancy is an agreed-upon judicial tenancy should be inspected by competent valuers before the price to be paid shall be sanctioned by Estate Commissioners.

Marked "Read".

A resolution was received from Meath Farmers' Association, calling upon the Irish M. P's to bring pressure to bear on the English Board of Agriculture to remove the detention period on Irish Stock at the ports of arrival in England and Scotland.

"Adopted on the motion of Mr Asple, seconded by Mr J. A. Doyle."

The following resolution as to committal of prisoners for trifling offences was received from Gorey Rural District Council:-

"That we direct the attention of the County Council to the existing anomaly in forwarding prisoners from Gorey to Dublin or Waterford prisons for trifling offences and non-payment of small fines at considerable expense to the public. An instance in point is the case of a prisoner sent from Gorey on Wednesday last for the non-payment of a fine of one shilling. His train fare together with that of the policeman accompanying him amounted to £1. 14. 9."

"No Order, as Crown is responsible for payment of transit of prisoners after conviction."

Oyster Fisheries.

Notice was received from the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction of their intention to hold an Inquiry as to Oyster Fisheries etc., in connection with the estuaries of Rivers Suir, Nore, and Barrow, at the old schoolhouse, Passage East on 13th January at 11 O'C., a.m.,

Marked "Read"

Motor Car Licence Duties.

Under date 21st November 1913, the Local Government Board wrote Circular letter No. 123 M. Miscellaneous, stating that they had received a communication from the Road Board drawing attention to the fact that in several Counties in Ireland, little or nothing had been done by the County Councils to enforce the collection of the duties on licences for motor Cars under the Finance (1909-10) Act 1910.

The Road Board had notified the Local Government Board that it is their intention before making further grants in Ireland to satisfy themselves that the County Councils making applications were taking proper steps to collect the duties. The Local Government Board submitted certain suggestions which, if adopted, should materially assist the County Councils in ensuring an efficient collection, of the duties, and also enclosed a further copy of the memorandum issued by them in November 1911, and which contains a summary of the Statutory provisions and the procedure in relation to these duties.

The Secretary stated that the County Council had instructed Mr Elgee their Solicitor, to proceed against all owners of Motor Cars

who had not paid their licence duties.

Proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Mr Peacocke and adopted:-

"That the Local Government Board be informed that the County Council are doing all in their power to collect motor licence duties."

Confirmation of Minutes of Finance & Roads Committee.

The following recommendations of the Finance & Roads Committee were submitted:-

"Recommendation asking the Local Government Board to allow Contractor for the erection of the Deeps Bridge being paid out of the Subsidiary Account."

"Agreeing to lists of Irrecoverable Rates as submitted by the Secretary, with special recommendations as to allowance in certain cases in the districts of Collectors Edward Cummins, and James Cogley."

"Recommending that in future, all stores, etc., for Tara Hill Quarry, be apid direct from Subsidiary Account on the certificate of the County Surveyor, and not through imprest account in charge of Quarry foreman."

"With reference to report as to screenings having been taken from Doran's Hill Quarry, it was recommended that the matter be left in the hands of Mr Barry, County Surveyor, and Mr Elgee, Solicitor.

It was recommended that an advertisement be inserted in the local papers that prosecution would be instituted against persons found taking materials from County Council Quarries without special permission (in writing)."

"The County Surveyor was instructed to request an explanation from the New Ross Courtkeeper as to why he removed direction post from the Courthouse premises.

The question of injury to piles of Ferryarrig Bridge by steamers passing through was referred to the County Surveyor.

The question of several roads referred to as in bad repair was referred to the Co Surveyor for report to next meeting of the Council.

"Recommendation as to Rate Collectors displaying more energy in pushing forward their Collections.

Declining to make any recommendation as to letter of Mr Paddle, Assistant Surveyor, asking that a larger amount of remuneration should be allowed for his work at Tara Hill Quarry, that £5 per annum.

Recommended that Courtown Harbour Committee be empowered to purchase a hauling off warp cost not to exceed £1.

On the motion of Mr Lynch, seconded by Mr Cloney, the various Minutes of the Finance & Roads Committee, were confirmed.

(Signed)

Wm Bolger

Presiding Chairman.

Dated this 11th day of February 1914

STATUTABLE QUARTERLY MEETING- 11th FEBRUARY 1914.

The Quarterly Meeting of the Wexford County Council, was held in the County Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford, on 11th February 1914.

Present:- Mr John Bolger, (Chairman) presiding.

Other Members:- Messrs James Codd, J. J. Stafford, Patrick Rossiter, C. H. Peacocke, P. J. Fanning, James Lynch, M. Doyle Senr., M. Gough, T. Asple, Michael Cloney.

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

Estimate of Rates.

In connection with Estimate for Enniscorthy R. D. Council, the Secretary mentioned that he had written Mr Connolly, Clerk to the District Council, that while estimate for public works was for £13358. 12. 6d the limit of expenditure on roads fixed by the Local Government Board was £11832. 10. 0d.

In connection with this letter the following resolution was adopted by the Enniscorthy R. D. Council on 29th January 1914:-

"That in view of Mr Frizelle's letter we fix the Estimate for Roads for the ensuing year at £11832. 10. 0d and that we further request the L. G. Board to refuse to sanction any application for a further increase of the limit of Expenditure."

In connection generally with the limits of expenditure the following letter was read from Mr Barry, County Surveyor:-

"In reply to yours of the 23rd inst., enclosing copy of letter from Local Government Board, No. 3064-1914, regarding the limit of expenditure in Enniscorthy District, I have to inform you that the estimate approved of by the District Council was £1,000 below my estimate of the necessary expenditure for the roads of the District during the coming year having regard to Sections of Act and Articles of Procedure governing same.

The increased expenditure in this and other Districts of the County is due to improvement works recently undertaken to bring the roads up to the standard now considered necessary, and further to the great increase in the cost of labour and to the higher cost of obtaining better

materials. I should note that the Road Board has given free grants and also loans on special terms to the County Wexford to enable these improvements to be undertaken but such grants are conditional on the several District Councils expending a sum at least equal to the grant in each case.

At the present time Enniscorthy Rural District is the only one in which the proposed expenditure is actually beyond the financial limit allowable, and I estimate that in this District a financial limit of £15,000 should be fixed, and I recommend that an application be made to the Local Government Board to fix this amount for a period of 5 years.

In the other three districts the proposed expenditure does not exceed the several financial limits, but it so closely approximates to the limit that no large improvement work can be undertaken even if the Road Board make a free grant of half the cost unless the limits in these Districts be also increased.

I therefore recommend that in Gorey District the financial limit should be fixed at £10,000 for five years, in New Ross District that the limit should be fixed at £10,000 for five years, and in Wexford District that the limit be fixed at £9,000 for five years."

"By directions of the Finance & Roads Committee, a copy of Mr Barry's letter was forwarded to the Rural District Councils of the County."

A letter was read from Mr N. Kehoe, Clerk Wexford R. D. Council, that at the meeting of the Council on 31st January, the consideration of the letter of the County Surveyor was adjourned to half-yearly Meeting in April."

A letter was read from Mr R. Creighton, Clerk Gorey Rural District Council, that his Council had considered the subject of applying for increase of Road Limit and were against any increase."

"A letter was read from the Clerk of New Ross District Council, that his Council had unanimously decided not to increase their estimate beyond what it was at present."

With reference to the resolutions of Enniscorthy R. D. Council, as to estimate for public works, the following letter No. 61,25:1914 under date 10th February 1914, was read from the Local Government Board:-

"The Local Government Board for Ireland have had before them your letter of the 2nd instant, and previous correspondence relative to the refusal of the Enniscorthy Rural District Council to make any application for an increase in the limit of expenditure for that Rural District, and, in reply, the Board desire to state that if the Wexford County Council, acting on the advice of their County Surveyor, consider that it is not possible to maintain the public works of that Rural District in good condition and repair at the present limit, the Board, on receiving a resolution to this effect, will be prepared to entertain favourably the County Council's proposal without any application from the Rural District Council concerned."

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

"That a copy of the letter of the Local Government Board re limit of road expenditure in Enniscorthy Rural District be forwarded to the Clerk of the Enniscorthy Rural District Council for the observations of his Council. The County Council have no desire to apply for an extension of the road limit without the consent of the District Council, but from the facts laid before the present meeting of the County Council by the County Surveyor, it is impossible for the Enniscorthy Rural District Council to maintain the roads and works in their district in the necessary order and repair without an extension of the said limit."

On the motion of Mr Fanning, seconded by Mr Rensiter, 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 1914-15, as already approved by the Finance & Roads 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:-

	<u>Land</u>	<u>Other Hereditaments.</u>
Enniscorthy	3/9	5/5
Gorey	3/3	4/7
New Ross	3/8	5/6
Wexford	3/1	4/7

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

	<u>General</u>	<u>Separate</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Enniscorthy	£1001.16.0		£1001. 16. 0
New Ross	1180. 5.8	£34.9.9	1214. 15. 5
Wexford.	1898.11.0		1898. 11. 0

Superannuation of Officers.

Under date 2nd February, Circular letter of the Local Government Board, as to superannuation of Officers of Local Authorities, was read:-

"The Board observed that the concession to allow a number of years not exceeding ten, to be added to the actual number of years' service for the purpose of computing the amount of pension had come to be regarded more or less as a right rather than as a reward for good service, or on account of special qualifications, and in many instances the number of years proposed to be added would result in the amount of pension being entirely disproportionate to the officer's length of service.

It should be borne in mind that the grant of superannuation allowances affects not only present but future ratepayers, and the Board are of opinion that only in cases in which efficient services have been rendered should they be asked to allow additional years to be reckoned for the purposes of superannuation.

With a view to securing more uniform treatment in future the Board considered it desirable to set out as follows the scale of added years to which in ordinary circumstances they would be prepared to assent, Viz:-

From 10 to 15 years service an addition of 5 years.

From 15 to 20 years an addition of 7 years.

Over 20 years an addition of 10 years.

Marked "Read"

Local Government Elections 1914.

Circular letter from the Local Government Board under date 3rd December 1913, and No. 132 M-1913 Miscellaneous, in connection with the forthcoming local government elections, was read.

On the motion of Mr Lynch, Seconded by Mr Stafford, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That Mr N. J. Frizelle, Secretary Co Council, be appointed Returning Officer in connection with forthcoming local government

elections at a fees of £50 in addition to out of pocket and travelling expenses calculated as per scale of fees.

That the elections be held on Thursday 4th June, and that the poll outside Urban Districts be open from 9 a.m., to 8 p.m., hours in Urban Districts to be from 8 a.m., to 8 p.m.,"

On the motion of Mr Lynch, Seconded by Mr Stafford, 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."

Examination Assistant Surveyors.

Circular letter No. 14 M. (January 1914) from the Local Government Board dealing with examination for Candidates for qualification as Assistant Surveyors to be held at the Custom House, Dublin, on 4th and 5th March 1914, was read.

Marked "READ"

Rate Collector Patrick Nolan.

Under date 30th January 1914, the Local Government Board wrote, (Letter No. 4602-1914, (Wexford County) that they would raise no objection to the appointment of Mr P. J. Nolan, as deputy for his father, during the latter's illness, provided that Mr Nolan's sureties were satisfied with the arrangement.

"The Secretary said that the consent of the sureties to the arrangement had been obtained."

Mr John Merrison one of Mr Nolan's sureties who had left the district, and taken up his residence at Ballygrangans, Kilmore, wrote asking to be released from his suretyship.

Mr Nolan wrote submitting the name of Mr James French, Moneylawn, Gery, vice Mr Merrison.

On the motion of Mr Fanning, seconded by the Chairman, Mr French was accepted as security for Mr P. Nolan, Rate Collector, vice Mr John Merrison."

Steamrolling.

With reference to the application to the Local Government Board, for sanction to loans amounting to £4375 for steamrolling road in Enniscorthy and New Ross Rural Districts the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 771-1914, Wexford County) under date 15th January 1914, asking to be furnished with maps, estimates, and specifications.

"The Secretary stated he had referred the matter to the Co. Surveyer."

Marked "Read"

Audits-Accounts Public Bodies.

Letters, etc., were read from the Local Government Board, as to reports of the audits of accounts of Gorey Union, and Rural District Council, Wexford Union and Rural District Council, Enniscorthy District Asylum, County Wexford Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction, New Ross Union and Rural District Council.

Marked "Read"

Qualifications of Rate Collector.

Under date 15th December 1913, the Local Government Board wrote, (letter No. 134 M-Miscellaneous) forwarding copy of General Order (Public Bodies Order 1913) with regard to the qualifications for appointment as Rate Collector.

Marked "Read".

Overdue Accounts.

Under date 4th December 1913, the Local Government Board wrote, (letter No. 133 M- 1913, Miscellaneous) relative to overdue accounts, and pointed out that they had decided that they will not authorise in future, extensions of time for the payment of overdue accounts, unless satisfactory evidence is produced showing that the delay which has occurred has been unavoidable.

Foot & Mouth Disease.

Under date 1st February 1914, the following letter (No. D.1) was read from the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction:-

"The Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction for Ireland desire to bring specially to the notice of Local Authorities under the

Diseases of Animals Acts the fact that Foot & Mouth Disease has appeared again in Ireland, an outbreak having been confirmed at Naas, County Kildare, on 30th Ultimo, and another, on this date, at Ballysax, in the same County.

In these circumstances, so gravely affecting the interests of the live stock trade, the Department trust that all Local Authorities, will instruct their Inspectors to exercise special vigilance, and to impress on stock owners throughout their districts, the importance of like watchfulness, so as to secure that there shall be no avoidable delay in recognising any additional cases if the disease -should such unhappily occur at other places- and reporting them forthwith as the law requires.

With a view of facilitating the efforts for eradication of the malady the Department also hope that your Local Authority will instruct their Veterinary Officers to be ready to furnish expert assistance if called upon."

The Secretary explained that he had furnished a copy of this letter to the Veterinary Surgeons of the County Council, with a request that the instructions of the Department be carried out.

"On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Peacocke, the action of the Secretary in this matter was confirmed."

Tuberculosis (Ireland) Order 1913.

Under date 5th January 1913, the following letter (No. 6197-13) was read from the Veterinary Branch, of the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction:-

"Adverting to previous correspondence in the matter, I have to state that in view of the Returns recently forwarded here, the Department hereby approve of the rates of extra payment sanctioned in the Department's letter of the 1st ultimo, for your Local Authority's Veterinary Inspectors in connection with duties under the Tuberculosis (Ireland) Order of 1913, holding good for a further period of six months from that date."

Marked "Read".

Food & Drugs Act.

Under date 6th January 1914, (No G. 20-14) the Department of

Agriculture & Technical Instruction, wrote that three samples of butter purchased at Gorey on 25th November, and three samples of butter purchased at Enniscorthy on 26th November, by their Inspector, were certified by the Public Analyst for the County, to be pure.

Marked "Read".

Superintending Veterinary Inspector.

Under date 24th December 1913, the following letter (No. 6111-13) from the Veterinary Branch of the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction was read:-

"I have to acquaint you, for the information of your Local Authority, that, in connection with the administration of the Diseases of Animals Acts and Orders, the Department have long felt that it would be of advantage if some regular means were available for bringing the work of Local Authority Officers more directly under review on behalf of the Central Authority than is possible ordinarily by official correspondence, and it has become practicable now to carry this object into effect through the creation recently in the Veterinary Branch of the grade of Superintending Veterinary Inspector, to which several of the most experienced and capable of the Veterinary Inspectors serving under the Branch have been promoted. It will be amongst the duties of these Officers to investigate conditions which may seem to call for action by the Central Authority, and to supervise the work of the Department's outdoor Veterinary Staff, and it is expected that the duties will oblige them to travel extensively throughout the Country. It is therefore being arranged that from 1st January next they will take opportunity to call from time to time on the Local Authority Inspectors to confer with them regarding the disease position in their districts, and to enquire respecting any matters which it may be desirable specially to look into locally. As occasion offers, the Superintending Veterinary Inspector will, it is proposed, call also on the Clerk of the Local Authority in reference to business under the Diseases of Animals Acts and Orders.

The Department have every reason to hope that this additional method of maintaining touch between the Veterinary Branch and the Local Authorities will be fruitful in good results, and they will be glad if your Local Authority will kindly apprise their officers regarding the course proposed so that due facility may be afforded to the Superintending Veterinary Inspectors."

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

"That the officers of the County Council as Local Authority be furnished with a copy of the letter of the Department as to creation of grade Veterinary Inspector, and which meets with the approval of the Council."

By-laws Oyster Fisheries.

By-Laws of the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction as to taking of oysters at the estuary of the Rivers Suir, Nore, and Barrow, under date 4th December, were laid before the meeting.

Marked "READ"

Collection of Motor Licence Duties.

A number of letters as to the Collection of Motor Car Licence Duties from the Local Government Board, and the Road Board, were read for the Meeting:-

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

"That the correspondence submitted by our Secretary be furnished to Mr Elgee, Solicitor, that the question of prosecution under the Motor Car Acts be delegated to the Finance & Roads Committee of the Council, that Mr Elgee lay before the next meeting of this Committee his views as to any possible improvement which can be made in the method of Collection."

Removal of Beach Material.

Under date 5th December 1913, the following letter No. H.15374, was read from the Harbour Department, Board of Trade:-

"I am directed by the Board of Trade to acquaint you for the information of the Wexford County Council, that their attention has recently been called to the fact that large quantities of beach material are being removed from the foreshore adjacent to the townland of Hill of Sea County Wexford.

The Board understand that the removal is carried on by certain road contractors who take about 1000 tons of gravel annually and also by numerous tenants on the Boyd and Redmond Estates who remove approximately a further 1000 tons of material per annum, mostly sand.

The foreshore in question is prima facie the property of the Crown and by the Crown Lands Act, 1866, was placed under the management of this

Board who are unable to admit that anyone has the right to remove material from such foreshore without first obtaining the consent of this Department.

Moreover it would appear that the extensive removals have caused and are causing serious erosion of the coast in the vicinity, and the Board are accordingly of opinion that an Order should be made under Section 14 of the Harbours Act 1814, totally to prohibit the removal of beach material from the shores and banks of the sea adjacent to the townland.

The owners of property adjoining the foreshore in question are desirous that the removal should be stopped, and the Board have already suggested to them that they should make a joint application to this Department for a Grant of a Prohibitory Order, but Mr James Murphy of Rosslare, has on behalf of the property owners, intimated to this Department, that they cannot undertake the obligation of enforcing an Order if granted.

In these circumstances, and having regard to the serious damage which the Board understand the removal is causing, I am desired by the Board to enquire if the County Council would be prepared to make application to this Department for a grant of a Prohibitory Order in respect of the shores and banks of the sea ex-adverso the townland of Hill of Sea, and to take the necessary steps to secure the enforcement of an Order if granted.

A memorandum setting forth the procedure to be adopted in making application for the grant of a Prohibitory Order is enclosed herewith, for the information of the County Council, together with an Ordnance Map showing the locality in question, and I am to request that the map may be returned to the Department with your reply."

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

"That the Board of Trade be informed that the Wexford County Council are not prepared to make application for a grant of a prohibitory Order in respect of the Shores and Banks of the sea, ex-adverso-the townland of Hill of Sea."

Courtown Harbour Committee.

The Secretary mentioned that the three year period of office for Courtown Harbour Committee would expire on 22nd February.

The existing Committee were:-

Lord Stepford.

Major A. W. M. Richards.

Mrs Lily Richards.

Rev Robert R. Tilson.

Messrs M. W. Shuldham.

James Kavanagh,

Alban J. Kelly,

Richard Garland.

James Sinnett,

Cornelius Riordan,

John R. Etchingham,

Patrick Doyle.

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

"That the present Committee be appointed for a further three years as from 22nd February 1914."

"On the motion of Mr Peacocke, seconded by Mr Lynch, the name of Rev J. O'Grady, C. C., Riverchapel, was added to the Committee."

Under date 28th November 1913, the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction wrote (letter No. 6744-13, F. B.,) that before taking any step towards recommending the Development Commission to agree to a subsidy towards the proposed improvements at Courtown Harbour they would like to be furnished with the plans and estimates of the proposal outlined by Messrs Allansen:inn & King.

"The Secretary mentioned that Mr Barry, County Surveyor, had furnished the plans etc., to the Department."

Poisons & Pharmacy Act.

Applications for renewals of licences under Poisons & Pharmacy Act were received from:-

Mrs Johanna Hegan, Enniscorthy.

Israel Wallis, Arthurstown.

Richard Breen, Commercial Quay, Wexford.

Mrs Bryan Hennessy, South Street, New Ross.

Mrs Kate Colfer, Ballymittty.

Mr E. McQuillan, Great Clonard, Wexford.

Mr John Culleton, Wellington Bridge.

"On the motion of Mr Stafford, seconded by Mr Rossiter, the applications were granted."

Explosives Licence.

Mr George Sharpe, Cherryorchard, Enniscorthy, applied for a licence for a store for Gunpowder or mixed explosives.

"Sergt Groves, R. I. C., Enniscorthy, wrote that the proposed store complied with the law."

"On the motion of Mr Lynch, seconded by Mr Fanning, the application was granted."

Enniscorthy Bridge.

The following resolution adopted at the meeting of Enniscorthy Urban Council on 7th January last, was laid before the meeting:-

"That the Urban District Council of Enniscorthy do hereby respectfully request the Wexford County Council to include Enniscorthy Bridge in their Schedule of Bridges for County Charges."

"The Secretary stated he had submitted the resolution of Enniscorthy Urban Council to Mr R. W. Elgee, Solicitor to the County Council, who wrote as follows, under date 2nd February:-

"With reference to the resolution of the Enniscorthy Urban District Council, and your correspondence with their Clerk, (of which you sent me copies) in which resolution it was asked that the County Council should include the Bridge over the River Slaney at Enniscorthy in the County Council's Schedule of Bridges for County Charges, I write to say that I have looked fully into the matter, and having regard to the fact that the Bridge is entirely within the Urban District, I am of opinion that the County Council have no power to comply with the request.

I return the letters etc.,"

"The matter was referred to next meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee".

University Scholarships.

Under date 3rd February 1914, the following letter was read from Sister Stanislaus, Loreto Hall, 77 Stephen's Green Dublin:-

"Miss Mary J. Byrne, Ballycale, came up here in 1912 and entered University College, Dublin, as an Arts student. She is now specialising for her B. A. Degree in Modern Languages, taking as her subjects- English, French, and German. Now, residence abroad in France and Germany, would be an enormous advantage to a student who intends to take out such a Degree, and such has been the practice almost invariably in the past. In the circumstances would it be possible to suspend the payment of the Third Year of Miss Byrne's Co Council Scholarship until the University Session 1915-16, so as to allow her to spend the Session 1914-15 abroad.

The University College Dublin Authorities, recognising the advantage of such a course of study, have suspended the payment of their Scholarships in similar cases to the above."

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

"That the request contained in the letter of Sister Stanislaus Ryan, as to Miss Mary J. Byrne, County Council University Scholar, being allowed to take her third year scholarship in 1915, be agreed to."

Proposed Office for Petty Sessions Clerk.

Under date 11th December, Mr M. Kavanagh, Clerk Wexford Petty Sessions, wrote forwarding the following resolution adopted by the Magistrates presiding at Wexford Petty Sessions on 10th December 1913:-

"That we, on behalf of the Magistrates of the Wexford Petty Sessions District, request the County Council of the County of Wexford, pursuant to Article 15 of the Local Government (Application of Enactments) Order 1898, to provide a suitable room, with the necessary furniture therein, in the County Courthouse, Wexford, in which our Clerk of Petty Sessions can keep an office for the transaction of the business of the Justices of Wexford Petty Sessions District."

On the motion of Mr Stafford, seconded by Mr Cloney, this matter was referred to the next meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee, Mr Elgee in the meantime to ascertain whether the County Council are bound to provide an office."

Sheep Dipping Order.

In connection with the administration of Sheep Dipping (Ireland) Order, the following correspondence was submitted:-

Report from Sergeant Groves, R. I. C., Enniscorthy, as follows:-

"I beg to report that 18 sheepowners in this sub-district have failed to serve any notice on the police of their intention to dip their sheep during Autumn Dipping Period, nor have they served or delivered Form "2C" declaring that they have dipped their sheep.

I have no evidence beyond their own admission that these owners have not dipped, and it would not be right to summon a man on that, and let others escape because they tell lies.

I suggest that everyone who has neglected to serve both notices be summoned, and if this is done, cases where it is proved that dipping has been carried out, could be treated by the Court in a different way from those in whose cases dipping has not been carried out.

The County Council resolution directs that those who have not dipped be prosecuted and the way to prove this is to bring all defaulters before the Court, as I believe quite a number of them have not dipped."

Letter from District Inspector Heggart, Enniscorthy as follows:-

"I find that this state of affairs is general in the District, and the tendency not to serve notices and not to dip is spreading since the County Council resolution that prosecutions for what so called technical offences should not be proceeded with, was passed.

The police situation is this- The owners since they are not prosecuted for failing to give notice of intention to dip do not serve such notices, the police have therefore no means of knowing when and where the owners are going to dip and cannot of course exercise any supervision, the owners soon become aware of this, and do not dip, but the police have no means of proving this unless by questioning the owners. Some who are honest enough to admit not having dipped are then prosecuted, those who tell the police they have dipped cannot be prosecuted for want of evidence, although it is believed their statement is untrue. This I consider is entirely unfair, and I am of opinion that the police should not question owners and then prosecute them on their own confession if they tell the truth.

I concur with the Sergeant's suggestion and believe this is the only ^{way} in which the Order can be fairly and honestly administered.

The question of sheep dipping prosecutions does not of course

effect the police beyond the fact that if the dipping ceases to become general the fact that they have failed to report the cause of it may be commented on.

I think the matter should be brought under the notice of the Co. Council Secretary."

At the meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee on 29th January, the following recommendation was agreed to:-

"That the County Council be recommended to rigidly enforce the provisions of the Sheep Dipping Order in future."

"Order of the Finance & Roads Committee confirmed on the motion of Mr Stafford, seconded by the Chairman."

Recommendations for Payments.

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

"That the several proposals for payment submitted to this meeting by the proposal Committee be and are hereby approved."

Proposals for Works.

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

"That the several proposals for New Works and for maintenance of Works as sent up by the Proposal Committee of this Council on Form 20 be and are hereby agreed to, subject to the modifications and alterations noted thereon, and initialled by the Chairman".

Insurances.

Proposed by Mr Stafford, seconded by the Chairman, and passed:-

"That the Secretary be instructed to enter into insurances with Messrs Coyle & Co., as from 1st January 1914, at the following premiums:-

Workmens' Compensation	£74. 15. 9
Public Liability	37. 9. 0
Boiler (Tara Hill Engine)	1. 15. 0
Total	<u>£113 .19. 9</u>

Ex-Officio Inspector-Food & Drugs Act.

County Inspector Sharpe, R. I. C., wrote asking that Sergeant James Brehony, Killinick, should be appointed ex-officio Inspector for

Killinick Petty Sessions district, vice Acting Sergeant Kelly.

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

"That Sergeant James Brehony, R. I. C., (55465) be appointed as Ex-officio Inspector under Food & Drugs Act for Killinick petty sessions district."

Co. Wexford Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction.

Mr L. Walsh, Galbally, Bree, wrote resigning his membership of the County Wexford Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction.

On the motion of Mr Asple, seconded by the Chairman, Mr John Doyle, Ballybrennan, Bree, was appointed a member of the Co Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction, vice Mr L. Walsh, Galbally, resigned."

On the motion of Mr Stafford, Seconded by Mr Doyle, the Rev M. Hickey, P.P., Clongeen, was appointed a member of the County Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction, vice Major Barrett-Hamilton, deceased."

Weeds & Agricultural Seeds (Ireland) Act 1909.

The following resolution adopted at the Annual Meeting of the Irish Seeds & Nursery Trades Association, was read:-

"Having had under consideration the enormous loss to Agriculture and the serious depreciation in the value of land, consequent on the unchecked spread of Weed Seeds and the fact that the Weeds & Agricultural Seeds (Ireland) Act 1909, provides a ready means of modifying this evil, the Irish Seed and Nursery Trades Association respectfully directs to this Act the attention of those County and County Borough Councils who have not yet adopted that portion referring to Weeds, and would urge that delay in this matter is most injurious to the best interests of their constituents.

The Association realizes that the powers of the Act should be adopted with discretion, and in such a manner as would avoid pressing unduly on those Agriculturists and others who are already doing their utmost to overcome Weeds on their own lands."

"Adjourned to next Meeting."

Loans for Steamrolling.Roads.

The following resolution from the Clare County Council was read:-

"That in view of the increasing demand for steamrolled roads and the willingness of the Road Board to co-operate financially and otherwise in the execution of Approved Schemes, we consider the time has come when the whole procedure in connection with the proposals and the borrowing of money under this heading should be considerably simplified and accelerated

We accordingly request the Local Government Board to take the earliest opportunity of amending the Local Government (Procedure of Councils) Order 1899 in this respect, so as to enable Rural District Councils at any specially summoned Meeting to formulate and adopt proposals for steamrolling of roads, and to empower County Councils at any meeting thereafter to authorise the carrying out of same by contract or otherwise, due regard being had to the recommendations of the Rural District Councils on the several Proposals."

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

Duncannon Harbour.

Representations were received from Duncannon Improvement Committee, asking the County Council to appoint a Harbour Master to control the position of vessels utilising the Harbour and the placing of cargoes on the pier.

They requested the County Council if necessary to adopt by-laws in order to have their wishes carried out.

"Mr Elgee stated that he had not yet heard from the Waterford Harbour Commissioners in connection with this matter."

"It was decided that it be postponed to next Meeting."

Management Committee.--Tuberculosis (Ireland) Act.

On the motion of Mr Peacocke, Seconded by Mr Fanning, the Minutes of the various Meetings of the Management Committee appointed under the Tuberculosis (Ireland) Act 1903, held since last Meeting of the County Council were confirmed.

Recommendations of Finance & Roads Committee.

The following recommendations of the Finance & Roads Committee were agreed to on the motion of Mr Fanning, seconded by Mr Lynch :-

"Recommendation directing the sealing of the requisition to tax the costs of Mr Michael Dunne, Solicitor to the National Bank, in connection with loans obtained from the Bank."

"Recommending the appointment by Mr Patrick Nolan, Rate Collector, of his son-Mr P. J Nolan- to carry out the Rate Collection in No. 14 Collection District."

"Referring to Mr Elgee, Solicitor, the question of by-laws for Duncannon Harbour".

"Voting a sum of £1. 6. 8d to the County Surveyor for extra clerical assistance."

"Empowering the County Surveyor to procure the necessary forms in connection with the working of Tara Hill Quarry."

"Empowering the Secretary, to employ any temporary Clerks that may be required for the writing up of the Rate Books and Rate Collectors Receipt & Demand Notes."

(Signed)

John Boyer
Presiding Chairman.

Dated this 1st day of May 1914

SPECIAL MEETING.- 11th MARCH 1914.

A special Meeting of the Wexford County Council, was held in the Co Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford, on 11th March 1914.

Present:- Mr John Bolger, Chairman, (Presiding)

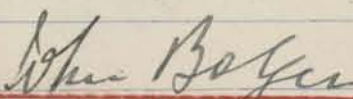
Also:- Messrs P. Rossiter, C. H. Peacocke, P. O'Neill, J. Lynch, J. J. Stafford, M. Cloney, M. Doyle, Junr., J. T. Mayler, James Codd, T. Asple, James A. Doyle.

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

Transfer of Loans Account.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Lynch, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:-

"That as recommended by the Finance & Roads Committee, a sum of £1242 5. 11d representing the amount paid out of the Subsidiary Account on behalf of Loans Account for half-year ended 31st March 1914, be recouped the Subsidiary Account, and that Treasurer's Advice Note for the said sum of £1242. 5. 11d be signed on Loans Account."


Presiding Chairman.

Dated this 10th day of May 1914.

