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Special Meeting.- 15th April 1914.

A Special Meeting of the Wexford County Council, was held in the County Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford, on 15th April 1914.

Present:- Mr John Bolger, Chairman, and subsequently Mr C. H. Peacocke, Vice-Chairman, presided.

Other Members:- Messrs M. Cloney, R. A. Rice, J. J. Stafford, James Codd, J. S. Hearn, P. Rossiter, James Lynch, Mark Codd, J. T. Mayler, Michael Doyle Junr., and P. J. Fanning.

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

Complaint by Road Contractor.

John Flaherty, Butlerstown, Duncannon, Contractor for Road No. 1 New Ross, complained that all his payments for the half year Viz:- £38. 15. 5d had been deferred by the County Surveyor.

"The County Surveyor said the contractor had not the material for the road ready for the stonebreaker, and the latter had to be sent away as Flaherty was not ready".

"No Order was made."

The Home Rule Bill.

Mr John Bolger, Chairman, having moved the suspension of Standing Orders, moved to following:-

"That we the Members of the Wexford County Council tender to Mr John Redmond and the Irish Parliamentary Party, our warmest congratulations in their untiring efforts to pass the Home Rule Bill into Law, and place it on the Statute Book of England, we also assure them of our continued support in every way until the great struggle is brought to a successful end."

Mr Lynch seconded.

"Passed unanimously".

Rates for 1914-15.

On the motion of Mr Hearn, Seconded by Mr J. Codd, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That we hereby strike the rate for General and Separate Charges for financial year 1914-15, as agreed to at the meeting of the County Council held on 11th February 1914, 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 District Councils, after allowing for credit items being:-

District.	Co. Charges.	Union Charges	Separate Charges	Total.
Enniscorthy	476. 3. 0	525, 13, 0		1001. 16. 0
New Ross	447.10. 2	732.15. 6	34. 9. 9	1214. 15. 5
Wexford.	923.10. 1	975. 0.11		1898. 11. 0

Scale of Election Expenses.- Urban District Councillors.

Mr O'Neill served notice to move:-

"That the Scale of Election Expenses for Urban District Councillors and Guardians in Urban Districts be amended by omitting the following paragraph so far as relates to Enniscorthy Urban District- "If in any Borough, District, or Town, which is not divided into Wards, there shall be no poll the above fees shall be reduced by the substitution of £1. 1/- for each £3. 3/- and 2/6 for 5/- in respect of each thousand Local Government Electors for such Borough, District, or Town."

The Secretary said that the change would affect Enniscorthy Urban District, only.

Letter under date 23rd February 1914, and No. 6331-1914, Enniscorthy Urban District, stating that if the fee of £3. 3/- was to be allowed the Town Clerk of Enniscorthy, for conducting uncontested elections of Guardians and Urban District Councillors, it could be only done by the amendment of the existing Scale of Election Expenses.

As Mr O'Neill was not in attendance, Mr Lynch by permission of the meeting moved the resolution, which was seconded by Mr Rossiter, and passed unanimously.

The late Mr John O'Connor M. C. C.,

Under date 4th April 1914, the following letter was read from Mr John O'Connor Junr:-

"Would you kindly convey to the Members of the Wexford County Council, the sincere thanks of myself and the other members of the family for the very kind vote of sympathy passed to us on the death of our dear father. These expressions of the sympathy of your Board shall be always treasured by us as a memento of the kind relations that always existed between the members of your Board and my late father.

Again thanking the members of the Council."

"On the motion of Mr Peacocke, seconded by the Chairman it was ordered that the letter be inserted on the Minutes."

As regards the question of the co-option of a member vice Mr John O'Connor, deceased, the Secretary asked the instructions of the meeting.

"It was decided that in view of the fact that the local Government Elections will be held in June, that no co-option of a Member be made."

Scheme for Treatment of Tuberculosis.

Under date 6th April 1914, the Local Government Board wrote, (letter No. 1634-1914) Wexford County- that it would appear desirable that the Tuberculosis Committee of the Wexford County Council, should now be provided with funds for the discharge of their^{own}/liabilities.

Under date 6th March 1914, the Local Government Board wrote (Circular letter No. 48 M. 1914) relative to maintenance Grant and form of Agreement between Insurance Committee and County and County Borough Councils.

The Secretary mentioned that the Tuberculosis Management Committee had considered the adoption of an agreement between the Co Council and the County Maintenance Committee. They had two draft agreements before them from the Insurance Commission, and one from the Local Government Board. Acting on the advice of Mr R. W. Elgee, their Solicitor, they had decided to adopt that submitted by the Local Government Board, and had forwarded copy to the Insurance Committee.

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

"That at May Meeting of the Council, a sum of £300 be transferred to the Tuberculosis Management Committee of the County Council."

Deductions from Government Grants.

Under date 5th March 1914, the Local Government Board, wrote forwarding a sum of £951. 9. 2d in respect of Medical & Educational purposes by the Boards of Guardians of the County, and stating that owing to the insufficiency of the amount paid under section 58 of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898, to meet the liabilities a proportionate abatement of the sums payable had been made to meet the insufficiency.

Under date 5th March 1914, the Local Government Board wrote forwarding a sum of £95. 0. 9d balance in respect of amounts paid as salaries to the Sanitary Officers of the Rural Districts of the County for the year ended 30th September last.

A deduction owing to the insufficiency in amount of receipts was also made in connection with this payment.

Marked "Read"

Auditors' Reports.

The Local Government Board forwarded Abstracts of Accounts and Reports of their Auditors' for the following public bodies:-

Waterford Bridge Joint Committee of Management (half-year ended 31st March 1913), Enniscorthy Union and R. D. Council (Half-year ended 30th September 1913).

Marked "Read".

General Cattle Diseases Fund.

Under date 16th February 1914, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 2402-1914-Miscellaneous) that the sum assessed in County Wexford under the 71st Section of the Diseases of Animals Act 1894 as adapted was £409. 7. 7½.

"It was Ordered that Pay Order for amount be passed."

Sheep Scab (Local Regulations) (Ireland) Order 1914.

Under date March 1914, the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction wrote calling attention to the provisions of the above.

The Order conferred upon Local Authorities the power of making regulations to arrest the spread of Sheep Scab in their districts by regulating the movement of sheep into them from other districts. In Great Britain there was growing a belief that the importation of Irish Sheep was the principal, if not the sole obstacle to the complete elimination of the disease in that Country, and unless immediate steps were taken to clear Ireland of the disease, measures prohibiting the importation of Irish Sheep into Great Britain would be adopted.

The letter of the Department pointed out in detail the various steps which they recommended the County Council as Local Authority to take, in order to combat the disease.

Proposed by Mr Rossiter, seconded by Mr Fanning, and passed:-

"That the Department of Agriculture be requested to send to next monthly meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee of the Wexford County Council, one of their Superintending Veterinary Officers for the purpose of considering the provisions of Order of the Department (No.251)-"The Sheep Scab (Local Regulations) (Ireland) Order 1914 (No.2), and the best measures to be adopted to combat Sheep Scab. That the recommendations of the Finance & Roads Committee be printed and issued with the Agenda Paper of the May Meeting of the Council."

Weeds & Agricultural Seeds (Ireland) Act.

Under date 5th March 1914, the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction, wrote (letter No. A.5257-14) calling attention to the provisions of the above, relating to the destruction of noxious weeds in the hope that the Council may see their way to consent to Part 1 of the Act being put into operation this year.

Mr Doyle proposed:- "That the County Council decline to put this Act into operation."

Mr Rossiter seconded.

"Passed unanimously".

Courtown Harbour.

Mr Fanning proposed the following resolution, Mr J. Bolger (Chairman) seconded:- "That the Council observes with regret the delay in the making of the Treasury Grant for the extension of the Pier at Courtown Harbour, the necessity for which extension is so urgent that this Council has guaranteed one-third of the entire estimated cost, and this Council records its opinion that this matter is one which demands immediate settlement, and having regard to the understanding that the amount required is available, this Council calls upon the Treasury to make as early as possible the Grant for the purpose so long expected and so long delayed.

That a copy of this resolution be furnished the Chief Secretary for Ireland, and Sir T. H. G. Esmonde Bart, M. P.,"

Passed.

Foot & Mouth Disease.

Under date 4th April 1914, the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction, wrote as follows:-

"I have to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of 2nd inst., embodying a copy of a resolution adopted at a meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee of your County Council, held on 1st instant, on the subject of restrictions on account of Foot & Mouth Disease, and to state that arrangements are now in force permitting of the shipment of stock for slaughter under prescribed conditions from parts of Ireland north of a defined line running from Drogheda to Oranmore, but in present circumstances there is no ground for thinking that the Board of Agriculture & Fisheries, London, would be prepared to sanction the admission of stock into Great Britain from Southern Ireland, where outbreaks of Foot & Mouth Disease are, unhappily, still occurring."

In connection with the closing of Irish Ports a resolution of protest was adopted at last meeting of Finance & Roads Committee, and sent the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction, and the Parliamentary Representatives for the County Wexford.

Sir T.H.G. Esmonde Bart., M. P., forwarded the following letter which he had received from Mr T. W. Russell:-

"I have your note of yesterday's date, enclosing copy Resolution adopted by the Wexford County Council on the 2nd inst.,

Let me say (1) that with the disease rampant in Cork and in Tipperary it will be quite impossible for the present, to open ports south of the boundary line that has been drawn by arrangement with the English Board of Agriculture. They would not in the present circumstances consent to any such proposal, and we must only wait and hope for an early abatement of the disease. I can assure you that the Department are watching the matter very anxiously, and will take advantage of the first opportunity of clearing the country of these restrictions.

(2) There is no statutory limit either in England or in Ireland to the extent of the protective radius round affected districts. Fifteen miles (approximately) has been the limit commonly fixed in both Countries, and I should like to say that as regards a rule of this kind Ireland occupies a very different position as compared with Great Britain. In the one case you have a country with a dense animal population, and in the other the circumstances are wholly different. I believe it will be unnecessary, after

the present trouble has been got rid of, to look into the whole matter with the Board of Agriculture in England, and see whether it will not be possible to modify the existing system in order to reduce the inconvenience to stock-owners and others to a minimum. But I certainly cannot encourage the hope that whilst we are grappling with the present serious situation any changes in this direction will be considered."

"No Order".

Dates of Meetings.

On the motion of Mr Rossiter, seconded by Mr Lynch, the following dates for half-yearly etc., Meetings of Councils were agreed to:-

Enniscorthy R.D. Council	Monday 2nd November 1914	at 11 a.m.,
Gorey	" " Thursday 29th October 1914	at 11.30 a.m.,
New Ross	" " Tuesday 3rd November 1914	at 11.30 a.m.,
Wexford	" " Saturday 7th November 1914	at 10.30 a.m.,
Proposal Committee (Quarterly)	Wednesday 5th August 1914,	at 10a.m.,
" "	(Half-yearly) Wednesday 11th November 1914	at 10.30 a.m.,
County Council (Quarterly Meeting)	Wednesday 5th August 1914,	10.30 a.m.,
" "	(Half-yearly) Wednesday 2nd December 1914.	-11 a.m.,

Motor Car Licence Duties.

Correspondence was read from the Local Government Board, the Road Board and Mr R. W. Elgee Solicitor Co Council, relative to the Collection of Motor Licence Duties.

The Finance & Roads Committee submitted the following recommendations:-

"That we request the County Inspector R. I. C., to ask the Constabulary of the County to furnish the Secretary of the Wexford County Council with the names and addresses of persons residing in their districts who are driving motor cars and motor cycles and if possible with the Index letter and number of each such vehicle."

"That declaration forms for payment of motor duty be issued to all known owners of motor cars etc., in this County, and that all such owners neglecting or refusing to pay duty or deliver such declarations be proceeded against."

"That Mr Elgee, Solicitor, be instructed to obtain Counsel's opinion as to whether under Article 9 of the Motor Car Licence Duties (Ireland) Collection Order 1910, incorporating section 33 of the Inland Revenue Act of 1869, an owner of a motor vehicle is bound to send his

licence on demand to an officer appointed by the County Council under Article 8 of the Order and if said owner can be proceeded against for neglecting to do so."

"That Mr Elgee obtain Counsel's opinion generally as to the best means to be adopted to collect the motor car licence duty."

"On the motion of Mr Hearn, seconded by Mr Rice, the recommendations of the Finance & Roads Committee were confirmed."

Resignation of Mr M. Hassett, Assistant Surveyor.

Under date 7th March 1914, Mr M. Hassett, Assistant Surveyor, wrote resigning his position.

The following recommendation had been made by the Finance & Roads Committee:-

"That we accept the resignation of Mr M. Hassett, as Assistant Surveyor, and report same to next meeting of the County Council. That Mr Barry, County Surveyor, be empowered to employ Mr Vincent R. Doyle, as Assistant Surveyor, pending the appointment of Mr Hassett's successor.

That the County Surveyor be instructed to submit to next meeting a Scheme for the re-distribution of the Assistant Surveyors districts.

That the County Surveyor and the County Secretary furnish a reference to Mr Hassett as to the satisfactory manner in which he performed his duties as Assistant Surveyor."

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

"That Mr Hassett's resignation be accepted as from the 7th March."

Mr M. Doyle Junr., proposed, Mr Cloney seconded the following resolution:-

"That Mr Vincent Doyle be appointed temporary Assistant Surveyor at a salary calculated at the rate of £30 per annum. That the new appointment of Assistant Surveyor be made at the meeting of the Council on the 6th May. That the office be determinable by two months notice in writing at either side."

"Passed".

Proposed Extension of Road Limit .

Under date 21st February 1914, Mr A. A. Connolly, wrote as follows in connection with Road Expenditure Limit for Enniscorthy Rural District:-

"The Council decided to take no action with reference to the resolution from your Council forwarding copy of L, G, Board letter re Road

Limit, as they considered that when the L. G. Board pointed out that they were prepared to formally consider any application from the Co. Council for an extension of the limit, without any application from the Rural District Council, it was unnecessary for them to do anything."

Mr Kehoe, Clerk Wexford R. D. Council, wrote under date 8th April 1914, that his Council refused by 26 votes to 7 to apply for increase of road limit for the district.

Mr Mark Codd proposed:- "That the Local Government Board be requested to extend the Road limit in Enniscorthy Rural District from £11882 to £13359."

Mr Lynch seconded.

"Passed."

Ancient Monuments.

Under date 11th February 1914, the following resolution was received from the Co Wexford Committee of the Gaelic League:-

"That we call on the County Council to take steps to have the Ancient Monuments of this County vested in the Council, as far as lies in their power, and we suggest that they order their Surveyors to make an inventory of such Monuments in their districts!"

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

"That the County Surveyor be requested to prepare an inventory of the Ancient Monuments in the County."

Home Rule Bill.

Resolutions were read from Gorey Rural District Council, and Alderman Kelly, Dublin, (from "Representative Conference of Dublin Nationalists) protesting against the exclusion of the province of Ulster from the scope of the Home Rule Bill.

Marked "Read".

A resolution was also read from Cork Corporation protesting against the proposals of Mr Wm O'Brien M. P., in connection with the measure.

"Adopted on the motion of the Chairman."

Insurance-Criminal Injuries Compensation.

The following resolution was submitted from Gorey Rural District Council:-

"That this Council ask the County Council to consider the question

of insuring against payment of damages for malicious injuries with a view to so insuring."

"Mr Fanning stated that the Gorey Rural District Council having considered the representations of the County Secretary in connection with this matter, had agreed that no advantage would be gained by an insurance of this character."

Close of Rate Collections.

The Secretary reported that all the Collectors had closed satisfactorily.

In connection with the payment of poundage the following letter under date 6th April 1914, (No. 17600-1914) was read from the Local Government Board:-

"With reference to your letter of the 1st instant, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland, to state that they have assented to the payment by the Wexford County Council of poundage fees to the Representatives of the late Collector Andrew Lennon in respect of the rates collected by him for the half-year ended the 30th September 1913."

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

"That the amount of poundage as certified by our Secretary to be due the Rate Collectors of the County Council be passed for payment. That we also agree to the payment of poundage on amount collected by the late Mr Andrew Lennon in respect of first moiety of Rate for financial year ended 31st March 1914."

The Secretary presented lists of Irrecoverable Rates.

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

"That we agree, subject to the sanction of the Local Government Board, to the payment of items claimed by the Rate Collectors of the County, as submitted by our Secretary, and less amounts for poundage in each case."

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

"That we agree to the Collectors who are giving the security of a guarantee society to effect this insurance with the Gresham Fire & Accident Insurance Society, Ltd.,"

Proposals for Payment.

On the motion of Mr Rossiter, Seconded by Mr Lynch, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That as recommended by the Finance Committee the quarterly instalments be transferred to the various Public Bodies financed by the Council."

"That as recommended by the Finance Committee, the payment of fixed items, viz- salaries, Collectors' Poundage, Fees, etc., as submitted by the Secretary be made at this meeting."

Resignation of Member of County Committee of Agriculture.

Mr H. H. Moore, Knockbaun, Gorey, wrote resigning Membership of the Co. Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction, and recommending the appointment of Mr Metge in his place.

"It was decided that no appointment be made in view of the fact that a new County Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction will be appointed at the Annual Meeting of the County Council early in June."

Medical Adviserships under National Insurance Act.

A resolution was read from Kings Co., Insurance Committee, and Kings' County Council, protesting against the appointment of Medical Advisers under National Insurance Act, by the Insurance Commission, and in consequence declining to adopt a Scheme for administration of Sanatorium Benefit.

A resolution was read from the Irish Tuberculosis Medical Officers Association, stating that the position of the present Medical Advisers as appointed by the Insurance Commission, is a serious menace to the successful working of the Tuberculosis Act.

In connection with the same matter, the following resolution was read from the Tuberculosis Management Committee of the Wexford County Council:-

"That as we find domiciliary treatment of insured persons is practically a dead letter in this County, we call upon the Insurance Commission in the interests of the unfortunate people suffering from Tuberculosis to arrive at some agreement-without further delay- of the difference which exists between the Medical Practitioners and the Commission. That a copy of this resolution be furnished the Insurance Commission, and the Clerk of the County of Wexford Insurance Committee."

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Marked "Read"

Postal Facilities.

Applications were received from the Post Office for the consent of the County Council to the erection of telegraph poles etc., on waste ground at Kilmichael and Curracloe Coastguard Stations, maintenance of telegraphic line on the public road from Gorey to Mount Benet Post Office, and maintenance of telegraphic line in the public street at Newtownbarry."

"Agreed to on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Fanning."

New Ross Bridge.

Under date 26th February 1914, the following resolution was read from New Ross Urban Council:-

"That the County Council be again asked to construct an asphalted footpath on the New Ross Bridge."

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

"That owing to the cost the County Council cannot see their way to carry out this work."

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Fethard Life Boat Disaster.

A resolution was read from Louth County Council tendering the sympathy of the Council, "to the relatives of the gallant men of Fethard who lost their lives in an heroic attempt to rescue the shipwrecked sailors of the Mexico, recently wrecked off the Wexford Coast."

Marked "Read"

Poor Law Infirmaries & Insurance Act.

A resolution was read from the Co. Donegal Insurance Co., that in order to prevent the spread of infection it was absolutely necessary to provide hospital accommodation at convenient centres for the isolation and treatment of chronic cases of Tuberculosis, and as this would be most efficiently and economically done by the utilisation of existing Poor Law Infirmaries, the Insurance Committees, and County Councils should unite with the Donegal Insurance Committee in pressing upon the Government the importance of passing a short Act of Parliament which would transfer to County Councils all Poor Law and District Hospitals."

"Agreed to on the motion of Mr Fanning, seconded by Mr Lynch."

Decadal Reductions-Land Purchase.

The following resolution was received from Bandon Rural District Council:-

"That a decadal reduction provision be inserted in the Land Purchase Bill, to be introduced into Parliament for this County such as is in the Ashbourne Act, and also, that the same concession be granted to the Tenants who purchased under the Acts of 1903 and 1909."

Proposed by Mr Fanning, seconded by Mr Rice, and passed:-

"That the resolution from Bandon Rural District be adopted with the omission of all words from "And also" in third line, to the end."

Insurance Companies.

Communications were read from the Patriotic Assurance Co., and the Catholic & General Insurance Association Ltd., asking for a share of the business of the County Council."

"No Order"

Analyst's Report.

The following report was read from Sir C. Cameron, C. B., M. D., County Analyst:-

"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 31st December 1913.

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

<u>Article.</u>	<u>Number.</u>
Milk	19
Butter	12
Whiskey	11
Cheese	6
Margarine	4
Buttermilk	3
Rum	2
Ginger Wine	1
Brandy	1
Total	<u>59</u>

One certificate was sent to Sergeant Flynn, Ballybrazil, Campile, for specimen of milk deprived of at least 20 per cent of its fats.

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

For the Guardians of Enniscorthy Union twelve drugs were analysed. One was incorrect.

For the Guardians of Gorey Union nine drugs were analysed, and were correct.

For the Enniscorthy Co-operative Society, Enniscorthy, one fertilizer was analysed.

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

Total analyses....96

Marked "Read"

Finance & Roads Committee Recommendations.

The following Recommendations of the Finance & Roads Committee, were laid before the meeting:-

"That the agreements for procuring road material from Quarries of Patrick Rath, at Carrigeen, Ferhs, Morgan Lacey, Cloogue, Ferns, and William Clancy, Ballyhine, Barntown, be approved, and sealed and signed on

behalf of the Wexford County Council."

"That the County Surveyor be recommended to accept the tender of Mr William Fortune, Drumgeeld, Enniscorthy, for the rolling work of Road No. 32 Enniscorthy."

"That the legal expenses in connection with the preparation of the lease for Barmoney Quarry, not exceeding the sum of £2. 2/- be paid Messrs Huggard & Brennan, Solicitors, Wexford."

"That we recommend the County Council to defend any proceedings which may be taken against them by Mr Colhoun, as regards the delay in the construction of Ferrycarrig Bridge."

"That Michael Kenny, be instructed to remove within a week from 11th March, his boat from the basin at Courtown, as she is at present unseaworthy and a source of danger to other boats, and, if he neglects to do so, the Harbour Master be instructed to have the boat removed at Kenny's expense."

"That we request the Returning Officer for County and Rural District Council Elections, to limit the fee for Solicitor's Costs to £20. That Mr R. W. Elgee be requested to act as Solicitor to the Returning Officer."

"That the County Surveyor, Messrs Asple, and Peacecke, be appointed a Committee to visit Killurin Quay, on Monday 6th April, at 3 p.m., and endeavour to comply with the wishes of the local people as regards providing proper accommodation for the discharge of cargoes at the quay. That the County Surveyor be authorised to employ a vehicle for the purpose."

"That we recommend the County Council to request the Board of Works to fix a Scale of charges for Duncannon Harbour, similar to those which prevail at Kilmere and other scheduled piers, The County Council are obliged to maintain the pier and provide a hulk for the accommodation of the people and yet receive no revenue whatever out of the place."

"That Mr Elgee, Solicitor, be asked to attend the Meeting proposed to be held in Cork on 7th April at 3 p.m., to oppose the application of the Gt S. & W. Rly Co., to increase their local goods and parcels rate."

With reference to the prosecution of several masters of vessels for breaches of by-laws of New Ross bridge, the following recommendation was made:-

"That Mr Elgee appear at the hearing of the cases on behalf of the Co. Council"

"That Mr Elgee, Solicitor to the Council, defend any legal proceedings which Capt Larcombe, may bring against the Council."

"That William Doyle, Grattan Terrace, Gorey, be prosecuted on the report of Mr Paddle, as submitted to this meeting by the County Surveyor!"⁷

With reference to the taking of material from Road No. 44 Enniscorthy, by Joseph Hyland, Berelias, Kilcetty, the following recommendation was adopted:-

"That Joseph Hyland, be warned by the County Surveyor, that he will be prosecuted if he repeats his action. He is to be informed that once the material is placed on the road it becomes the property of the County Council!"

"On the motion of the Chairman, the Minutes of the Finance & Roads Committee, were confirmed."

(Signed)

John Bolger
Presiding Chairman.

Dated this 6 day of May. 1914.

STATUTABLE HALF-YEARLY MEETING.-6th MAY 1914.

The Statutable Half-Yearly Meeting of the Wexford County Council, was held in the Co Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford, on 6th May 1914.

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

Other Members:- Messrs C. H. Peacocke, M. Doyle Junr., M. Doyle Senr., A. Kinsella, J. J. Stafford, M. Gough, M. Codd, James Codd, P. O'Neill, P. J. Fanning, P. Rossiter, T. Asple, M. Cloney, J. T. Mayler, James A. Doyle.

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

Confirmation of Minutes.

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and confirmed.

Assistant Surveyors.

Mr Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor, wrote applying for a week's holidays to be taken at the end of May.

On the motion of Mr P. Rossiter, seconded by Mr Mayler, Mr Kehoe's application was agreed to, the County Surveyor to make arrangements for the discharge of Mr Kehoe's duties during his absence.

With reference to the appointment of Mr Gerald Flood, as Assistant Surveyor, the following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr O'Neill:-

"That as Mr Gerald Flood, has given every satisfaction to the County Council, and to the County Surveyor, in the discharge of his duties since entering into office as Assistant Surveyor, we request the Local Government Board to permanently sanction his appointment."

Report of Auditor of Local Government Board.

Under date 2nd May 1914, the Local Government Board wrote forwarding copy of the Report of their Auditor on his audit of the Accounts of the Co. Wexford Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction for half-year ended 31st March 1914.

Marked "Read"

Food & Drugs Act.

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

"That Sergeant Patrick Tucky, (59832) be appointed as Ex-Officio Inspector under Food & Drugs Acts for the Petty Sessions District of Gorey,

vice Constable J. Kelly."

Appointment of Assistant Surveyor for No.2 District.

Mr Vincent R. Doyle, Broadway, was the only Candidate for the position of Assistant Surveyor.

On the motion of Mr M. Doyle Junr.,

Seconded by Mr M. Doyle Senr.,

the following resolution was adopted:-

"That Mr Vincent R. Doyle, be appointed, subject to the sanction of the Local Government Board, Assistant Surveyor for No. 2 District of the County Wexford at a salary of £80 per annum, rising by annual increments of £5 to £100, the office to be held during good behaviour and with the approval of the Local Government Board, but should Mr Doyle desire at anytime to resign his position, he will be required to give the Council two months' notice in writing."

The following is a copy of Mr Doyle's application:-

"I beg to apply for position of Assistant Surveyor for No.2 District.
already
As you are/aware I have been doing temporary duty in above District for the past nine months. I am fully conversant with the work and am fully qualified under Local Government Board Regulations relating to Assistant Surveyors.

I submit testimonials as to Character and ability."

Mr Doyle produced references as to character, etc., from Messrs P. A. E. Dowling, Registrar, Royal College of Science, Dublin, John Tayler, M. A., Do., H. H. Jeffett, Do., Very Rev P. Doyle P.P., Lady's Island, and Mr Edmond Here J. P., Coldblow, Broadway.

Analyst's Report.

City Laboratory,

Chatham Row, Dublin.

1. 5. 1914.

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 31st March 1914.

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

<u>Article</u>	<u>Number.</u>
Butter	26
Milk	23
Whiskey	17

<u>Article</u>	<u>Number.</u>
Buttermilk	11
Margarine	4
Cheese	4
Rum	2
Sherry	1
Gin	1
Brandy	1
Port Wine	1
Total	91

One certificate was sent to Sergeant White, Wexford, for specimen of milk adulterated with at least 6.25 per cent of added water.

One certificate was sent to Sergeant Ruane, Taghmen, 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, thirteen specimens of tea and eight specimens of port wine were analysed.

One drug was incorrect. The specimens of tea and port wine were analysed to determine which was best for use in the Workhouse.

From the Guardians of Gorey Union fifteen drugs and a specimen of water were received. The drugs were correct. The specimen of water was forwarded to Doctor O'Farrell, St Vincent's Hospital, Stephen's Green, for bacteriological examination, at the request of the Clerk of the Union.

For the Enniscorthy Co-operative Society, Enniscorthy, one specimen of feeding stuff was analysed.

Two specimens of feeding stuff were analysed for Mr Richard A. Rice, Ballygarvan, New Ross.

For the Wexford Meat Supply and Bawn Factory Ltd., Wexford, two specimens of fertilizer were analysed.

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

Total analyses..... 144

Charles A. Cameron.

Marked "Read"

New Ross Bridge.

Mr P. F. Geold, Hon Sec, New Ross Feis, wrote on behalf of his Committee for permission to decorate New Ross Bridge for New Ross Feis.

Mr Peacocke proposed, Mr Rensiter seconded the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:-

"That the request of Mr Gould be acceded to."

Proposed Tolls Duncannon Harbour.

Mr R. W. Elgee, Solicitor to the County Council, forwarded copy of the following letter which he had received from the Board of Works, under date 29th April, and No. 47522 14.

"With reference to your letter of the 1st instant, relative to Duncannon Pier, County Wexford, I am directed by the Commissioners of Public Works to state that it does not appear that they have at any time fixed a Schedule of Tolls for Duncannon. They have now received a resolution passed by the Finance & Roads Committee of the Wexford County Council requesting them to do so, and if the County Council adopt this Resolution, the Board would be prepared to frame a Schedule of Tolls for Duncannon Pier, for the approval of the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury."

"The Secretary said that he had received a letter couched in a similar way, from the Secretary to the Board of Works."

On the motion of Mr M Doyle Junr., Seconded by Mr Stafford, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the Board of Works be requested to forward draft Schedule of Tolls for Duncannon Harbour for the consideration of the County Council."

New Ross School Attendance Committee.

Under date 30th April 1914, the Secretary to New Ross Rural District School Attendance Committee, reported that the Committee at their Meeting of that date had appointed Mr John Aspel, as School Attendance Officer for the Southern District permanently, at a salary of £25 per annum. Mr Aspel was now School Attendance Officer for both North and South portions of the Rural District, at a total salary of £50 per annum.

On the motion of Mr Fanning, Seconded by Mr Rensiter, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That we approve of the action of New Ross Rural District School Attendance Committee in appointing Mr Aspel as School Attendance Officer for the entire District at a salary of £50 per annum."

Poisons & Pharmacy Act Licences.

On the motion of Mr Fanning, Seconded by Mr Rensiter, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That we approve of renewals of licences under Poisons & Pharmacy Act to:-

L.. Codd, 26 Main Street, Enniscorthy.

Enniscorthy Co-operative Agricultural Society Ltd.,

Matthew Harpur, Main Street, Wexford.

W. B. Jackson, 51 Main Street, Gorey.

John Roche, Camelin.

Margaret Roche, Ballyanne.

J. Denehee Ltd., Enniscorthy.

Feet & Mouth Disease,

The following resolution was received from North Tipperary Co Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction:-

"That we, the County Tipperary N. R. Committee of Agriculture, being convinced that the several recent outbreaks of Feet & Mouth Disease in Ireland were caused by the use of foreign straw as bedding (which straw was admitted into Ireland as packing) call upon the Department of Agriculture to take immediate steps to prohibit any more foreign hay or straw being admitted into Ireland as packing or fodder."

"Adopted on the motion of Mr Peacocke, seconded by Mr Rensiter."

A resolution condemnatory of the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction "for their attitude towards the recent outbreak of Feet & Mouth Disease" was received from Cloughjordan Fairs Committee.

Marked "Read"

Proposals for Works.

On the motion of Mr Rensiter, Seconded by Mr Fanning, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the several proposals for New Works from the several Rural District Councils of the County, and from the Proposal Committee as appearing on Form 20 and subject to the modifications and other Orders noted thereon and initialled by the Chairman, be and are hereby approved of."

:Proposals for Payment.

On the motion of Mr Fanning, Seconded by Mr Rensiter, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the several proposals for payment received from the Rural district Councils of the County, and from the Proposal Committee, as appearing on Form 22, and as adopted by the Proposal Committee as respects matters other than public works, be and are hereby agreed to, subject to the modifications and other orders noted thereon and initialled by the Chairman."

Deputy Checkers'-Rate Collectors Accounts.

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

"That Messrs N.Kehoe, R. Creighton, and M. J. Finn, be appointed deputy checkers of the Rate Collectors' Accounts for the districts of Wexford, Gorey, and New Ross, respectively in respect of financial year to 31st March 1915, at the remuneration of 5/- per 100 ratings.

That Mr Jasper Whitty, be appointed as deputy checker for the accounts of the Collectors in Enniscorthy District, at a salary of £30 per annum in respect of the financial year ending 31st March 1915."

Exchequer Contribution-Labourers Cottages.

The Local Government Board wrote under date 24th April 1914, that the following sums had been remitted to the Commissioners of Public Works, to be applied by them towards the repayment of outstanding loans under the Labourers Acts, charged on the following Districts:-

Enniscorthy	£506. 9. 5
Gorey	279. 15. 7
New Ross	302. 14. 7
Wexford	903. 18. 0

Marked "Read"

Trade Boards Acts.

Under date 24th April 1914, the Local Government Board, wrote that the minimum rates recently fixed by the Tailoring Trade Board (Ireland) apply to the making of male garments not only in ready made and Wholesale Bespoke branches of the Tailoring Trade, but also in certain sections of the Retail Bespoke Trade, namely those in which at least three persons or two female persons (in both cases exclusive of Cutters) are employed in making one garment.

Marked "Read"

Movement of Animals Orders.

Orders issued by the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction in reference to the prohibition of movement of animals from areas in which Foot & Mouth Disease existed were read.

Marked "Read"

Battle of Clontarf.

A Circular letter was received from the Town Clerk, Dublin, inviting the Council to appoint delegates to a meeting to be held in the Mason House, Dublin, on 26th May, with reference to arranging for the celebration of the

nine hundredth anniversary of the battle of Clontarf.

"On the motion of the Chairman, Mr P. J. Fanning was appointed to represent Wexford."

Sealing Contractors Bonds.

On the motion of Mr Peacocke, Seconded by Mr Stafford, the following resolution was agreed to:-

"That the bonds of Road Contractors etc., accepted at this meeting be sealed on behalf of the County Council."

Treasurer's Advice Notes.

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

"That Treasurer's Advice Notes for payments presented to this meeting be signed on behalf of the Council."

Exemption from Rates.

The following claims for exemption from Rates were laid before the Meeting:-

N.O'H.Walsh- Aghwilliam Nos. 93, 148, Carrick 60, 122, 216, Forth 3, 33, 137, Wexford Rural 54, 107, 157, 171, 334, 369, Taghmon 73, 142, Rathaspeck 78, 236.

G. Rossiter:- Ardavan 8, 205, 295, Ardcolm 24, 57, Artramont 1, 141, 146, 185, Kilbride 59, Killurin 51, Kilpatrick 87, 88, 95.

G. Rossiter (Half-year ended 30th September 1913) Ardavan 8, Artramont 73.

N. Moore- Ballymitty 117.

P. Redmond:- Edermine 17, Kilmallock 121.

L. Lacey:- Ballyvaldon 33, 250, Bolaboy 177, Castle Ellis 148, 150, Castle Talbot 175, 206, 240.

P. Nolan:- Balloughter 5, Ballyellis 22, 38, Ballybeg 62, 117, Monaseed 52, Rossmingue 44, Kilcomb 207, 300, 301.

J. C. Smith:- Ardamine 111, Ballycanew 108, Courtown 160, 162, 292, 351, 394, Gorey Rural 14, Kilnahue 72.

E. J. Murphy:- New Ross Rural 8, 9, 73.

Edward Cummins:- Kilmokea 134.

John Banville:- Carrigbyrne 118, 135, 136, Horetown 80, Kilgarvan 18,

James L. Doyle:- Dunmain 19, Tintern 21, 175, 203, 204, 248, 327, 346,

James Cogley:- Ballyhaak 235, 236.

On the motion of Mr Peacocke, Seconded by Mr Fanning, 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."

Courtown Harbour.

Under date 21st April 1914, Sir T. Esmonde, wrote forwarding the following copy of a letter which he had received from Mr Birrell:-

"I have received your letter of the 24th instant, and enclosed Memorial relative to Courtown Harbour, which I have read with interest. I have had the matter under consideration and I hope to bring the case of the Harbour before the Development Commissioners at an early date with the view of obtaining a grant, if possible, for the improvement of the Harbour."

The Courtown Harbour Committee, at their meeting on 5th May, recommended the appointment of Mr Walter Gahan, Courtown, as a member of the Committee, vice Mr A. Kelly resigned.

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

"That the name of Mr Walter Gahan, be added to Courtown Harbour Committee, vice Mr A. Kelly resigned."

Recommendations of Finance & Roads Committee.

The following recommendations from the Finance & Roads Committee, in respect of Meeting on 29th April 1914, were laid before the Meeting:-

New Ross Bridge.

"That Mr Barry, County Surveyor, be instructed to procure four Notice Boards warning masters of vessels against hanging on to dolphins, the warping buoys, or the bridge itself."

Reports of County Surveyor.

"That in future when there is a large amount of work dealt with in his report, the County Surveyor furnish a copy of his report to the Members of the Finance & Roads Committee."

Blacksmith's Wages- Tara Hill Quarry.

In connection with the application of Patrick Byrne, blacksmith at Tara Hill Quarry, for an increase in his salary of £1 per week, and which was laid before the Finance & Roads Committee Meeting by Mr Barry, County Surveyor, the Committee agreed to the following:-

"That an increase of 2/- per week be recommended to be given by the Co. Council to Patrick Byrne, blacksmith at Tara Hill Quarry."

Cherryorchard Quarry.

In connection with the working of Cherryorchard Quarry, it was decided at the Meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee:- "That the County Council be recommended to allow Mr George Sharpe, to charge a sum of 3/6 per cubic yard for road metalling, and 2/- for screenings taken out of Cherryorchard Quarry, under new agreement to be drafted by Mr Elgee, Solicitor, in consultation with the County Surveyor."

Railway Rates-Gt S. & W. Rly Co.,

Mr Elgee reported to the Meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee that he had attended the Conference of Public Bodies on 7th inst., and submitted the copy of Minutes and Circular which is being issued to Traders. he had informed the Conference that he had no authority to bind the Wexford County Council as to the payment of any expenses of an Expert Witness on Railway finance, or in any other way, or as to whether the Council would lodge any objection to the proposed increased rates, or appear before the Railway Commission.

The Committee had adopted the following:-

"That Mr Elgee, Solicitor endeavour to ascertain the approximate amount of contribution which Wexford County Council should make in order to fall into line with the other public bodies which are opposing the increase of railway rates proposed by the Gt Southern & Western Railway Co.,"

In connection with this matter, a Circular letter was read from the Railway Clerks' Association of Gt Britain & Ireland, asking the Public Bodies to withdraw their opposition to the increase of four per cent in freight rates proposed by the Irish Railway Companies, on condition that an undertaking is given by these Companies to the Railway and Canal Commissioners that a sufficient sum will be allocated from such increase in rates to provide for an adequate improvement of the conditions of their salaried and wages staff."

Marked "Read"

On the motion of Mr Fanning, Secended by Mr Peacocke, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the Secretary communicate with the County Councils of Dublin, Wicklow, Carlow, and Kilkenny, and ask them if they are prepared to consider the advisability of joining with the Wexford County Council in opposing the proposed increase of Rates of the Dublin & South Eastern Railway Co.,"

Irrecoverable Rates.

The Finance & Roads Committee considered disallowances by the Local

Government Board in several of the Irrecoverable Rates Lists of the Rate Collectors.

The following recommendation was adopted:-

"That in cases of claims for payment of irrecoverable rates in which lands and buildings are jointly rated, and which have been disallowed by the Local Government Board, we would request the Local Government Board to allow refund to the Collectors in respect of the half-year ended 31st March 1914, as we are satisfied that the amounts claimed by the Collectors are irrecoverable, and that it was through inadvertence they did not make application for special receipts. That the Collectors who failed to obtain Special Receipts in these instances be informed, that in future they must suffer any loss which may arise through their neglect to comply with the instructions of the Local Government Board in this matter.

That as regards the reference in the letter of the Local Government Board to Collector P. Rossiter having signed these receipts, we are satisfied with the Collector's statement that he has not done so, and a close examination of the receipts bears out the Collector's statement."

"The Secretary stated that the Local Government Board, under date 4th May 1914, letter No. 23253, had written that in order to meet the wishes of the Council, they would assent on this occasion to amounts, which were not reconcilable, being regarded as irrecoverable. In future, the Collectors must be prepared to follow the Board's instructions, or abide the consequences."

Petty Sessions Clerk's Office for Wexford.

Mr M. Kavanagh, Petty Sessions Clerk, Wexford, wrote applying for an office, as the Registrar of Petty Sessions, had decided that there should be a public office provided. Heretofore, he had held the office in his own private house, but the authorities had decided that this should not continue in future.

The Finance & Roads Committee at their meeting held on 1st April had adopted a resolution requesting the High Sheriff to agree to an office being provided in the Courthouse.

At the meeting of the Committee on 29th April, a letter was read from the High Sheriff, stating that he would not consent to any change from the present office, unless some very material public advantage was attained.

The Committee had adopted the following recommendation:-

"That we recommend the County Council to pay Mr M. Kavanagh, £10 per annum, as from 31st March 1914, to provide a suitable office for Wexford Petty Sessions, and which sum is to provide for heating and lighting.

Under date 30th April, Mr M.Kavanagh wrote, accepting the offer of the Committee.

Mr Rossiter proposed, and Mr J. A. Doyle seconded, the following resolution:-

"That the recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee be confirmed."

As an amendment Mr Asple proposed and Mr Fanning seconded the following resolution:-

"That this matter be postponed to next meeting of the Council."

On a show of hands the amendment was lost by 7 to 3 and the confirmation of the Finance & Roads Committee Minute, was put and passed.

A Case in connection with Rates.

Under date 25th April, Mr R. W. Elgee wrote that in connection with the case-J. Murphy & Others v Edward J. Murphy, Rate Collector, and the Wexford County Council, which had been several times adjourned, a question would arise at the next hearing that the Rate was bad, the occupiers being described as the "Cesspayers of Bantry", who of course no longer existed. He suggested the employment of Counsel to argue the matter on behalf of the County Council.

The matter was considered at the meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee on 29th April, when the following recommendation was adopted:-

"That Mr Elgee, Solicitor, be empowered to employ Counsel to represent the Wexford County Council at Quarter Sessions in the case of J. Murphy & Others v E. J. Murphy Rate Collector, and Wexford County Council."

Ballingly Quarry.

The following recommendation in connection with Ballingly Quarry, was adopted at the meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee on 29th April:-

"That the lease of Ballingly Quarry from James Byrne, Ballingly, to Wexford County Council for £5 per annum be sealed and signed."

Payment for Works in Charge of County Surveyor.

The following recommendation from the Finance & Roads Committee, was read:-

"That Mr Peacocke, be requested to attend before the Local Government Auditor of the County Council Accounts, on his next visit to Wexford, and explain to him the difficulty which exists in dealing with payments for wages on Works in charge of the County Surveyor and for quarries, and that Mr Peacocke request the Auditor to allow the County Council to place a certain sum in the hands of the County Surveyor to meet said payments."

Desk for Ex-officio Inspector-Weights & Measures.

The following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee in connection with an application of the County Inspector, R. I. C., for a desk for the use of Ex-officio Inspector of Weights & Measures, was read:-

"That we recommend the purchase of plain desk by Ex-officio Inspector of Weights & Measures for Wexford District, cost not to exceed 15/-"

Fethard Lifebuoy.

With reference to removal of Fethard Life Buoy in connection with Fethard Disaster, the following recommendation from the Finance & Roads Committee was read:-

"That the County Surveyor claim cost of replacing lifebuoy at Fethard from Life Boat Institution."

Opening of Bascules of Wexford & Ferrycarrig Bridges.

At the meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee on 29th April, an application was considered from the British Reinforced Concrete & Engineering Co., as to the opening of the bascules of Wexford & Ferrycarrig Bridges.

"The Committee decided to leave the matter in the hands of the County Surveyor."

"On the motion of Mr Peacocke, seconded by Mr Fanning, the resolutions of the Finance & Roads Committee were confirmed."

(Signed)

John Bolger
Presiding Chairman.

Dated this day of 1914.

ANNUAL MEETING.-16th JUNE 1914.

The Annual Meeting of the Wexford County Council, was held in the County Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford, on 16th June 1914.

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

Also present:-Messrs C. H. Peacocke, J. Redmond, J. T. Mayler, L. Barry, P. O'Neill, M. Cloney, A. Kinsella, T. Asple, J. Lynch, Mark Codd, R. Scallan, P. Whelan, J. A. Doyle, M. Doyle, R. A. Rice, Philip Keating, J. J. Kehoe, N. J. Cowman, M. Hickey,

Mr J. J. Stafford attended after his co-option.

The Members in attendance subscribed the usual declaration of office.

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

Confirmation of Minutes.

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and confirmed.

Co-option of Members.

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

"That as provided by Section 3 of Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898, two persons be chosen who shall be additional Councillors during the term of office of this Council."

Mr Peacocke proposed the co-option of Mr James Codd, Mr Kehoe seconded.

Mr Kinsella proposed, the co-option of Mr William Darcy, Ballyloughan. Mr Hickey seconded.

Mr Scallan proposed the co-option of Mr Walter Boggan, Kilmuckridge Mr Cowman seconded.

Mr O'Neill proposed the co-option of Mr J. J. Stafford. Mr J. A. Doyle seconded.

It was decided that a poll be taken, each Member voting for two.

The following was the result of the Poll.

For Mr Codd:- Messrs Cloney, J. A. Doyle, Rice, M. Doyle, Whelan, Mark Codd, Lynch, O'Neill, Hearn, Peacocke, Kehoe, Scallan, Mayler, Barry, and the Chairman.- 15.

For Mr Darcy:- Messrs Hickey, Kinsella, and Whelan.-3.

For Mr Boggan:- Messrs Cowman, Barry, Redmond, Scallan, and Kehoe.-5.

For Mr Stafford:- Messrs Cloney, M. Doyle, Rice, J. A. Doyle, Mark Codd, Lynch, O'Neill, Hearn, Peacocke, Mayler, and the Chairman.-11

Mr Darcy then fell out and a poll was taken as between Messrs James Codd, Boggan, and Stafford, each Member voting for two.

The following was the result:-

For Mr Codd:- Messrs Cloney, J. A. Doyle, Rice, Barry, M. Doyle, Hickey, Kinsella, Peacocke, Kehoe, Scallan, Mayler, Whelan, Mark Codd, Lynch, O'Neill, Hearn, and the Chairman.-17.

For Mr Boggan:- Messrs Cowman, Barry, Whelan, Lynch, Kehoe, Redmond, and Scallan.-7.

For Mr Stafford:- Messrs Cloney, J. A. Doyle, Rice, M. Doyle, Hickey, Kinsella, Mark Codd, O'Neill, Hearn, Peacocke, Mayler, and the Chairman.-12.

The Chairman declared Messrs Codd and Stafford, co-opted as County Councillors.

Election of Chairman.

Mr O'Neill proposed Mr John Bolger, as Chairman of the Council for the ensuing year.

Mr Lynch seconded.

Mr M. Doyle proposed Mr James Codd. Mr Cowman seconded.

A poll was taken with the following result:-

For Mr Bolger:- Messrs Cloney, J. A. Doyle, Rice, Whelan, M. Codd, Lynch, O'Neill, Hearn, Peacocke, Redmond, Scallan, and the Chairman.-12.

For Mr James Codd:- Messrs Cowman, Barry, M. Doyle, Hickey, Kinsella, Kehoe, and Mayler.-7.

The Chairman declared himself elected, and having subscribed the usual declaration of office, returned thanks for his election.

Election of Vice-Chairman.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr J. A. Doyle, Mr C. H. Peacocke was elected Vice-Chairman of the Council for the ensuing year.

Mr Peacocke having subscribed the usual declaration of office, returned thanks for his election.

Finance & Roads Committee.

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

"That the old Committee be re-appointed with the addition of Messrs

Cowman, Redmond, and Whelan, to replace Messrs Rossiter, T. L. Esmonde, and Fanning, who are no longer Members of the Council, and that the names of Messrs Kehoe, Keating, and Barry, be added to the committee."

Proposal Committee

On the motion of Mr O'Neill, seconded by Mr Peacocke, it was decided that the Proposal Committee be a Committee of the "Whole House."

Asylum Committee

Mr O'Neill proposed, Mr Kinsella seconded, and passed:-

"That Messrs C. H. Peacocke, James Codd, T. Asple, M. Codd, Jas Lynch, J. J. Stafford, J. Bolger, A. Kinsella, M. Cloney, N. J. Cowman, J. S. Hearn, J. Redmond, R. Scallan, P. Whelan, J. J. Kehoe, be representatives of the County Council on the Committee of Management of the Enniscorthy District Lunatic Asylum."

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

"That the following be additional Members of the Asylum Committee Rev R. Fitzhenry Adm., Enniscorthy, Messrs John Sinnott, Ballybeg, M. J. Furlong, Templescoby, Enniscorthy, James Hore, George Street, Wexford, the Mayor of Wexford for the time being.."

Infirmiry Committee.

Mr Asple proposed, Mr Cowman seconded and passed:-

"That the old Committee be re-appointed with the following changes, Mr Philip Keating, vice Mr John O'Connor deceased, Mrs F. J. Walsh, Glens Terrace, Wexford, vice Mr J. J. Stafford, Mr P. O'Neill, vice Mr John Bolger, Enniscorthy."

Co Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction.

The Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction wrote under date 8th May 1914, (letter No. A12332-14) strongly urging the Council when appointing new Committee of Agriculture the desirability of making the appointment subject to the condition that any Member of the Committee who is absent from Meetings of the Committee during a period of six consecutive months shall ipso facto cease to be a member of the Committee, and his office shall thereupon become vacant.

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

"That any Member of the Co. Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction failing to attend for six months without a satisfactory explanation, shall, ipso facto cease to be a member of the County

Committee, and his office shall thereupon be declared vacant."

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

"That the County Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction consist of 28 Members, seven to each Rural District."

On the motion of Mr Lynch, seconded by Mr Stafford, the following were appointed as the representatives of Enniscorthy Rural District:- Messrs C. W. Lett, Michael Doyle (Newtownbarry), T. L. Esmonde, J. Stamp, J. Bolger, P. O'Neill, John Doyle."

On the motion of Mr Kinsella, seconded by Mr Stafford, the following were appointed as the representatives of Gorey Rural District:- Lord Stopford, Messrs A. McCann, J. Sinnott, P. J. Creane, William Darcy, Myles Webb, Walter Boggan."

On the motion of Mr Hearn, seconded by Mr O'Neill, the following were appointed as the representatives of the New Ross Rural District:- Rev M. Hickey, P. P., Messrs W. Thorpe, J. A. Doyle, Mark Murphy, J. J. O'Byrne, Michael Hickey, Adam O'Neill."

On the motion of Mr M. Doyle, seconded by Mr Cowman, the following were appointed as the representatives of the Wexford Rural District:- Messrs C. H. Peacocke, James Codd, M. P. Ryan, Peter Walsh, W. R. Devereux, Benjamin Gainfort, and Edmond Doyle."

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

"That we delegate to the County Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction full powers for the purposes of the Agriculture & Technical Instruction (Ireland) Act 1899."

Diseases of Animals Acts.

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

"That the County Wexford Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction be appointed the Executive Committee of the Wexford County Council, under the Diseases of Animals Acts 1894."

Management Committee-Tuberculosis Act.

Proposed by Mr Cloney, seconded by Mr J. A. Doyle, and passed:-

"That the Management Committee under the Tuberculosis Prevention (Ireland) Act be composed of 13 members as follows:- Messrs J. Bolger,

T. Asple, Alderman Hadden, P. O'Neill, P. J. Fanning, C. H. Peacocke, R. A. Rice, Sir Thomas Esmonde Bart., P. Rossitter, P. Keating, J. J. Kehoe, J. J. Stafford, M. Doyle (Newtownbarry)."

Old Age Pension Sub-Committees.

No.1 Bannow, Rosslare and Bridgetown:-

On the motion of Mr Kehoe, seconded by Mr O'Neill, the following were appointed:-

Messrs M Hickey, James Codd, Rev T. Scallan, C. C., Rev P. Doyle P.P. P. Quigley, Rev J. Rowe, Rev M. Hickey P.P., Rev J. Crosbie, C. C., Rev H. L. Scott."

No.2 Tintern and Fethard:-

Very Rev Canon O'Connor P, P., Rev N. T. Sheridan, P.P., Rev J. Roche, P.P., Rev D. J. Lyne C. C., Brother Theodore, Rev O. W. Darling, Francis Doyle, R. A. Rice, Michael Cloney."

No. 3-Taghmon and Killurin:-

Very Rev Canon Furbong P.P., Very Rev Canon Quinn, Messrs James Cullen, Edward Brennan, Thomas Asple, D. L. O'Brien, W. Keating, Walter Boggan, Rev Martin Murphy."

No. 4-Coolgreany and Gorey:-

Very Rev Canon Rossiter, P.P., Very Rev Canon Murphy, P.P., Alexander Kinsella, Dr W. W. Murphy, John Byrne, Patrick Doyle, T. H. Doran, Rev W. Gahan, Mrs Boyan."

No. 5-Enniscorthy and Kiltale:-

Rev H. C. Lyster, Messrs P. O'Neill, John Bolger, Matthew Ryan, Mark Codd, James Johnson, Rev H. K. Atkinson, Rev P. Cummins, and Rev S. J. Cullen."

No. 6.-Newtownbarry & Ferns:-

Very Rev Canon Doyle, Rev W. R. B. Fry, Rev T. W. Kennedy, Messrs John Bolger, Patrick Lett, John Sinnott, Canon Whitty, James Sinnott, Michael Doyle."

No. 7 New Ross and Old Ross:-

Very Rev Dean Kavanagh, Rev W. Gibson, George Moran, James O'Gorman, Denis Cummins, William Thorpe, Patrick Bolger, Peter Murphy, James O'Connor."

No.-8 Monamolin and Ballyhuskard:-

Rev J. Quigley, Messrs Moses Fortune, George Carty, Philip Redmond, John Colleton, Rev W. Codd, P.P., Walter Boggan, Denis Kavanagh, Myles Murphy."

County Wexford Insurance Committee

On the motion of Mr Kehoe, seconded by Mr Asple, the following were appointed as the representatives of the County Council on the Co.Wexford Insurance Committee: -

Mrs Bogan, James Codd, Michael Doyle, Sir T. H. G. Esmonde, Lady M. Fitzgerald, Patrick O'Neill, C H. Peacocke, P. Rossiter, James Sinnott (as Mayor) J. J. Stafford."

County Wexford Insurance Society.

On the motion of Mr O'Neill, seconded by Mr Lynch, the following were appointed representatives of the County Council on the Committee of the County Wexford Insurance Society:-

Messrs John Bolger, C, H. Peacocke, J. J. Stafford, Thomas Asple, James Codd, Philip Keating, J. J. Kehoe."

Representatives on Council of Agriculture.

On the motion of Mr O'Neill, seconded by Mr Kinsella, the following were appointed as representatives of the County Council on the Council of Agriculture:-Messrs John Bolger, and C.H. Peacocke."

Irish County Councils' General Council.

"On the motion of Mr Cloney, seconded by Mr Doyle, Messrs M. A. Ennis, and John Bolger, were appointed representatives of the County Council on the Irish County Councils General Council."

Revision of Valuation.

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

"That the business of dealing with applications for revisions of Valuations for 1914, be referred to the next meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee."

Sealing of Quarry Agreement.

Proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Mr Kehoe:-

"That the Seal of the County Council be attached to Quarry Agreements, between the Council and Mr George Sharpe, re Cherryorchard Quarry, and Mr Paul Roche, re Barmoney Quarry."

Passed.

Deeps Bridge.

Mr Barry, County Surveyor, brought before the meeting the question of provision of damp course for Deeps Bridge.

"It was decided that Mr Barry bring the matter to the attention of

Mr Cowan, Chief Engineer of the Local Government Board."

Relief from Suretyship for Road Contractors.

Mr Philip Keating, County Councillor, wrote asking the Council to relieve him as surety for Moses Power, Contractor for Roads No. 24W and 257W, naming Mr Nicholas Lambert, 2 North Main Street, Wexford, to take his place.

Mr Myles Webb wrote asking to be relieved of his suretyship for the following Road Contractors, owing to his appointment as Rural District Councillor for Gorey Urban, viz:- Denis Murphy, Gorey, John Kane and Denis Murphy, Riverchapel.

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

"That Mr Keating be relieved of his suretyship for roads No. 24W and 257W, and that the name of Mr Nicholas Lambert, 2 North Main Street, Wexford, be substituted in his stead."

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

"That Mr Myles Webb be relieved of his suretyships for roads of John Kane, and Denis Murphy, Riverchapel. That Messrs Daniel Donohoe, St Michael's Place, Gorey, and Edward Lawler, Esmonde Street, Gorey be accepted as sureties for roads of Denis Murphy, Riverchapel, and John Kane respectively, in place of Mr Webb.

With regard to the contracts of Mr Denis Murphy, Gorey, it was decided on the motion of Mr Kinsella, seconded by Mr Hearn, that the question of accepting security for roads for which Denis Murphy Gorey is contractor, and Mr Webb is one of the sureties, be referred to the next meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee, with power to relieve Mr Webb of his suretyship provided a solvent security be named in his stead."

Mr John Cash, Ballinruan, **Screen**, applied to be relieved as Surety in respect of Road Contract of Edward Brown, Ballyhoe, and offering the name of Mr Thomas Nolan, Redmond Place, Wexford, in his stead.

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

"That John Cash, Ballinruan, **Screen**, be relieved of suretyship in respect of road contract of Edward Browne, Ballyhoe, and that the

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place."

Sheep Scab (Local Regulations) (Ireland) Order 1914.

Circular letter of the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction (No. 242 V. B., -March 1914) explaining the various provisions of the Sheep Scab (Local Regulations) (Ireland) Order of 1914, was read for the meeting.

Mr Purdy, M. R. C. V. S., was present in connection with this matter on behalf of the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction, at the meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee.

The Finance & Roads Committee had adopted the following recommendation:-

"That the consideration of this matter be postponed to the 16th June, and that, in the meantime the Secretary communicate with the County Council representatives for the County Divisions of Newtownbarry, Coolgreany, and Gorey, and point out to them the necessity of stringent measures being taken to have the sheep allowed to graze in common on the hills in those places, properly dipped in order to eradicate sheep scab.

That the County Council be requested to provide central dipping stations for these places, in which all sheep on the hills could be compulsorily dipped twice in the year.

That Mr Purdy represent to the Department, the necessity of inducing the County Councils of Carlow and Wicklow, to adopt similar measures as regards the portions of their Counties adjoining Wexford."

Mr Peacocke proposed:- "That a Sheep Dipping Apparatus be erected for the Newtownbarry and Coolgreany districts."

The motion was not seconded.

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

"That our Veterinary Inspectors and the R. I. C., be requested to rigidly enforce the provisions of the Sheep Dipping Order in this County for the future."

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

"That our Veterinary Inspectors be requested to exercise the strictest supervision in connection with cases of sheep scab as regards their inspections at fairs."

Poisons & Pharmacy Act.

Messrs Edward Brennan, Taghmon, W. H. McGuire, Quay, Wexford, Patrick Healy, 82 Main Street, Wexford, John J. Purcell, Broadway, James Sinnott, The Ballagh, Enniscorthy, J. S. Hearn, North Street, New Ross, A. Kinsella, Main Street, Gorey, J. J. Haughton, Ferns, and J. J. Stafford, Main Street, Wexford, applied for renewal of licences under Poisons and Pharmacy Act.

"On the motion of Mr Kehoe, seconded by Mr Peacocke, the applications were granted."

Road Limit-Enniscorthy District.

Under date 21st May 1914, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 26783:) stating they had given instructions for the preparation of an Order assenting to an extension of the limit of expenditure in the Rural District of Enniscorthy to £13359 for each of the five years ending the 31st March 1915, 1916, 1917, 1918, and 1919.

"The Secretary stated he had received copy of the Sealed Order."

Marked "Read".

Petty Sessions Office-Wexford.

Under date 20th May 1914, the Local Government Board wrote that they would raise no objection to the proposal of the Wexford County Council to allow Mr Kavanagh, Clerk of petty sessions, Wexford, £10 per annum for rent etc., of an office.

marked "Read"

Proposed No.2 Account for County Surveyor.

Under date 27th May 1914, the Local Government Board wrote, (letter No. 24819-1914, Wexford County) as follows:-

"With reference to the entry in the Minutes of Proceedings of the Wexford County Council on the 6th inst, respecting the question of payments for works in charge of the County Surveyor, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland, to refer to previous correspondence on the subject in the year, 1912, and to request that the Board may be informed how it is proposed by the County Council to conform to the provisions of Article 18 of the Schedule of the Local Government (Application of Enactments) Order, 1898."

Marked "Read"

Appointment of County Surveyors.

Under date 6th May 1914, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 19029-1914, Miscellaneous) forwarding the revised conditions which are to govern the appointments of County Surveyors in Ireland in future.

Marked "Read "

Bonds of Rate Collectors

Letters under date 8th May 1914, (No. 24326-1913 Wexford County) and 14th May 1914, (No. 25819-1914 Wexford County) approving of the fidelity guarantee bonds of Collectors Joseph Cummins, and M.J. Sheehan, was read from the Local Government Board.

Marked "Read"

District Asylum Accounts.

Under date 9th May 1914, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 24877-1914, Wexford Co,) forwarding report of their Auditor on his audit of the Accounts of the District Lunatic Asylum, Enniscorthy, in respect of the half-year ended 31st March 1914.

Marked "Read"

Salaries etc., of Assistant Surveyors.

Under date 26th May 1914, the following letter (No. 27,542-1914 Wexford Co) was read from the Local Government Board:-

"The Local Government Board for Ireland have had before them your letter of the 19th instant, respecting the proposed appointment of Mr V.R. Doyle as Assistant Surveyor in Wexford County, and the Board direct me to state that they doubt the expediency of fixing the salary of an officer who is immediately responsible for the supervision of 400 miles of roads at so low a figure as £80 a year rising by £5 annually to £100.

Experience has shown that close and efficient supervision is necessary not alone to secure proper road maintenance but to check expenditure, and it appears to the Board that the County Council might ^{re}consider the salaries of the Assistant Surveyors in relation to the duties assigned to them. The Board observe from the County Council Minutes of Proceedings on the 15th ultimo, that a redistribution of the Assistant Surveyors' districts is under contemplation.

The Board consider that it is highly desirable that Assistant Surveyors should, as far as circumstances admit, be whole time officers. They will defer consideration of the condition of Mr Doyle's appointment until the County Council have had the opportunity of considering this letter."

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

"That as Mr Doyle's appointment has been made on a basis of £80 per annum, the County Council cannot see their way to reopen the question.

The Council will take into consideration the observations of the Local Government Board regarding future appointments."

Tuberculosis (Animals) (Ireland) Order.

Under date 10th June 1914, the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction, wrote (Letter No.2095-14, V, B.,) as follows:-

"With reference to your letter of 27th ultime, relative to the remuneration of Veterinary Inspectors of your Local Authority in respect of duty under the Tuberculosis (Ireland) Order, I have to state that on a review of the matter in the light of the experience gained since the Order came into operation it appears to the Department that the circumstances call for a revision of the arrangement approved experimentally up to 1st instant.

The Department observe that on the whole the tendency towards fewer reports has already been manifested, and it seems to them, therefore, that rates of remuneration based on the duty which fell to Inspectors in the early stages of the Order's operation are no longer justly applicable. They accordingly desire to suggest that your Local Authority should now consider the question of determining anew all these rates of payment except that of microscopical examination of samples of milk etc., In the Department's view it is desirable that payment per case should take place of payment by way of salary, and that the scale recommended by the Veterinary Medical Association of Ireland should be adhered to for the present. A further copy of this scale is enclosed herewith. It will be observed that in one important particular, (viz., the fee for clinical examination of animals after the first) it differs from the scale on which the additions to salary were fixed. The Department are of opinion that a payment in this connection of 1/- per head should be sufficient."

Under date 2nd June 1914, the following letter was read from Mr F. W. Tayler, V. S.:-

"As the year for which my salary under the Tuberculosis Order has now expired, I would be very much obliged if the County Council would kindly reconsider same with a view to granting me an adequate increase. My salary was fixed on the basis of the cases which occurred during the first four months of the Order, and on this basis it was £42 for the year. During the past few months the number of cases have greatly increased and my remuneration would be almost £100 at the scale of fees on which original salary was fixed. Hoping the County Council will give above their favourable consideration."

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

"That this matter be referred to the Finance & Roads Committee, in the

meantime the Secretary furnish each member of the County Council with a copy of the particulars dealing with cases and Scales of Fees, etc.,"

Ballyhack Harbour.

Under date 9th June 1914, the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction wrote (letter No. 2907-14, F.B.,) as follows:-

"With reference to previous correspondence on the subject of the improvement of Ballyhack Harbour, I have to state, for the information of the Wexford County Council, that it would appear that Lord Templemore claims ownership of the site of the proposed works. His Lordship's Agent, Mr G. L. Taylor, Estate Office, Fethard, states that Lord Templemore is willing to convey the area to be affected to the County Council if that body will pay the cost of the conveyance.

Clause 8 of the Agreement between the Council and the Department with regard to the execution of the works provides that the Council should acquire or be in possession of title to or rights over the site of the works, and the Department would feel obliged if steps were taken by the Council to secure the necessary conveyance from Lord Templemore, as further progress cannot be made with the work until this is done.

The Department are informing the Board of Trade of Lord Templemore's claim."

Under date 10th June 1914, (letter No. 2,975/14, F.B.,) was read from the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction:-

"With reference to the Agreement dated 27th February, last, between the Department and the Wexford County Council in connection with the improvement of Ballyhack Harbour, I have to forward herewith, for the information of the Council, a copy of a report by the Department's Engineer on the subject of certain modifications in the design of the works, which are locally desired, and to state that the Department would be glad to know whether, as provided by Clause 2 of the Agreement above referred to, the Council are prepared to give their consent to the proposed alterations."

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

"That the County Council procure the necessary Conveyance from Lord Templemore relative to improvement works at Ballyhack.

That Mr Elgee take the requisite steps to have same executed provided the making of title presents no difficulty or unreasonable cost.

That Mr Elgee report to next meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee."

Mr Elgee, Solicitor, wrote under date 11th June 1913, enclosing copy of the following letter from Mr Allingham, Secty to the Waterford Harbour Commissioners:-

"There are two lamps at Ballyhack, for looking after which we pay a man there named Patrick Cowman £10 yearly. One of these is at the head of the Old Slip, lighting it, and the boat-harbour which you took over from us sometime ago (and I should then have raised the matter, but did not think of it at the time). It seems only fair that your Council should pay for the maintenance of this lamp, (we of course continuing to be responsible for the other one, which lights the Steamboat pier) so perhaps you would kindly mention the matter to Mr Frizelle. Cowman is a first rate fellow and you could not have a more satisfactory Harbour Constable there, if you have not already filled the post."

Mr Doyle proposed, Mr Stafford seconded, and it was passed:-

"That the application of Mr Allingham, Secretary Waterford Harbour Board as to taking over lamp at Ballyhack Boat Slip be rejected."

Movement of Animals Order.

Under date 19th May 1914, the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction, wrote forwarding copy of the Movement of Animals (South West Ireland) Temporary Prohibition Order No. 2.

Marked "Read"

Food & Drugs Act.

Under date 6th June 1914, the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction wrote (letter No.G.2014-14) that ~~one~~ of their officers had purchased two samples of butter at Castlebridge on the 22nd April, three at New Ross on the 23rd April, three at Newtownbarry on the 24th April, and three at Ferns on 25th April. The samples were certified by the Public Analyst to be pure.

Marked "Read"

Rates on Commons.

The Secretary mentioned that at last Quarter Sessions in Wexford, Rate Collector E. Murphy, had been sued in connection with seizure which he had made for rates on Bantry Commons, the occupiers in the case being described as "The Cesspayers of the Barony of Bantry". County Court Judge Barry had decided that the rate was invalid owing to this description. In consequence he, (Secretary) wrote to all the Rate Collectors directing them in cases in which occupiers were described as "Cesspayers" or "Ratepayers" of Baronies,

to furnish the forthcoming revision of valuation the names of the persons in occupation, or enjoying the use of lands in question.

Mr E. Murphy, Rate Collector, wrote as follows:-

"I am duly in receipt of your Circular letter dated 29th May ult., I shall do my best to carry out the directions contained in that letter, but I feel bound respectfully to mention that great difficulty will arise in acting upon these directions for the following reasons.

It is I believe doubtful whether any particular person, or persons, can be considered as "Occupiers" of Bantry Commons within the meaning of the Rating Acts at all. A large number of people put sheep to graze on these Commons occasionally, but in many cases the sheep are kept there for only a short time, and in still more cases, it would be practically impossible for me to ascertain who are the owners of the sheep.

In meantime, I beg to bring under the notice of the Council, the fact that I have been sued by a number of men resident in County Carlow, in respect of a distress of sheep belonging to them, which at the time of seizure were grazing on the County Wexford side of Bantry Commons. This case came before the Co. Court Judge on 28th ult., and, he decided that the rate struck by the County Council in respect of Bantry Commons was bad, and consequently all seizures made under that rate were illegal, the result was that I^{was} decreed for £13. 3/- with costs and expenses making the whole £17. 7/-.

In executing this distress I acted in the bona fide belief that I was protected in so doing by the Warrant of the Council, and if I did not think I was thus protected, I would not have made any seizure.

I therefore respectfully ask the County Council to pass a resolution that I should be recouped the above sum of £17. 7/- which I submit in fairness should be made good to me."

Mr E. Somers, Rate Collector, wrote calling attention to rating No. 62 Bantry Commons, Killanne E. D., "Cesspayers of Barony of Bantry", and to Rating No. 65 Blackstairs Commons, Killanne E. D., "Cesspayers of the Barony of Bantry".

He wished to know what he was to do as regards these two cases, as according to the decision of Judge Barry they were both invalid. And what was he to do with regard to the Valuation Lists, should he include the name of every ratepayer in Killanne E. D., for each of these cases.

The Secretary stated he had referred the letter of Mr Somers, to Mr Elgee, Solicitor, who had replied as follows, under date 10th June:-

"I am in receipt of your letter of yesterday with Copy of one from Mr Edward Somers, Rate Collectors, as to rates struck on Bantry Commons and Blackstairs Commons, and the preparation of the Valuation Lists of such Commons, but it is quite impossible for me to advise on his letter, and in my opinion the only course for you to pursue is to lay the whole matter before the Commissioners of Valuation and see what they can do to set things right.

Judge Barry decided at the last Sessions here, as you know, that the insertion of Cesspayers of the Barony of Bantry, in the Valuation Book, as Occupiers of Bantry Commons, was illegal, and that the rate struck thereon was invalid, there being now no such persons as "Cesspayers" and consequently it is for the Commissioners of Valuation to frame their Valuation in a form that will be legal."

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

"That subject to the approval of the Local Government Board the Co. Council refund Collector E. J. Murphy, a sum of £17. 7/- less sustained by him in the case of Murphy & Ors., against Murphy."

"That the letter of Mr Edward Somers, be referred to the meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee."

* Annual Report-County Infirmary.

Under date 6th June 1914, Mr M. J. Kavanagh, Registrar County Infirmary wrote, forwarding the Annual Report and balance Sheet of County Wexford Infirmary.

Marked "Read"

Stonebreakers on Roads,

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

"That the attention of Mr Barry, County Surveyor, be called to the dangerous position in which stonebreakers are allowed to remain on roads."

Opening of New Ross Bridge.

Under date 3rd June 1914, Mr M. J. Finn, Town Clerk, New Ross, wrote stating that he had been directed by his Urban Council to call the special attention of the County Council to the serious inconvenience and probable loss to persons attending the New Ross Fairs, caused by the opening of the New Ross Bridge on Fair mornings, and to request that the County Council would take steps to remedy this very serious matter.

"Referred to County Surveyor."

Diseases of Animals Acts.

The following resolution from Meath County Council was read:-

"That we the Meath County Council, hereby demand a Parliamentary Inquiry into the working of the Diseases of Animals Acts and the relations between Great Britain and Ireland in the working of these Acts, and having regard, among other things to the statements made in Parliament by responsible Ministers at the time these Acts were enacted."

Marked "Read"

The following resolution adopted at the meeting of the County Wexford Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction on 9th June 1914, was also read:-

"This Committee regrets that the Council of Agriculture has refused to sanction an inquiry into the general working of the diseases of Animals Acts as between England and Ireland, and calls on the other County Committees of Agriculture in Ireland to support the general demand for such inquiry."

Marked "Read"

Duplicate Pay Order.

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

"That duplicate be issued for Pay Order No. 1175 for £6. 7. 3d to Mr Nicholas Fortune, Barmeney, Bree, as the recipient lost the original."

Read Board Grants.

In his report to the Finance & Roads Committee Meeting of the 27th May the County Surveyor stated that he had received a communication from the Road Board that they were prepared to make Grants amounting to £5024 in respect of improvement of roads.

The County Surveyor wrote:- "In connection with this Road Board work the Board has sanctioned the payment out of the Grant of fees to the Surveyors at the rate of $2\frac{1}{2}\%$ to the County Surveyor, and $1\frac{1}{4}\%$ to the Assistant Surveyors, and when such work has been carried out in other Counties the County Council have usually approved of this, and payment has been sanctioned by the Local Government Board. I therefore respectfully request the Wexford County Council will likewise sanction these charges"

The Finance & Roads Committee adopted the following recommendation:-

"That as recommended by the Road Board, payment at the rate of $2\frac{1}{2}\%$ to the County Surveyor, and $1\frac{1}{4}\%$ to the Assistant Surveyors, for the supervision of work undertaken under the Road Board be recommended out of grants received from the Road Board."

"On the motion of Mr Hearn, seconded by Mr Keating, it was decided that this matter be adjourned to next meeting of the Co. Council."

Killabeg Quarry.

The County Surveyor reported that in order to make a proper roadway at Killabeg Quarry, it would be necessary to provide for a further sum of £25 to be paid the owner of the Quarry to allow the roadway to run through his yard.

The Finance & Roads Committee adopted the following recommendation:-

"That the County Surveyor be authorised to pay an extra £25 over and above the sum already agreed to in order to provide a roadway to Killabeg Quarry,."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr Peacocke, seconded by Mr Kehoe."

Ferryarrig Bridge.

The Finance & Roads Committee adopted the following recommendation at their meeting on 27th May:-

"That a sum of £25 be allocated for the repair of the centre pile on the north side of Ferryarrig Bridge. That the County Surveyor issue notices to owners of engines in the habit of using the bridge, that it will not be available until the pile is properly set, and that the County Surveyor publish notices in the papers to this effect."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr O'Neill, seconded by the Chairman."

Footpath-New Ross Bridge.

The following letter under date 20th May 1914, from the Clerk of New Ross Urban Council, was referred to the County Council from the meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee:-

"At last meeting of my Council an order was made directing that the Co. Council be asked to construct a concrete footpath on the New Ross Bridge, instead of the asphalt one already asked for, at an estimated cost of £135 for both sides of the Bridge, and in accordance with the following specification, viz:- "Concrete to be laid to inner edge of existing iron kerb, 4½" thick.

"A core 3" thick laid 4--1. Finishing Coat 1½" thick., 2--1".

On the motion of Mr Cewman, seconded by Mr Barry, the application of the new Ross Urban Council was refused."

Duncannon Harbour:::::

In connection with the proposal to adopt a schedule of tolls at Duncannon Pier, the following recommendation was read, from the Finance and Roads Committee:-

"That the County Council be recommended to abandon the idea of imposing tolls at Duncannon Harbour. That the Waterford & Duncannon Steamship Co., be requested to state if they are prepared to contribute the amount necessary to remunerate a Harbour Master to have control of the berths etc., at Duncannon, as this appointment would be made directly in their interests."

The Secretary of the Waterford & Duncannon Steamboat Co., wrote as follows, under date 28th May:-

"I am in receipt of your letter of the 27th inst., setting forth the recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee with reference to Duncannon Harbour, and I shall place same before my Directors at the next Board Meeting of the Company.

I wish to inform you, however, that the suggestion that this Company should contribute the amount necessary to remunerate a Harbour Master does not meet with the approval of either the Managing Director or myself, as we are of the opinion that a person in that position whose remuneration was guaranteed by us would have little or no control over the other vessels using the harbour. Although we admit that the appointment of a Harbour Master might to a large extent be in our interests, we think it unfair that no charge should be made on others using the harbour. Our idea would be that we should pay an annual sum for our berth at Duncannon, and that either tolls or dues should be levied on other vessels trading there. This is the arrangement we have at Waterford."

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

"That we fix a charge of £10 per annum for the use of hulk and berth at Duncannon by the Waterford & Duncannon Steamboat Co., on the understanding that the berthage of the steamer must not interfere with the rights of any other vessel discharging there."

Local Government Elections.

Under date 20th May 1914, letter No.98/M 1914, was read from the Local Government Board, forwarding copies of an Order Amending the Rules in the existing Election Orders regarding the appointment of Polling Agents by Candidates for County and Rural District Council elections, and for election as Guardians in Urban Districts.

Marked "Read."

Under date 26th May 1914, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No

27839: 1914, Wexford County) that with reference to the proposed amendments of the Scales of Expenses at Elections of Urban District Councillors and of Guardians in Urban Districts, as the existing scales of election expenses cannot be found copies of the existing scales should all be resealed by the County Council as new Scales, those scales which it was proposed to amend being forwarded in the form in which the County Council now desired approval."

Mr Hearn proposed, Mr Lynch seconded, and it was adopted:-

"That the seal of the County Council be attached to the scales of Election Expenses by our Secretary, when he has made the necessary alteration agreed to by the County Council as to omission of last paragraph in the scales of expenses for Urban District Councillors and Guardians in Urban Districts."

Tara Hill Quarry.

The following recommendation was submitted from the Finance & Roads Committee:-

"That the remuneration of £5 per annum proposed to be paid Mr Paddle for extra duty in connection with Tara Hill Quarry, begin as from 18th April 1913, as this was the date upon which Mr Paddle commenced such duty."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr Peacocke, seconded by Mr Kinsella."

Issue of Duplicate Pay Order.

The Finance & Roads Committee had agreed at their meeting of 27th May to issue of duplicate Pay Order to Patrick Kennedy, Ballyvergin, Adamstown, (No.776) for £3. 10. 7d as original order had been lost in the post.

"Confirmed on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Peacocke."

Proposed erection of hut in Courtown.

Mr James Redmond, 31 Main Street, Gorey, wrote asking the consent of the County Council to the erection of a wooden hut near the weighbridge at Courtown Harbour.

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

"That the matter be referred to Mr Barry, County Surveyor, to arrange with Mr Redmond, permission for the erection of the hut to be granted on the undertaking that the structure must be removed forthwith on demand by the Co Council."

Amendment of Juries Acts.

Under date 12th May 1914, the following letter was read from the Town Clerk, Belfast Corporation:-

"Complaints have reached the Law Committee of this Corporation of the

trouble and inconvenience caused by Jurors, summoned to the Assizes, who have to remain in attendance in case they should be called and the assistance of the Committee has been requested in an effort to obtain some relief.

I am to ask if your Council would be willing to join in making representation to His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant with a view to bringing about, for the country generally, an extension of such portions of the Common Law Procedure (Ireland) Act, 1853, Amendment Act 27 & 28 Vic., c., 28, which applies only to Cork County as would be applicable, and which would give the relief sought.

For your information I enclose copy of this Act.

A reply at your convenience will be much esteemed."

"Adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr O'Neill."

Irish Volunteer Force.

The following resolution was received from Limerick County Council:-

"That owing to recent political events, and particularly to the attitude of the army on the Ulster question, we, the members of the Limerick Co.Council consider that the time has come when every effort should be made to organise the Irish Volunteer Force in every parish in Ireland. We are convinced that such a force, wisely led by men in whom our indomitable leader, Mr J. E. Redmond, would have confidence, would prove to the world that the manhood of Ireland are ready to do their part in defence of their homes and their liberties, and if need be to protect our fellow-Nationalists in Ulster from insult and attack."

"Adopted on the motion of Mr Peacocke, seconded by Mr O'Neill."

Importation of Hay & Straw.

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

"That this Council protests against the revocation of the Order prohibiting the importation of Hay & Straw into this country from Great Britain, and we strongly urge that suitable measures should be adopted to prevent the importation of Hay & Straw, either when used as packing or in any other form, as we believe the Foot & Mouth disease has been introduced into this country by this means."

"Adjourned"

(Signed)

John Bolger
Presiding Chairman.

Dated this day of 1914.

STATUTABLE QUARTERLY MEETING.-5th AUGUST 1914.

The Statutable Quarterly Meeting of the Wexford County Council, was held in the County Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford, on 5th August 1914.

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

Other Members:- Messrs C. H. Peacocke, M. Doyle, R. A. Rice, Whelan, M. Codd, O'Neill, J. Lynch, Lord Stopford, J. J. Kehoe, Joseph Redmond, R. Scallan, J. A. Doyle, T. Asple, James Codd, Keating, Cloney, A. Kinsella, J. T. Mayler, N. J. Cowman.

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.

Suspension of Standing Orders.

On the motion of the Chairman, a resolution was adopted suspending the Standing Orders of the Council to enable him to move a resolution.

Mr J. E. Redmond & the National Volunteers.

The Chairman moved the following resolution for which the suspension of Standing Orders had been moved:-

"That we the Members of the Wexford County Council representing the people of Wexford County of all Classes, gratefully record our admiration for the brilliant and statemanlike address of our distinguished fellow Wexford man-Mr John E. Redmond- during the historic debate in the House of Commons, on the night of 3rd inst. We respectfully assure him that all Wexford will follow his lead in defending Ireland's shores from the Common enemy.

We confidently hope that Mr Redmond's noble and courageous action will be the means in the near future of bringing all Irishmen permanently together in peace and good will.

That copy be sent to Mr John E. Redmond.

Lord Stopford seconded the resolution, which was unanimously adopted."

Thanks to Council.

Under date 28th June 1914, Mr M. A. Ennis, 10 Longford Terrace, Dublin, wrote thanking the Wexford County Council for the mark of continued confidence in him which his re-appointment as one of the Council's representatives on the Irish County Council's General Council conveyed. He would do his best to merit this good opinion by attention to the duties of the position."

Mr Conor Horgan, Gaelic League Organiser, wrote, under date 21st July, 1914, forwarding a resolution of the County Committee of the Gaelic League, expressing appreciation of the action of the County Council in adopting the suggestion of the Gaelic League regarding the historic monuments of the County.

Marked "Read"

Sealed Orders.

The Local Government Board forwarded Sealed Order (No.34948-1914) of 13th June, 1914, fixing the area of charge for Ferns Water Supply on the Ferns Dispensary District, also Sealed Order (No.36272-1914) of 20th July 1914, fixing the area of charge for Kisha well on the Broadway Dispensary District.

Marked "Read"

Payment of Government Grants.

Under date 14th July, 1914, the Local Government Board wrote, forwarding Paying Order for £1035. 2. 6, as an advance on account of expenditure which may be incurred for Medical & Educational purposes by Boards of Guardians in Wexford County for the year ending 30th September next.

Under date 14th July, 1914, the Local Government Board wrote, forwarding Paying Order for £138 as an advance of amounts which may be paid as salaries of Sanitary Officers of the Rural Districts of the County for the year ending 30th September next.

Under date 21st July, 1914, the Local Government Board wrote, forwarding Paying Order for £701. 4. 1, the amount of final instalment payable to the Wexford County Council in respect of Death Duty Grant for the year ended 31st March 1914, on behalf of the Guardians of the Unions in the County wexford .

Under date 21st July, 1914, the Local Government Board wrote, forwarding Paying Order for £634. 6. 3d the amount of final instalment payable to the Wexford County Council as a Road Authority in respect of the Death Duty Grant for year ended 31st March 1914.

Under date 1st August 1914, the Local Government Board wrote, forwarding Paying Order for £19. 19. 10, being the amount payable to the Wexford County Council in respect of duties on licences for motor cars during the year ended 31st March 1914.

Marked "Read"

Refund to Collector E. J. Murphy.

Under date 9th July, 1914, the Local Government Board wrote, (letter No. 32791-1914, Wexford County) stating they would offer no objection to the proposed payment by the Wexford County Council of a sum of £17. 7. 0d to Collector E. J. Murphy in respect of legal expenses incurred by him in connection with the collection of the poor rate.

Marked Read.

Salaries of Assistant Surveyors.

Under date 2nd July 1914, the Local Government Board wrote, (letter No. 32791-1914 Wexford County) referring to the entry in the minutes of the meeting of the County Council on 19th June 1914, respecting the salary proposed to be paid to Mr Vincent R Doyle, on his appointment as Assistant Surveyor.

The Local Government Board pointed out "That in view of the fact that the salary in Mr Doyle's case, viz:- £80 a year rising by £5 annually to £100, is on the same scale as that of existing Assistant Surveyors in the County, the Board will not at this juncture press their views as to giving an increased scale of remuneration, and they have accordingly approved of the appointment of Mr Doyle. The Board trust, however, that the County Council will take into consideration at an early date the question of providing the Assistant Surveyors with remuneration which will be sufficient to ensure that good work will be performed by them, and more especially in view of the higher standard of road maintenance which is now being demanded."

Marked "Read"

Waterford Joint Bridge Committee.

Under date 1st June 1914, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 32811-1914, Waterford County Borough and Waterford New Bridge Joint Committee) forwarding copy of the report of their Auditor on his audit of the Accounts of the Joint Bridge Committee for the half years ended 30th September 1913, and 31st March 1914, with attested abstracts of the accounts.

Marked "Read"

Autumn Sheep Dipping Order.

Under date 28th July, 1914, the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction wrote, transmitting copies of the Autumn Sheep Dipping (Ireland) Temporary Order of 1914, which is designed to secure that during the 1st of August and 15th of November next sheep throughout Ireland should be dipped twice (instead of once as in other years) with an interval of not less than

seven days and not more than 14 days between the dippings.

The Department pointed out "That it is very advisable that steps at once should be taken on behalf of your Local Authority to draw the attention of their Inspectors to this new Order, and to have a notice as to the scope of the Order inserted in a newspaper circulating in their district. Some copies of a form of notice suitable for this purpose will be found enclosed."

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

"That the action of the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction in issuing the Autumn Sheep Dipping (Ireland) Order of 1914 be approved.

That our Secretary be instructed to issue the Notice suggested by the Department in the Local Papers, calling attention of sheep owners to the provisions of the Order."

Remuneration Veterinary Inspectors Tuberculosis (I) Order 1913.

Under date 10th June, 1914, (letter No. 2095-14), the following was read from the Veterinary Branch of the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction:-

"With reference to your letter of the 27th ultimo relative to the remuneration of Veterinary Inspectors of your Local Authority in respect of duty under the Tuberculosis (Ireland) Order, I have to state that on a review of the matter in the light of the experience gained since the Order came into operation it appears to the Department that the circumstances call for a revision of the arrangement approved provisionally up to 1st instant. The Department observe that on the whole the tendency towards fewer reports has already been manifested, and it seems to them, therefore, that rates of remuneration based on the duty which fell to Inspectors in the early stages of the Order's operation are no longer justly applicable. They accordingly desire to suggest that your Local Authority should now consider the question of determining anew all these rates of payment except that for microscopical examination of milk etc., In the Department's view it is desirable that payment per case should take the place of payment by way of salary, and that the scale recommended by the veterinary Medical Association of Ireland should be adhered to for the present. A further copy of this scale is enclosed herewith. It will be observed that in one important particular (viz- the fee for clinical examination of animals after the first) it differs from the scale

on which the additions to salary were fixed. The Department are of opinion that a payment in this connection of 1/- per head should be sufficient.

Under date 16th June, 1914, the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction wrote (letter No. 2413-14) that it was only when there appeared to be reasonable grounds for suspecting the existence of Tuberculosis in one or more animals on premises that an examination of all animals on such premises should be necessary. The Local Authority might themselves decide whether a Veterinary Inspector, when visiting premises in which a case of Tuberculosis is reported, should carry out an inspection of all other animals on the premises without obtaining instructions from the Local Authority so to act in that particular case.

Under date 2nd June 1914, Mr F. W. Taylor, Veterinary Inspector, New Ross, wrote, asking for an increase in the amount of remuneration allowed to him for work in connection with the Tuberculosis Order. The salary allowed him (£42) was fixed on the basis of the cases which occurred during the first four months of the year. The number of cases had greatly increased within the past few months, and his salary would be nearly £100 if calculated on the same basis as the £42.

The matter was considered by the Finance & Roads Committee at their meeting on the 29th July 1914.

The following minute of the meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee was laid before the meeting:-

"The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Rice, seconded by Mr Stafford.- That in view of the consideration by Parliament of the Amending Tuberculosis Bill, we recommend the County Council to fix the remuneration of our Veterinary Surgeons and of the Clerk to the Local Authority for work in connection with the Tuberculosis (Ireland) Order, 1913, up to the 31st December 1914, at the same rate in each case as prevailed to the 1st June 1914, and we request the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction to sanction this proposal."

Mr Taylor had made application for an increase in his salary under this head, but stated to the meeting that as his confreres were satisfied with the resolution which had been agreed to, he would withdraw the application."

The following letter under date 4th August 1914, (No. 3143-14) from the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction, was read:-

"I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 29th ultimo,

conveying the terms of a resolution adopted on that date by the Finance & Roads Committee of your Council respecting the rates of remuneration payable to the Council's Officers for duties under the Tuberculosis (Ireland) Order of 1913 up to 31st December next. In reference thereto I have to state that the Department will be glad to learn whether the Committee had under consideration the Department's letter of 10th June last, suggesting the desirability in present circumstances of revising the method of remunerating the Local Authority's Veterinary Inspectors for such duties and what anticipation of an Act or Order amending the existing provisions regarding Bovine Tuberculosis influenced the Committee in recommending adherence for a further period, to rates of remuneration which as stated in that communication appear to the Department to be no longer properly applicable."

"On the motion of Mr O'Neill, seconded by Mr Kehoe, the recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed."

Veterinary Inspectors at Fairs.

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

"That complaint having been received at this day's meeting of the Co. Council from several Members, as to the non-attendance of Veterinary Inspectors at the fairs in their Districts, we call upon the Veterinary inspectors to report to our Secretary immediately after each fair, stating the time during which they were present. That the said reports be brought before the succeeding meeting of the Co. Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction."

Prohibition of Movement of Animals Order.

The various Orders of the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction, relative to the prohibition of movement of animals owing to outbreak of Foot & Mouth Disease at Roscrea, were laid before the meeting.

Marked "Read"

Improvement Works at Ballyhack Harbour.

Under date 9th June 1914, the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction, wrote (letter No. 2907-14 F. B.,) with reference to the improvement at Ballyhack Harbour, that Lord Templemore claimed the ownership of the site of the proposed works, and the department would feel obliged if the Council would secure the necessary conveyance from Lord Templemore in respect of the area to be affected by the Co. Council and which Mr Taylor,

Agent to Lord Templemore, states his Lordship is willing to convey to the Council if the latter agree to pay the cost of the instrument."

MrcElgee stated that the conveyance had been effected.

Under date 30th June 1914, the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction wrote (letter No. 2975-14 F. B.,) forwarding for the information of the County Council copy of a letter received from the Board of Trade relative to the claim of Lord Templemore to the site of the works proposed to be carried out at Ballyhack Harbour.

The letter of the Board of Trade was under date 24th June 1914, (No. H.8784) and stated that, relative to the request of the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction for the views of the Board on the claim advanced by Lord templemore to the site of proposed works at Ballyhack Harbour, the Crown were advised in 1862 not to contest the title of the Corporation of Waterford to the tidal lands of the river Suir between Carrick-on -Suir and Hook Head, and, in these circumstances, the Board had no observations to offer on the claim now advanced by Lord Templemore.

Under date 20th July, 1914, the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction wrote (letter No.3751-14, F. B.,) that the Board of Trade required the consent of the owners of the land abutting on the area on which it was proposed to dump dredged material prior to the Board giving their approval to the work. The Department understand that Mr Nicholas Cheevers and Mr Joseph O'Neill own land adjacent to the area in question, and the Secretary to the Council was requested to secure the consent of these gentlemen to the proposed deposit of the spoil.

The Secretary stated that the necessary consent had been obtained from Messrs Cheevers and O'Neill, and had been forwarded to the Department.

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

"That the Fisheries Branch of the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction be requested to inform thss County Council as to the delay in starting the improvement work at Ballyhack Harbour."

County Insurance Committee.

Under date 20th July 1914, the Insurance Commission wrote (letter No. 72 M. 1914) that the persons appointed by the County Council as their representatives on the County Insurance Committee shall hold office until the 15th July 1917, and shall go out of office on that day.

Motor Car Acts.

Under date 30th July, 1914, the following report was read from Mr R. W. Elgee, Solicitor, relative to prosecution under the Motor Car Acts:-

"Report as to proceedings taken against Motor Car and Motor Cycle owners for not having paid their duty and for not returning their declarations as required--

James Power, withdrawn, duty and costs paid, G.A.Hickey, withdrawn-duty paid, G. C. Braddell, withdrawn, duty paid, John O'Loughlin, withdrawn, duty and costs paid, John J. O'Brien, D. W. P., John Carroll, not served, gone away, Denis J. Nolan, withdrawn duty and costs paid, Michael Sheehan, withdrawn duty and costs paid, John B. Roche, withdrawn duty and costs paid, J. E. Dormer, not served, duty paid, Frances Barrington, withdrawn, duty and costs paid, Godfrey L. Taylor, withdrawn, duty and costs paid, Michael J. Griffin, fined £20, recommended to reduce to 1/-, Richard Whitney, fined £20, recommended to reduce to 1/-, Samuel Allen, fined £20, recommended to reduce to 1/-, Rev J. Ashton, withdrawn, defendant not the owner, E. C. Campbell, not served, defendant having gone away, William Barber, not served, defendant having gone away, Moses Kehoe, withdrawn, duty and costs paid, J. Bagenal Boyd, withdrawn duty and costs paid, Patrick Kinsella, fined £20, reduced to £2. 10/-, William J MacDonald, withdrawn, duty paid, J. O'Regan, fined £20, recommended to reduce to 10/- and 10/- costs, Cherry Bros, withdrawn, wrong owner, R. H. Peare, withdrawn duty and costs paid, M. J. Treacy, not served, Martin Carty, adjourned for fourteen days, T. Kelly, fined £20 and costs of Court, recommended to reduce, Sergt Torsney, withdrawn, duty paid, . The following have been also prosecuted but cases have not yet been dealt with:- Patrick Bernie, Juliet M. Lavie, J. B. Keogh, John J. O'Brien, R. Roche, Arthur Bayce, Frederick Hughes.

Under date 24th July, 1914, Dr W. F. Browne, Solicitor, wrote, explaining the circumstances under which Dr O'Regan had not paid his motor duty, and stating that the Magistrates, who had heard the case, had recommended the Co. Council to reduce the fine of £20 in each of the two cases against Dr O'Regan, to 10/- in each case, with 10/- costs in each case.

Dr P. Kinsella, Monamolin, Gorey, wrote relative to the fine imposed on him for a breach of Motor Car Act, that he was under the impression when he paid the duty there would not have been any proceedings taken against him at petty sessions.

Proposed by Mr O'Neill, seconded by Mr Peacocke, and adopted:-

"That in the cases of penalties upon owners of motor vehicles and in all prosecutions pending at present for non-payment of Motor duty, as reported

by Mr R. W. Elgee, Solicitor to the County Council, we agree to a reduction of the fine in each case to 1/-, provided the defendants pay all costs agreed to, and Motor Duty for which they are liable, except in the case of Dr T. J. Kelly, Enniscorthy. In the latter case we call upon Dr Kelly to publicly retract his statement that he lodged the necessary forms in June, whereas the Postmaster Enniscorthy, states that the forms were not handed into the Post Office until the 20th July. That the further consideration of any reduction in the fine imposed on Dr Kelly be postponed to next meeting of the County Council.

That as we consider the publicity which has been given by the cases brought up to the present by the Council is quite sufficient notice to all owners of motor vehicles as to their liabilities under the Motor Car Act, we will decline in future unless in very exceptional circumstances to make any reduction of the fine.

That the Solicitor be instructed to proceed in future against all motorists who have not paid their duty by the first of February in each year.

That Mr Elgee, Solicitor, be instructed to withdraw the case against Capt Bryan, provided he pay duty and costs previous to the date of hearing of summonses which have been issued against him."

Damage to Motor Cars.

The Secretary called the attention of the meeting to the case of John P. Small v Fermanagh County Council, in which a decree for £5 and costs, had been given against the County Council in the County Court for injury to Plaintiff's motor car by the defendants negligently spreading a quantity of unrolled stones on a public road and which were so spread as to be a nuisance and which injured the tyres of the plaintiff's motor car.

The County Council had appealed to the Judge of Assize who had confirmed the finding of the County Court.

A claim of a similar nature for £7. 11. 0 had been made by Mr M. J. Stephenson, Merchant, Adamstown, Co. Wexford, against the Wexford County Council.

The Secretary stated that the damage was covered by the policy of Insurance effected by the County Council, and the Insurance Company were dealing with the matter.

Poisons & Pharmacy Act.

Messrs Patrick Redmond, The Harrow, Ferns, and Owen Kehoe, Coolgreany, applied for licences under Poisons & Pharmacy Act, the Constabulary offering no objection.

applied for renewal of their licences, A similar application was received from Mr G. Stafford, Wexford.

"On the motion of Mr Peacocke, seconded by Mr Lynch, the licences were granted."

Kilmore Harbour.

Under date 14th July 1914, Dr E. A. Gibbon, Sleadagh, wrote that a meeting of the Local Committee of the National Life Boat Institution at Kilmore Quay on 9th July, a resolution was adopted asking the County Council to favourably consider the request of the fishermen of Kilmore Quay to have a light placed at the end of the pier to guide boats returning to the harbour at night.

This matter was considered at the meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee on the 29th July when the following resolution was adopted:-

"That Dr Gibbon be requested to communicate with the Irish Lights Board and ask them if they can see their way to comply with the request of the fishermen of Kilmore Quay, to have a light placed at the end of Kilmore Pier."

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

Damp Proof Course.-Deeps Bridge.

Under date 7th July 1914, the Local Government Board wrote, (letter No. 34406-1914, Wexford County) that they would raise no objection to the variation of the specification of the roadways of this bridge as regards damp proof course in the manner set out in the letter of the Consulting Engineers dated 15th June.

A resolution asking the Local Government Board to agree to this course was adopted at the meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee on the 24th June.

Marked "Read"

Co. Surveyor's Application for Fees for Road Board Work.

At the meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee held on the 27th May 1914, the County Surveyor reported:-

"In connection with Road Board work, the Board has sanctioned payment out of the grant of fees to the Surveyors at the rate of $2\frac{1}{2}\%$ to the County Surveyor and $1\frac{1}{2}\%$ to the Assistant Surveyors, and when such work has been carried out in other Counties, the County Council have usually approved of this, and payment has been sanctioned by the Local Government Board.

Mr Peacocke proposed:- "That the application of the County Surveyor be not acceded to."

Mr Keating seconded.

Mr Rice proposed:- "That consideration of the matter be referred to the meeting of the 11th June."

Mr Lynch seconded.

A Show of hands was taken with the following result, that 12 voted for the amendment and five against.

Mr Peacocke demanded a poll.

The following was the result:-

For the Amendment:- Messrs Rice, Whelan, M. Codd, Lynch, Lord Stopford, Kehoe, Redmond, Scallan, Asple, J. A. Doyle, Cloney, and the Chairman.-12.

Against:- Messrs Kinsella, Cowman, J. Codd, Keating, Peacocke, and Mayler.-6.

The Chairman declared the amendment carried.

it was then put as the substantive motion and adopted nem con.

District Councillors as Sureties for Road Contractors.

The Finance & Roads Committee at their meeting on the 24th June 1914, recommended that Mr John Larkin, Sallystown, District Councillor, (Wexford District) should be released from his suretyship for James Doran, Road Contractor, Forth Commons, and that Mr Philip Cowman, Main Street, Wexford, be accepted as surety vice Mr Larkin, also, that Mr Myles Webb, Main Street, Gorey, District Councillor, (Gorey District) be released from his suretyship for Mr Denis Murphy, Road Contractor, Gorey, and that Mrs Josephine D. Warren, Gorey, be accepted as surety for Mr Murphy vice Mr Webb.

"On the motion of Mr Kehoe, seconded by Mr Kinsella, the recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was approved."

Application from Mr Flood, Assistant Surveyor.

Under date 13th July 1914, the following application was received from Mr Gerald Flood, Castleboro, Assistant Surveyor:-

"I beg to apply for the annual increment to my salary of £5 in accordance with the terms of my appointment. I was twelve months working for the County Council in May 1914, so I trust the Council will be good enough to let the increase begin from that date.

Under date 29th June 1914, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 24819-1914 Wexford County) approving of the permanent appointment of Mr Gerald Flood, as Assistant Surveyor.

The following recommendation from the meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee on 29th July was read:-

"That we recommend the County Council to allow Mr Flood, the increment in his salary provided for under the terms of his appointment."

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

"That we agree to increment of £5 to the salary of Mr G. Flood, Assistant Surveyor, subject to the sanction of the Local Government Board."

Road Board Grants.

Under date 3rd July, 1914, the Secretary to the Road Board, wrote that in view of the facts set out in the letter of the County Secretary of 1st July the Board were prepared to increase the grant of £5024 by the sum of £452 to enable the County Council to obtain a loan for the County Council portion of the cost of the work of road improvement, free of interest.

The proposals for works concerned under grant were originally to have been carried out by a grant from the Road Board and by loan obtained on behalf of the County Council from the Road Board, free of interest. The Road Board declined to give the loan free of interest but offered to add £400 to their own grant to cover the interest.

The Finance & Roads Committee at their Meeting on the 24th June had adopted the following resolution:-

"That we agree to the proposal of the Road Board provided they agree to increase the grant given by them so as to cover the full amount which will accrue for interest on loan at 3% per annum, for five years, and that no objection be made to this course by the Local Government Board."

Under date 16th July 1914, the Local Government Board wrote, (letter No.35661? 1914, Wexford County) sanctioning the loans of £3625 and £750 for the purpose of steamrolling roads in Enniscorthy and New Ross Rural Districts,.

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

University Scholarships.

Under date 4th July 1914, the following report was read from Professor A. W. Conway, Registrar, University College, Dublin:-

"I beg to submit herewith a report on the Wexford County Council scholars for session 1913-14.:-

Maurice Kinsella, Passed First Arts with Honours.

John Connolly, Passed First Arts with Honours.

Elizabeth Bookey, Passed First Arts with Honours.

Mary J Byrne, 2nd year College Examination with Honours.

George E. Duggan, Passed 2nd year examination.

Margaret Furlong, ditto

Mary McGrath, Presenting herself for B. A. Honours in Autumn.

Mary Furlong, ditto.

James Power, B. E. degree Examination in the Autumn.

James Ryan, 2nd Medical " " "

Philomena Ryan, 2nd year Science.

Thomas C. Hassett, Passed 2nd year Professional Examination in Engineering.

Miss Mary H. McGrath, one of the Council's University Scholars, wrote applying for the extension of her scholarship for the fourth year to enable her to obtain the Diploma in Teaching from University College, Dublin.

A similar application was received from Miss Mary G. Furlong.

Mr Thomas Hassett, applied for an increase in his bursary of £25 to enable him to pay increase in fees for next year.

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

"That all questions arising out of University Scholarships of the Council be adjourned to meeting of Finance & Roads Committee to be held on 20th inst., with instructions to report to the special Meeting of the Council to be held on same day."

New Ross Courthouse.

Under date 7th July 1914, an application was read from the Courtkeeper, New Ross, for allowance for papering and painting his apartments in the Courthouse and for providing a new top for kitchen range.

The matter was considered at the meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee on the 29th July, and referred to the County Surveyor for report.

"Adjourned to Meeting of 20th inst."

Duncannon Harbour.

Walter Breen, Caretaker, Duncannon, wrote, applying for remuneration at the rate of £2 per annum for attending to extra lamp at Duncannon harbour.

The matter was before the meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee on the 29th July, when the application was refused.

"The recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed on the motion of Mr Peacecke, seconded by Mr Redmond."

Ballingly Quarry.

Under date 20th July 1914, Mr R. W. Elgee, Solicitor to the Co Council, wrote asking that a pay Order should be passed for £10. 16. 6d for Messrs Huggard & Brennan, Solicitors, Wexford, costs of the lease of right of way to Ballingly Quarry.

"On the motion of Mr Kehoe, seconded by Mr Peacecke, the following

resolution was adopted- That a sum of £10. 16. 6d be paid MESSRS Huggard & Brennan, Solicitors, costs of preparation of lease in connection with right of way to Ballingly Quarry."

Food & Drugs Act.

Under date 28th July 1914, the following letter was read from the County Inspector, R. I. C., Wexford:-

"I beg to inform you that of the eleven Inspectors appointed to enforce the Food & Drugs Acts in this County, only two of them are provided with hand bags or other receptacles in which to carry samples. In the circumstances, I shall thank you for an order directing that nine hand bags be purchased at a cost not exceeding 12/6 each."

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

"That the letter of the County Inspector, R. I. C., as to provision of handbags for Ex-officio Inspectors of Weights & Measures be referred to Mr Elgee, Solicitor, to advise as to the liability of the County Council in the matter."

Arms Proclamation.

Resolutions were read from Limerick Corporation and Edenderry Board of Guardians protesting against the continuance of the Arms Proclamation in Ireland and demanding its immediate withdrawal.

"The resolutions of Limerick Corporation & Edenderry Board of Guardians were adopted on the motion of Mr Peacocke, seconded by Mr Kehoe."

Importation of Hay & Straw.

The following resolution was read from the Wicklow County Council:-

"That this Council protests against the revocation of the Order prohibiting the importation of Hay & Straw into this country from Great Britain, and we strongly urge that suitable measures should be adopted to prevent the importation of Hay and Straw, either when used as packing, or in any other form, as we believe the Foot & Mouth Disease has been introduced into this country by this means.

"The above resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Peacocke, seconded by Mr Lynch."

Proposals for Payment.

Proposed by Mr Peacocke, seconded by Mr Kehoe, and Passed:-

"That the several Proposals for Payment for matters other than public works and for transfers to public bodies, etc., as agreed to by the Finance &

Roads Committee, and the Proposal Committee be and are hereby adopted."

Proposals for Works.

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

"That the several proposals for new works and repairs to existing works as agreed to by the Proposal Committee be and are hereby adopted."

Transfer to Tuberculosis Committee.

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

"That a sum of £300 be transferred to the Tuberculosis Committee."

Recommendations of Finance & Roads Committee.

The following recommendations from Meeting of Finance & Roads Committee of 24th June 1914, were read:-

"That Motor and Steam Traffic over Wexford Bridge be limited to a rate not exceeding ten miles per hour."

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

"That we disagree with recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee in this matter. That we instruct Mr Elgee, Solicitor, to take the necessary steps to procure a by-law on behalf of this Council limiting all Motor and Steam traffic over all the County Bridges to ten miles per hour."

"That the County Surveyor be instructed to attend to the specific complaints re New Ross and Wexford Road made by Dr Hearn, Solicitor."

"That we agree to the applications received for revision of valuation being sent forward to the Commissioner of Valuation for consideration, except as regards the application received from the Dublin & South Eastern Railway Co.,

That as the Secretary to the D. & S. E. Rly Co., has not complied with Article 1 of the Annual Revision Procedure (Instructions under the Valuation (Ireland) Acts) we decline to consider his letter of application, as we are unable to determine from it the situation and description of the premises in respect of which the revision is asked for."

"Adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Peacocke."

"Refusing an application of Mr Joseph Cummins, Rate Collector for a refund of rates for 11/8¹/₂ in the case of Eliza Kinsella, at present a servant in Boolavogue Post Office."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr Peacocke, seconded by Mr Cowman."

"Agreeing to the Courtown Harbour Master being allowed the amount paid by

him for the salvage of discharging boat at Coubtown, on 30th April last."

"Directing the Secretary to communicate with Rate Collectors who had not collected at least five per cent of the first moiety of their collection, and to express to them the dissatisfaction of the Committee."

"Agreeing to the issue of duplicate Pay Order of £20 to Thomas Lee, Rosbercon, New Ross, for Order lost in course of post."

"Agreeing to three days' leave of absence to Mr Gerald Flood, Assistant Surveyor."

"Granting permission for erection of hut by Mr James Redmond, 31 Main St., Grey, at Courtown Harbour, at a rent of 1/- per annum provided he entered into an agreement (to be prepared by the Solicitor to the County Council) to surrender his tenancy and remove the structure on demand."

"Granting permission to Road Contractors Michael Cullen, The Crush, Ballaghkeen, James Brien, Glenteigue, and John Cowman, Rensard, to have road material broken by stonebreaker at the side of the roads, but requesting the County Surveyor for the future to endeavour to avoid having stones broken at the sides of the roads by the stonebreaker."

"Declining to consider an application by Mr Mark D. Roche, Garrylough, for a sum of £50 for right-of-way to Garrylough Quarry, and empowering Mr Elgee, and Mr Barry to make Mr Roche an offer of a smaller amount."

"Attaching the Seal of the County Council to agreements entered into by the Co. Council to enable road metalling to be procured from quarries on the lands of Patrick Murphy, Edenvale, and Edward Doyle of Ballyellis."

"Confirmed on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Peacocks."

From Meeting of Finance & Roads Committee of 29th July.

Resolutions as follows:-

"That we express our deep sympathy with the relatives of those who were killed and wounded by the King's Own Scottish Borderers Regiment, and we call on the Government to institute a searching investigation into all the circumstances connected with the regrettable loss of life and the wounding of Dublin Citizens, and to bring to judgment and seriously punish those responsible for the dastardly outrage committed by soldiers on the Dublin Quays.

That copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Chief Secretary for Ireland, Mr J. E. Redmond, M. P., and the Parliamentary Representatives of the County."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr Lynch, seconded by Mr Kehoe."

"That the County Surveyor lay out sections of roads for inspections by the Assistant Surveyors, and that he require the Assistant Surveyors to make monthly inspections of all leading roads of their districts and to make eight inspections of the other roads per annum. That the form of diary suggested by the County Surveyor for the Assistant Surveyors be approved.

That the County Surveyor be requested to submit further information to the next meeting of the Co Council on 5th August as to the best manner in which to carry out the above resolution."

"Adjourned to special meeting of the Council on 20th inst."

"Referring the question of adjustment of weighbridge at Tara Hill Quarry to County Surveyor."

"Approving of the arrangements entered into by the County Surveyor with Mr Edward Kavanagh, St John's, Enniscorthy, as to working of Killabeg Quarry."

"That Mr Barry, County Surveyor, be instructed to endeavour to obtain Magistrates' Order to enter the quarry at Fominearly, on the lands of Mr Jeffares in all cases of roads which he proposed should be maintained from this Quarry."

"Approving of repairs being carried out at Kilmore Harbour."

"Accepting offer of Automobile Association to provide direction posts for roads."

"Approving of construction of roadway at Deeps Bridge being carried out directly by the County Surveyor under the supervision of Mr Jennings, Resident Engineer."

"Approving of report of Messrs Delap & Waller re hair cracks on east approach to the Deeps Bridge."

"Directing Mr Barry, County Surveyor, to communicate with Mr Pimm, late Engineer to Ferrycarrig Bridge, and ask him for an explanation as to why some of the piles at Ferrycarrig Bridge did not take a proper set."

"Deciding that no change should be made in the procedure as to opening of New Ross Bridge on New Ross fair days which has obtained to the present."

Resolution as follows:-

"That the County Surveyor be instructed to make a further inspection of Poulduff Pier and report to next meeting of Finance & Roads Committee."

"Leaving the matter of taking gravel from the river Slaney in the hands of the County Surveyor."

"Approving of the suggestion of the County Surveyor as regards the planking of Edermine Bridge."

"Agreeing to holidays for officers of the County Council,."

"Appointing a Committee to inspect and report as to condition of road from Kilrane to Ballygeary Railway Station."

"Directing the County Surveyor to inspect and report as to Neemstown Gap, Kilmere."

"Referring to the County Surveyor report by Mr Keating, Co Councillor, as to the manner in which footpath at Farnogue was blocked by stones placed on it by contractor and to the necessity for providing a light there at night."

Resolution as follows:-

"That Mr Taylor V. S., be directed to proceed with the slaughter of cow of Mr Edward Galavan, Ballywilliam, suffering from Tuberculosis of the udder."

"Agreeing to payment of election expenses for County & Rural District Councillors with certain deductions, as set out on minutes of Finance and Roads Committee."

"Directing the Secretary to communicate with Rate Collectors who had not collected 25% of the first moiety of rate, and to inform them that they must push forward their collections with more energy."

"Agreeing to payment of Irrecoverable Rates on the late Collector Lennon."

"Confirmed on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Peacocke."

(Signed)

John Bolger
Presiding Chairman.

Dated this 13th day of November 1914.

SPECIAL MEETING.-21st AUGUST 1914.

A Special Meeting of the Wexford County Council, was held in the Co. Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford, on 21st August 1914.

Present:- Mr J. Bolger, (Chairman) Presiding.

Other Members:- Lord Stopford, Sir T. H. G. Esmonde, Bart., Messrs L. Barry, M. Cloney, James Codd, M. Codd, N. J. Cowman, J. A. Doyle, M. Doyle, J. S. Hearn, M. Hickey, J. J. Kehoe, J. T. Mayler, P. O'Neill, C. H. Peacocke, R. A. Rice, R. Scallan, J. J. Stafford.

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

Assistant Surveyors Treanor, Kehoe, Flood, Paddle, and Jones, were also in attendance.

The Late Pope Pius X.

On the motion of Sir Thomas Esmonde, seconded by the Chairman, the following resolution was adopted in silence, standing orders having first been suspended:-

"That we, the County Council of Wexford County, have learned with profound regret of the death of His Holiness, Pope Pius X. That we desire most respectfully to place on record our high appreciation of his great services in the cause of Religion and Humanity during the ten years in which he guided the destinies of the Catholic Church, of the beauty of his character, and of the nobility of his life,. That we desire especially to record our gratitude for his constant sympathy with Ireland, and his unfailing interest in her welfare.

That we join with Catholics throughout the world in sorrowing tribute to the memory of Pius the Good.

And that a copy of this resolution, sealed with the seal of this Council, be transmitted by our Secretary to His Eminence Cardinal Merry Del Val, the Vatican, Rome."

Conservation of Food Supplies during the War.

The Chairman brought before the meeting the discussion which had taken place at the meeting of the Council of Agriculture on the previous day, and at which he, Mr Peacocke, and Sir Thomas Esmonde attended. He strongly recommended farmers to sow five acres of wheat for the following year in cases in which they had been accustomed to sow only one acre. It would be a great matter, if the War lasted, to have an increase of 400 per cent in their wheat crop in

Wexford County to tide them over any shortage in feed, and this could be done without any inconvenience to any farmer in a tillage County like Wexford.

Roads in Charge of County Surveyor.

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

"That the County Surveyor give a return of the roads in his charge, the amount of material arranged to be put on them, and the amount of material stated in the first specification in the first instance, what these roads cost under contract, the amount of material put on them when in contract, and the amount of money paid at present and when under contract, with a view to having a change made in the present method of supervising the roads."

Mr Stafford seconded the motion which was passed.

Mr Hearn then dealt with the various statistics arising out of his notice of motion.

Mr Peacocke proposed, and Mr Cowman seconded the following:-

"That a list of the quarries acquired by the County Council be submitted to the four Rural District Councils of the County, in order to elicit their views as to the advisability of contractors obtaining material from this certified quarries and from such other quarries as may be purchased by the County Council."

This motion was subsequently withdrawn.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Sir Thomas Esmonde, the following resolution was adopted, on the withdrawal of the motion of Mr Peacocke, and Mr Cowman:-

"That a Committee composed of three members of the County Council with one representative of each of the four Rural District Councils of the County, be appointed to consider the question of the roads in charge of the County Surveyor and report to the County Council what, in their opinion, are the best steps to take to deal with the matter"

On the motion of Mr Stafford, seconded by Sir Thomas Esmonde, the Chairman, Mr Hearn, and Mr Rice were appointed as the representatives of the county Council on the Committee."

Ryland Wood Quarry.

At the meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee on 21st August, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the offer of Mr R. W. Hall-Dare, Newtownbarry, to allow stones to be taken from Ryland Wood Quarry for road material at a cost of 5d per cubic yard be accepted.

That the draft agreement prepared by Mr Barry, County Surveyor, be

referred to Mr Elgee for approval.

"Confirmed on the motion of the Chairman."

Haggard Quarry.

At the meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee on the 21st August the following was adopted:-

"That the seal of the Council be attached to the agreement for lease of Haggard Quarry, owned by Miss Elizabeth Howlett, Monachee."

"Confirmed on the motion of the Chairman."

Ferrycarrig Bridge Contract.

Under date 18th August 1914, the following letter was read from Mr R. W. Elgee, Solicitor to the County Council:-

"As you are aware there is a balance (undisputed) due to Mr Colhoun, on foot of his contract for the building of this bridge of £1210. 7. 11d and there is a further sum of £153. 13. 3d that he alleges to be due to him for some extra work, etc., the settlement of which latter sum was referred to the County Surveyor and myself.

We went fully into the matter with him and arranged what was to be allowed, except with regard to a sum of £34 odd, half costs of alterations in the Bascule, which we considered he should pay, but which at the same time we were disposed to allow him if by so doing it would entirely dispose of all questions between Mr Colhoun and the Council, and accordingly on the 3rd March last I wrote to him to know would that be so, and he replied that it would not, and that he would still adhere to his large claim (over £2000) for delays etc., etc., and this being so, a settlement was not come to and things lay over.

Mr Colhoun however has now written to the County Surveyor, stating that he will agree to the terms stated in my letter to him of the 3rd March, and forego all his other claims, and we recommend the Council to let us close with him on those terms."

The following recommendation, adopted at the meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee on 21st August, was confirmed on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Peacocke:-

"That the matter of dealing with the claim of Mr Colhoun be left in the hands of the Co Surveyor and Mr Elgee, Solicitor to the Co. Council, for settlement in conformity with Mr Colhoun's letter of 6th August to the Co. Surveyor, and subject to the amounts mentioned therein, totalling £1364 : 1. 8d being accepted by Mr Colhoun as a full and complete settlement of his claim."

Deeps Bridge Contract.

The British Reinforced Concrete Co., applied, under date 15th August 1914, to the County Surveyor to arrange for the payment to them of the greater part of the retention money on the work of the erection of the Deeps Bridge for which they were contractors.

The following recommendations of the Finance & Roads Committee was laid before the Meeting:-

"That the County Council be recommended to pay to the British Reinforced Concrete Co., a sum of £250 on account of contract at Deeps Bridge"

"On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Peacocke the recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed."

Assistant Surveyors' Districts.

The following resolution adopted at the meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee on the 29th July, 1914, was read:-

"That the County Surveyor lay out sections of roads for inspections by the Assistant Surveyors, and that he require the Assistant Surveyors to make monthly inspections of all leading roads in their districts, and to make eight inspections of the other roads per annum. That the form of diary suggested by the County Surveyor for the Assistant Surveyors be approved."

"On the motion of Mr Cowman, seconded by Mr Hearn the recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was adopted."

Road Contractor's Application.

Patrick Conboy, Moorfields, Wexford, wrote:-

"I have permission to use a quarry which lies immediately alongside the County Council quarry.

There is an old road or carway through County Council quarry I propose to use. If you grant me permission to use this carway, I shall be grateful, or if you cannot see your way personally to grant its use, may I request you to bring the matter before the Co Council Committee.

This carway was used till quite recently for conveying material to the public roads and is not in anyway contagious to where the County Council is at present quarrying or likely to quarry."

"At the meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee the application was agreed to, and, on the motion of the Chairman, the recommendation of the Committee was adopted."

Application of County Surveyor for Motor Car.

In his report to the Finance & Roads Committee, Mr Barry, Co Surveyor,

wrote as follows:-

"At your meeting on 29th ult., I stated that I proposed making an application regarding travelling expenses to the County Council at the meeting to be held on the 5th inst., but as there was a special meeting fixed for the 21st inst., to consider generally the roads question I deferred putting in the formal application. I now beg to apply that the County Council provide a Motor car for the use of the County Surveyor, or as an alternative that an increase of salary be granted to enable the County Surveyor to purchase and pay the expenses of a Motor Car for use on road inspection."

The following recommendation, which was carried on a poll at the meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee, was read:-

"That the application of the County Surveyor as to provision of motor Car be referred to the County Council."

Mr Hearn proposed--

"That the matter be adjourned until the report of Special Committee appointed to consider the question of the roads in the hands of the County Surveyor be received and dealt with."

Mr Kehoe seconded.

Mr Peacecke proposed, and Mr Doyle seconded:-

"That the application of the County Surveyor for motor car or for an allowance to run same be refused.."

After a discussion the County Surveyor agreed to withdraw his application

Co. Surveyor's Application for Fees for Road Board Work.

At the meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee on the 27th May 1914, the County Surveyor reported:-

"In connection with Road Board work, the Board has sanctioned payment out of the grant of fees to the surveyors at the rate of $2\frac{1}{2}\%$ to the County Surveyor, and $1\frac{1}{4}\%$ to the Assistant Surveyors, and when such work has been carried out in other Counties, the County Council have usually approved of this, and payment has been sanctioned by the Local Government Board."

The County Surveyor stated that he had ascertained since making his application that the amount usually granted to Assistant Surveyors for this work was one per cent.

Mr Stafford proposed, and Mr Cloney seconded, the following resolution--

"That the County Surveyor and Assistant Surveyors be allowed $3\frac{1}{2}\%$ on £5000 amount of grant promised by the Road Board for improvement works on roads."

As an amendment, Mr Peacecke proposed, and Mr Cowman seconded the

following:-

"That the application of the County Surveyor as to Head Board fees be refused."

It was decided to take a vote "for or against" the granting of the fees to the Surveyors.

The following was the result:-

For granting of fees:- Sir Thomas Esmonde, Messrs Rice, Stafford, Hearn, Cloney, Kehoe, Doyle, Hickey, Lord Stopford, and the Chairman.- 10.

Against granting the fees:- Messrs Barry, Cowman, M. Doyle, M. Codd, C. H. Peacecke, J. Codd, Mayler, and Scallan.-8.

The Chairman declared the motion in favour of granting the fees carried.

Salary of Mr G. Flood, Assistant Surveyor.

Under date 19th August, 1914, the Local Government Board wrote, (letter No. 42027-1914, Wexford County), that they would raise no objection to the proposal of the Wexford County Council to increase the salary of Mr G. Flood, Assistant Surveyor, by £5 a year.

Marked "Read".

Auditor's Report-Co Council Accounts.

Under date 14th August, 1914, the Local Government Board, (letter No. 43029-14, Wexford County) wrote, forwarding the following copy of the report of their Auditor on his audit of the accounts of the County Council for half-year ended 31st March 1914, with abstracts:-

"I have the honour to report that I have audited the accounts of the Wexford County Council 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 calls for any remark on my part."

Marked "Read"

Sealed Order- Pump at Ramsgrange.

Under date 10th August 1914, the Local Government Board forwarded copy of sealed order, No. 40727-1914, determining that the whole of the Rural District of New Ross should be the area of charge for the purposes of erecting and maintaining pump at Ramsgrange.

Marked "Read"

Motor Car Licence Duties.

Under date 6th August 1914, the Local Government Board wrote, (letter No.

30676-1914, Miscellaneous) forwarding copy of certified statement received from the Postmaster General showing the value of Meter Licence Duties levied during the year ended 31st March 1914, in Ireland. The amount levied in Wexford County was £399. 17. 0d.

Marked "Read"

Tuberculosis (Ireland) Order 1913.

Under date 11th August 1914, the following letter No. 3262-14, was read from the Department:-

"With reference to your letter of the 6th instant, intimating that your Council had adopted the recommendation of their Finance & Roads Committee on the subject of the rates of remuneration payable to your Local Authority's Veterinary Inspectors for duties under the Tuberculosis (Ireland) Order, 1913, I have to state that before proceeding to further consideration of the question of sanctioning the proposal now before them, the Department desire to have a reply to the enquiry in their letter of 4th instant, as to the reasons which influenced the Committee in recommending adherence for a further period to rates of remuneration which, as stated in a previous communication, appear to the Department to be no longer properly applicable."

The following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed on the motion of Mr Peacocke, seconded by Mr Stafford:-

"That the Department be informed that the County Council, having gone very fully into all the circumstances connected with the administration of the Tuberculosis (Ireland) Order, 1913, considered it much more satisfactory to agree with the Veterinary Inspectors for payment of remuneration by salaries instead of fees. Speaking from experience, the Council consider it most objectionable to fix rate of remuneration of any officer by fees plus travelling expenses. The Veterinary Inspectors have accepted the proposal of the Co. Council, and we consider the Department should agree to it as the matter will be further considered at the December meeting of the Council."

Ballyhack Harbour.

Under date 8th August 1914, the following letter, No. 4134-1914, F. B., was read from the Department:-

"I have to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 6th instant, embodying a resolution adopted at a meeting of the Wexford Co. Council held on the 5th inst., and, in reply, to state, for the information of the Council, that the consent of the Board of Trade, necessary for the resumption of the work of improving the landing accommodation at Ballyhack, was received on 30th

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ultime,. Since then no suitable fereman has been available, but one will be disengaged in the course of next week, and the work will be put in hands forthwith."

Marked "Read".

Destructive Insects & Pests Acts.

Under date 10th August, 1914, the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction wrote (letter No. A.11740-14), transmitting a copy of an Order made by them under the Destructive Insects & Pests Acts, 1877 & 1907, for preventing the spreading in Ireland of American Gooseberry Mildew and Black Currant Mite. When the disease known as Gooseberry Mildew was first dealt with, the Department, as an experiment, agreed to the spraying and pruning of diseased bushes, but they are now of opinion that the only effective method of preventing the spread of the disease is to have the bushes destroyed.

Similarly, the destruction of infected bushes has also been found to be the only satisfactory means of dealing with Black Currant Mite. Applications for compensation have been recently received from fruit growers whose bushes or fruit have had to be destroyed and the Acts provide for the payment of compensation out of the local rate. The Department are advised that these payments are to be borne on the general county rates, and not on the special rate struck for the purposes of the Agriculture & Technical instruction Acts, 1899. An Order directing payment of compensation cannot be made without the consent of the County Council as Local Authority, and if the Wexford County Council are willing that an order of this nature should be made by the Department, it was suggested that a resolution to this effect should be adopted by the County Council, and that a Sealed copy of same should be forwarded to the Department.

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

"That the Wexford County Council cannot see their way to consent to any order being made for compensation under the Destructive Insects and Pests Acts 1877 to 1907."

University Scholarships.

Miss M. G. Furlong, Templecooby, Enniscorthy, wrote applying for an extension of her scholarship for a fourth year, pointing out that, as a final preparation for the profession of teaching which she hoped to take up, a post graduate course of one year at the University in the Theory and Practice of Education would be of the greatest value.

Miss Mary H. McGrath, Gorey, made a similar application and stated that

she had no means which would enable her to attend a further year's lectures in the University.

Mr Thomas C. Hassett, Fairy Hill House, Castlebridge, wrote, applying for an increase in his bursary of £25, as he stated the fees for his next year's University course had been raised.

A letter was read from the Secretary of University College, Dublin, that the fees for third-year Engineering would be £15 as heretofore. There was a change in the College fee payable by all students of the College which will be £1 instead of 10/-.

The following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed on the motion of Mr Stafford, seconded by Mr M. Codd:-

"The Finance & Roads Committee consider that, in view of the provisions of the scheme of University Scholarships, they are not in a position to recommend the County Council to accede to the applications of Miss Furlong, Miss McGrath, and Mr T. C. Hassett."

Garrylough Quarry.

Under date 18th August 1914, Mr R. W. Elgee, Solicitor to the County Council, wrote, forwarding a letter from Mr Mark D. Roche, relative to payment of compensation for right of way to Garrylough Quarry. Mr Elgee pointed out that Mr Roche had first asked £50, then £40, and now £30. He (Mr Elgee) informed Mr Roche in June last that if he agreed to take £20 he might induce the County Council to give it. The Council might consider the advisability of giving £25 to settle the matter.

The Finance & Roads Committee at the meeting of 21st August had made the following recommendation which was confirmed on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Peacocke:-

"That a sum of £25 be offered to Mr Mark D. Roche, for right of way to Garrylough Quarry. That should Mr Roche refuse this amount, Mr Elgee be empowered to offer a sum not exceeding £30."

Volunteers and Taghmen.

Under date 18th August 1914, Mr M. P. O'Ryan, Captain Taghmen Volunteers, wrote, asking permission to have the exclusive use of the Square at Taghmen, known as "Herse Fair Green" on two evenings of the week for drilling purposes.

The County Surveyor stated that he had no objection to the requisite permission being given in the Council approved.

"On the motion of Mr Cowman, seconded by the Chairman, the application of Mr O'Ryan was acceded to."

New Ross Bridge.

Under date 14th August, 1914, Mr M. J. Finn, Town Clerk, New Ross, wrote asking that the County Council reconsider the following application relative to improvement of footpath New Ross Bridge, and which had been refused by the Council:-

"That the County Council be asked to construct a concrete footpath on New Ross Bridge, instead of the asphalt one already asked for, at an estimated cost of £135, for both sides of the bridge, and in accordance with the following specification, viz:-

Concrete to be laid to inner edge of existing iron kerb, $4\frac{1}{2}$ " thick.

A core 3" thick laid 4--1. Finishing coat, $1\frac{1}{2}$ " thick 2- 1".

The following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was agreed to on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Peacocke:-

"That the matter be referred to Mr Barry, County Surveyor, for report in writing, to next meeting."

Hand Bags for Ex-Officio Inspectors under Weights & Measures Acts.

Under date 14th August 1914, the following letter was read from Mr R.W. Elgee, Solicitor to the County Council:-

"I am in receipt of your letter of the 6th instant, with Copy Resolution from the County Council referring the letter of the County Inspector, R. I. C., as to the provision of Hand Bags for Ex-Officio Inspectors of Weights & Measures to me to advise as to the liability of the County Council to provide such bags.

I have looked into the matter, and, having regard to clause 6 of the regulations made by the Board of Trade in August 1907, pursuant to the Weights & Measures Act 1904, I am of opinion that the County Council should comply with the request of the County Inspector and provide the requisite Bags.

Clause 6 to which I refer reads as follows:- "The Inspector shall be provided with working standards, scale-beams, and balances for testing weights, adequate instrumental equipment and travelling kit for inspection of such material and form as may from time to time be approved by the Board of Trade."

Then Section 80 of the Weights & Measures Act 1878, provides that the expenses incurred by any member of the R. I. C., as an Ex-officio Inspector of Weights & Measures in the execution of the Act shall be paid to such Inspector by the Local Authority of the District (in the present instance the County Council) on presentation of accounts of such expenses certified to be correct by the County Inspector.

It seems to me therefore that the words-travelling kit for Inspectors-

in Clause 6 of the Regulations would include Hand Bags, and that the County Council, as the Local Authority, would have to pay the Account for same, when presented certified by the County Inspector."

On the motion of Lord Stepferd, seconded by Mr Cleney, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That, in view of the opinion expressed by our Solicitor (Mr Elgee) we agree to the County Inspector, R. I. C., purchasing a hand bag, cost not exceeding 12/6 for each of the nine ex-officio Inspectors under Weights & Measures Acts."

Caretaking of New Ross Bridge.

A letter was read from Mr Lee, Caretaker of New Ross Bridge, as to payments to which he considered he was entitled in connection with repairs to this Bridge.

"The Finance & Roads Committee had decided, at their meeting on the 21st August, that the matter should be referred to the County Surveyor for report in writing, and the recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was approved on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Peacocke."

Beat Dues at Courtown Harbour.

Arrears of Beat dues at Courtown Harbour, amounting to £25. 11. 10d was brought before the Meeting.

Lord Stepferd, who had gone through the list with the Harbour Master at Courtown, explained the circumstances of each individual beat-owner from whom dues were owing.

The following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee at meeting of 21st August was confirmed on the motion of Mr Peacocke, seconded by Mr Cleney:-

"That Lord Stepferd be requested to submit to Mr Elgee, Solicitor to the County Council, the names of these beat-owners against whom he considers prosecutions should be taken for the payment of beat dues."

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

"That the Harbour Master at Courtown be instructed to use his best exertions to collect the beat dues at this harbour."

Conservation of Food Supplies.

The following resolution was received for adoption from Limerick Corporation:-

"That in view of the present serious state of affairs on the Continent, we regard it of the utmost importance that immediate steps should be taken towards the conservation of Food Supplies for Ireland, and we call on all Public Bodies to take concerted action for that purpose.

That we ask the Government to immediately bring in a Bill to control the sale and prices of all food stuffs, household necessities, coal etc., so that no excessive prices can be charged."

"Adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Peacocke."

Irish Volunteer.

Under date 14th August, 1914, an application was read on behalf of the newspaper "The Irish Volunteer" asking for a share of the advertisements of the County Council.

"No Order."

Proposals for Works.

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

"That the several proposals of the Proposal Committee in respect of which no tenders were received at the meeting of the Proposal Committee on this date be placed in charge of the County Surveyor."

Analyst's Report.

The following report was read:-

City Laboratory,

Chatham Row, DUBLIN.

13th August 1914.

Report of Sir Charles Cameron, C. B., M. D., Public Analyst, for the County Wexford on articles submitted to him for Analysis during the quarter ended 30 June 1914.

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

<u>Article</u>	<u>Number.</u>
Butter	39
Milk	39
Buttermilk	12
Cheese	8
Whiskey	7
Margarine	7
Port Wine	3
Tea	1

Article	Number
Gin	1
Brandy	<u>1</u>
Total	<u>118</u>

One certificate was sent to Sergeant White, Wexford, for specimen of milk adulterated with at least 7.5 per cent of added water and was also deficient of at least 16 per cent of its fats.

There were eleven specimens of butter and one of margarine analysed by directions from the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction for Ireland, Upper Merrien Street, Dublin, which were taken up in the County Wexford, and were pure.

For the Guardians of Enniscorthy Union fifteen drugs, one specimen of tea and one of port wine were analysed. One drug was incorrect.

For the Guardians of Gorey Union twelve drugs were analysed and were correct.

One specimen of water analysed for the New Ross Rural District Council had the following composition.

One imperial gallon contained in grains.

Total solid matter,	16.800
Including	
Albuminoid Ammonia	0.004
Saline Ammonia	0.002
Nitric Acid	2.120
Chlorine	2.690
Colour	colourless.

A good water.

For the Co. Committee of Agriculture two fertilizers were analysed.

For Mr John Belger, Ferns, one specimen of fertilizer was analysed.

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

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.....169.

Charles A. Cameron.

Marked "Read"

(Signed)

John Belger

Presiding Chairman.

SPECIAL MEETING.-7th SEPTEMBER 1914.

A Special Meeting of the Wexford County Council, was held in the Co. Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford, on 7th September 1914.

Present:- Mr C. H. Peacecke, (Vice Chairman) Presiding.

Other Members:- Messrs M. Cloney, Joseph Redmond, P. Whelan, J. S. Hearn, L. Barry, J. J. Kehoe, R. Scallan, P. Keating, N. J. Cowman, J. J. Stafford.

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

Sealing Mortgage with National Bank.

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

"That the Seal of the Council be attached to a Mortgage to the National Bank Ltd., to secure the sum of £4375, to be borrowed from said Bank in pursuance of the Consent of the Local Government Board dated 16th July 1914, said loan being for the purpose of Steamrolling roads in the Enniscorthy and new Ross Rural Districts of the County, and to be repaid by five equal instalments spread over a period of five years as in said consent mentioned together with Interest on the amount for the time being due at £3 % per annum."

Signing Advice Notes.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Kehoe, the following recommendation was agreed to:-

"That Treasurer's Advice Note for £32. 15/- representing one month's salary to Veterinary Inspectors etc., under Tuberculosis (Ireland) Order and which will bring payments up to 30th June be signed by the Council."

Receupment Subsidiary A/C.,

On the motion of Mr Kehoe, seconded by Mr Cowman, the following recommendation was agreed to:-

"That a sum of £4086. 9. 11d spent out of Subsidiary A/C, on behalf of Loans Account during the half-year, be transferred from Loans Account to Subsidiary Account in order to recoup the latter Account."

(SIGNED)

John Bolger

Presiding Chairman.

dated this 10th day of November 1914.

MEETING.-13th NOVEMBER 1914.

A Meeting of the Wexford County Council, was held in the County Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford, on 13th November 1914.

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

Other Members:- Messrs C. H. Peacocke, J. A. Doyle, R. Scallan, J. S. Hearn, Mark Codd, J. J. Stafford, T. Asple, M. Cloney, R. A. Rice, Philip Keating, J. J. Kehoe, M. Doyle, J. T. Mayler, N. J. Cowman, James Codd, Lord Stopford.

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

Confirmation of Minutes.

Minutes of Quarterly Meeting held on 5th August, and special Meetings held on 21st August, and 21 September, were read and confirmed.

Employees of Local Authorities Joining H. M. Forces.

The Local Government Board wrote (Circular letter No. 150 H) under date 9th September 1914, that not alone in the case of employees who have previously joined H.M.Forces, but also in the case of those who now wish to do so they would raise no objection to leave of absence being given to such employees, and to the Local Authorities making a reasonable payment in respect of wages or salaries to persons authorised by such employees to receive money, and would further assent to Local Authorities employing and paying temporary substitutes for officers who are summoned or volunteer for Naval or Military service."

This matter had been considered by the Finance & Roads Committee which recommended that each case should be dealt with as occasion arose.

"On the motion of Mr M.Doyle, seconded by Mr Peacocke, the recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed."

Sealed Orders of Local Government Board.

The Local Government Board forwarded copies of Sealed Orders made by them in the following matters:-

Well and pump at Clenevan, area of charge Killenagh and Wells Dispensary District.

Pump at Killurin, area of charge Taghmon and Glynn Dispensary District.

Well and pump at Drinagh, area of charge Wexford Dispensary District.

Supply of Water at Berrmount, Clenroche dispensary district.

Guarantee for payment of £13, 13, 4d per annum for Oylegate telegraph Office-area of charge Enniswerthy Dispensary District.

Local Government Elections.

Under date 23rd September 1914, the Local Government Board wrote, (letter No. 143 M 1914 Miscellaneous) forwarding copy of Order which they had made amending the rules in the Urban District Councillors and Town Commissioners (Ireland) Election Order of 1898, regarding the appointment of polling agents by Candidates for Election as Urban District Councillors and as Town Commissioners.

Marked "Read"

Rate Collection.

Under date 2nd November 1914, the Local Government Board wrote, (letter No. 5835341914 Wexford County) that they had assented to the payment of poundage to Collector Sullivan on the collection of the poor rate in his district in respect of the half-year ended on the 30th September last.

Marked "Read"

Interest on Government Loans.

Under date 21st September, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 48575-1914, Miscellaneous) forwarding copy of Notice which has been issued by Treasury in regard to increases in Interest on loans obtained from the Treasury."

Marked "Read"

Motor Car Act 1903.

Under date 27th October 1914, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 174 M., 1914) that by the Expiring Laws Continuance Act, the Motor Car Act 1903 was continued until 31st December 1915.

Marked "Read"

Audit of Accounts.

The Local Government Board wrote forwarding copies of reports of their Auditor, and Abstracts of Accounts, for half-year ended 31st March 1914, in respect of the following public bodies:-

Enniscorthy Union and Rural District Council.

Gorey Union and Rural District Council.

New Ross Union and Rural District Council.

Wexford Union and Rural District Council.

Marked "read"

Leinster Winter Assizes.

Under date 2nd November 1914, the Under Secretary, Dublin Castle, wrote forwarding usual instructions as to Certificate of Expenses under section 19 of

Winter Assize Order in Council.

Marked "Read"

Sale of Fodd & Drugs.

Under date 24th October 1914, the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction, wrote (letter No. G 4421-14) that three samples of butter taken by their officer in Gorey under above Acts were found to be pure on analysis .

Marked "Read"

Hay & Straw Revocation Order.

Under date 12th October 1914, the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction, forwarded Hay & Straw (Movement from Great Britain to Ireland) Revocation Order of 1914 (No.2).

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

"That we protest against the action of the Department of Agriculture, in revoking the prohibition against the importation of hay and straw into this Country from Great Britain.

That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction."

Poisons & Pharmacy Act.

Mr James Cullen, Taghmon, wrote applying for licence under Poisons & Pharmacy Act.

"On the motion of Mr J. J. Kehoe, seconded by Mr Stafford, the application was granted."

Motor Car Speed over County Bridges.

Under date 26th August 1914, the following letter was read from Mr R. W. Elgee, Solicitor :-

"referring to the resolution of the County Council adopted at their Meeting held on the 5th inst., instructing me to take the necessary steps to have a Bye law made limiting the speed of all motor and steam traffic over all the Bridges in this County to ten miles an hour, I write to say that I communicated with the Local Government Board, who would seem to be the Authority to make the requisite Bye Law or Regulation, on the matter, and I now enclose you a copy of the Board's reply.

As to the last paragraph of the letter I may remind you that we already have bye Laws under the Act and section the Board refers to."

The following was the letter of the Local Government Board:-

"The Local Government Board for Ireland have had before them your letter of the 17th instant, relative to the proposal of the Wexford County Council to limit the speed of all motor and steam traffic over all the bridges in the County to ten miles an hour.

With reference thereto I am to state that if it is intended to move the Board to make regulations fixing ten mile limits under section 9 (1) of the Motor Car Act 1903, application for that purpose should be made by the County Council, and the information indicated on annexed Memorandum should be furnished.

As regards locomotives which are not Motor Cars or light locomotives within the meaning of Section 20 of the Motor Car Act 1903, I am to call attention to the powers of the County Council under Section 6 of the Public Health (Ireland) Amendment Act 1879."

This matter had been considered by the Finance & Roads Committee and they recommended that in view of the cost of local Enquiry the County Council should take no further action in the matter, the County Surveyor to procure from the Automobile Association Signs Marked "Drive Slowly" and which are to be erected on the County Bridges.

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

"That the recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee be confirmed."

Deeps Bridge.

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

"That the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Messrs Kehoe, Cowman, Asple, Cloney, and Stafford, be appointed a Committee to inspect the paling at the Deeps Bridge on 25th November, and report to the meeting of the County Council on 2nd December.

That Mr Barry, County Surveyor, make arrangements to have this Bridge formally opened on 25th November, and that the Secretary communicate with the members of the Council, informing them of the hour and date."

Application to Road Board-Wexford Urban District.

The County Surveyor submitted an application from the Wexford Corporation and Wexford Harbour Board in respect of the rolling of the road from the North Railway Station to the Urban Boundary at Maudlintown, including the filling in of the Creseent Quay.

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

"That we approve of the application of the Wexford Corporation and Wexford Harbour Board, and request the County Surveyor to submit same for the favourable consideration of the Road Board."

Road Limits of Expenditure.

The Secretary stated that the Road limits for Gorey, New Ross and Wexford would expire in March 1915.

The limits were:-

Gorey.....	£3632.	10.	0
New Ross....	8741.	5.	0
Wexford.....	7935.	10.	0

The amount of Road Estimates agreed to by the Rural District Councils for financial year 1914-5 were:-

Gorey £7597. 0. 5d, New Ross £7178. 11. 6d, WExford £7489. 0. 0d,

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

"That our Secretary communicate with the Rural District Council of Gorey, New Ross, and Wexford, and point out to them that the consent of the Local Government Board to the present road limits of expenditure expires in March 1915."

Irrecoverable Rates.

The following claims for exemption from Rates were laid before the Meeting:-

Collector N. O'H. Walsh:- Aghwilliam 136, Rathaspeck 220, 65, 268, Taghmon 142, 147, Wexford Rural 173.

Collector P. Rossiter:- Lady's Island 100, Rosslare 64, 274a, 296, St Helens 49, 50, 62a, 68.

Collector Gregory Rossiter:- Ardavan 8, Kilpatrick 53.

Collector J. F. Sullivan:- Castledockril 93, Killeoughrim 123, Kilrush 136, Moyacomb 137, Tembrack 22, 197, Newtownbarry 232, 238, .

Collector J. Cummins:- Kilbera 77, 78, The Harrow 88.

Collector J. Sinnott:- Ballyhegue 205, Bree 57, The Leap 153.

Collector L. Lacy:- Ballyvaldon 249, Belaboy 177, Castle Ellis 148, 227.

Collector P. Nolan:- Ballyoughter 25, Ballyelis 22, Ballybeg 39, Kilcomb 215, 231, Monaseed 54, 75.

Collector J. C. Smith:- Ardamine 112, Courtown 166, 327, Gorey Rural 14, 206, Gorey Urban 243, Kilnahun 67.

Collector R. Earle:- Ballygarrett 96, Ford 62, Killenagh 122,

Collector E. Cummins:- Carnagh 38.

Collector J. Banville:- Carrigbyrne 137, Horretown 141, Kilgarvan 91.

Collector J. L. Doyle:- Inch 24, Tintern 21, 207, 253, 351, 378,

Collector J. Cogley:- Ballyhack 53, 62, Fethard 67.

On the motion of Mr Hearn. Seconded by Lord Stopford, 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.

That we agree to refunds of irrecoverable rates being made to the various Rate Collectors, as set out in the lists submitted by our Secretary."

Mr Cloney, Fethard Lifeboat House.

Mr Cloney, County Councillor, brought before the meeting the following letter from Mr G. L. Tayler, Estate Office, Fethard, Agent to the Marquis of Ely:

"With reference to our recent conversation re the above. The Marquis of Ely and his Trustees, suggested to the National Life Boat Institution that this house might be dedicated by the Institution and his Lordship for the use of the local fishermen who reside in the locality, to be used as a shelter and resting place for them especially in bad weather.

The Institution have replied they are inclined to consider the proposal favourably, and ask how the dedication should be carried out, and whether the gift would be appreciated by the Fishermen.

I shall feel obliged if you will bring the matter before the County Council at their next meeting, and ascertain whether they would be prepared to allow the property to be vested in them for the purpose mentioned, and that they would undertake to keep it in good order."

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

"That the matter be referred to the County Surveyor to report to next meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee."

Light at Ballyhack Boat Slip.

Under date 29th October 1914, the following letter was read from Mr J. Allingham, Secretary to Waterford Harbour Board:-

"Referring to previous correspondence the Waterford Harbour Commission-

ers direct me to notify that after the end of next month they will discontinue the maintenance and lighting of the lamp at the head of Ballyhack Boat Slip, they not being now in any way responsible for the boat harbour at Ballyhack."

"Referred to County Surveyor for report."

Recommendations of Finance & Roads Committee.

The following recommendations of the Meetings of Finance & Roads Committee held on 7th September, 2nd October, and 28th October:-

"That in future the County Surveyor furnish a copy of his monthly report to the Members of Finance & Roads Committee previous to Meeting."

"Amended claim of Mr Colhoun, Contractor for Ferrycarrig Bridge, to be referred to Mr Elgee, Solicitor."

"Recommending that owing to the manner in which a second dipping for Autumn period had been sprung upon sheep owners by the Department, no prosecutions be taken against owners of sheep who have dipped once during the period."

"That Mr Elgee be instructed to communicate with Messrs O'Flaherty as to preparing lease for Enniscorthy Courthouse premises from Lord Portsmouth to the Wexford Co Council on the terms of the resolution adopted by the Co Council at special Meeting on 13th October 1913."

"The suggestion of County Surveyor as to dumping material at Poulduff pier was approved."

"The County Surveyor was instructed to arrange the work of raising road at Farnogue so that one side of it would remain open for traffic."

"Approving of arrangement by County Surveyor with County Treasurer as to payments for wages for quarrymen, etc.,"

"Approving of provision of huts for quarrymen."

"Authorising Secretary to purchase duplicating machine cost not to exceed 25/-".

"Agreeing to extra clerical assistance in Co Surveyor's Office."

"Directing the County Surveyor to prepare a monthly synopsis of the work of the Assistant Surveyors."

"Directing County Surveyor and Senior Assistant Surveyor to keep diaries showing a record of their work, and submit same to the monthly meetings of the Finance & Roads Committee."

"Instructing the County Surveyor to lay before the December meeting of Finance & Roads Committee a statement showing the cost in the £ of upkeep

of roads in each district of the County, and the amount of rate in the £ of County Cess in the Standard year."

"Directing the County Surveyor to prepare a return of receipts and expenditure for all quarries worked by the County Council."

"Approving of application for Grant to the Road Board towards the reconstruction of Mountgarrett Bridge."

"Referring Report of Senior Assistant Surveyor re Road No. 205R (New Ross District) to the County Surveyor."

"Requesting the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction to send a representative to the November meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee with reference to the remuneration to be paid to the Veterinary Inspectors under the Tuberculosis (Ireland) Order 1913."

"Instructing the Secretary to arrange for attendance of Mr Elgee, Solicitor, at the hearing of applications at petty sessions for the admission of children to Industrial Schools in cases which he considers should be investigated."

"That the County Surveyor and County Secretary be instructed to attend the meetings of the Rural District Councils at which the Report of Special Road Committee is to be considered."

"Requesting the Local Government Board to agree to payment of poundage to Collector Sullivan, who did not close his collection until 14th October."

"Approving of report from Kilmere Pier Committee that the recent work there had been carried out satisfactorily."

"Appointment of Mr M. J. O'Conner, Solicitor, to represent the County Council at the taxation of costs of Mr R. W. Elgee."

"On the motion of Mr M. Doyle, seconded by Mr Peacecke, the recommendations of the Finance & Roads Committee were confirmed."

Courtown Harbour.

The Finance & Roads Committee recommended:-

"That the following suggestion of Courtown Harbour Committee be approved-

That commencing from January 1st 1915, the owners of large boats be called upon to pay monthly, and small boats quarterly, and that the Harbour Master be provided with proper demand notes that he can serve on owners of boats."

The following recommendation from Courtown Harbour Committee was also confirmed:-

"We recommend that Mr K. McNeill be elected a member of the Harbour Committee, in the place of Mr W. Gahan, resigned."

"The Committee also reported that Michael Wafer came before them, and explained that he had already paid 7/6 this year for dues, which is all that is due for the present year, and of the arrears 16/- was due on the boat when he got it from his late Uncle on his death 14 years ago."

Patrick Kenny explained to the Committee that his arrears 15/- was owing when the Co Council took over the control of the Harbour, and that last Winter he was unable to earn anything owing to the failure of the herring fishing, if the original debt of 15/- was remitted he would do his best to pay the balance in time."

"On the motion of Lord Stepford, seconded by the Chairman, Mr McNeill was appointed a member of Courtown Harbour Committee, vice Mr Gahan resigned."

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

"That Mr Elgee, Solicitor, communicate with the owners of boats who are in arrears and endeavour to induce them to pay off their indebtedness."

"That the question of writing off a certain proportion of the arrears due by these boatowners be considered at the next meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee."

"That the suggestion of the Courtown Harbour Committee as to preparation and service of demand notes on boatowners be agreed to."

Proposals for Payment.

On the motion of Mr Hearn, seconded by Mr Scallan, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That as recommended by the Proposal Committee, the payment of fixed items, viz:- Salaries, Collectors Poundage, Fees, etc., as submitted by the Secretary be made at this Meeting."

Enniscorthy Bridewell.

Mr H. Jameson Davis, Enniscorthy, wrote under date 9th November, asking for the use of the old bridewell at Enniscorthy Courthouse, as an armoury for the Enniscorthy Battalion of Volunteers of which he is in Command.

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

"That Mr H. Jameson Davis, be given permission to utilise the old Bridewell at Enniscorthy, as an armoury for the battalion of Volunteers which he commands, subject to the approval of Mr J. E. Barry, High Sheriff."

Analyst's Report.

The following report was read:-

City Laboratory,

Chatham Row, DUBLIN.

6th November 1914.

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 1914.

49 articles were received from the Feed Inspectors, R. I. C., as follows...

<u>Article.</u>	<u>Number.</u>
Butter	17
Whiskey	10
Buttermilk	9
Milk	7
Margarine	2
Rum	2
Cheese	1
Port Wine	1
Total	<u>49</u>

They were all pure.

For the Guardians of Enniscorthy Union fifteen drugs and a specimen of tea were analysed and were correct.

For the Guardians of Gorey Union six drugs were analysed. One was incorrect.

For the Enniscorthy Co-operative Society, Enniscorthy, one specimen of feeding stuff was analysed.

For Shillelagh Union, which is partly situated in the County Wexford, fifteen drugs were analysed. One was incorrect.

Total analyses..... 88.

Charles A. Cameron.

Marked "Read"

Read Board & Mountgarrett Bridge.

Under date 2nd November 1914, the following letter was read from Mr H. P. Maybury, Manager of the Read Board:-

"I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 28th ultime, and to inform you that the Read Board regret they are unable to encourage your Council to apply for a Grant towards the cost of constructing the above-named

bridge.

The view of the Board is that any money which may be available for grants should not be applied to the cost of works for which the money can be borrowed from outside sources, and the repayments spread over a considerable number of years."

Marked "Read".

Irish County Councils' General Council.

The Secretary to the above wrote that the Annual Meeting would be held on 11th December, and stated that any questions which the Wexford County Council desire to raise thereat should be furnished before 26th November."

Marked "Read".

University Scholarships.

In connection with award of University Scholarship the following recommendations were presented by Finance & Roads Committee:-

"That the County Council be recommended to award provisional University Scholarships to Miss Anna M. Murphy, Bridge House, Gorey, Miss Marguerite M. Sears, Enniscorthy, John L. Beekey, Ferns, subject to their passing necessary matriculation examination.

That as Thomas J. O'Reurke failed to secure Honour Marks in Irish by only nine marks, we agree to a Scholarship being awarded to him provided he passes in Irish paper at Matriculation examination of National University, and which he intends to sit for on 15th inst., scholarship to be provisional on Mr Thomas J. O'Reurke passing matriculation examination.

"That we recommend the Co. Council to allow Miss Clare Kavanagh, Wexford, to compete for Scholarship for 1914-15, as she has secured first place in Ireland in the Senior Grade of the recent Intermediate Examinations, provided that she qualifies in Irish at the Matriculation Examination of 1915, of a University which has made Irish an essential subject for Matriculation and up to the time when specialization begins.

That of the four Scholarships to be awarded in 1915, so far as possible three be tenable by boys and one by girls.

That the balance of Scholarship after academic session be paid at the December Meeting of the Council.

That a clause be inserted in the Scheme specially excluding Arts Scholarship for any extension of usual three years period.

That in order to meet exceptional cases the provisions of the Scheme (except those dealing with the subjects for examination and award of marks)

may be varied by the Council, but such variation can be dealt with only on Notice of Motion to be considered at a County Council Meeting.

That no change be made as regards the present subjects for examination or award of marks."

"The Secretary reported that Miss Murphy, Mr O'Reurke, and Mr Beekey, had passed the matriculation examination of the National University, and had entered on the rolls of the College. He understood that Miss Sears had not sat for matriculation examination."

"A letter was read from the Hon Sec to the Railway Clerks' Association asking the Co Council to withdraw the time limit of five years for residence of parents or guardians of applicants for University Scholarships, as this clause practically debarred the children of Station Masters and Clerks located at Railway Stations from competing for Scholarships."

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

"That continuing Scholarships be awarded to Margaret Furlong, Mary J. Byrne, Geo. F. Duggan, John Connolly, Maurice Kinsella, Elizabeth Beekey, and continuing Bursaries to Phyllis Ryan and Thomas C. Hassett."

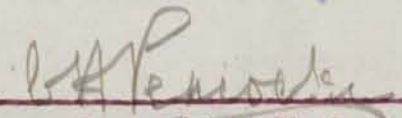
On the motion of Mr Stafford, seconded by Mr James Codd, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That we agree to the recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee dealing with the allocation of new Scholarships to Miss Anna M. Murphy, John L. Beekey, Thomas J. O'Reurke, and Miss M. Sears, provided the last named sits for matriculation in June 1915."

The recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee with regard to Miss Clare Kavanagh, was agreed to on the motion of Mr Stafford seconded by Mr James Codd.

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

"That we agree to the recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee as to the various changes in University Scholarship Scheme for next year, with the exception of the recommendation dealing with the allocation of three Scholarships to boys and one to girls, from which we dissent."

(Signed) 

Dated this 2nd day of December

Presiding Chairman.
1914.

STATUTABLE HALF-YEARLY MEETING.- 2nd DECEMBER 1914.

The Statutable Half-Yearly Meeting of the Wexford County Council, was held in the Co Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford, on 2nd December 1914.

Present:- Mr C. H. Peacecke, (Vice-Chairman) Presiding.

Also present:- Messrs P. O'Neill, P. Whelan, J. J. Kehoe, N. J. Cowman, R. Scallan, M. Cloney, J. T. Mayler, J. J. Stafford, M. Doyle, M. Codd, James Codd.

The County 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.

The late Lord Courtown.

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

"That we offer our deep sympathy to our Colleague-Lord Stopford- in the loss he has sustained through the death of his father, the Right Hon the Earl of Courtown.

That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Lord Stopford."

Courtown Harbour Boat Dues.

At the Meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee on 13th November, the following recommendation had been agreed to:-

"That Mr Elgee, Solicitor communicate with the owners of boats who are in arrear and endeavour to induce them to pay off their indebtedness.

That the question of the writing off a certain proportion of the arrears due by these boatowners be considered at the next meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee."

"Adjourned to meeting of Finance & Roads Committee."

Notion of Motion.

The following notice of motion, of which Mr Hearn had given previous notice, was by permission of the meeting, proposed by Mr Kehoe:-

"That the County Council purchase another stonebreaker for use in scheduled quarries."

Mr Cloney seconded.

A poll was taken with the following result:-

For the Motion:- Messrs Cloney, O'Neill, Stafford, Kehoe, Scallan, M. Codd,

James Codd.- 7.

Against:- Messrs Doyle, Whelan, Cowman, Mayler, and the Chairman. -5.

"The Chairman declared the motion carried."

Read Limit of Expenditure.

Under date 26th November, Mr. Kehoe, Clerk Wexford District Council, wrote that his District Council desired that their present limit of expenditure £7935. 10/- to remain unaltered in any fresh consent which the County Council may ask the Local Government Board to give.

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

"That our Secretary again communicate with the Clerks of New Ross, and Greystown R. D. Councils, and point out to them that their present read limit of expenditure will expire in March 1915."

University Scholarship Scheme.

Thomas J. O'Rourke, 95 Lower Baginbun Street, Dublin, University Student, wrote asking for permission to reside at the place altho' not a recognised hostel.

He forwarded approval of Rev M. Hickey, Dean of Residence, University College, who stated that the house was most suitable.

Mr. John L. Beekey, Co. Council Student, wrote requesting permission to reside at 50 & 51 Heytesbury Street, Dublin, altho' not a recognised hostel. He forwarded the approval of Rev M. Hickey, Dean of Residence.

On the motion of Mr. Cloney, seconded by Mr. Whelan, the following resolution was agreed to:-

"That we agree to the requests of Messrs T. J. O'Rourke, and John L. Beekey, to reside in the houses mentioned in their application though they are not recognised hostels. That in all cases in which University Students of this Council are unable to secure lodgings in a recognised hostel we will raise no objection to their residence in any other lodging provided they forwarded to our Secretary the approval of the Dean of Residence to the lodging selected."

Audit of County Council Accounts.

"Under date 26th November, the Local Government Board wrote, letter No. 64717-1914, Wexford, forwarding attested Abstracts of the Accounts of the Council for half-year ended 30th September with the following report of their Auditor:-

"I have the honour to report that I have audited the accounts of the Co.

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 prepared and submitted for audit in every satisfactory manner and no item of expenditure calls for any remark on my part."

Marked "Read"

Foreign Hay & Straw (Ireland) Order of 1912.

Amendment Order of 1914. (No.2)

The Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction forwarded a copy of above Order the effect of which is to prohibit importation of hay and straw from the United States.

Marked "Read"

Co. Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction

Under date 24th November 1914, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 64165 Wexford Co.) forwarding copy of report of their Auditor on his audit of the Co Wexford Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction Accounts, for half-year ended 30th September last, with attested copy of the Abstracts of the Accounts.

Marked "Read"

River Navigation Improvement (Ireland) Act 1914.

Under date 24th November 1914, the Local Government Board (letter No. 184 M. 1914) wrote forwarding copy of above Act, which empowers County Councils to construct and maintain within the County works for improvement of the navigation of any river in accordance with schemes prepared by the Councils and approved by the Board of Works.

Marked "Read".

Tara Hill Quarry.

The Secretary asked instructions as to whether the direction of the Finance & Roads Committee that Mr Paddle Assistant Surveyor should attend at Tara Hill Quarry on one day per week instead of two as heretofore, would interfere with the amount voted to Mr Paddle for discharge of this work, viz £5 per annum.

"It was decided that no change be made in the amount allowed Mr Paddle for supervising the work at the Quarry, viz £5."

Meetings of County & District Councils.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Stafford, the following dates of half-yearly meetings of Councils were agreed to:-
 Gorey R. D. Council-Thursday April 8th 1915 at 11.30 a.m.,
 Enniscorthy R. D. Monday April 12th at 11 a.m.,

New Ress R. D. Tuesday April 13th at 11.30 a.m.,
 Wexford R. D., Saturday April 10th at 10.30 a.m.,
 Proposal Committee-Wednesday 7th April at 10.30 a.m.,
 County Council-Wednesday May 5th at 10.30 a.m.,
 Proposal Committee-Quarterly Meeting- 11th February-10 30 a.m.,
 County Council- " " " " 11 a.m.,

Piers & Harbours.

The following report on the Piers & Harbours of the County was submitted from the County Surveyor:-

"I beg to submit report on the Harbours and Piers of County Wexford as follows:-

Courtown Harbour:-

The structure and fittings of this Harbour have been maintained in good condition. According to the state of the wind the part at the Harbour entrance from time to time gets into a bad condition, and fishing boats have difficulty in entering and leaving. However, this state of affairs cannot be remedied without very extensive expenditure.

At the present time some slight repairs are required to the cap on the hinge of the gate containing the sluices.

In the river opposite the square there is now accumulating a bank of gravel where the small stream from Riverchapel discharges and interferes with the current of the main river, this is not a serious matter. The retaining wall to the Square is in a ^{somewhat} defective condition but I do not recommend that any repairs be undertaken at the present time as very probably the wall will stand for a good while to come, and if repairs be now undertaken a great deal of good work must be removed contingent on the repair of the defective part.

The Harbour Master asked me to obtain directions from the County Council as to what should be done to two old boats belonging to the Council which are at present on the bank and are in the way. Sometime ago an attempt was made to sell these but no offer of any consequence was made, and now the boats are only fit for firewood.

Poulduff Harbour:-

During the Summer time I had the timber bridge over the stream discharging alongside the Pier repaired and it is now in good condition. There is now required for the Pier a new lamp, the existing one which is of iron having rotted away. I suggest that a copper lamp be supplied.

I have already reported to the Finance Committee in regard to the

settlement appearing at the end of the Pier. On the last occasion of a visit I had an appointment with Mr Oliver the Department's Engineer and we made a thorough examination of the Pierhead at low water. Some of the blocks have settled opening the horizontal joints, and I discussed with Mr Oliver the best method to preserve the structure from further damage.

I have since heard from Mr Oliver who discussed the matter with the resident engineer on the construction of the work, that the pierhead had been founded on rock, so that it is difficult to understand how this settlement has taken place, possibly some of the concrete in the bag-work of the foundation has deteriorated as has been found to happen from time to time in sea works.

We decided that a quantity of rubble material should be dumped over the Pierhead to protect the foundations from scour and I was authorised to have this done. Delay took place in starting the work owing to the difficulty in arranging about a quarry, but I have now settled this matter and have made agreement with a man named Patrick Fortune to carry out the work for £25, and I have submitted a proposal to the Proposal Committee for this amount.

Blackwater Harbour:-

Sometime ago a proposal was passed for the construction of a Pier or Jetty at Blackwater contingent on the Department of Agriculture making a grant of half the cost, but as this has not been done up to the present no work has been undertaken.

Carne Harbour:-

This pier was repaired during the Summer time. The breach in the parapet caused by the Spring storms has been made good and at present there is no further attention necessary.

Kilmere Harbour:-

During the Summer time extensive repairs were carried out to the buttress on the outside of the Pier, to the breakwater, and to the retaining wall near the lifeboat slip. This last was done by concrete in situ and the other two places were repaired by concrete bags, except small holes in the breakwater which were filled in and stones rammed home. The Committee of the County Council inspected this work with me and have already reported to the Council their opinion of the work.

At the present time with the exception of the lamps which require some change to be made and a new lamp to be supplied there is no attention required.

Fethard Harbour:-

I have been informed that some ten years ago this Harbour was cleaned out and at the present time it seems to be in fairly satisfactory condition. Some small repairs are required to the masonry at the top of the two sets

of steps and there is also a small hole at the end of the short pier on the West side. At the time of the Fethard lifeboat disaster one of the lifebuoys was taken away by the lifeboat authorities and was lost. The lifeboat Institution, however, has refunded the cost of replacing it, and it is now there.

Slade Harbour:-

Last year the iron railing at Slade Harbour was scraped and painted but at present is not in a satisfactory condition. I recommend that in the future all iron work at this and any of the harbours be coated with bituminous mastic, which I believe will stand the sea air and spray where paint would be rapidly destroyed.

At the August Meeting of the Proposal Committee a proposal was approved for the sum of £20 to clean out the Harbour. I have been endeavouring to get a person to undertake the work and I find it cannot be done for less than £50. The approach channel outside the Harbour entrance will require deepening to an extent which will absorb practically the whole of the amount approved and little or no work can be done inside the Harbour.

Duncannon Harbour:-

In the month of September last I made a thorough inspection of this Harbour in company with Mr Cloney M. C. C.,

The moorings of the hulk now require some adjustments so as to keep the gangway from moving upstream as it has a tendency to do, and some caulking to the old planking on the deck of the hulk is required. Around the pier head near the hulk the joints in the masonry require cleaning out and pointing, the upper portion of this work may possibly be done at once but for the lower part it will be necessary to wait for Springtime. At the Steps at the outside of the main Pier there is the remains of an iron railing, the upper portion of which had at one time been sheeted with iron. This is now wasted away and I recommend that a small reinforced concrete wall be erected here to prevent seas breaking in on the Pier surface and some pointing is required at the end of the inner or boat Pier and also on the Slip alongside same.

The greater portion of the iron railings are at present badly wasted and should be chipped and coated with bituminous mastic.

I noticed that the angle iron railings are not at all suitable for Piers as the moisture lodges in the crevices and wears them out rapidly, whereas the iron tubular railings stand well. As an alternative to painting the railings I suggest that a thin concrete wall may be built round them leaving the iron work as a reinforcement, this would be a

permanent job but should not be undertaken until next year.

There are a number of safety chains on the inside of the Pier which we are required to maintain by the Board of Trade. Four of these chains have become broken or defective and require renewal. There are two new lamps required to replace defective ones, and I recommend that copper lamps similar to the last lamp erected be obtained. Three of the lifebuoys require to be fitted with new ropes and one of them requires to be re-covered, there are six buoys in all at the Harbour.

Arthurstown Harbour:-

At the Meeting of the County Council in May last a Proposal was passed to make some improvements in the roadway at Arthurstown Pier but I have not been able to get anyone to undertake the work and I am now letting it remain over until next year. The retaining wall of the roadway adjoining the Pier was repaired during the Summer under the District Council and the Pier itself adjoining will require some small underpinning and pointing during the coming year, otherwise the structure is in good condition. I have recently ordered a new lamp for this Pier as the existing one was defective.

Ballyhack Harbour:-

The building of the breakwater and contingent work at Ballyhack is now in progress. On the 9th inst., there were thirteen men working at the job. I have been informed that the Waterford Harbour Commissioners intend to cease the care of the lamp at the end of the boat slip way and it will be necessary for the Council to provide for this."

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

"That the County Surveyor procure a new lamp for Harbours of Poulduff and Kilmere, and two new lamps at Duncannon, to replace these worn out in service."

With regard to Duncannon Harbour, the following order was agreed to on the motion of Mr Cloney, seconded by Mr Stafford:-

"That the County Surveyor communicate with the owner of the timber blocking the roadway at the pier and inform him that unless he leaves a sufficient passage for the public use of the pier he will be prosecuted."

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

"That the Courtown Harbour Committee be asked to consider the advisability of disposing of two old boats at the Harbour, which the Harbour Master considered to be blocking the Harbour there."

Deeps Bridge.

The following report of the Deeps Bridge Committee was laid before the Meeting:-

"The Committee met at the Bridge at 1.15 p.m., on 25th November, all the Members with the County Surveyor and Mr Jennings, Resident Engineer were in attendance.

The Committee made the following recommendation:-

That the concrete retaining wall at both sides of the approach be carried up to road level, that on the down stream side the existing post and wire fence be enclosed as reinforcement in a concrete parapet wall, that on the upstream side the post and wire fence be removed and be re-erected, pertien at each side of the roadway adjoining the bridge, to strengthen and improve existing thorn fence, that a concrete wall with necessary reinforcement be erected on the upstream side of the approach in substitution of wire paling already referred to and that the line of this new wall be laid out so as to give increased width on east end of road approach."

Mr Stafford proposed, and Mr Cloney seconded the adoption of the report.

A poll was taken with the following result:-

For the adoption of the report:- Messrs Whelan, Cloney, Stafford, Kehoe, Cowman, Scallan, M. Codd, J. Codd, and the Chairman.- 9.

Against:- Mr M. Doyle.-1.

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Proposals for Roads Etc.,

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

"That the several proposals for New Works and renewals of Contracts submitted from the Proposal Committee and the several Rural District Councils of the County as appearing on Forms 20 with the modifications and other orders noted thereon and initialled by the Chairman, be, and are hereby approved."

Proposals for Payment.

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

"That the several proposals for payment submitted from the Proposal Committee and the several District Councils of the County, as appearing on Forms 22 and also as recommended by the Finance & Roads Committee, subject to the modifications and other orders noted thereon, and initialled by the Chairman, be, and are hereby approved."

Coals.

Two tenders were received for supply of coals to County Courthouse, viz:- Mr William Kinsella, Commercial Quay, Wexford, at 28/- per ton, Mr George Stafford, John Street, Wexford, at £1. 6. 6d per ton.

"On the motion of Mr Cowman, seconded by Mr Kehoe, the tender of Mr Stafford, was accepted."

Remuneration Veterinary Surgeons Etc., under Tuberculosis
(Ireland) Order 1913.

The Secretary reported that the following recommendation had been agreed to at the meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee on 25th November (Mr Norris, M.R.C.V. S., Inspector to the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction, being in attendance.):—

"That a sum of £40 each as from 1st January 1915, to 31st December 1915, be paid Messrs R. Malone, James Malone, W. J. Doyle, A. Dobblyn, and F. W. Taylor, Veterinary Inspectors, for their duties under the Tuberculosis (Ireland) Order 1913.

That as for the same period a sum of £15 be paid to the Secretary of the County Council, as Clerk to the Executive Committee under the Diseases of Animals Acts, in respect of duties under the Tuberculosis (Ireland) Order 1913."

Under date 28th November, the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction wrote (letter No. 4947-1914, V.B.,) that if the County Council accepted the recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee, the approval of the Department to the proposal of the Committee may be regarded as given.

In connection with this matter the Secretary stated that confirmation was also required to remuneration for necessary microscopical and bacteriological examination of milk. This work had been carried out up to the present by Mr R. Malone M.R.C.V.S., at the following rates for analyses:- Milk 2/6 per sample, faeces at 4/- per sample, and blood at 5/- per sample. When the matter was first under consideration a suggestion had been made that the work should be carried out alternatively every six months by the Veterinary Inspectors of the County Council.

"The recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed on the motion of Mr Cloney, seconded by Mr Kehoe."

"It was decided that the question of arranging for microscopical and bacteriological examination of samples of milk, etc., be adjourned to the next meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee, and that this

Committee be requested to make any arrangements in connection with the

matter which they consider most desirable."

Special Road Account.

The following was read from the Finance & Roads Committee:-

"In connection with the difficulty of paying wages etc., to quarrymen etc., the following recommendation was agreed to on the motion of Mr Kehoe, seconded by Mr Cowman:-

That this Council be recommended to agree to the proposal of the County Surveyor to open a special account in his own name in order to provide for these payments, amounts expended to be recouped after each meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee, and amount of interest on any overdraft to be deducted from the Interest on the credit balance of the General Account of the County Council."

"The foregoing recommendation was agreed to on the motion of Mr Stafford seconded by the Chairman."

Irrecoverable Rates.

Under date 20th November 1914, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 62602-1914 Wexford County) as follows:-

"With reference to the lists of arrears of rate in the County of Wexford for the period ended the 30th of September 1914, recently forwarded by you to this Department, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to return the lists, herewith, and to state that the rulings of the Board are duly stamped thereon approving of the recommendations of the Council except in the following cases:-

Collector P. Redmond:- Items 358, 363, 371, 368. More than two years due.

The lists of the following collectors are returned unstamped as several items thereon are not reconcilable with the amounts on the corresponding receipts:-

J. Cogley, J. F. Sullivan, F. Blake, J. Mullett, N. O'H. Walsh.

I am, at the same time, to point out that the Rulings of the Board have been given on the assumption that the information contained in the several lists is in all respects accurate, and must not, therefore, be regarded as interfering with the jurisdiction of the Auditor in case for any cause he should at audit find it necessary to deal otherwise with any item or items.

Collectors Blake and Walsh should also be required to furnish an explanation why they signed and dated some of the unused receipts in advance in spite of the Board's repeated admonitions."

"The Secretary stated he had written to the Collectors

concerned asking them to furnish replies to the points raised in the communication of the Local Government Board."

Roads Etc., Untendered for.

In connection with the Roads and Works untendered for at District Council Meetings, the Secretary called attention to the following resolution of the Finance & Roads Committee Meeting held on 25th November:-

"That in the cases of roads untendered for at District Meetings and for which the District Councils have not interfered with the specified tonnage or the estimate of the County Surveyor, the latter be instructed not to accept the old contractor. And that in cases in which the District Councils have cut down the tonnage or the estimate of the County Surveyor, that an order be made that the work be referred back to the District Council, these directions to apply only in instances in which the County Surveyor considers desirable."

"The resolution of the Finance & Roads Committee was adopted on the motion of Mr O'Neill, seconded by Mr Cloney."

Special Road Committee.

The Report of Special Road Committee suggesting that in all cases of roads in the hands of the County Surveyor and in other cases in which it could be arranged road metalling should be supplied by the Council at a fixed rate, also suggesting the purchase of stonebreaker and employment of an expert staff of quarrymen was considered.

The following Minute of the Finance & Roads Committee in connection with this matter was read for the Meeting:-

"A report was read from the Secretary as to the consideration of the report of Special Road Committee by the Rural District Councils of Enniscorthy, New Ross, and Wexford.

At Enniscorthy the principle of the report had been adopted, at New Ross the Council had adopted the report and had requested the Co Council to procure a sufficient number of scheduled quarries to meet the needs of the District, at Wexford the only suggestion of the report which had been adopted was the extension of road contracts, from five to seven years. The Wexford District Council had also adopted a resolution requesting the Co Council not to provide any further quarries for their district. Gorey R.D. Council had not fixed any date for the consideration of the report.

The following is a copy of the Report in question:-

WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL.

SPECIAL ROAD COMMITTEE.

At the Meeting of the Wexford County Council on 21st August 1914, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That a Committee, composed of three Members of the County Council with one representative of each of the four Rural District Councils of the County, be appointed to consider the question of the roads in charge of the County Surveyor, and report to the County Council what, in their opinion, are the best steps to take in the matter."

The first Meeting of the above Committee was held in the County Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford, on Wednesday 30th September 1914, at 10 a.m.,

Present:- Mr J. Bolger, Chairman, County Council (presiding) Also Messrs J.S.Hearn, R. A. Rice, J. Lynch, Lord Stopford, Mark Murphy, W.R. Devereux.

The Secretary and the County Surveyor were also in attendance.

The following tables were laid before the Meeting.-

Amount actually paid through Subsidiary a/c, for Roads and Works in charge of County Surveyor for the four Rural Districts of the County for the past three years was as follows:-

District	Year to 30th Sept 1912.			Year to 30th Sept 1913.			Year to 30th Sept 1914.		
	E.	S.	D.	E.	S.	D.	E.	S.	D.
Enniscorthy	726	5	1	880	0	4	2960.	16.	2
Gorey	463	12	3	757	9	6	1578	11	10
New Ross	619	9	6	676	0	2	1291	8	8
Wexford	210	3	9	395	1	9	674	14	9
Totals..	2019	10	7	2708	11	9	6505	11	5

Return by Co. Surveyor for Works in his charge

	Year.	Amount		Specfd Tonnage	Rate per C.Yd.	Amt. Expnd.		Specfd Tonnage	Rate per C.Yd.	No Agreements yet completed.	
		£	S			£	S.D.			Amt. £	Tonnage
Gorey	1913	707	0	1670	8/5½	700.0.0	1250	11/2½			
	1914	671	0	1542	8/8½	630.0.0	1071	11/9	41.		108
Enniscorthy	1913	1268.	18	3678	6/10½	1216.6.4	2659	9/1½			
	1914	1313.	0	3373	7/9½	838 0 0	1820	9/1½	475		1230
New Ross	1913	507	8	1630	6/2½	498 18.0	1273	7/10			
	1914	1342	0	3284	8/2½	1313 0 0	2928	8/11½	29		96
Wexford	1913	351	14	972	7/2½	336 6 6	745	9/0½			
	1914	466	0	1278	7/3½	406 0 0	908	8/11½	60		144

The Committee having considered points set up for discussion came to the following conclusion:- The present system of arranging for the

execution of works in charge of the County Surveyor is wasteful, extravagant, and slovenly, and in the interests of wise organisation and efficiency must be changed.

No efforts of the Co. Surveyor and his Staff or of the Co. Council could so improve present methods as to put them on a business basis. A new procedure must be devised, because,

- 1.- Contractors find it practically impossible to provide road material properly broken and at a proper season of the year. This trouble becomes more acute in districts in which the Co. Surveyor has been able to secure quarries of hard wearing quality, so it is to be expected that the opening of each new quarry will render it more and more difficult for the District Councils to obtain contractors.
- 2.- One of the great reasons why complaint is made of the condition of some of our roads arises from the fact that the material is not finely broken.
- 3.- The cost of quarrying and breaking the best material by hand is prohibitive.
- 4.- The employment of a large amount of hired labour introduces the element of uncertainty into the execution of the contract, and, as it were, frightens the would-be contractor from tendering.
- 5.- The difficulty of having material provided at the proper season of the year.

In order to establish a system which will give the best results in road maintenance it is essential that

- (a) The best material must be procured.
- (b) It must be broken to a suitable gauge
- (c) It must be placed upon the road at the proper season

The present system is certainly unable to attain these objects, its shortcomings are apparent generally, but are more manifest as regards roads in the hands of the County Surveyor.

The Committee feel that the most necessary change must be the one dealing with the supply of material. For this purpose they make the following suggestions:-

- (a) That the Council procure another stone-breaker and a steam or air-pressure quarry drill.
- (b) That an expert staff of quarrymen be employed all the year round.
- (c) That the County Surveyor arrange for the housing of these quarrymen in districts in which they are unable to secure suitable accommodation.

(d) That the County Surveyor be empowered to purchase a scarifier which can be used for reshaping roads which he believes need it, the County Surveyor allowing the cost of a certain amount of material to go against contractor's labour in attending on scarifier.

(e) That the Co. Surveyor continue his efforts to secure suitable quarries at the most convenient centres so as to cut down cost of cartage.

(f) That the Rural District Councils might consider the advisability of extending the period of contract for good roads from five to seven years.

(g) That the Co. Surveyor be directed to keep a record of receipts and expenditure for each quarry worked directly by the Co. Council.

(h) That in future all specifications for road contracts should provide that the material where practicable shall be obtained from quarries under the control of the Co. Council and that the cost per cubic yard for prepared material should be definitely stated therein, the cost of said material to be deducted from contractor's payment, so as to ensure that no cash outlay will be required on the part of the contractor for provision of material.

We are convinced that such a system when properly organised will be cheaper than the present defective and antiquated methods, and will show a considerable improvement in road surface.

If our expectations in this regard are realised we recommend the Council to consider the advisability of extending the proposed new arrangements to the system of road maintenance generally."

"Adopted on the motion of Mr Whelan, seconded by Mr Cloney."

Leave of Absence.

Mr Treanor, Senior Assistant Surveyor, applied for leave of absence from 24th inst., to 29th.

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

"That Mr T. Treanor, be granted leave of absence from 24th to 29th December."

Poisons & Pharmacy Act.

Mr E. Mcquillan, Great Clonard, Wexford, applied for renewal of licence under Poisons & Pharmacy Act.

"The application was granted on the motion of Mr Stafford, seconded by Mr Kehoe"

Proposed Monument to Fethard Life Boat Men.

Under date 28th November, the following letter was read from Mr G.L. Bassett, Hon Sec., Fethard Branch National Life Boat Institution:-

"I am directed by the local Committee of the Fethard Lifeboat disaster Fund to apply to you, being the Highway Authorities, for permission to erect a Monument to the memory of the nine drowned Lifeboat men on a vacant space at the north entrance of Fethard Village, at the west side, out of the way of traffic. The Monument will consist of a square base of stone about 5 feet high out of which will rise a concrete column on three sides a limestone panel engraved with the names and short history of the disaster, the whole surmounted by a celtic cross, the ground space necessary will be about 8 X 8 feet".

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

"That the request contained in the letter of Mr G. L. Bassett, as to the erection of Monument to the Fethard Life Boat Men lost in the rescue of the Ship "Mexico" be agreed to, subject to the Site of the proposed Memorial receiving the approval of the County Surveyor."

Tuberculosis Scheme.

Under date 30th November 1914, the Local Government Board wrote, (letter 36069-1914, Wexford County) stating that directions had been given for the issue of a Paying Order for £50. 14/- from the Exchequer Maintenance Grant, being the final payment in respect of net expenditure of the Wexford County Council in respect of the treatment of Tuberculosis for the year ended 31st March last.

Marked "Read"

Fees-Road Board Grants.

Under date 25th November 1914, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 63484: 1914 Wexford County) stating that they would raise no objection to the proposed payments to the County and Assistant Surveyors in respect of their services in connection with improvement works executed with the aid of the grants from the Road Board, viz:- 2½ per cent of the amount of the Grants to the Co. Surveyor and 1 per cent to the Assistant Surveyors concerned.

Marked "Read"

Minutes Tuberculosis Committee.

The various Minutes of the Tuberculosis Management Committee were submitted for confirmation. They included:-

"The proposed purchase of site for Sanatorium and central dispensary at Windmill Hills, Wexford, for £350. negotiations as to proposed agreement

between Tuberculosis Committee and County Insurance Committee: appointment of Miss K. F. Stafford as Chief Tuberculosis Nurse: appointment of N. J. Frizelle as Secretary to Committee: opening of branch Tuberculosis Dispensaries at Enniscorthy, Gorey, New Ross, Newtownbarry, and Ballycullane: treatment of patients: travelling expenses of Chief Tuberculosis Officer: requesting the County Surveyor to prepare plans for Sanatorium and Chief Tuberculosis Dispensary.

"Confirmed on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Kehoe."

Recommendations from Finance & Roads Committee.

The following recommendations from the Meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee of 25th November, were laid before the Meetings:-

Rebuilding Mountgarrett Bridge.

"That the Kilkenny County Council be requested to carry out the work of rebuilding in reinforced concrete, Mountgarrett Bridge,. Wexford County Council to contribute its proper quota towards the cost, plans estimates and contract to receive the approval of our County Surveyor, and the contribution from this County Council to be made in instalments on the certificate of our County Surveyor that the work has been carried out to his satisfaction. That a copy of this resolution be furnished the Co Council of Kilkenny."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr Stafford, seconded by Mr Scallan."

Proposed Sanatorium.

"That we consider that when Mr Barry, County Surveyor, has completed the preparation of plans, estimate, etc., for proposed Sanatorium in Wexford in connection with the Tuberculosis Scheme of the Co Council, and after the Local Government Board have signified their approval to same, that the duty of the County Surveyor in regard to this matter should cease."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr Stafford, seconded by Mr Cowman,"

Proposals for Payments.

"That the several proposals for payment submitted by our Secretary and the several transfers to Public Bodies be approved and recommended for payment to the County Council."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr Cowman, seconded by Mr Kehoe."

Fethard Life Boat House.

"That our Secretary inform Mr Godfrey L. Taylor, Agent to the Marquis of Ely, and the Life Boat Institution, that the Co Council regret they have no statutory power to take over the lifeboat House at Fethard as they find from their County Surveyor that they do not require it in connection with the

working of the local harbour. This Committee suggests that the house should be vested in the Parish Priest, the Rector, and the County Councillor of the District, for the time being, as it is understood that a local Committee are prepared to give an undertaking as to the future maintenance of the building."

"In connection with this matter a letter was read from the Secretary of the Royal National Life Boat Institution, that the suggestion of the Finance & Roads Committee would receive consideration."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr Stafford, seconded by Mr Cowman."

*Quarries New Ross District.

"It was decided that the County Surveyor advertise for new quarries in New Ross District."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr Kehoe, seconded by Mr Cowman."

Farnogue Road.

"That the County Surveyor be instructed to have the work of filling at Farnogue Road completed within fourteen days from this date, and that the penalty provided for under the specification be enforced for any delay beyond this period."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr Stafford, seconded by Mr Scallan."

Assistant Surveyors.

"That the County Surveyor be instructed to arrange as from 1st December to 1st March 1915, to have the attendance of Mr Paddle, Assistant Surveyor in Gorey District at Tara Hill Quarry restricted to one day per week."

"That the County Surveyor request Mr W.H.Jones, Assistant Surveyor, New Ross District, to furnish for this Committee an explanation as to the four days for which "no duty" has been recorded in his diary for the fortnight ended 14th November."

"That the County Surveyor request Mr Kehoe Assistant Surveyor, to furnish for this Committee an explanation as to why heaps of road scrapings were allowed to remain on the road from Springwood to Ardinagh Little for a lengthened period-over 12 months- and why these heaps were placed at each side of the road in question so as to endanger vehicular traffic."

"Mr Jones came before the meeting and gave an explanation as to entries in his diary with regard to the four days questioned."

"The explanation was considered satisfactory."

"Mr Kehoe came before the meeting and explained that he had arranged with the contractor for the removal of the heaps complained of."

Lamp at Ballyhack Boat Slip.

Under date 29th October 1914, the following letter was read from Mr Allingham, Secretary Waterford Harbour Commissioners:-

"Referring to previous correspondence the Waterford Harbour Commissioners direct me to notify that after the end of next month they will discontinue the maintenance and lighting of the lamp at the head of Ballyhack Boat Slip, they not being now in anyway responsible for the boat harbour at Ballyhack."

This matter was referred at last Co Council Meeting to the County Surveyor, who reported that the County Council would have to maintain the existing lamp there and have possibly to provide another.

"Mr P. Cummins, Ballyhack, wrote that he had been lighting this lamp to the present, for the Waterford Harbour Commissioners, and would be prepared to continue to perform this work on the same terms and conditions as prevailed in the case of the lamp provided by the Co Council at Arthurstown Pier."

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

"That applications be invited for the lighting of two lamps at Ballyhack Boat Slip at £- per annum for each lamp, appointment to be made at the meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee to be held on 30th December, and that the lighting of the existing lamp be carried out in the meantime by Mr P. Cummins remuneration to be at the rate of £4 per annum."

(Signed

John Bolger
Presiding Chairman.

Dated this 11th day of

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QUARTERLY MEETING.- 11th FEBRUARY 1915.

The Quarterly Meeting of the Wexford County Council, was held in the Co. Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford, on 11th February 1915.

Present:- Mr John Belger, Chairman, presiding.

Also:- Messrs C. H. Peacocke, The Earl of Courtown, L, Barry R. Scallan, A. Kinsella, J. J. Stafford, J. Lynch, J. J. Kehoe, James Codd, M. Cloney, J.A. Doyle, N. Cowman, M. Codd, P. Whelan, M. Doyle, Thomas Asple.

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.

The late Lord Courtown.

On the motion of the Chairman, Seconded by Mr Peacocke, the following letter from Lord Courtown, was ordered to be inserted on the Minutes:-

"Dear Mr Frizelle,

Will you please convey to the County Council my sincere thanks for the kind resolution of sympathy passed on the death of my Father. Although he was personally unknown to most of the Members, I can assure them that up to the last he always took the keenest interest in the work of the County Council, and in all matters concerning the County Wexford.

I also beg to thank you personally for your kind expressions of regret."

The late Mr R. W. Elgee, Solicitor.

On the motion of Mr Peacocke, seconded by Mr Kehoe, the following resolution from the Finance & Roads Committee, was adopted:-

"That we offer our deep sympathy to the family of the late Mr R. W. Elgee, the trusted Solicitor to this Council, Mr Elgee during his long professional career in Wexford earned the respect and esteem of everyone with whom he transacted business. As the legal Adviser to the County Council he was the personal friend of each member of the body, and we on behalf of the Finance & Roads Committee, and of our Colleagues on the Council desire to place on record our appreciation of the great services rendered this Council by the late Mr Elgee, and of our sorrow at his demise."

On the motion of Mr Peacocke, seconded by Mr Kehoe, the following reply to vote of sympathy from Mr R. W. Elgee, Junr., was ordered to be inserted on the Minutes of the Meeting:-

"Dear Mr Frizelle,

Will you please convey to the County Council of Wexford, at their next Meeting the thanks of my Mother, Sisters, Brothers, and myself, for their Resolution of Sympathy passed to us all on the death of my Father. It is a great consolation to us all in our great bereavement to know that he was held in such great esteem by everybody throughout our County and especially by your Council. Personally I have also to thank you for your very high expressions, and I may say that my late Father held a very high opinion of your abilities, and he had as much pleasure in his business relations with you as you had with him."

Solicitorship to the County Council.

The following Minutes from Meeting of Finance & Roads Committee of 27th January, were submitted to the Meeting:-

"That we recommend the County Council to pay their newly appointed Solicitor by salary instead of by fees. We recommend that a sum of £200 per annum, with out of pocket expenses in addition, should be allocated for the position by the County Council."

"That Mr R. W. Elgee be appointed as Solicitor to the County Council, pending the appointment of a permanent Solicitor."

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

"That the recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee be confirmed, advertisements to state that the person appointed to the position must pay his own travelling expenses."

"It was decided that appointment of new Solicitor be made on 24th February at 2.30 p.m.,"

Congratulations to Sir David Beatty.

Proposed by Mr Peacocke, seconded by the Chairman, and passed:-

"That this County Council representing the Ratepayers of the County Wexford desire to place on record their appreciation of the great victory of the British Fleet on January 24th last, led by our fellow County man, Vice Admiral Sir David Beatty, and we wish him all success in the future in

helping to crush Militarism which threatens the liberties of the people of the British empire."

"On the motion of Mr Peacocke, seconded by the Chairman, the Standing Orders were suspended to allow of the foregoing resolution being moved."

Rates for 1915-6.

On the motion of Lord Courtown, seconded by Mr Lynch, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That we hereby adopt the Estimate of our Secretary for Rates for General and Separate Charges for financial year 1915-6, 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.....	3/6	5/2
Gorey.....	3/2	4/7
New Ross.....	3/11	5/9
Wexford.....	2/9	4/3

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

	<u>General.</u>	<u>Separate.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Enniscorthy...	£1078. 18. 4	£1. 9. 0	£1080. 7. 4
New Ross.....	1381. 1. 11	18. 19. 9	1400. 1. 8
Wexford.....	2012. 17. 7	10. 1. 2	2022. 18. 9

which allow of law Costs being treated as a County-at-large expenditure from which Urban Districts are exempt."

Audits of Accounts of Public Bodies.

The Local Government Board forwarded reports of their Auditor in connection with his audit of the Accounts of the following in respect of half-year ended 30th September 1914, with attested Abstracts of the Accounts, Viz:-

Enniscorthy District Asylum.

Tuberculosis Committee.

Wexford Union and Rural District Council.

Marked "Read"

Sealed Orders of Local Government Board.

The Local Government Board forwarded Order No. 40728: 1914, pump at Duncannon, area of charge New Ross Rural District, also Sealed Order No. 40728-1914, Sewerage of Duncannon, area of charge New Ross Rural District, and Order No. 54797 : 1914, sewerage of Arthurstown, area of charge Rural

District of New Ross.

Marked "Read".

Local Authorities (Disqualification Relief) Act 1914.

Under date 15th January, the Local Government Board wrote calling attention to the provisions of the Local Authorities (Disqualification Relief) Act 1914, which provided that any soldier or sailor engaged in active service shall not by reason of his absence on that service be disqualified or vacate his office as a member of any County Borough or district Council or Board of Guardians or incur any fine or other liability."

Marked "Read".

Proposed Special Account for Payment of Wages.

On the 2nd December 1914, the County Council adopted the following recommendation of Finance & Roads Committee:-

"That the County Council be recommended to agree to the proposal of the ~~proposal of the~~ County Surveyor to open a Special Account in his own name in order to provide for payment of wages to quarrymen etc., amounts expended to be recouped after each meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee, and amount of interest in any overdraft to be deducted from the Interest on the credit balance of the General Account of the Co Council."

The Local Government Board in reply wrote under date 17th December 1914, (No. 66814 :1914 Wexford County) that the resolution would not appear to be in accordance with law. And apart from the question of legality a system under which the same Officer would both certify and make payments would be undesirable from an accounting point of view.

The Secretary stated that in view of this letter he had laid before the Local Government Board the circumstances of the present unsatisfactory method of financing payments to quarrymen etc.,

The following letter under date 28th January 1915, and No. 71,371 : 1914, Wexford County, was read from the Local Government Board:-

"With reference to your letter of the 21st ultimo, relative to the proposal of the Wexford County Council to open a special account in the Co. Surveyor's name to provide for payments of wages etc., to quarrymen and other men employed by the Council in connection with road works, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to point out that it was decided by the Lord Chief Baron in re Tipperary Presentment (1898, 2 I.R., 508) that such advances on a prospective estimate of expenses are illegal.

As regards your request that the Board would suggest any method of

meeting such payments which would obviate the difficulties felt by the Wexford County Council in carrying out of the present system, I am to inform you that the Donegal County Council, in circumstances very similar to those obtaining in County Wexford, decided after consultation with the Board's Inspector of Audits, that the Finance Committee should meet fortnightly, that it should consist of all the members of the County Council, three to form a quorum, and that it might meet at such of the various local centres as the convenience of the members and special circumstances might require.

I am to suggest that a similar arrangement might possibly meet the difficulties felt by the Wexford County Council in the present system of making payments to workmen, etc.,"

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

"That in future the meetings of the Finance & Roads Committee be held on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month at 2.30 p.m., the ordinary business of said Committee to be transacted at the meeting to be held on the third Wednesday."

Payment of Solicitor's Costs.

Under date 14th December 1914, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 68,223 : 1914) relative to bill of Costs furnished by Mr William H. Dunne, Solicitor to the National Bank. The Local Government Board in view of the small amount involved stated they would raise no objection to taxation of these costs being dispensed with provided the Council will be prepared to satisfy the Auditor as to the reasonableness of the charges.

A similar letter under date 9th February 1915 (No. 7,101 : 1915, Wexford County) was received from the Local Government Board, relative to payment of £4. 2. 6d, costs of Messrs Huggard & Brennan, Solicitors, in connection with acquirement of way-leave to Garrylough quarry.

"On the motion of Mr Stafford, seconded by Mr Kehoe, the bills of costs of Mr Dunne for £9. 1. 4d and Messrs Huggard & Brennan for £4. 2. 6d were ordered to be paid."

National Insurance Act.

Under date 14th December 1914, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 66,932-1914, Miscellaneous, Cork Co.,) that it had been held by the Court of Appeal that the contributions of County Councils under the National Insurance Act 1911, as employers of workmen on roads and public works must be

dealt with as district, county-at-large, or partly district and partly County-at-large charges, following the chargeability of the expenses of the works on which the workmen concerned are employed.

" The Secretary stated that the directions of the Local Government Board in this matter was carried out."

Marked "Read"

Courts (Emergency Powers) Act 1914.

The Local Government Board forwarded under date 18th December 1914, (letter No. 68302 : 1914) copy of the Courts (Emergency Powers) Act 1914, passed in connection with the present War.

Tuberculosis (Ireland) Order 1914.

Under date 8th January 1915, the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction forwarded Circular letter V. B., No. 2984 : 1914, explanatory of the provisions of Tuberculosis (Ireland) Order of 1914.

In connection with testing of milk for tuberculosis under Tuberculosis Ireland Order 1914, the Department wrote under date 2nd January 1915, (letter No. 5399 : 14) approving of the recommendation of Finance & Roads Committee to continue until 11th February the arrangement by which this work was carried out by Mr R. Malone, V. S., at the rate of 7/6 per sample.

Under date 1st February 1915, the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction wrote that it was permissible under the new Tuberculosis (Ireland) Order to authorise the Veterinary Inspectors of the Local Authority to issue Forms T 4, and T5.

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

"That we authorise the Veterinary Inspectors of the County Council to serve the requisite notices under Article 5 (1) and Article 4 (6) of Tuberculosis (Ireland) Order 1914, on behalf of the Local Authority."

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

"That the bacteriological examinations of samples of milk under the Tuberculosis Order of 1914, be carried out by Mr R. Malone, V. S., Wexford, for the period to the 31st December 1915, at a fee of 7/6 per sample."

Claim for Posting Notices.

Under date 25th January 1915, the Department of Agriculture and

Technical Instruction (letter No. 453-15 F.B.,) forwarded for the observations of the Council claim of 3/- from John Redmond, lamplighter, Poulduff Pier, for labour and cost of flour in connection with the posting of Admiralty Notices dealing with the War.

The Department pointed out that this was the first claim they had received in connection with the work.

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

"That the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction be informed that the County Council have no funds available for the payment of the claim of Mr John Redmond for posting notices on Poulduff Pier."

Hay & Straw (Movement from Gt Britain to Ireland) Order of 1914

(No. 4)

Under date 16th December 1914, the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction forwarded above Order prohibiting the landing of hay or straw from Great Britain except as expressly provided for.

Marked "Read"

Council of Agriculture.

Under date 11th December 1914, the Secretary to the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction wrote (letter No.G 4587-14) as to appointment of two representatives of the Wexford County Council on the Council of Agriculture as from 1st April 1915, for a term of three years.

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

"That Messrs John Bolger and C. H. Peacocke, be appointed as representatives of the Wexford County Council on the Council of Agriculture for three years as from 1st April 1915."

Application of Enactments Order.

The following resolution of the County Wexford Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction was brought before the Meeting:-

"That we request our Members of Parliament to bring before the Irish Parliamentary Party the necessity which exists for an amendment of Article 12 (4) (e) of Application of Enactments Order of Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898, which deprives members of County Councils, and County Committees or any members of their family with whom they reside from obtaining nominations for mares and keeping premium bulls and boars. the restriction has prevented several districts of the County from being properly represented

on the County Committee. The County Wexford Committee of Agriculture and Technical Instruction would point out that, if it had not been for the assistance afforded in the past by members of the Committee keeping premium bulls, the Cattle Scheme would have been a dead letter in several parts of the County. As a matter of fact, the Members of the Committee, who, in the past held premiums for bulls, procured these animals for the welfare of the district and not for any pecuniary benefit derived."

The Secretary stated that owing to the restrictions caused by Article in question Mr John Doyle, Carrig, Bree, had resigned his membership of the County Committee of Agriculture. The latter had accepted the resignation with regret, and asked the County Council to elect Mr Asple, County Councillor, vice Mr Doyle.

The following reply on behalf of the Chief Secretary for Ireland received by Sir Thomas Esmonde M. P., in answer to a question in the House of Commons, was read for the Meeting:-

"With reference to your letter of the 26th ultimo, and enclosed resolution of the County Wexford Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction, suggesting that a Bill should be introduced to repeal the Application of Enactments Order 1898, by which members of Committees appointed under the Agriculture & Technical Instruction (Ireland) Act, 1899, are not permitted to participate in the benefits resulting from County Schemes, I am desired by Mr Birrell to say that while cases of individual hardship may arise from the enforcement of this Order the principle underlying it is undoubtedly sound, viz.-that Members of statutory bodies, being in the position of trustees for the public, should not be permitted while holding such fiduciary position to obtain any direct financial benefit from the funds administered by them."

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

"That our Secretary again communicate with the Parliamentary Representatives of the County and point out to them that unless some alteration be made in the law dealing with the question of financial benefit from schemes as defined under Article 12 (4) (e) Application of Enactments Order, it will not be possible to secure the services of a Committee which will command public confidence. We recognise that in the main the principle of the Article is sound but we consider its present application too drastic. We desire to point out to the Department that we fail to see why a person

obtaining a nomination for a mare should be debarred from holding office as the selection of mares is made by a judge and Veterinary Surgeon appointed by the Department.

Unless some change be effected the County Council will feel compelled to discontinue the striking of a rate under the Agriculture & Technical Instruction Act."

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

"That Mr Thomas Asple, be appointed a Member of the County Wexford Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction, vice Mr John Doyle, Carrig, Bree, resigned."

Poisons & Pharmacy Act.

Licences under above Act, were applied for by Patrick C. Lett, Hotel, Ferns and Joseph Conroy, 3 Castle Street, Enniscorthy, and renewals if existing licences were applied for by Messrs N. Thackaberry, Newtownbarry, Israel Wallis, Arthurstown, P. McMenamin, Ballycanew Co-operative Society, Richard Breen, Commercial Quay, Wexford.

On the motion of Mr Peacocke, seconded by Mr Kinsella, it was decided that the above licences and renewals be granted.

Duncannon Harbour.

Under date 25th January 1915, the Secretary to Waterford & Duncannon Steamboat Co., Ltd., wrote complaining that the Company would be obliged to discontinue the service unless they could get the use of the dock at Duncannon whenever they required it.

The matter had been before the Finance & Roads Committee and had been referred to the County Surveyor for report.

"Referred to next meeting of Finance & Roads Committee for report of County Surveyor."

Ballyhack Boat Slip.

Under date 20th January 1915, a resolution protesting against the action of the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction in stopping the construction of new dock at Ballyhack was received from Mr P. Cummins, Ballyhack, Hon Sec., to Meeting of Fishermen, and others interested.

"The Secretary stated that the Department had proposed re-starting the work on 1st February, and intimation of the fact had been conveyed to Mr Cummins."

Mr Cloney stated that the work had been restarted by the Department, and in consequence no further action was taken.

Lighting Lamps at Ballyhack Boat Slip.

The Finance & Roads Committee recommended the acceptance of the proposal of P. Cummins, Ballyhack, to light two lamps at Ballyhack Boat Slip at £8 per annum. Mr Cummins to supply oil etc., necessary for the working of the lamps.

"On the motion of Mr Cloney, seconded by Mr James Codd, the minute of Finance & Roads Committee appointing Mr Cummins lamplighter, was confirmed."

Courtown Harbour.

Under date 6th January 1915, Mr P. Stapleton, Harbour Master, Courtown, applied for permission to perform temporary police duty at Courtown Harbour.

"The Finance & Roads Committee recommended that the necessary permission be given."

"On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Lord Courtown, the recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee in the matter was confirmed."

Claims for alleged Accidents on Roads,

Messrs M. J. O'Connor & Co., Wexford, wrote claiming £12. 15/- for injuries caused to mowing machine, etc., at Milltown, Ballycullane, the property of Sarah Ryan.

They also wrote of their intention to claim in connection with accidents to Mrs Morgan Connors, Castlebridge, and William Doyle, Scullabogue.

In the case of Sarah Ryan the County Surveyor had communicated with the Insurance Co., as to claim. He stated that the accident to Mrs Connors did not take place on a public road.

The Finance & Roads Committee had referred the claim of William Doyle, Scullabogue, to Mr R. W. Elgee, Solicitor on behalf of the Co. Council.

"On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Peacocks, the recommendations of Finance & Roads Committee were approved."

New Telegraph Line.

Under date 5th February 1915, the Acting Superintending Engineer, Post Office, asked for the consent of the County Council to the erection of an overground telegraphic line on the road between Kilmore Quay Coastguard Station and The Look out.

"On the motion of Mr Barry, seconded by Mr James Codd, the request of

Postmaster General for erection of telegraph line at Kilmore Quay Coastguard Station was agreed to."

Mary Street, Enniscorthy.

The Enniscorthy Urban Council forwarded the following resolution for confirmation by the County Council:-

"That the portion of Mary Street, from Railway Crossing to Barrack St., be closed it now being of no use as a thoroughfare, said part of street to be set out on map to be provided."

This matter was considered at Finance & Roads Committee Meeting when the following resolution was adopted:-

"That we are prepared to recommend the County Council to confirm the resolution of the Enniscorthy Urban District Council as regards the closing of portion of Mary Street, Enniscorthy, provided the Urban Council furnishes a guarantee to indemnify the County Council against the costs of any legal proceedings which may be brought against the County Council as the result of their confirmation of the resolution of Enniscorthy Urban District Council relative to the closing of portion of Mary Street, Enniscorthy."

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

"That as recommended by the Finance & Roads Committee we confirm the resolution of Enniscorthy Urban District Council as to closing of Mary Street, Enniscorthy, from Railway Crossing to Barrack Street, said confirmation being conditional on receipt of guarantee from Enniscorthy Urban Council indemnifying the County Council against any law proceedings which may be taken in connection with the closing of said portion of Mary Street, Enniscorthy, guarantee to receive the approval of the Solicitor to the County Council."

New Ross Board of Guardians & Distribution of Flour.

The following resolution was received from New Ross Board of Guardians:-

"That we request the Local Government Board to take over the delivery of the Canadian Flour 30,000 tons. Also that we request the Local Government Board to distribute the Flour to the different Unions throughout Ireland, according to the population of each, as the flour is intended for distribution amongst the poorer classes throughout Ireland."

"Adopted on the motion of Mr Peacocke, seconded by Mr Kinsella,"

County Dublin Farmers' Association.

The following resolution was received from the Secretary Co. Dublin

Farmers' Association:-

"That this meeting views with deep concern the recent action of the Treasury which has led to the stoppage of Board of Works Loans for agricultural improvements. These loans are now more urgently required than ever, because of the late transfer by purchase of land to farmers throughout the country. Many farmers who formerly were unable to obtain loans in consequence of their low valuations have now become qualified through the purchase of their holdings. Land Purchase having raised borrowing powers to the limit of five times the Poor Law Valuation of a holding instead of three times as formerly. To stop these loans just when they have been placed within the grasp of the small holder -who obviously needs them most- is in the opinion of this meeting little short of a calamity.

That in the interests of progressive farming we would respectfully urge the Treasury to re-consider the subject, and to make arrangements for the immediate resumption of the issue of these loans."

"Adopted on the motion of Mr Kinsella, seconded by Mr Peacocke."

County Councils' Year Book...

Under date 21st December 1914, Mr Keogh-Nolan, Sec., to Irish County Councils General Council wrote forwarding resolution of the General Council advocating the formation of Central Bureau of Enquiry, and Compilation of General Council Year Book.

The Finance & Roads Committee at January Meeting adopted the following resolution:-

"That we recommend the County Council to approve of the resolution of the Irish Co Councils General Council as to establishment of Central Bureau of Enquiry in Dublin, and for Compilation of a County Council Year Book."

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

Limit of Road Expenditure.

The following was submitted from Finance & Roads Committee Meeting of 30th December 1914:-

"That in compliance with the wishes of the Rural District Councils of New Ross and Wexford, we request the Local Government Board to sanction the continuance of the present road limits of expenditure in these districts for a period of five years as from March 1915. That the limit for Gorey be fixed at original limit fixed under Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898."

The Secretary stated that the original limit fixed in Gorey was

£5,332. 10/- . At the Annual Meeting to consider estimate the Gorey District Council had approved of an expenditure on roads amounting to £7,372. 5. 4d.

On the motion of Lord Courtown, seconded by the Chairman, the following resolution was adopted:-

That we request the Local Government Board, for the five years ended March 1920, to fix the present limit of Road Expenditure for New Ross and Wexford Districts. That our Secretary again communicate with Gorey Rural District Council as regards the limit of expenditure to be adopted for this period by this District Council."

Rate Collection.

With reference to complaint by Mr Francis Neligan, Lonsdale, Kyle, Wexford, as to the manner in which Mr G. Rossiter, Rate Collector, had performed his duties, the Finance & Roads Committee adopted the following recommendation:-

"The Finance & Roads Committee having considered the complaint of Mr Neligan as to the manner in which Mr G. Rossiter dealt with the collection of rates, direct our Secretary to inform Mr Neligan that Collector Rossiter is bound to lodge the full amount of his warrant before the expiration of each half-year, and must take all steps to see that the ratepayers comply with the rules and regulations governing the collection, and lodge the various items in good time."

On the motion of Mr Peacocke, Seconded by Mr James Codd, the recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed.

Various resolutions of the Finance & Roads Committee calling on individual Rate Collectors to push forward their collections with more energy were also confirmed on the motion of Mr Peacocke, seconded by Mr James Codd.

Under date 9th February 1915, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 7096-1915, Wexford Co.,) drawing attention to the large amount of rates outstanding having regard to the fact that four months of the half-year have already elapsed.

"On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Peacocke, it was decided that copy of letter from Local Government Board be sent each Rate Collector."

Senior Assistant Surveyor.

The following recommendation was read from Finance & Roads Committee:-

"That Mr Treanor, Senior Assistant Surveyor, be instructed to reside in

Enniscorthy for the succeeding twelve months."

"The Chairman proposed, and Mr Scallan seconded, the adoption of the recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee."

A poll was taken with the following result:-

For:- Messrs Whelan, Scallan, Kinsella, James Codd, Asple, Lord Courtown, and the Chairman. - 7.

Against:- Messrs Barry, Cowman, Peacocke, Cloney, J. A. Doyle, and M. Doyle- 6.

The Chairman declared the resolution carried.

Caretaker Duncannon Pier.

The Finance & Roads Committee submitted the following:-

"That Walter Breen Junr., be appointed Caretaker of Duncannon Pier on the same terms and conditions as said office was held by his father, remuneration to be at the rate of £12 per annum."

"On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Peacocke, the above recommendation was confirmed."

New Stonebreaker etc.,

The following recommendation was received from the Finance & Roads Committee:-

"That the tender of Messrs Goodwin Barsby & Co., for stonebreaker at £245 be accepted, that the Co Surveyor be instructed to bring in a proposal to cover cost of sleeping van, rock-drill and engine."

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

Recommendations Tuberculosis Committee.

On the motion of Mr Peacocke, seconded by Mr James Codd, the Minutes of Tuberculosis Management Committee in respect of Meetings held on 11th December, and 23rd December 1914, and Quarterly Meeting of 3rd February 1915, were confirmed:-

They included the granting of leave of absence to Miss Stafford, Tuberculosis Nurse to perform Military duty, and the appointing of Miss Eleanor M. Hibbitts as temporary Nurse at £80 per annum during the absence of Miss Stafford, provisions of proposed agreement between Tuberculosis Committee and County Insurance Committee, appointment of N. J. Frizelle, as Sec to Committee at the rate of £52 per annum, establishment New Ross Tuberculosis Branch Dispensary, plans for Sanatorium, proposed contribution from Insurance Committee towards salaries of officers, vesting site of

Sanatorium in Committee, and Audit of Accounts."

A letter was read from the Tuberculosis Committee requesting the Co. Council to transfer the amount received from Exchequer Grant for treatment of tuberculosis, viz:- £400. 2. 1d and balance of rate to 31st March 1915, viz-- £6. 7. 9d to the credit of the Committee.

"On the motion of Mr Peacocke, seconded by Mr James Codd, a resolution was adopted agreeing to request of Tuberculosis Committee."

Proposals for Works.

On the motion of Mr Peacocke, seconded by Mr James Codd, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the several Proposals for Works as submitted by the Proposal Committee, and as appearing on form 20 be and are hereby approved, subject to the modifications and other Orders noted thereon and initialled by the Chairman."

Proposals for Payment.

On the motion of Mr Peacocke, seconded by Mr James Codd, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the several Proposals for Payments submitted by the Proposal Committee, recommended by the Finance & Roads Committee, and dealing with matters other than public works, be and are hereby approved, subject to the modifications and other Orders noted thereon and initialled by the Chairman."

Recommendations Finance & Roads Committee.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Peacocke, the following recommendations of Finance & Roads Committee, were confirmed:-

"Approving alteration of Assistant Surveyors' Districts."

"Empowering the County Surveyor to employ Mr Elgee, Solicitor, to the Co. Council, in the event of law proceedings being taken with reference to the dispute which exists in connection with the position of Flaherty's Gap."

"Approving of the arrangement for the repair of Edermine Bridge."

"Approving of Report of County Surveyor as to repair of pile at Ferrycarrig Bridge."

In connection with injury to pile at bascule opening of the Deeps Bridge, the following recommendation was made by the Finance & Roads Committee:-

"That in view of the explanation of Mr Delap, (of Waller &

Delap) we are convinced that the defect in the pile at the bascule opening of the Deeps Bridge did not arise from any fault in the design or specification. We consider the British Reinforced Concrete Co., and the Cleveland Bridge Co., responsible for the cost of repairing crack in concrete pile at the bascule opening of the Deeps Bridge. That Mr Barry, County Surveyor, inform the Contractors of the terms of this resolution, and that on the day the accident occurred 28th October 1914- the Bridge was opened to facilitate the British Reinforced Concrete Co., whose men worked the bascule, the actual tests of bascule were not carried out until 5th November.

That the services of Mr Jennings Resident Engineer, be retained in order to allow work on piles at bascule opening of Deeps Bridge to be completed.

That the County Surveyor be instructed to deduct the salary paid Mr Jennings, Resident Engineer, during the time devoted to the repairs of defective pile at Bascule opening of Deeps Bridge from the amount standing to the credit of the Contractors for the erection etc., of this structure.

"Approving of the action of the County Surveyor in retaining plant for the making of tar macadam for Deeps Bridge."

"Approving of the proposal of the County Surveyor as to future working of Kiltalea Quarry, and recommending him to bring forward a proposal at next available meeting."

"Approving of the action of the County Surveyor in purchasing from the lessee of Ryland Wood Quarry, tools etc., there, at a cost of £1. 15. 6d.

"That the County Surveyor be instructed to communicate with the Local Government Board and point out to them that the Council are only awaiting their sanction in order to receive grant from Road Board to carry out improvement of New Ross-Wexford Road. That the County Surveyor be requested to submit to the Local Government Board the replies he has received from prominent residents in the district, pointing out the distress which exists consequent on the War."

"That the report of Dr Hearn as to condition of road from New Ross to Wexford be referred to the County Surveyor for his prompt attention."

"That the County Surveyor be instructed to inform William Murphy, that the County Council are prepared to pay him at the rate of 30/- per week for his services as Machinery Overseer, as from 1st January 1915."

"That we recommend that no revision be made in the salary of our Secretary in respect of the discharge of duties under the Representation

of the People Acts, and of the Juries (Ireland) Acts, in the Rural portion of New Ross Union."

"Endorsing the terms of the resolution adopted by the Tuberculosis Management Committee in connection with the resignation of Lord Aberdeen as Lord Lieutenant."

"That having heard the explanation of the County Surveyor as to the necessity of having extra sheeting placed on Edermine Bridge, and as the time of the maintenance contract is about to expire we leave the matter in the hands of the Co. Surveyor to make the best settlement he can with the contractor."

"That the County Surveyor forward request of Mrs Roche, Ballyanne, to the County Surveyor of Kilkenny, as to width of opening span in proposed new bridge at Mountgarrett, and state that the Wexford County Council have no objection to Mrs Roche's request being carried out."

"Allowing claim of 9/4 to Courtkeeper, New Ross Courthouse, for cost of wall paper etc., for his own apartments in the Courthouse."

"That the County Surveyor arrange to have the repairs of stone-breaker at Tara Hill carried out."

Ryland Wood Quarry.

On the motion of Mr Whelan, seconded by Mr Cowman, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the Seal of the County Council be attached to the agreement between the Council and Mr Hall-Dare for the working of Ryland Wood Quarry, when same has been prepared."

Vote of Thanks.

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

~~warmed~~ ~~That we offer Mr David Palmer~~ ~~ex-Coastguard Officer, Fethard, our~~ warmest thanks for his kindness in presenting the Council with the telegram sent by King Haakon of Norway, to his Excellency, the Lord Lieutenant for Ireland, congratulating the men of the Fethard life-boat on their rescue of the crew of the Norwegian ship "Mexico".

Great Island Quay.

Mr Clooney read a Memorial from farmers and fishermen in the neighbourhood of Great Island Quay, asking to have the quay put into repair.

"It was decided that the matter be referred to the Co. Surveyor

for report."

(Signed) John Belger
Presiding Chairman.

Dated this 7 day of April 1915.

SPECIAL MEETING.-24th FEBRUARY 1915.

A Special Meeting of the Wexford County Council, was held in the County Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford, on 24th February 1915.

Present:- Mr C. H. Peacocke, (Vice-Chairman) and subsequently Mr John Bolger, (Chairman) presiding.

Also:- Lord Courtown, Messrs P. Keating, L. Barry, R. Scallan, J. J. Stafford, J. J. Kehoe, James Codd, J. T. Mayler, J. Redmond, M. Doyle, J. A. Doyle, P. Whelan.

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

Appointment of Solicitor.

Mr R. W. Elgee, Solicitor, George Street, Wexford, was the only applicant for the position of Solicitor to the County Council, vacant owing to the death of his father-Mr R. W. Elgee, Senr.

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

"That Mr R. W. Elgee, Solicitor, Wexford, be appointed Solicitor to the Wexford County Council, at a salary of £200 per annum, with out of pocket expenses, and on the terms and conditions of the advertisement governing said appointment."

"Mr Elgee returned thanks for his Election."

Distribution Canadian Flour.

The following resolution was read from Gorey Board of Guardians:-

"That the Local Government Board be requested to distribute the flour sent by the Canadian Government amongst the Irish Unions for the immediate relief of distress, and that this Union hereby make application for its share of this flour."

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

"That the Local Government Board be requested to carry out the wishes of the New Ross and Gorey Board of Guardians, as regards the distribution of Canadian flour sent to this Country for distribution."

Road Limit-Gorey Rural District.

The following resolution was received from Gorey Rural District:-

"That we request that the limit of expenditure on roads etc., in

the Gorey Rural District be extended to £7,500, for the next five years."

On the motion of Mr Scallan, seconded by Mr James Codd, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the Local Government Board be requested to fix the limit of expenditure on roads etc., in Gorey Rural District at £7,500 for five years from March 1915."

New Ross School Attendance Committee.

Under date 2nd February 1915, the Secretary, Office of National Education wrote, asking the County Council to furnish the names of their representatives on New Ross Rural District School Attendance Committee.

The New Ross Rural District Council at their Meeting of 26th February, recommended that the existing representatives be re-appointed.

On the motion of Mr Kehoe, seconded by Mr James Codd, the following were appointed as representatives of the County Council on New Ross Rural District School Attendance Committee:-

"Messrs Denis Cummins, D. C., Raheenduff, Martin J. Kenny D.C., Campile, William Thorpe D. C., Knockroe, Palace, Philip Kehoe, D. C., The Hollow, Lacken, New Ross, Michael Doyle, D. C., Terrarath, Cassagh, to hold office for three years as from 1st May 1915."

Rate Collector M. J. Sheehan.

The Secretary reported that Collector M. J. Sheehan, Gorey, who had been ill for over a month, wrote forwarding a certificate from Dr Dwyer, Gorey, that he was unable to get about and would have to appoint a substitute to close his collection for the current half-year.

Mr Sheehan recommended for appointment of substitute-Mr Eugene O'Connor, Income Tax Collector, Grattan Terrace, Gorey.

Under date 22nd February 1915, the Local Government Board wrote, (letter No. 9571 : 1915, Wexford County) that the matter would be considered by them when the usual list of queries regarding appointment of rate collectors had been filled up.

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

"That subject to the sanction of the Local Government Board, we have no objection to Mr M. J. Sheehan, Rate Collector, appointing Mr Eugene O Connor, Grattan Terrace, Gorey, as his substitute, in respect of rate

collection for March 1915."

Guarantee of Rate Collectors.

Under date 22nd February 1915, the following letter was read from Mr E. J. Murphy:-

"On behalf of Messrs E. Cummins, James L. Doyle, Cogley, and myself, I beg respectfully to make application for permission to have the above Collectors united in the one bond with "The Local Government Mutual Guarantee Society, London"- who are prepared to guarantee us.

We have been informed by the local agent, that this Society has been accepted by the Local Government Board from the Dublin County Council.

Trusting that you will give our case your careful consideration."

"Referred to the Finance & Roads Committee."

The Price of Food.

The following resolution was received from Drogheda Municipal Council:-

"That owing to the enormous prices of cereals throughout the world, prices not even reached during the American Civil War, and to the probable shortage of foodstuffs in the near future, we deem it our duty to call upon farmers of Louth, Meath, the adjoining Counties, and the Country generally to imitate the tillage campaign inaugurated throughout the United States of America, throughout the self governed Dominion of Canada, and other Countries, to put more ground under cultivation, and that we believe that if the extensive cattle ranches of Meath and Westmeath and other grazing counties were broken up, tilled and cultivated that Ireland, instead of having to obtain her food supplies from abroad, would have a large surplus for exportation."

"On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Scallan the foregoing resolution was adopted."

Illness of County Surveyor.

A certificate under date 23rd February 1915, was received from Dr Dowse, that Mr Barry, County Surveyor, was suffering from Influenza and Tonsillitis, and would not be able to resume duty for about seven days.

Vice-Admiral Beatty.

On the motion of Mr Peacocke, seconded by Mr Kehoe, the following letter from Vice-Admiral Sir David Beatty, was ordered to be inserted on the Minutes:-

"Be good enough to convey to the County Council of Wexford, my sincere thanks for their kindness in passing a resolution of appreciation of the efforts of the Squadron which I have the honour to command."

(signed)

Mr. Bolger
Presiding Chairman.

Dated this th 5 day of May 1915.

MEETING.-7th APRIL 1915.

A Meeting of the Wexford County Council, was held in the County Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford, on 7th April 1915.

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

Also:- Lord Courtown, Messrs C. H. Peacocke, M. Codd, N. J. Cowman, Michael Doyle, R. Scallan, P. Keating, J. S. Hearn, James Lynch, James Codd, John Redmond, J. T. Mayler, J. J. Kehoe.

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.

Close of Rate Collection.

The following recommendation from Special Meeting of Finance and Roads Committee of 2nd April was laid before the Meeting:-

"We recommend the County Council to formulate a rule under which the Rate Collectors will be obliged to collect within the first three months of each half-year's rate collection a sum at least equal to 40 per cent of ~~amount of their warrant for the period, and for the first five months of~~ of each half-year's collection a sum at least equal to 70 per cent of amount of their warrant for the period. And that steps be taken by the County Council to suspend from office any Collector who fails to carry out this recommendation."

On the motion of Mr Hearn, seconded by Mr Cowman, the recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed.

Under date 9th March 1915, the Local government Board, (letter No. 11936 : 1915 Wexford County) wrote that subject to the consent of Mr Sheehan's securities they had assented to the appointment of Mr Eugene O'Connor as substitute for Rate Collector M. J. Sheehan, to complete the collection of poor rate in Mr Sheehan's district for the current half-year.

In connection with collection of Mr M. J. Sheehan, Gprey, for whom Mr Eugene O'Connor had been appointed as substitute the Local Government Board wrote under date 22nd March 1915, (15748 : 1915) assenting to an extension to the 30th April of the time for the closing of the Collection in this Collector's district.

Deduction from Government Grants.

Under date 2nd March 1915, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 5,903-1915, Miscellaneous) that the amount to be deducted in respect of land purchase liability from the Estate Duty Grant payable in the course of the month was £831. 7. 2d.

The Finance & Roads Committee had adopted the following recommendation in connection with this matter:-

"That we request our Colleague Sir Thomas Esmonde, be question in the House of Commons to endeavour to ascertain for us what amount of the arrears has been paid since the account was made up showing the deficiency of £831 7. 2d, and if these arrears will be credited to next year's grant for Estate or Death Duty payable in the County Wexford. In respect of similar deduction in a previous year the Local Government Board were unable to procure definite information from the Irish Land Commission."

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

Under date 25th March 1915, the Local Government Board wrote forwarding Order for £903. 19. 0 balance in respect of expenditure incurred for Medical and Educational Purposes by the Boards of Guardians of Unions in the County for year ended 30th September last. Owing to the insufficiency of the amount paid under section 53 of the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898, to meet the sums payable thereout His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant deemed it necessary to deduct a proportionate abatement of the sums so payable having regard to the said insufficiency.

Under date 25th March the Local Government Board wrote forwarding Pay Order for £93. 8. 2d the balance in respect of the amounts which were paid as salaries to the Sanitary Officers of the Rural Districts in the County for the half-year ended September last.

Owing to the insufficiency of the amount paid to the Local taxation Account to meet the sums payable thereout His Excellency, the Lord Lieutenant deemed it necessary to direct a proportionate abatement of the sums so payable having regard to the insufficiency.

A letter was read from Mr Kehoe, Clerk Wexford Union, that the deficiency in the Medical & Educational Grant was £56. 3. 3d and in the Grant for Sanitary Salaries £6. 9. 9d.

The following resolution relative to deduction for liability in

respect of land purchase was read from Limerick Co Council:-

"That we the Finance Committee of the Limerick County Council, protest in the strongest possible manner against deductions being made in respect of Land Purchase liability from Grants payable to the Limerick Co. Council, without any statement being furnished as to how the amount in question is arrived at, and, as far as previous experience goes, without any possibility, of obtaining the required information, we have noticed and appreciate the recent action of the Dublin County Council in a similar direction, and we call on the County Councils throughout Ireland to take joint action in supporting this legitimate claim to be supplied with information to which we consider we are indisputably entitled."

"On the motion of Mr P. Keating, seconded by Mr Peacocke, the resolution from Limerick County Council was unanimously adopted."

Road Limits of Expenditure.

Under date 9th March, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 10707-1915, Wexford County) that they had given instructions for the preparation of Orders assenting to extensions of the limit of expenditure on roads in the Rural Districts of Wexford and New Ross to £7935. 10/- and £8741. 5/- respectively for the five years ended 31st March 1920.

Under date 18th March 1915, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 14,184 : 1915, Wexford County) that they had given instructions for the preparation of an Order authorising the extension of the road limit of expenditure in Gorey Rural District to £7500 for the five years ended 1920.

In connection with the matter Sealed Orders No. 10707 extending Road limits as follows were received from the Local Government Board:-

New Ross £8741. 5/- Wexford £7935. 10/- and also No. 14184 : 1915, Gorey District £7500.

Marked "Read"

Audit of Accounts.

Auditors Reports and Abstracts of Accounts for half-year ended 30th September 1914, of the following public bodies were received from the Local Government Board:-

Enniscorthy Union (15000-1915-March 1915) Enniscorthy Rural District Council (15001-1915, 19th March 1915) Gorey Union (7471:1915 11th February 1915) Gorey Rural District Council (7472 :1915-11th Febry) New Ross Union (17480 :1915 1st April) New Ross Rural District Council (17480 : 1915-1st April 1915).

Recoupment Cattle Diseases Fund.

Sealed Order under date 8th February 1915, (No. 4045-1915) was received from the Local Government Board, re apyment of £409. 18. 11d to recoup General Cattle Diseases Fund.

Marked "Read"

Law Costs-Chargeability of.

Under date 11th March, the following letter No. 13248 : 1915, was read from the Local Government Board:-

"I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland, to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 5th instant, relative to the estimate of the Wexford County Council for the ensuing financial year, and with reference thereto, I am to state that, except where an Urban District has been exempted by Statute or Order from contributing to County-at-Large expenditure for Law Costs, such expenditure, whether prospective or actually incurred, should be included in the County-at-Large Charges with a proportion of which the Urban Districts are to be debited."

On the motion of Mr Peacocke, seconded by Mr Lynch, the following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed:-

"That the instruction of the Local Government Board as to the chargeability of law costs as per their letter of 11th March 1915, and No. 13248 : 1915, Wexford County- be followed by our Secretary in making up the accounts of the County Council in future."

Employees on Active Service.

Circular letter of Local Government Board, No. 46 M. 1915, (Local Authorities-Employees on Active Service) under date 29th March 1915, as to safeguarding the prospects of promotion of employees who were serving with H. M. Forces, was read for the Meeting.

On the motion of Mr Peacocke, seconded by Lord Courtown, the following resolution was adopted:- "That the matter be dealt with as the occasion arises."

Co. Relief Committee-Incidental Expenses

In connection with an Account for 8/1 for Index Cards for County Relief Committee, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 17680 : 1915, Wexford County) under date 30th March, that the manner in which administration expenses of Local Relief Committees may be paid was indicated in the last paragraph of their Circular letter of 24th August 1915.

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The last paragraph of Circular in question stated that the Local Government Board in England, had agreed that establishment and incidental expenses should be paid out of the rates and they considered that a similar course might be pursued in this County should voluntary assistance be found insufficient.

On the motion of Mr Hearn, seconded by Lord Coubtown, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:-

"That the incidental expenses incurred by the County Relief Committee be paid out of the County Funds. That each item of expenditure be brought before the Finance & Roads Committee of the County Council."

Saltmills Water Supply.

Under date 26th March, the Local Government Board forwarded Sealed Order No. 13210 : 1915, Water Supply of Saltmills, expenses for the improvement of which has been placed on the Rural District of New Ross.

Marked "READ"

Quarterly Payments to County Infirmary.

In connection with an application from the Committee of the County Infirmary for payment of their quarterly instalments in advance, the following recommendation from Finance & Roads Committee was read--

"That provided the Local Government Board raise no objection the Finance & Roads Committee recommend the County Council to pay quarterly instalments of contribution in the manner which obtains in connection with payments to the other public bodies financed by the County Council."

The following letter was read from the Local Government Board, under date 1st April 1915, (No. 16313-1915):-

"With reference to your letter of the 24th ultimo, relative to the proposal to alter the dates of payments of quarterly instalments to the County Wexford Infirmary to the dates on which grants are made to other public bodies in County Wexford, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland, to state that they are not aware of any objection to this proposal provided the conditions of Section 85 of the Grand Jury Act, 1836, as adapted, have been complied with before the resolution adopting the estimate for the annual sum proposed to be raised has been passed."

On the motion of Mr Peacocke, seconded by Mr Keating, the recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was adopted.

Tuberculosis (Ireland) Order 1914.

Under date 16th February 1915, the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction wrote, (letter No. 614-15, V. B. :) approving of the proposal of the Co Council to continue until the 31st December next, the arrangement as to the carrying out of the bacteriological examinations of milk under the Tuberculosis (Ireland) Order of 1914, by Mr R. Malone V.S., at a fee of 7/6 per sample.

Marked "Read"

Tuberculosis Prevention (Ireland) Act 1908.

Under date 20th March, the Town Clerk, Enniscorthy Urban District, wrote asking to have the following resolution of the Urban Council brought before the County Council for confirmation:-

"That Part 1 of the Tuberculosis Prevention (Ireland) Act 1908, be and is hereby adopted for the Urban District of Enniscorthy, and that same come into force one month from the confirmation of same by the Wexford County Council and advertisement thereof."

On the motion of Mr Lynch, seconded by Mr Hearn, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:-

"That the County Council approve of the Enniscorthy Urban Council putting Part 1 of the Tuberculosis Prevention (Ireland) Act 1908 into force."

Fishery Industry.

Under date 10th February the following resolution was received from New Ross Urban Council:-

"That since the sea-fishing industry was in the past a flourishing County Wexford industry, we respectfully call on the Wexford County Council to consider the advisability of appointing a fishery instructor who would by a practical course of lectures bring under the notice of those engaged in the industry new fishery appliances as well as facilitation of transport and markets."

In connection with this matter the following resolution was read from County Committee Gaelic League:-

"That since the seafishing industry was in the past a flourishing Co Wexford industry, we respectfully call on the Wexford Co Council, to consider the advisability of appointing a fishery instructor, who would by a practical course of lectures bring under the notice of those engaged in the industry new fishery appliances, as well as facilities of transport and markets."

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

"That our Secretary be directed to forward copies of these resolutions to the Department of Agriculture."

Recommendations Finance & Roads Committee.

The following recommendations of the Finance & Roads Committee Meeting of the 24th February, and 16th March, were considered:-

Rockdrill for Quarries.

"That we accept tender of Ingersoll-Rand Co., for Rock Drill at £90 provided they supply 25 feet of extra tubing."

"Recommendation confirmed on the motion of Lord Courtown, seconded by Mr Mayler."

Great Island Fishery Pier:-

"That the County Surveyor be requested to invite the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction to send their Engineer-Mr Oliver- to inspect the fishing pier at Great Island, with a view to having it repaired jointly by the Wexford County Council and the Department."

"Recommendation confirmed on the motion of Mr Hearn seconded by Mr Scallan."

Maintenance of Newtownbarry Streets.

"That the County Surveyor be instructed to enforce the terms of the contract for the maintenance of Newtownbarry Streets." 6

"Recommendation confirmed on the motion of Mr M. Doyle, seconded by the Chairman."

Repairs Typewriter.

"That we approve of expenditure of £2. 7/- for repair of typewriter in office of County Surveyor."

"Recommendation confirmed on the motion of Mr Hearn, seconded by Mr Cowman."

Discharging Boats at Courtown:-

"That the old discharging boats at Courtown Harbour which interfere with the use of the Harbour be broken up and the material given away for firewood."

"Recommendation confirmed on the motion of Mr Hearn, seconded by Mr Lynch."

Road Board Grant-Enniscorthy Urban District:-

"That the County Surveyor be requested to do all in his power to have final instalment of Road Board Grant paid the Enniscorthy Urban Council as we believe from the circumstances mentioned in the letter of the Clerk to Enniscorthy Urban District under date 10th February 1915, the Urban District have a just and reasonable cause of complaint for the delay which has occurred in dealing with their application."

"Recommendation confirmed on the motion of Mr Hearn, seconded by Mr Lynch."

Temporary Clerical Staff.

"That our Secretary be empowered to employ any clerical assistance which he may consider necessary for writing up Rate Books and Collectors Books."

"Recommendation confirmed on the motion of Mr Hearn, seconded by the Chairman."

Damage New Ross Bridge.

"That a copy of the report of Mr Lee, Caretaker New Ross Bridge, as to collision of schooner Louise of Padstow, with the structure be furnished New Ross Harbour Board, and that they be requested to furnish their explanation of the matter to the County Council."

"Recommendation confirmed on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Peacocke."

Rockspring Quarry:-

"That we decline to recommend the County Council to accept the offer of Mr Haughton to supply road metalling from his quarry at Rockspring at 5/- per cubic yard. In the event of Mr Haughton declining to supply the material at 3/6 per cubic yard, we authorise the Co Surveyor to take steps to have the quarries at Carrigeen and Glologue worked at once in order to provide metalling for contractors who were to have obtained their quantities of macadam from Rockspring Quarry."

"Recommendation confirmed on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Peacocke."

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Lord Courtown, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the County Surveyor be empowered to enter into negotiations with Mr Richard Donovan, Ballymore, as to acquiring portion of the Hill of Corrigrue for Road material."

Leave of Absence.

"That our Secretary be granted leave of absence for 18th 19th and 20th March."

"Confirmed on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Lord Courtown."

Living Van.

"That the tender of the City Wheel & Carriage Works, Ltd., 104 to 107 Gt Brunswick St., Dublin, for supply of living Van for Quarrymen at £70, as per specification prepared by the County Surveyor, be accepted."

"Recommendation confirmed on the motion of Mr Hearn, seconded by Mr Cowman."

Increase of Salary.

"At the meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee on 24th February, a special Committee consisting of Messrs Keating, Stafford, Kehoe, and Peacocke, were appointed in connection with the application of Mr M. J. O'Leary, Clerk in County Surveyor's Office, to examine and report to the Finance & Roads Meeting of 16th March, as to the books which are kept and the work performed by Mr O'Leary.

The Members of the Special Committee reported that Mr O'Leary's work had greatly increased, and accordingly recommended an increase of salary.

The following recommendation had been agreed to at the Meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee of the 16th March:-

"That we recommend that an addition of 5/- per week be added to the salary of Mr M. J. O'Leary, Clerk in Co Surveyor's Office."

"Recommendation confirmed on the motion of Mr Peacocke, seconded by Mr Cowman, increase to date from 16th March, the date of the Meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee."

Collector Sheehan's Illness.

"That we approve of Mr Eugene O'Connor, Gorey, acting as substitute

for Rate Collector Sheehan, Gorey. That warrants for outstanding amount of the Collection be furnished Mr O'Connor, and that the Local Government Board owing to the length of Mr Sheehan's illness be requested to extend the time for the close of the collection in the district until the 30th April 1915."

"Recommendation confirmed on the motion of Lord Courtown, seconded by the Chairman."

St Michael's Industrial School.

"That we recommend the County Council to contribute towards the maintenance of the girls who are undergoing special training at the Industrial School of the Convent of Mercy, Wexford, in connection with the Domestic Economy programme of the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction a sum of 2/- per week per child limited to a maximum of 12 children subject to the advice of our Solicitor that we are legally empowered to make this contribution, and which is to be reconsidered at the end of two years from date of opening of class."

Under date 29th March 1915, the following letter was read from Mr R. W. Elgee, Solicitor:-

"With reference to the resolution passed at the last meeting of the Finance and Roads Committee, I have gone carefully into the matter, and I have to report that sec 65 (b) of the Childrens Act 1908, 8 Edwd VII, C. 67 gives the following powers:-

"In the case of a child sent to an Industrial School such time as to the Court may seem proper for the teaching and training of the child, but not in any case extending beyond the time when the child will in the opinion of the Court attain the age of 16 years."

Section 68 (2) of the same Act extends the time of detention to 18 years under the supervision of the Manager of the Schools with certain limitations.

"Every child sent to an Industrial School shall from the expiration of the period of his detention remain up to the age of 18 under the supervision of the Managers of the School provided that this subsection shall not apply in any case where the child was ordered to be sent to an industrial school for the purpose only of enforcing an attendance order made in consequence of his parent, guardian, or other person legally liable to maintain him neglecting to provide efficient elementary instruction for him."

And Section 74 (9) of the same Act in my opinion, gives power to the Council to do what they require as to the resolution passed by the Roads & Finance Committee as the subsection reads---

"A Local Authority may contribute towards the ultimate disposal of any inmate of a certified school for whose maintenance in such a school the authority are under this section responsible or towards whose maintenance the Authority have voluntarily contributed."

By which you will see that the Local Authority may contribute towards the ultimate disposal of an inmate of a certified school for whose maintenance such authority is ^{liable} ~~laible~~ or towards whose maintenance such Authority have voluntarily contributed.

That being so the Council are according to the Act the Authority responsible for the child or children in the school and are therefore justified in extending the time for the ultimate disposal of such child or children which do not of course come within the provisions of the latter portion of Subsection 2 of Sec 68 of the Act."

"Recommendation confirmed on the motion of Mr Peacocke, seconded by Mr Lynch, on a show of hands -nine members voting in favour, and four against."

Road Material Taken.

"That the reports of Mr Treanor, as to fraudulent conversion of road material by Contractors submitted to this meeting, be referred to Mr Elgee, Solicitor, with a view to the institution of legal proceedings against the persons complained of should he consider this course advisable."

"Recommendation confirmed on the motion of Mr Hearn, seconded by Mr Peacocke."

Engine for Stonebreaker.

"That the County Surveyor inform Mr Edward Kavanagh, St John's, Enniscorthy, that if he desires to tender to supply engine for stone-breaker etc., he should do so without delay. That the County Surveyor convey to Mr Kavanagh the views of this Meeting as regards supply of coal for engine, and inform Mr Kavanagh that if he cannot see his way to tender, the Council will be obliged to purchase Engines of their own."

"Recommendation confirmed on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Peacocke."

Duncannon Harbour.

"That we request the Directors of Waterford & Duncannon Steamboat Co., to furnish the Wexford County Council with more definite information as to the accommodation they desire at Duncannon.

According to their letter of 7th August 1913^a the directors of the Company gave the County Council to understand that they were prepared to maintain the steamboat service for at least three years provided that the hulk was put into proper^a/condition. of repair, was not removed, and that the continuance of the river service did not embarrass the Company financially."

"Recommendation confirmed on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Peacocke."

County Infirmary.

"That we suggest to the Committee of the County Wexford Infirmary they should in future have the accounts of the institution audited by a Chartered Accountant."

"Recommendation confirmed on the motion of Mr Hearn, seconded by Mr Cowman."

Courtown Harbour.

"That we approve of the recommendations of Courtown Harbour Committee to expend a sum not exceeding £1 in repair the sitting room of the Harbour Master's House, and of a sum not exceeding £2 for repainting of bylaws."

"Recommendation confirmed on the motion of Lord Courtown, seconded by Mr Peacocke."

Gorey Pound.

"That the County Surveyor be empowered to expend a sum of £1 on the repair of Pound in Gorey. That should the Magistrates of Gorey Petty Sessions District appoint a Poundkeeper under 14 & 15 Vic., Cap 92 sec 19 (1) we hereby recommend the County Council to fix the rent of said Pound at 1/- per annum."

"Recommendation confirmed on the motion of Lord Courtown, seconded by Mr Hearn."

Meetings Finance & Roads Committee.

"That all future meetings of Finance & Roads Committee held on the third Wednesday of the month be held at 10.30 a.m.,"

"Recommendation confirmed on the motion of Mr Cowman, seconded by Mr James Codd."

Post Office Telegraph Extension.

That in view of report of our County Surveyor we have no objection

to erection of overhead telegraph line between Post Office, Drinagh and the road leading to Ballylilliane."

"Recommendation confirmed on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Pascocke."

State of Rate Collection.

"That a special meeting of this Committee be held on 2nd April, relative to close of Rate Collection. That the attention of said meeting be given to the manner in which the Collectors have dealt with their collections, and that our Secretary submit the various amounts lodged by each collector from 26th to 31st March inclusive."

"Recommendation confirmed on the motion of Mr Lynch, seconded by Mr Scallan."

Leave of Absence.

The Secretary obtained on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Lord Courtown, three days leave of absence, to enable him to attend the R. D. S. Spring Show."

Minutes Tuberculosis Committee.

The resolutions of the above Committee in respect of Meeting 23rd February, were laid before the Meeting:-

Proposed Sanatorium.

"That proposed Sanatorium and Central Dispensary at Windmill Hill, Wexford, be erected in concrete, and that the County Surveyor take steps as soon as possible to obtain the formal approval of the Local Government Board to the plans of these buildings."

A resolution was also submitted from the Tuberculosis Committee requesting the Rev Mother and Community of St John of God to allow the capital sum of £350 for purchase of tenant right of plot for Sanatorium and Central Dispensary at Windmill Hill, Wexford, and the sum of £231 for redemption of rent to remain out at interest for five years at 5 per cent per annum."

In connection with this proposal the Local Government Board wrote under date 30th March (letter No. 17248 : 1915) approving of the proposal and suggesting that the County Council should reserve the power to pay off the capital sum at any time on giving six months notice.

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

That the consideration of confirmation of Minutes of Tuberculosis

Committee be adjourned to special Meeting of County Council to be held on 21st inst., and that your Secretary set out the proposals of this Committee as to erection of Sanatorium and postponement of payment for land at Windmill Hills, etc., on agenda paper of said meeting."

The Local Government Board wrote under date 1st April 1915, (No. 52705: 1913 Wexford Co.,:) that they have extended for a further period of six months their provisional approval of the appointment of Dr William O'Connor, as Medical Superintendent of Central Tuberculosis Dispensary to be established by the Wexford County Council. If the Dispensary be completed before the expiration of that period the Board would be prepared to give final approval to the appointment."

Train Service on Gt Southern & Western Railway.

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

"That in consequence of the very serious inconvenience to the travelling public and of the injury to the town of Wexford we request the directors of the Gt Southern & Western Railway not to carry out their proposal to withdraw the four p.m., train from Wexford to Waterford.

We request the Wexford Corporation to promote a petition in favour of having the train retained for presentation to the directorate of said Railway Co.,"

Proposals for Works.

On the motion of Lord Courtown,

Seconded by Mr Lynch,

the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the several proposals for New Works submitted by the proposal Committee on Form 20 be and are hereby approved, subject to the modifications and other orders noted thereon and initialled by the Chairman."

Proposals for Payment.

On the motion of Lord Courtown,

Seconded by Mr Lynch,

the following resolution was adopted:-

That the several proposals for payment submitted to this meeting by the proposal Committee be and are hereby approved, subject to the modifications and other orders noted thereon and initialled by the Chairman."

Poisons & Pharmacy Act, Licences.

Mrs B. Hennessy, South Street, New Ross, applied for renewal of licence under Poisons & Pharmacy Act.

On the motion of Mr Peacocke,, seconded by Mr James Codd, a resolution was adopted renewing licence.

Dates of Council Meetings.

The following dates of Meetings of Councils were fixed on the motion of Mr Lynch, seconded by Mr James Codd:-

Gorey R. D. Council-Thursday, 28th October-11.30 a.m.,
 Enniscorthy " Saturday 30th " 11 a.m.,
 New Ross " Tuesday- 2nd November 11.30 a.m.,
 Wexford- " Saturday- 6th " 10.30 a.m.,
 Proposal Committee- Wednesday-10th August- 10.30 a.m.,
 Co Council (Quarterly Meeting) Wednesday 4th August-10.30 a.m.
 and Half-Yearly Meeting Wednesday 1st December-10.30 A.M.,

Ballybrennan Quarrymen.

The following letter signed by Frank Buckley, Clonroche, was read:

"I beg to submit on behalf of the Ballybrennan Quarrymen, an application for an increase on the present scale of wages. Owing to the high cost of provisions at the present time and the increased cost of keeping our implements in working order I am reluctantly compelled to make this application on their behalf. Trusting you shall be good enough to place the matter before the next meeting of the County Council. Thanking you in anticipation of receiving your kind attention in the matter."

On the motion of Mr James Codd, seconded by Mr Lynch, the following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was adopted:-

"That the application of the quarrymen at Ballybrennan Quarry, be referred to the meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee of 21st inst. That the meeting of the 21st be furnished by the County Surveyor with a return of the amount of wages earned by the quarrymen at Ballybrennan and the other Co Council quarries, with the hours worked per day in each instance."

Complaint of Condition of Road.

Under date 26th March 1915, the following letter was read from Dr W. F. Hearn, Solicitor, New Ross:-

"With reference to the several complaints made by me to your Council regarding particular parts of the main public road from New

Ross to Wexford and my repeated requests to your Council to put the parts so complained of in a proper state of repair and condition, and which up to the present your Council have failed to do, I again as a user and a ratepayer repeat the various complaints made by me, and notwithstanding the attitude of the County Surveyor that the road is in good condition and repair, I now request that your Council will be good enough to pass a resolution directing that the road be put in proper repair and condition at once, or a resolution that the County Council will not do so. Either of these resolutions if passed by the County Council will suit me. It is not sufficient answer to me that the road has been given to a contractor for repairs or that the County Surveyor stated that the road is in good repair.

I am making this as a specific demand to remedy the complaints made by me, and your Council will be good enough to categorically refuse to do so in the event of their deciding that the road is at present in sufficient repair and that my complaints are unfounded. My reason for this is that immediately I hear from you as to the decision of your Council I will then proceed by mandamus to compel your Council to carry out their statutory obligations.

Please bring this matter before the next meeting of your Council and oblige."

The specific complaints of Dr Hearn, and a detailed reply from the County Surveyor, had been considered at Finance & Roads Committee Meeting of 16th March, when the following recommendation was agreed to--

"That we recommend the County Surveyor to obtain for road from Wexford to New Ross better material, better broken and put out in proper time in future."

"Confirmed on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Peacocke."

"The following recommendations of the Finance & Roads Committee were confirmed on the motion of Mr Redmond, seconded by Mr Scallan--

"That the letter of Dr Hearn, Solicitor, as to the condition of road from New Ross to Wexford be adjourned to the meeting of Finance & Roads Committee on 21st inst., That a small Committee be appointed to inspect the road in question in the meantime and furnish report to the meeting of 21st."

"That Messrs Peacocke, James Codd, Keating, Scallan, John J. Kehoe, and J. J. Stafford, be appointed a Committee to inspect the Road referred to in the letter of Dr Hearn, and report to meeting of 21st

inst., Inspection to take place on Friday 9th inst., at 2. p.m. "

Arrears Boat Dues.

A report from Lord Courtown as to the circumstances of boat owners at Courtown, who were in arrears with the payment of this dues was laid before the Meeting:-

Lord Courtown explained the details in each case.

The following resolution was adopted, on the motion of the Chairman-

"That the arrears due by the fishermen at Courtown be wiped out as irrecoverable, and that no arrears be allowed to accrue in future. That the Courtown Harbour Committee be instructed to examine the Boat Register for Courtown and strike out the names of all Boats which are permanently out of commission."

Disqualification of Members of Co. Councils,
& Co Committees of Agriculture.

In connection with the provisions of Application of Enactments Order which debars Members of County Councils, and of Co Committees of Agriculture from participating in the benefits of County Schemes, Sir Thomas H. G. Esmonde, Bart., M.P., forwarded for the information of the Council the following letter on behalf of the Chief Secretary for Ireland, under date 23rd February:-

"With reference to your further letter of the 15th instant, and enclosures, relative to members of Committees appointed under the Agriculture & Technical Instruction (Ireland) Act, 1899, being debarred from participating in the benefits resulting from County Schemes, I am desired by Mr Birrell to say that this question was not raised by the department of Agriculture, but has been the subject of protracted litigation and the Court of King's Bench recently decided that County Committees came within Sub-Article 6 of Article 12 of the Application of Enactments Order, 1898 and members of these Committees are, therefore, subject to the above restriction.

Mr Birrell does not share the fear expressed in the Wexford resolution that the Cattle Improvement Scheme will suffer to any extent to speak of by reason of this decision, and, in his opinion the advantages will considerably outweigh any possible disadvantages. In any case legislation would be required to alter the existing rule, and it would be quite impossible to introduce any legislation on the subject at present."

Mr P. Ffrench, M.P., forwarded the following letter received from

Mr T. W. Russell, Vice-President Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction, under date 20th February:-

"I have received your letter enclosing copy of a Resolution adopted by the Wexford County Council at their meeting held on the 11th instant.

As you are probably aware, the King's Bench recently decided that the Application of Enactments Order applies to the statutory Committees of the Department. The legal proceedings which eventuated in this decision were not instituted by the Department, the matter had been raised from time to time by members of the public who felt themselves aggrieved, and I very much doubt whether even if the Department saw its way to promote legislation with a view to reversing the decision, such legislation would be entertained by the House of Commons. It is very hard to dispute the soundness of the principle that members of public bodies should not participate in the benefits accruing from schemes administered by such bodies. But, at any rate, the possibility of raising a contentious issue of this character in Parliament is in the present circumstances absolutely out of the question. Of course the threat of the Wexford County Council, not to strike a rate unless parliament takes action such as indicated, is a matter entirely for the Council themselves to decide."

"No Order".

County Committee Gaelic League.

The following resolutions were received from the County Committee of the Gaelic League--

"That as the existence of native industries is essential to the material prosperity and National Welfare of our Country, we respectfully call on the people of County Wexford, to give the Industrial Movement that generous measure of support which they gave in the early days of the Gaelic League."

"That in view of the long duration of the world and the shortage of food supplies owing to the disturbed state of the wheat growing countries we wish to record our appreciation of the action of these farmers in County Wexford who, at the suggestion of the Clergy, Press, Public Boards and Public men, have sown an extra quantity of wheat, and we recommend more extensive sowing of grain during the Spring."

"These resolutions were endorsed on the motion of Mr Lynch, seconded by the Chairman."

South Ireland Cattle Traders Association.

The following resolution was received from South of Ireland Cattle Traders Association:-

"That we respectfully request the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries and the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction for Ireland, to revoke the regulation at present in force, imposing two hours compulsory detention on cattle in the inspection yard at the port of embarkation. This detention hampers the trade to an enormous extent. We are of opinion that there is no justification whatever, for this two hours detention at present, seeing that the Country is now certified to be free from disease for the past seven months. We, of course, have no objection to a reasonable inspection before shipment, but the present system entails hardships and suffering to the animals, besides severe pecuniary losses entailed on the owners."

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

Under date 29th March 1915, the following resolution was read from Irish Cattle Traders & Stock owners Association--

"That a permanent Depot fully equipped for the reception of Military and Government Stores and supplies be established in Dublin, as Ireland is entitled to the same facilities for tenders and customers of Irish products and manufacturers as those afforded in Great Britain."

"Adjourned to next meeting of County Council."

Settlement of Land Question.

A resolution was received from Lismore R. D. Council, calling for the prompt compulsory settlement of the Irish Land Question.

"Adopted on the motion of Mr M. Doyle, seconded by Mr Scallan."

Accommodation Sick & Wounded Soldiers-Co Infirmary.

Under date 29th March, the following resolution was read from the Committee of County Wexford Infirmary:-

"The Committee unanimously decide to give the accommodation of ten beds to Sick and Wounded Soldiers (not infectious cases) at the cost of 4/- per head per diem, with an additional impost should it be found necessary to incur extraordinary and unforeseen outlay. the Hospital is not provided with X Ray Apparatus and the resolution is subject to the approval of the County Council."

On the motion of Mr Keating, seconded by Mr Kehoe the following

resolution was adopted:-

"That the County Infirmary Committee be informed that the Wexford County Council have no objection to the proposed arrangements to be made for sick and wounded officers and soldiers at the Institution."

Analyst's Report.

The following report of the County Analyst was read--

"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 31st December 1914.

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

<u>Article.</u>	<u>Number.</u>
Milk	42
Butter	37
Whiskey	16
Buttermilk	10
Cheese	8
Margarine	4
Brandy	2
Port Wine	1
Rum	1
Gin	1
Total	<u>122</u>

One certificate was sent to Sergeant White, Wexford, for specimen of buttermilk which was adulterated with at least 32 per cent of added water exclusive of 25 per cent allowed for churning purposes.

One certificate was sent to Sergeant Tushy, Gorey, for specimen of buttermilk which was adulterated with at least 22 per cent of added water exclusive of 25 per cent allowed for churning purposes.

One certificate was sent to Sergeant Ruane, Taghmon, for specimen of milk deprived of at least 56 per cent of its fats.

There were three 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 Gorey Union eighteen drugs were analysed and were correct.

For the Guardians of Enniscorthy Union twelve drugs were analysed.
one was incorrect.

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

Total analyses.. 158

C. A. Cameron.

Courtown Harbour Committee. Marked "Read"

On the motion of Mr Hearn, seconded by Lord Courtown, Mr John McGarry, Courtown Harbour, was appointed a member of Courtown Harbour Committee, vice Mr James Sinnott deceased."

Proposed by Mr Hearn, seconded by Lord Courtown, :-

"That the Harbour Master of Courtown be empowered to procure eight
oar poles at a cost not exceeding 28/-"

"Passed".

(Signed)

John Bolger
Presiding Chairman.

Dated this th 5 day of May 1915.

SPECIAL MEETING.-21st APRIL 1915.

A Special Meeting of the Wexford County Council, was held in the Co Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford, on 21st April 1915.

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

Also:- Messrs C H. Peacecke, A. Kinsella, N. J. Cowman, J. J. Stafford, R. Scallan, P. Keating, T. Asple, J. A. Doyle, J. J. Kehoe, M. Doyle, Lord Courtown, M. Cloney, and James Codd.

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

Vote of Condolence.

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

"That we convey to our esteemed colleague Mr P. O'Neill, the expression of our sincere regret at the loss he has sustained in the death of his brother."

That our Secretary be instructed to forward copy of this resolution to Mr O'Neill."

Striking of Rate.

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

"That we hereby strike the Rate for General and Separate Charges for year 1915-6, as agreed to at the Meeting of the County Council on 11th February 1915, and allow and make the same, as assessed in the Rate Books said Rate 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 this 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 sealed and signed 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 District Councils, after allowing for credit items being, viz--

District	Co Charges.			Union Charges.			Separate Charges.			Total.		
	£.	s.	d	£.	s.	d	£.	s.	d	£.	s.	d.
Enniscorthy	513.	18.	4	565.	0.	0	1.	9.	0	1080.	7.	4
New Ross.	490.	9.	1	890.	12.	10	18.	19.	9	1400.	1.	8
Wexford.	1080.	9.	7	932.	8.	0	10.	1.	2	2022.	18.	9

Death of Mr P. Nolan, Rate Collector.

The Secretary reported that Mr P. Nolan, Rate Collector, for No. 14 Collection District, died on 7th April.

The Finance & Roads Committee recommended that the new Collector should be paid at the poundage rate of 7d in the £, and that the appointment should be made on 5th May.

On the motion of Mr Cowman, seconded by Mr Scallan, the recommendation of Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed.

Report of Special Committee.-Road Inspection.

At the Meeting of the Wexford County Council on 7th April, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That Messrs C. H. Peacecke, James Codd, P. Keating, R. Scallan, J. J. Kehoe, and J. J. Stafford, be appointed a Committee to inspect the Roads referred to in the letter of Dr Hearn, Solicitor, and report to the meeting of Finance & Roads Committee to be held on 21st inst., Inspection to take place on 9th inst., the Committee to start from the County Courthouse, at 2. 0'C., p.m.,

The following Members of the Committee attended the inspection- Messrs James Codd, R. Scallan, James J. Stafford, and John J. Kehoe.

They were accompanied by Dr Hearn, the County Surveyor, and the County Secretary.

Mr Peacecke wrote apologising that he could not attend, and Mr Keating was absent owing to a cold.

The Committee beg to submit the following recommendations:-

"The bank on right side of the road leading to New Ross, on New Ross side of the road about 100 yards from Ferrycarrig Bridge and loose patch of stones adjacent thereto should be removed.

At the turn at Ardcanrisk Bridge gravel should be used to blind the loose metalling which has been placed on the widening of the corner, the widening should be continued to river wall and properly banked to

this point, as this is one of the most dangerous corners to be met with in the County.

The Committee found a considerable number of large patches of unbonded material on the section from Kneekeen cross to Temcoel cross. They are satisfied that this has occurred owing to the fact that the material was spread too late, i.e., sometime in February last for the following reasons.-

- 1.- The contract did not start until the first of July 1914.
- 2.- Some delay was experienced in regard to the opening of new quarry at Ballyhine.
- 3.- Negotiations had been entered into with the Road Board to obtain a grant from that body to have a section of this road steamrolled, and in consequence of the War the grant could not be secured as the County Council were not in a position to prove that exceptional distress existed in the district. The proper season for spreading the material was considerably overdue before the conclusion of these negotiations.

The Committee consider that Nos 2 and 3 furnish satisfactory reasons to account for the present condition of this road.

Two courses are open to provide a remedy (a) To rake off the present material. (b) To induce the Wexford Rural District Council to provide the necessary amount to consolidate the existing material. the first of these remedies the Committee regard as unbusinesslike and wasteful. Raking off the present material will have the effect of increasing the subsequent cost of maintenance.. By consolidating the present amount of metalling with a roller the road will derive great benefit, and the danger which exists by the present condition of affairs to vehicular traffic of all kind will be obviated. The size of metalling is larger generally than would obtain for an ordinary contract but this arises because the stones were prepared for rolling, and there was every reason to believe that the Grant from the Road Board would have been secured were it not for the War.

The Committee understand that the road will be under the consideration of the Wexford Rural District Council on the 10th inst., and they request Mr Barry to bring before the District Council the advisability of spending portion of the money in his proposal for maintenance towards consolidating the present metalling. The Committee would suggest that a sum of about £35 should be allocated for this purpose and they are convinced that this amount would be more than

saved in future maintenance. Besides this action would be considerable benefit later, when the grant will be received from the Road Board. In the meantime the proposal of the Committee would insure a good road for the travelling public.

The Committee consider that the large material on the section of the road from Poulpeasty Bridge to Scullabogue, and from Scullabogue to Kneekreen Cross via Taghmon, should be raked off.

The further direct that the County Surveyor should request Mr Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor, to furnish an explanation as to why he found it necessary to instruct the Contractor to remove such a large quantity of metalling from Road No. 18 R.

The County Surveyor reported that at the meeting of Wexford Rural District Council on the 10th inst., a proposal was approved which would allow of the material on section of the road from Kneekreen Cross to Temceale Cross being consolidated by rolling.

On the motion of Mr Peacocke, seconded by Mr Stafford, the following recommendations of the Finance & Roads Committee were confirmed:-

"That the Report of the Special Road Committee as to their inspection of Wexford-New Ross Road be received and approved."

"That the attention of the County Surveyor be drawn to the inefficiency of the supervision exercised by the Assistant Surveyor in charge of Roads 13W and 18R. And we adjourn the consideration as to what action we will take in the matter until we see if the work of this Assistant will be performed with greater efficiency."

"That a vote of thanks be tendered to Dr Hearn for having placed his Motor Cars at the disposal of the Special Committee which inspected Wexford-New Ross Road, for having accompanied the Committee, and for giving information to the Committee in regard to the Road inspected by them, which the Committee found most necessary, and useful. We feel that the complaints made by Dr Hearn were reasonable and in every way justified."

The following letter under date 20th April 1915, was read from Dr W. F. Hearn:-

"I feel it is due to me as having brought so many complaints regarding the Wexford to New Ross Road before your Council, and the manner

manner in which these complaints have been met by the Council's Surveyor in creating the distinct issue between him and myself as to the accuracy of my statements that inasmuch as the road has now been inspected by a committee, your Council on hearing the report of such committee should express their views on my complaints as to whether or not they were justified. I claim this recognition on the ground that while I was doing a public duty, yet it was nevertheless not free from unpleasantness, and that it would be most unfair to me with the actual knowledge now in possession of your Council the matter should be passed over in silence. The Council may rest assured I make no complaints that I cannot establish. I would therefore be obliged by your calling the Council's attention to my request."

Minutes - Tuberculosis Committee.

The resolutions of the above Committee in respect of Meeting 23rd February, were laid before the Meeting:-

Proposed Sanatorium- "That proposed Sanatorium and Central Dispensary at Windmills Hill, Wexford, be erected in concrete and that the County Surveyor take steps as soon as possible to obtain the formal approval of the Local Government Board to the plans of these buildings."

Purchase of Land for Sanatorium. "That inasmuch as building materials have increased so much in price since the formal negotiations for purchase of plot at Windmills Hill, Wexford, with the Community of St John of God were carried out, this Committee find they are unable to pay out the capital sum for purchase of land and redemption of their share of the rent of plot at Windmills Hill, and, at the same time, have the necessary buildings for the purpose of the scheme erected, we request the Rev Mother and the Community of St John of God to allow the capital sum for purchase of tenant right, viz- £350 and for redemption of rent-Viz- £231 to remain out at interest at 5 per cent per annum for five years. That our Secretary wait on the Rev Mother, St John of God Convent, and explain to her the circumstances which render this action imperative on the part of the Committee. that the Local Government Board be requested to sanction this arrangement provided it will be agreed to by the Rev Mother and Community of St John of God Convent."

In connection with this proposal, the Local Government Board wrote under date 30th March (letter No. 17248 : 1915) approving of the proposal and suggesting that the County Council should reserve the

power to pay off the capital sum at any time on giving six months' notice.

Resolutions of Tuberculosis Committee as appearing on Minutes of Committee for 23rd March, and dealing with salary of Nurse Stafferd, Employment of Nurse Hibbitts, and N. J. Fräzelle, repairs of New Ross Dispensary, Ballycullane Dispensary, Bank Account of Committee, resignation of the Marquis of Aberdeen as Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, and recommendations as to treatment of three cases of Tuberculosis, were laid before the Meeting.

Mr Stafferd proposed, and Mr Kinsella seconded the confirmation of the Minutes of the Tuberculosis Committee, but withdrew the motion in view of the following motions by the Chairman.

"That in the event of our not carrying out the erection of Dispensary and Sanatorium at present, we request the Local Government Board to inform us how long would the Capital sum set aside for this purpose be available, and in the event of our not building a Sanatorium and erecting a Dispensary only, would the amount allocated by the Treasury be still available."

"Passed".

The Chairman proposed:-

"That our Secretary obtain information from the other County Councils of Ireland as to what arrangements they have made regarding erection of Sanatoria and Dispensary and for the general treatment of Tuberculosis."

"Passed".

The Chairman proposed:-

"That the further consideration of this matter be adjourned to 5th May."

Irish Education Act 1892.

A letter was read from the Clerk, Gorey Rural District Council, under date 18th March 1915, stating that at the previous meeting of the R. D. Council, a resolution had been adopted that the Compulsory education Act (Irish Education Act 1892, 55 & 56 Vic, cap 42) be put in force in Gorey Rural District.

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

"That in conformity with section 15 (2) of 55 and 56 vic., cap 42 (Irish Education Act 1892) we hereby agree that the provisions of

this Act shall apply to Gorey Rural District, (except that portion of the said Rural District comprising Gorey Town). That the School Attendance Committee^{to} be formed under this resolution be composed of ten members. That the Gorey Rural District Council be requested at their next meeting to recommend the names of the five members of the Committee who will represent the County Council as Local Authority for appointment at the Meeting of the County Council. That the Commissioners of National Education be requested to appoint their representatives of the School Attendance Committee without delay,. That as soon as the Committee is complete, our Secretary summon the first meeting of the Committee to fix the number of officers which the Committee desire to employ, their rate of remuneration, and the date of their appointment.

Train Service-Gt S. & W. Railway.

The following letter under date 10th April 1915, was read from the General Manager, Great Southern & Western Railway, Kingsbridge, Dublin:-

"With reference to your letter of the 8th instant, submitting copy of Resolution adopted by your Council on the 7th idem, regarding the withdrawal of the 4 p.m., train from Wexford to Waterford, I beg to say I regret very much that we are obliged to take this course, which, as you will observe from the advertisement on the subject, has been due to the present War conditions."

"No Order"

Courtown Harbour Committee.

The Minutes of Courtown Harbour Committee in respect of Meeting of 6th April, were laid before the meeting:-

The Committee recommended that the Harbour Master obtain 100 coal bags at a cost not exceeding £7. 10/-, and obtain timber to repair discharging boats at a cost not exceeding £2."

Lord Courtown proposed, and Mr peacecke seconded the adoption of the recommendation of the Courtown Harbour Committee.

"Adopted"

National Union of Railwaymen.

The following resolution under date 27th March 1915, was received from the Dublin & South Eastern District Council of the National Union of Railwaymen:-

"That this meeting of the Dublin & South Eastern District Council

wish to draw the attention of the Government, the Members of the Labour and Irish Parliamentary Parties, and the President of the Board of Trade, to the following facts:-

- (a)- That the Directors of the Dublin & South Eastern Railway Company, in a Circular issued to the Staff, state, that owing to reduced income and increased expenditure consequent on the War, and the fact that they, in common with other Irish Railway Companies, have no guarantee from the Government to make good any loss sustained during the present crisis, they are unable to make a more generous allowance to their employees than 1/- per week to men with, including Sunday pay, less than 20/- per week, and
- (b)- That the wages of the employees of the Dublin & South Eastern Railway Co., are from 10 to 15 per cent lower than are paid to any other Irish Railway Co.,

And having regard to the above facts, we hereby call upon the Labour Party and the Irish Parliamentary Party, to impress upon the Government the advisability of Guaranteeing to the Dublin & South Eastern Railway Co., a proportion (similar to that Guaranteed to the English, Scotch, and Welsh Railway Companies) of any allowance they might make, that will enable them to do justice to the requirements of the men, and to alleviate, in some degree, the hardships inflicted upon Irish Railwaymen, as upon all the other Railwaymen in the United Kingdom, by the enormous increase in the cost of living.

And further, that we ask the President of the Board of Trade to meet a Deputation of the Dublin & South Eastern Railwaymen, in order that they may fully discuss the matter."

Mr Peacecke proposed:-

"That we approve of the resolution from the National Union of Railwaymen (D. & S. E. Railway District).

Mr Kehoe seconded.

Mr Stafford proposed as an amendment:- "That no action be taken on the resolution from the National Union of Railwaymen."

Mr Kinsella seconded.

A poll was taken for and against the amendment, with the following result:-

For the Amendment:-Messrs Cowman, Kinsella, Stafford, J. A. Doyle, Asple, J. Codd, Scallan, Lord Courtown, and the Chairman.-9

Against:-Messrs M. Doyle, Keating, Cleney, Peacecke and Kehoe.-5.

The Chairman declared the amendment carried. When put as the

substantive motion it passed nem con."

Law of Compensation for Criminal Injury.

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

"That Parliament be called upon to repeal the law as regards the imposition of charges for Malicious Injury, on the grounds that it works unjustly on the Ratepayers made liable."

"Adopted on the motion of Mr Cloney, seconded by Mr M. Doyle."

Ireland as a Tourist Resort.

The following resolution from Limerick Co Council, was submitted:-

"That we, the Roads Authority, of the Limerick County Council, heartily approve of the proposal made by Mr John Maher-Leughnan, B. L., Killarney, in a recent issue of the Freeman's Journal, suggesting that the Lord Mayor of Dublin should be asked to convene an All-Ireland Meeting in the Mansion House at an early date, with the object of inaugurating a movement in support of the claims and the advantages of Ireland as a health and tourist resort."

The unrivalled natural advantages with which nature has so richly endowed our country, as well for the health-seeker as for the tourist, are at present time comparatively unknown, but we believe that this movement if successfully organised, would be the means of enlightening the travelling public and would be productive of material benefit to all parts of Ireland, as we are convinced that it only requires the agencies of advertisement, such as are adapted in England, Scotland, and Wales, to make the health and tourist resorts of Ireland known and appreciated throughout the universe."

"Adopted on the motion of Mr peacecke, seconded by the Chairman."

Military and Government Stores.

Under date 29th March, the following resolution was read from the Irish Cattle Traders & Stockowners Association:-

"That a permanent Depot fully equipped for the reception of Military and Government Stores and supplies be established in Dublin, as Ireland is entitled to the same facilities as these afforded in Great Britain."

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

Prosecution-Meter Duty.

Under date 19th April 1915, the following letter was read from

Mr R. W. Elgee, Solicitor, relative to the prosecution of Dr M. K. O'Brien Bannow, by the County Council:-

"In this case, which was heard at Duncormack on Friday, the 16th inst., the Magistrates (J. J. Roche Esq J. P., (In the Chair) and John Ennis Esq J. P.) inflicted a Penalty of £20 on the Defendant for neglecting to deliver a Declaration as to his meter, and also £1 for Costs over and above any Duties to which he might be liable in respect of his Car or Cars, but they also made a recommendation that the Council should reduce such Penalty to 20/- and 20/- Costs. I stated I would lay this recommendation before the Council and as the matter has now got publicity perhaps it may have the effect in making defaulters pay up or send in Declarations.

So will you kindly bring the matter before the Co Council at their Meeting on Wednesday."

Mr Stafford proposed, Mr Kehoe seconded, and it was passed

res. con:-

"That the fine imposed on Dr O'Brien, Bannow, for neglecting to deliver a Declaration under Motor Car Act 1903, be reduced to £1 and that the amount of Costs fixed by the Magistrates viz:- £1 be allowed to stand."

(Signed)

John Bolger

Presiding Chairman.

Dated this ¹⁵ 5 day of *May* 1915.

STATUTABLE HALF-YEARLY MEETING.-5th MAY 1915.

The Statutable Half-Yearly Meeting of the Wexford County Council, was held in the Co Council Chambers, Courthouse, Wexford, on 5th May 1915.

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

Other Members:- Messrs J. A. Doyle, M. Cloney, T. Asple, M. Doyle, L. Barry, P. Keating, N. J. Cowman, P. Whelan, James Codd, M. Codd, A. Kinsella, J. T., Mayler, J. Redmond, J. J. Kehoe, James Lynch, P. O'Neill, ~~THE~~ Lord Courtown. J. J. Stafford, J. S. Hearn, and R. Scallan.

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

Confirmation of Minutes.

The Minutes of Meeting of 7th April, and of Special Meeting of 21st April, were read and confirmed.

Acknowledgment Vote of Condolence.

On the motion of Mr Kehoe, seconded by Mr Mayler, the following letter from Mr P/O'Neill, Co Councillor, under date 28th April 1915, in reply to vote of condolence passed by the Council on the death of his brother, was ordered to be inserted on the Minutes:-

"Please convey to the Members of Co Council my sincere thanks for their kind vote of sympathy on the death of my brother.

I wish also to thank yourself personally for your kind remarks."

Appointment of Rate Collector for No 14 Collection District.

Applications for the position of Rate Collector for No. 14 Collection District, vacant through the death of Mr Patrick Nolan, were read from the following:-

Patrick Nolan, Clonamona, Craanford.

Patrick Joseph Nolan, Clologue, Ferns.

Patrick J. Fowler, Camolin.

Michael Kennedy, Middle Island, Craanford.

Michael Sinnott, Kilbora, Ferns.

A poll was taken with the following result:-

For Fowler:- Mr Asple.- 1.

For Patrick Nolan:- Messrs J. A. Doyle, and M. Codd.-2.

For Patrick Joseph Nolan:- Messrs Cloney, M. Doyle, Keating, Cowman, Scallan,

Mayler, Kehoe, and Lord Courtown.-8.

For Sinnott:- Messrs Whelan, James Codd, O'Neill, Stafford, Redmond, and the Chairman.-6

Mr Hearn did not vote.

Mr Fowler dropped out, and a poll was taken as between Messrs Kennedy, P. Nolan, P. J. Nolan, and Sinnott, with the following result:-

For Kennedy:- Mr Kinsella.-1.

For Patrick Nolan:- Messrs Barry, and J. A. Doyle.-2.

For Patrick J. Nolan:- Messrs Cloney, M. Doyle, Keating, Cowman, Scallan, Mayler, Kehoe and Lord Courtown.-8

For Sinnott:- Messrs Asple, Whelan, M. Codd, J. Codd, Stafford, O'Neill, Redmond, and the Chairman.-8.

Mr Hearn did not vote.

Mr Kennedy now dropped out, and a poll was taken as between Messrs P. Nolan, P. J. Nolan, and Sinnott, as follows:-

For P. Nolan:- Messrs J. A. Doyle, Kinsella, and M. Codd.-3

For P. J. Nolan:- Messrs Cloney, M. Doyle, Barry, Keating, Cowman, Scallan, Mayler, Kehoe, and Lord Courtown.-9.

For Sinnott:- Messrs Asple, Whelan, James Codd, Stafford, O'Neill, Redmond, and the Chairman.- 7.

Mr Hearn did not vote.

Mr Patrick Nolan now dropped out, and a final poll was taken as between Mr Patrick J. Nolan, and Mr Sinnott, with the following result:-

For Mr P. J. Nolan:- Messrs J. A. Doyle, Cloney, M. Doyle, Barry, Keating, Cowman, Scallan, Mayler, Kehoe, and Lord Courtown.- 10.

For Mr Sinnott:- Messrs Asple, Whelan, M. Codd, James Codd, Kinsella, Stafford, O'Neill, Redmond, and the Chairman.-9.

Mr Hearn did not vote.

The Chairman declared Mr Nolan elected and Mr Nolan returned thanks. He mentioned that he would give the security of the Gresham Insurance Co.,

The following is the application of the successful Candidate:-

"I beg to apply for the position of Rate Collector for No. 14 District vacant through the death of my father. I have had experience of the work for over two years, and I think as my testimonials show I have given satisfaction to all officials concerned, and to the County Council.

Hoping you will favour my application."

He submitted testimonials from:- Very Rev Archdeacon Doyle, P.P., Ferns.

R. Creighton, Clerk R. D. Council Gorey, Rev J. Redmond C. C., Ferns, Rev Canon Gibson, Ferns, Rev James Murphy P. P., Craanford, Rev M. Murphy, C. C., Ferns, Rev Owen Kehoe, C. C., Camolin, D. Murphy J. P., Ferns.

Mr Lynch was not present during the Election.

Proposals for Works.

On the motion of Mr Stafford,

Seconded by Mr Hearn, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the several proposals for New Works submitted by the Proposal Committee, and by the several Rural District Councils of the County, as appearing on Form 20, be and are hereby approved, subject to the modifications and other orders noted thereon and initialled by the Chairman."

On the motion of Mr Hearn,

Seconded by Mr Stafford, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the Rural District Councils of the County be requested to fix their adjourned meetings for consideration of tenders for roads and works, for a date that will allow of any Works and Roads untendered for being advertised in time for the following Co Council Meeting."

Proposals for Payments.

On the motion of Mr Stafford,

Seconded by Mr Hearn, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the several Proposals for Payment submitted by the Proposal Committee, and Rural District Councils of the County, and recommended by the Finance & Roads Committee, be and are hereby approved, subject to the modifications and other orders noted thereon, and initialled by the Chairman."

Irish Education Act.-Gorey District.

Under date 26th April 1915, Mr Creighton, Clerk Gorey R. D. Council wrote, that his Council had recommended the appointment of the following as the Representatives of the County Council as Local Authority, on the Gorey Rural District School Attendance Committee, viz:-

Messrs A. Kinsella, J. J. Fowler, James Kavanagh, Robert Spenser, and John Sheehan, and suggested that the Board of Education should appoint the following to complete the Committee, Viz:-

Canon Murphy, Rev N. Mernagh, P.P., Rev L. Jones P.P., (Or Rev J O'Grady C.C.
Rev R.R.Tilson Rector, Ardamine, Rev N. Clarke, Rector Ballycanew.

On the motion of Mr Stafford,

Seconded by Mr Scallan, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That as recommended by the Gorey R. D. Council, the following be appointed the Representatives of the Co Council as Local Authority on the Gorey Rural District School Attendance Committee:-

A. Kinsella J.P., Gorey.

N. J. Fowler, Camolin,

James Kavanagh, Garrynew, Killena.

Robert Spenser, Kildermot Gorey.

John Sheehan, Ballynestragh, Gorey.

With regard to the suggestion of the Gorey R. D. Council as to the appointment of the representatives of the Commissioners of National Education the following resolution was adopted, on the motion of Mr Stafford, seconded by Mr O'Neill:-

"That the Clerk of the Gorey R.D. Council be requested to forward to the Commissioners of National Education the recommendation of his District Council as to the appointment of the representatives of the Board of National Education on the Gorey R.D. School Attendance Committee"

A letter was read from Mr P.J. Crean, Hon Sec., Gorey National Teachers Association, asking for the appointment of Mr M. O'Sullivan, Camolin, and Mr Lorretto, Ardamine, National Teachers, on the Committee.

"No Order".

New Ross School Attendance Committee.

Under date 3rd May 1915, a letter was read from the Office of National Education, giving the names of the following as Members of New Ross Rural District School Attendance Committee:-

Rev M. Hickey P.P., Clongeen, Foulksmills.

Rev James Redmond P.P., Cushinstown, New Ross.

Rev Thomas Cloney, P.P., Templetown, Fethard.

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

Rev E. Doyle, C. C., Gusserane, New Ross.

Marked "Read."

Tuberculosis Scheme.

The Minutes of Tuberculosis Committee of 23rd February 1915, relative to erection of proposed Sanatorium and purchase of land on which to erect same, as appearing on the Minutes of Meeting of Co Council of 21st April 1915, were read:-

The Secretary submitted replies which he had received from Secretaries of other Co Councils, in regard to the arrangements which had been made for the Treatment of Tuberculosis.

The following letter from Local Government Board, under date 30th April (No 23501 : 1915 Wexford Co.,) was read:-

"I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 28th instant, and, with reference thereto, I am to draw your attention to the final paragraph of the Board's Circular letter of the 27th August 1912, and I am to point out that the provisional allocation of the Sanatorium Grant was not intended to hold good for an indefinite period.

I am to state that while the Board would prefer that the County Council should proceed with the erection of the combined institution originally proposed, still, they will raise no objection to the postponement, for a limited time, of the question of building the Sanatorium portion of the Scheme. In the latter event the Capital Grant would be available for the purpose of the erection of a Dispensary alone. In this connection I am to observe that much stress was laid in the Interim Report of the Departmental Committee on Tuberculosis on the importance of a Central Dispensary, without which no scheme for the treatment of Tuberculosis is complete. It is indispensable to the Tuberculosis Officer as a centre of diagnosis, and for bacteriological work, and as a place for the keeping of records. It also helps to co-ordinate the various elements in the County Schemes.

These advantages would more than counterbalance any extra expense incurred owing to the rise in the wages of labour and the increased price of materials, and thus the immediate erection of the Dispensary would prove ultimately to be more economical."

On the motion of Mr Stafford,

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

"That we recommend the Tuberculosis Committee to invite tenders for the erection of Central Dispensary only, and that Mr Barry, County Surveyor, consider the necessary accommodation with the Tuberculosis Officer in the meantime."

University Scholarship Scheme.

The Chairman brought up the question of Male University Scholarships holders residing in properly recognised Collegiate Hostels. He pointed out

that when the University Scholarship Scheme was first established, accommodation could not be secured in them by County Wexford Scholars, and the County Council then allowed the students to reside in private lodgings which were approved of by the College Dean of Residence.

Accommodation could now be obtained in Collegiate Hostels.

A letter was read from John Connolly, University Scholarship Holder for permission to reside at 7 Ranelagh Road, Dublin.

A similar application was received from Mr Maurice Kinsella, University Scholarship Holder, for permission to reside at 71 Heytesbury Street, Dublin.

"On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Hearn, it was decided that the applications of Messrs Connolly, and Kinsella, be agreed to, subject to the approval of the Dean of Residence."

The following letter was read from Mr T. J. O'Rourke, University Scholarship Holder:-

"I am writing to inform you that I have joined the Cadet Company attached to the 7th Leinsters outside Fermoy, as a Candidate for a temporary Commission in the Army. Will you kindly put this letter before the Committee as I wish to have my Scholarship held over for me if I am able to take it up after the War. I have lived in lodgings and attended lectures up to April 25th, my hostel fees are £10 for 12 weeks (minus two weeks holidays). Will you kindly forward those fees and surplus money to my Mother at 8 St Peter's Sq., Wexford.

A receipt for Hostel fees will be sent to the County Council from my Landlady, as I have written to her to-day.

I considered it my duty to offer my services for the duration of the War, and I hope the Committee will hold my Scholarship open for me until I receive my discharge."

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

"That Scholarship awarded Mr T. J. O'Rourke, be held over for him until the termination of the War."

On the motion of Mr Hearn, Seconded by Mr Stafford, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That at the expiration of the present College term, all University Scholarship Holders of this Council be instructed to reside in a recognised Collegiate Hostel."

National Road Conference.

Under date 19th April 1915, a Circular letter was read from the Secretary, County Councils Association, London, in connection with National Road Conference and Exhibition to be held from 25th June to 1st July, and expressing the hope that the County Surveyor, County Secretary, and Members of the Council interested in road matters will be able to take part in the Conference, etc.,

"No Order"

County Wexford Infirmary.

On the motion of Mg Cowman, seconded by Lord Courtown, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That our Secretary be instructed to inform the Committee of County Wexford Infirmary that the Council is surprised that no reply has been received from the Infirmary as regards the recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee to appoint a Chartered Accountant to audit the Accounts of the Infirmary. That the matter be brought before the adjourned Meeting of the Council on the 19th inst.,"

Roads & Works.

On the motion of Lord Courtown, seconded by Mr Stafford, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That contract given James Sinnott, Zingrove, Wexford, Road No. 330E., be cancelled, as we believe that the contractor who was accepted was not the person who perfected the bond."

Untendered Roads & Works.

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

"That the present meeting be adjourned to 19th May, at 11 a.m., in the meantime our Secretary advertise all roads and Works untendered for from the various Rural District Councils."

Confirmation Minutes-Finance & Roads Committee.

The following recommendations from Finance & Roads Committee Meeting of 21st April, were submitted:-

Wexford Bridge:- "That the work of repair be carried out by County Surveyor as heretofore."

"Confirmed on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Stafford."

Mountgarrett Bridge:- Requesting information from the Kilkenny County Council

as to whether they would agree to the resolution of the Wexford Co Council of 25th November 1914, by which the Kilkenny County Council were to be responsible for the re-erection of bridge at Mountgarrett.

In connection with this matter the following letter was read from the Secretary, County Council, Kilkenny, under date 23rd April 1915:-

"Yours of the 22nd instant to hand. My Council have agreed to contribute half the cost of re-erection of Mountgarrett Bridge, and application has been made to the Local Government Board for approval of loan of £2,425 to carry out the work. As however, the Treasury have refused sanction to other loans for road improvements in the County, the proposal in question may be negatived by that Body."

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

"That the recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee be confirmed and that the Kilkenny County Council be requested to state definitely if they are prepared to comply with the terms of the Resolution of the Finance & Roads Committee of Wexford County Council of 25th November 1914 (confirmed by Council on 2nd December 1914) by which the work of having the structure erected would be carried out by the Kilkenny County Council."

Kilmore Harbour:- Directing the County Surveyor to make arrangements for repair of damaged work at the Pier, submitting estimates etc., to the Committee which had already inspected the damage.

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr Stafford, seconded by Mr Barry."

Enniscorthy Courthouse:- Recommending that a sum of £5 be allocated for alterations in Caretaker's apartments in Enniscorthy Courthouse.

"Confirmed on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Lord Courtown."

Ballyregan Quarry:- Recommending the Council to arrange with John Brennan, Ballyregan, for entering quarry at 3d per cubic yard for material, and £5 to cover ground for roadway, for dumping ground, and for all surface damage.

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr Kehoe, seconded by Mr Stafford."

Under date 3rd May 1915, the following letter was read from Messrs M. J O'Connor & Co., relative to proposed lease of Ballyregan Quarry:-

"We have been instructed by Mr Samuel Morris, Miss Jane Morris, and Mr James Breen, all of Ballyregan, Camolin, and Messrs Peter Leary, and Patrick Doyle of Ballymore, Camolin, that it has been brought to their

Knowledge that the Wexford County Council propose to open a quarry on the lands of Mr John Brennan of Ballyregan. All our Clients, who are named above have a right of way convenient to where the quarry is proposed to be opened, and they say there would be a great interference with their right of way if horses and carts and other machinery are to be suffered to pass and re-pass to and from the quarry along this right of way, and that they would be greatly hampered in driving their cattle to and from their lands. Your Council, as you are no doubt aware, have no power to use our Clients' right of way in connection with the quarry, and this letter is to give your Council notice that your Council will not be allowed to use it without their consent."

Cherryerchard Quarry:- Refusing the application of Mr George Sharpe, Cherryerchard, Quarry, for increase of price of material from 3/6 to 3.10 per cubic yard.

"Confirmed on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Scallan!"

Tara Hill Quarry:- Recommending an increase of wages to John Lannen, foreman Tara Hill Quarry, from £1 per week to 22/6 per week.

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr Kinsella, seconded by Mr Kehoe."

New Ross Bridge Footpath:- Recommended that the question of improving footpaths of New Ross Bridge be adjourned until after the War.

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr Kehoe, seconded by Lord Courtown!"

Oulart Courthouse:- Declining to recommend the County Council to purchase in fee Oulart Courthouse in consequence of exorbitant amount asked for by landlord.

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr Scallan, seconded by Mr Redmond."

Courtown Harbour:- Refusing to recommend application of Messrs Peeley & Son, Ltd., for an increase of 10/- per annum in the contract for maintenance of weighing apparatus at Courtown Harbour.

Under date 23rd April 1915, a letter was read from Messrs Peeley & Co., that they would continue the contract at the old price.

"On the motion of Mr Kinsella, seconded by Mr James Codd, the recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed."

Screenings Quarries:- Agreeing that the County Council had no legal power to sell to the public, from any of the County Council Quarries.

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr Stafford, seconded by Mr Kehoe!"

County Relief Committee:- Agreeing to the payment of 13/5 incidental expenses for Co Relief Committee.

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr Stafford, seconded by Mr Kehoe."

Application for Loan.

On the motion of Mr Stafford, seconded by Mr James Codd, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That our Secretary be instructed to apply to the Local Government Board for sanction to loan of £2425 from National Bank, repayable in five years at 3 per cent on Instalment principle, moiety of cost of Wexford Co. Council in connection with the re-erection of Mountgarrett Bridge."

Coals-Gorey Courthouse.

Under date 27th April 1915, the following letter was read from Mr J. Valentine, Courtkeeper, Gorey Courthouse.:-

"I wish to call your attention to the amount allowed to me for coal for the Gorey Courthouse, and I ask if you will kindly lay my letter before the Chairman and Members of the Finance Committee with the view of having the amount increased to meet the requirements of the Courthouse.

I am only allowed £9 a year for coal and as coal is now 34/- a ton, the quantity of coal which I am able to buy for that sum is altogether too small for the proper heating and airing of the Courthouse."

Mr Scallan proposed, and Mr Cowman seconded:- "That the Council consider that the allowance for coal to Mr J. Valentine, Courtkeeper, Gorey, is quite sufficient."

As an amendment Mr Kinsella proposed:- That the amount be increased from £9 to £12 per annum."

"The amendment was not seconded, and the resolution was passed."

Courtown Harbour.

With reference to a question raised at the meeting of County Council on 21st April 1915, as to payments by Merchants for use of coal bags and discharging boats at Courtown Harbour, the Secretary produced copy of "Tolls Dues and Wharfage Charges" from which it appeared that 3d per ton was charged vessels for use of coal bags and 4d per ton for use of discharging boats.

"No Order".

Guide Light at Kilmere Harbour.

A Memorial from fishermen and others residing at Kilmere Quay and vicinity, as to the urgent necessity existing for a guide light on the end of Kilmere Pier, was read.

The matter was before the Meeting of Finance & Roads Committee on 21st April, when a resolution was adopted adjourning the application, the County Surveyor to ascertain in the meantime from the Harbour Master and

fishermen of Kilmere, if the proposed new lamp would be lit free of cost provided the County Council supplied oil, etc.,

"Adjourned for report of County Surveyor, to be presented to Meeting on 19th inst."

Sheep Dipping (Ireland) Order 1915.

Under date 19th April 1915, the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction wrote (letter No. 1399-14) forwarding copies of Sheep Dipping (Ireland) Order of 1915. Owing to the extent to which Sheep Scab prevailed and the danger which existed of further restrictions being enforced as to the landing of Irish Sheep in Great Britain, the County Council should take adequate steps to have the Order properly enforced in their District. In this connection it was suggested that the County Council should appoint Inspectors to see that dipping is effectively carried out.

On the motion of Mr Asple, Seconded by Mr Scallan, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That we point out to the Department that we have received from our Veterinary Inspectors no report as to the existence of Sheep Scab at any of the fairs in the County. We are aware that as regards sheep detained in Waterford, the Veterinary Inspectors of the Department have been unable to trace the disease to this County."

Electric-Firer for Quarries.

The County Surveyor applied for permission to purchase an Electric firer for use in quarries, cost not to exceed £10.

"On the motion of Mr Stafford, seconded by Mr Keating, the application of the County Surveyor was agreed to."

New Member of Co Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction.

"On the motion of Mr Kehoe, Seconded by Mr Scallan, Mr Walter Boggan, Grewtown, Taghmon, was appointed a Member of the above-named Committee, vice Mr P. Ryan resigned."

Quarry Reck Drill.

Under date 27th April 1915, letter was read from Mr James Wadden, Maudlintown, Wexford, offering to sell to the Co Council for £42. 10/- a Reck Drill and Boiler.

"No Order. County Surveyor stating he did not consider the Drill would be sufficiently useful to their quarries to justify the expenditure."

Bantry & Blackstairs Commons.

In connection with arrears of Rate in Bantry and Blackstairs Commons, the Local Government Board wrote under date 28th April 1915, (letter No. 22,263/1915, Wexford Co.,) that they had assented to the payment of poundage fees to Collectors Semers and Murphy in respect of the collection period ended 31st March 1915.

Marked "Read"

Enniscorthy Urban Electric Lighting Scheme.

The Secretary mentioned that he had received from Messrs J. A. Sinnott & Co., Solicitors, Enniscorthy, copy of Provisional Order granted by the Board of Trade in favour of Enniscorthy Urban Electric Lighting Scheme.

"No Order"

Town Tenants League.

The Secretary, Town Tenants' League, wrote asking the Council to appoint delegates to the Annual Convention of the above League, to be held on 12th May at 2.30 p.m., in the City Hall, Dublin.

"No Order".

Organisation of Labour.

Circular letter from the Local Government Board under date 16th April 1915, No. 55M (Local Authorities) Organisation of Labour, was read for the Meeting.

"No Order"

Quarry Agreements.

On the motion of Mr Stafford, Seconded by Mr Kinsella, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the Seal of the County Council be affixed to agreements for lease of quarry at Ballyregan, Camelin, the property of Mr John Brennan, Ballyregan, also quarry the property of Mr Thomas Murphy at Peulmarle, Taghmen."

Exemption from Rates.

The following claims for exemption from Rates were laid before the Meeting:-

Collector N. O'H. Walsh:- Aughwilliam 93, Rathaspeck 220, Taghmen 73,142,147, Wexford Rural 171, 292.

Collector G. Rossiter:- Ardavan 8, Artrament 71, Killurin 70, Kilpatrick 53.

Collector N. Moore:- Harpurstown 137, Killag 232.

Collector F. Blake:- Bridgetown 167, Kilmere 105, 294, 118, 512, Mayglass 32,

Newcastle 37&8, Tombaggard 154, Tacumshane 107, 136.

Collector P. Resciter:- Kilscoeran 132.

Collector J. Cummins:- Kilbera 77, 78, Tinnacross 166, The Harrow 2, 88.

Collector J. Sinnott:- Ballyhegue 205, Bree 6, 43, 57, 231, The Leap 153.

Collector L. Lacy:- Ballyvalden 249, Belabey 177, Castle Ellis 148, 227.

Collector J. C. Smith:- Ardamine 112, Ballycanew 58, Courtown 166, 327, Gorey Rural 14, 206, Gorey Urban 48, Kilnahun 68.

Collector E. J. Murphy:- New Ross Rural 190.

Collector E. Cummins:- Oldcourt 86.

Collector John Benville:- Adamstown 40, Heretown 129, 141,

Collector J. L. Doyle:- Inch 24, Tintern 21, 207, 253, 378.

Collector J. Cogley:- Ballyhack 52, 53, 299, Fethard 67, Rathree 39.

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

"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."

Poisons & Pharmacy Act.

Applications for Renewals of licences under Poisons & Pharmacy Act, were received from:-

John Roche, Camelin.

W. B. Jackson, 51 Main Street, Gorey.

Messrs Denehee, Ltd., Enniscorthy.

Kate Colfer, Ballymitty.

J. J. Stafford, South Main Street, Wexford.

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

"That renewals of licences under Poisons and Pharmacy Act be granted to Messrs Denehee, Ltd., W. B. Jackson, John Roche, Kate Colfer, and J. J. Stafford."

(Signed)

John Bolger

Presiding Chairman.

Dated this 19th day of

May 1915.

ADJOURNED HALF-YEARLY MEETING.-19th MAY 1915.

The Adjourned Half-Yearly Meeting of the Wexford County Council, was held in the Co Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford, on 19th May 1915.

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

Also:- Messrs Lynch, Cowman, J. J. Kehoe, Barry, M. Doyle, O'Neill, James Codd, Whelan, Mark Codd, R. Scallan, J. S. Hearn, Cloney.

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

Confirmation of Minutes.

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and confirmed.

Sheep Dipping Order 1915.

Under date 13th May 1915, the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction wrote, pointing out that as many as 29 separate outbreaks of Sheep Scab were confirmed last year in County Wexford, and that the number of sheep found affected with the disease was 271.

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

"The County Council regret to learn from the Department that 29 outbreaks of sheep scab occurred in this County last year, and which involved 271 sheep. We call upon all sheep owners in this County to strictly conform to the Sheep Dipping Order, otherwise in view of the large number of outbreaks referred to by the Department, the Council must institute prosecutions against those who fail to carry out the provisions of the Order."

Poisons & Pharmacy Act.

Mr Henry Hill, Merchant, Ballycanew, applied for a licence under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act.

The Police offered no objection.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr James Codd, Seconded by Mr Scallan:-

"That licence under Poisons & Pharmacy Act be granted to Mr Henry Hill, Ballycanew."

Mr W. H. Maguire, Commercial Quay, Wexford, applied for renewal of

licence under Poisons & Pharmacy Act.

On the motion of Mr James Codd, seconded by Mr Scallan, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That licence granted Mr W. H. Maguire, Commercial Quay, Wexford, under Poisons & Pharmacy Act, be renewed for a period of twelve months."

Appointment of Official Checkers-Rate Collectors' Accounts.

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

"That Messrs N. Kehoe, R. Creighton, and M. J. Finn, be appointed deputy checkers of the Rate Collectors' Accounts for the districts of Wexford, Gorey, and New Ross, respectively, in respect of financial year to 31st March 1916, at a remuneration of 5/- per 100 ratings.

"That Mr Jasper Whitty, be appointed deputy checker for the accounts of the Collectors in Enniscorthy District, at a salary of £30 per annum, in respect of financial year ending 31st March 1916."

Proposals for Works.

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

"That the several proposals for maintenance contracts and for Special Works accepted at this Meeting, and for which no tenders were received at Rural District Council Meetings, be and are hereby approved."

Road No. 196E.

The County Surveyor applied to have cancelled the contract for Road No. 196E (565 perches from Oulart to the sea between main road at two points and sea at Flaherty's Gap) for which Nicholas Sheill, Ballinaclash, Blackwater, was accepted as Contractor at the meeting of the Council on 2nd December 1914. This contract was taken provisionally and on condition that the sea gap described therein was in a certain place. It had since been found that this was not the case, and hence the County Surveyor applied to have the contract cancelled.

"On the motion of Mr Hearn, seconded by Mr Lynch, the application of the County Surveyor was agreed to."

Borrowing by Local Authorities.

Under date 4th May 1915, Circular letter No. 57M., 1915, from the Local Government Board as to borrowing by Local Authorities was read for the

Meeting.

"Referred to County Secretary, and County Surveyor."

Irrecoverable Rates.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Lynch, lists of Irrecoverable Rates submitted by Collectors Sheehan, and Nolan, were agreed to and signed by the Chairman.

As regards the list of Mr Sullivan, it was decided that this Collector be summoned to attend the Annual Meeting of the County Council to explain various items in his list.

Central Tuberculosis Dispensary.

Under date 14th May 1915, the Local Government Board, wrote letter No. 25, 131 : 1915, Wexford County, that as regards the proposal to invite tenders for erection of Central Tuberculosis Dispensary, the County Council should submit to the Local Government Board for their approval, plans, specification, and estimate of cost of the proposed Institution.

"Referred to Tuberculosis Committee."

(Signed)

John Bolger

Presiding Chairman.

Dated this 16 day of

June 1915.

ANNUAL MEETING.-16th JUNE 1915.

The Annual Meeting of the Wexford County Council, was held in County Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford, on 16th June 1915.

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

Also:- Messrs Peacocke, Lynch, Mayler, Kehoe, Redmond, Cloney, James Codd, J. A. Doyle, R. Scallan, Asple, L. Barry, P. Whelan, Mark Codd, Cowman, A. Kinsella, J. S. Hearn, Keating, and Sir Thomas H. Grattan Esmonde.

Mr Lynch, Chairman of Enniscorthy Rural District Council, subscribed the usual declaration of office.

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 signed.

Election of Chairman.

On the motion of Sir Thomas Esmonde, seconded by Mr John J. Kehoe, Mr John Bolger was elected Chairman for the coming year.

Having signed the usual declaration of office, the Chairman returned thanks for his election.

Election of Vice-Chairman.

The Chairman proposed Mr C. H. Peacocke as Vice-Chairman for the ensuing year.

Mr Kinsella seconded.

Passed nem con.

Having signed the usual declaration of office, Mr Peacocke returned thanks for his election.

Appointment of Committees.

Finance & Roads Committee:-

On the motion of Sir Thomas Esmonde, Seconded by Mr Asple, the following resolution was adopted:-

& Roads

"That the full Council constitute the Financial/Committee for year 1915-6."

Proposal Committee:-

On the motion of Sir Thomas Esmonde, Seconded by Mr Asple, the

following resolution was adopted:-

"That the full Council constitute the Proposal Committee for years 1915-6."

Diseases of Animals Acts, Committee:-

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

"That the County Wexford Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction be appointed the Executive Committee of the Wexford County Council for the administration of the Contagious Diseases (Animals) Acts."

The Recent Political Crisis.

Mr Bolger proposed:-

"That we congratulate Mr John E. Redmond and the Irish Party on the manner in which they have dealt with the recent political crisis. We consider that in their capable hands the National interests of the Country have been fully safeguarded. We assure them of our whole-hearted support in any action which they ^{may} deem necessary to take in future, and in saying this we know that we represent the feelings of the vast majority of the people of Ireland."

Mr Lynch seconded.

"Passed unanimously".

Notices of Motion.

University Scholarships:- Mr Hearn moved the following of which he had given previous notice:-

"That the Scheme of University Scholarships be abandoned as from the year 1916, until such time as the ratepayers are in a position to afford payment for this and for schemes of a similar character."

Mr Kinsella seconded.

On a show of hands 15 voted in favour of the resolution and 4 against.

The Chairman declared the resolution carried,.

Agricultural & Technical Instruction:- Mr Hearn moved the following of which he had given previous notice:-

"That the County Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction, be invited to consider the advisability, in view of the manner in which the ratepayers have been affected by the enormous increase in the cost of food stuffs, and by the withdrawal of government grants, in relief of local taxation, to suspend until after the conclusion of the War, all their Schemes except those dealing with the improvement of live stock."

By permission of the Meeting, Mr Hearn deleted from his resolution the last nine words, as follows:- "Except those dealing with the improvement of Live Stock".

Mr Kinsella seconded.

The resolution as amended was put to the meeting, and adopted nem con.

Mr Flood, Assistant Surveyor.

Under date 28th May 1915, Mr Gerald Flood, Assistant Surveyor, applied for second annual increment of £5 to his salary in accordance with the terms of his appointment.

On the motion of the Chairman,

Seconded by Mr J. A. Doyle, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the salary of Mr Gerald Flood as from 12th June 1915, be fixed at £90 per annum, in accordance with the terms of his appointment."

County Wexford Infirmary.

With reference to the suggestion of the Co Council, that the Committee of the County Wexford Infirmary should obtain the assistance of a Chartered Accountant to audit their Accounts, a letter under date 10th May 1915, was read from the Registrar of the County Infirmary, that at the meeting of the Committee on 12th April, a resolution was adopted that the two gentlemen, viz:- Messrs R. Hanton, and D. O'Sullivan, who so kindly audited the accounts in the past, be asked to do them again.

The Accounts were audited by the gentlemen in question on 29th and 30th April, and were unanimously approved of and adopted by the County Infirmary Committee on 10th May.

Proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Mr Cowman, and adopted:-

"We understand that the County Infirmary Committee are advertising for an Accountant, and we consider they should appoint a Chartered Accountant as already requested by the County Council."

Audit of County Council Accounts.

Under date 21st May 1915, the Local Government Board wrote forwarding copy of their Auditor's Report on his audit of the Accounts of the County Council, for half-year ended 31st March 1915, together with attested Abstracts of the Accounts.

The following is copy of Auditor's Report::

"I have the honour to report that I have audited the accounts of the County Council of Wexford for the half-year ended March last, and I forward,

herewith, a certified Abstract thereof in pursuance of your Order.

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

Marked "Read"

Collector P. Nolan.

Under date 18th May 1915, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 26340 : 1915, Wexford County) that they had approved of the appointment of Mr P. J. Nolan, as Rate Collector for No. 14 Collection District.

Marked "Read".

Poisons & Pharmacy Act.

Applications for the renewal of licences under the Poisons & Pharmacy Act, were received from the following:-

Messrs A. Kinsella, Gorey, Laurence Codd, Enniscorthy, Matthew Harpur, North Main Street, Wexford, John S. Hearn, 4 South Street, New Ross, James Sinnott, The Ballagh, Enniscorthy, J. J. Haughton, Ferns, George Stafford, John Street, Wexford, John J. Purcell, Broadway, Edward Brennan, Taghmon, Mrs Margaret Roche, Ballyanne, New Ross, Patrick Healy, Nth Main Street, Wexford.

On the motion of Mr Peacocke,

Seconded by Mr Cowman, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That renewals of licences under Poisons & Pharmacy Act be granted to the persons whose names have been submitted to this meeting by our Secretary."

Revision of Valuation.

On the motion of Sir Thomas Esmonde,

Seconded by Mr Peacocke, the following resolution was adopted--

"That the business of dealing with applications for revisions of valuation for year 1915, be referred to a special meeting of Finance & Roads Committee to be held on 23rd June."

Rate Collector Sullivan.

By directions of the Council, Collector Sullivan attended in connection with certain items in his claims for Irrecoverable Rates.

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

"That the lists of claims of irrecoverable rates be returned to Collector Sullivan, and that he be directed to submit amended sheets to the Secretary in time for the monthly meeting of Finance & Roads Committee to be held on 21st July.

Analyst's Report.

The following report was read:-

"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 31st March 1915.

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

<u>Article</u>	<u>Number.</u>
Butter	25
Milk	19
Buttermilk	14
Whiskey	7
Cheese	2
Port Wine	1
Margarine	1
Sherry	1
Brandy	1
Ginger Wine	1
Total	<u>72</u>

Four certificates were sent to Sergeant White, Wexford, for specimens of milk adulterated with at least 6.25, 6.25, 8.9, and 15.4 per cent of added water respectively, and five certificates for specimens of buttermilk adulterated with at least 11, 15, 15, and 30 per cent of added water respectively, exclusive of 25 per cent allowed for churning purposes, and one certificate for specimen of butter adulterated with at least 60 per cent of fats foreign to butter.

For the Guardians of Gorey Union six drugs were analysed and were correct.

For the Guardians of Enniscorthy Union, nine drugs, five specimens of Port Wine, four of tea and one of butter were analysed. One drug was incorrect.

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

One imperial gallon contained in grains-

Total solid matter	34.300
Including	
Albuminoid Ammonia	0.030
Saline Ammonia	0.020

Nitric Acid. 4.370
 Chlorine 4.190
 Colour light yellow

This water was polluted.

One specimen of feeding stuff was analysed for J. B. Hearn Esq
 New Ross.

One specimen of feeding stuff was analysed for Messrs Buttle & Co.,
 Enniscorthy.

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

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.....106

Adulterated and defective articles..... 11

Charles A Cameron.

Marked "Read"

Gorey R. D. School Attendance Committee;

A Minute was received from the recently appointed Gorey R. D. School
 Attendance Committee requesting confirmation of the County Council to the
 appointment of two School Attendance Officers at £20 each, and a Secretary
 at £10 per annum.

On the motion of Sir Thomas Esmonde,

Seconded by Mr Kinsella, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That we approve of the Gorey Rural District School Attendance
 Committee appointing two School Attendance Officers at a salary of £20
 each per annum, and a Secretary at £10 per annum."

Cherryorchard Quarry.

With reference to the application of Mr George Sharpe, Cherryorchard,
 for permission to increase the price of material from Cherryorchard Quarry
 from 3/6 per cubic yard to 3/9 per cubic yard, the following resolution was
 adopted on the motion of Mr L. Barry, seconded by Mr Peacocke:-

"That the County Surveyor be requested to inform Mr George Sharpe
 that the Co Council cannot see their way to vary the agreement they have
 made with him for the supply of material from Cherryorchard Quarry at the
 rate of 3/6 per cubic yard."

Recommendations Finance & Roads Committee.

The following recommendations were submitted from Meeting of 19th May:-

County Surveyor's Report:- "That in future the Report of the County Surveyor for Monthly Meetings of Finance & Roads Committee be furnished the Members of the Committee with the Agenda Paper for the Meeting."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr Peacocke, seconded by Mr Redmond."

Liability of County Council:- "That the question of the responsibility of the County Council as to damage arising from blasting or other work at County Council Quarries, and the liability of the County Council as regards the practice of some Contractors allowing heaps of loose stones to remain on the travelling surface of the roadway, be referred to Mr Elgee, Solicitor. That the attention of the Assistant Surveyors be called to this practice of allowing heaps of stones to remain in dangerous positions on roads, and that they endeavour to have this matter remedied in future."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr Peacocke, seconded by the Chairman."

Stonebreaker:- "That as the new County Stonebreaker will be unable to provide sufficient material from certain quarries owing to the amount of work which must be carried out, the County Surveyor be authorised to hire a stonebreaker to provide the material which cannot be provided by the County Stonebreaker. That the County Surveyor be requested to provide for special supervision as regards the work of the hired stonebreaker."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr Keating, seconded by Mr Barry."

Explosives:- "That we authorise the County Surveyor to issue a certificate to Road Contractors requiring explosives for use in providing road material. That the County Surveyor be requested to explain to Road Contractors that they must procure a permit for the purchase of explosives from the local District Inspector of the R. I. C.,"

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr Kinsella, seconded by Mr Cowman."

Kilmore Harbour:- "That the Report of the County Surveyor as to repairs at Kilmore be adopted, and the necessary work carried out as we understand from the County Surveyor it will not admit of any delay."

"That a guide light be erected at Kilmore Pier, cost not to exceed £5.

That application for permission for erection of lamp be made to the Irish Lights Commissioners."

"Confirmed on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Peacocke."

Duplicate Pay Order:- "That our Secretary be empowered to issue duplicate Pay Order No. 440 for £9. 15/- in favour of Jane Brennan, Kildaloo, Ballycarney, as original appears to have been lost in course of post."

"Confirmed on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Peacocke."

Ferryarrig Bridge:- "That Mr Elgee inform Mr Colhoun that the Finance & Roads Committee have again carefully considered the terms of the Contract, Etc., for erection of Ferryarrig Bridge, cannot see their way to increase their offer of £1364. 1. 8d, the sum originally agreed to, in order to effect a settlement between Mr Colhoun and the Council."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr Cowman, seconded by Mr Kinsella."

Bascule Piles-Deeps Bridge:- "Having further considered the matter the Finance & Roads Committee are of opinion that the British Reinforced Concrete Engineering Co., are responsible for the cost of repair of damage to bascule piles of Deeps Bridge."

"Confirmed on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Peacocke."

Cherryorchard Quarry:- "That as it has come to the knowledge of the Finance & Roads Committee that Mr Sharpe tendered to supply road metalling to the Enniscorthy Urban District Council at 2/9 per ton at the quarry. We desire to have an explanation from him as to why he stated in his letter dated 1st May that his tender to the Enniscorthy Urban District Council was at 3/- per ton."

"Confirmed on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Peacocke."

Courtown Harbour:- "That the recommendation of the Courtown Harbour Committee striking out of commission the boats "Margaret" and "Lady" be agreed to."

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

Deductions re land purchase annuities:- "That the Irish Land Commission be informed that, as regards deductions from the Estate Duty Grant, the Wexford County Council do not require information containing a list of all estates purchased in the County. What they ask for and what they consider they are entitled to obtain is a list of the tenants who have allowed their annuities to become in arrear, and regarding whom a sum of £831, has been deducted from the Estate Duty Grant allocated to the County."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr M. Codd, seconded by Mr Kinsella."

Road 18R:- "That having heard the explanation of Mr Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor, as to the condition of Road No. 18R, we exonerate him from all

blame in connection with the report of Special Road Committee which inspected this road on the 9th April 1915. We strongly disapprove of the manner in which the Contractor for this road has performed his Contract, and consider that steps should be taken, if at all possible without injury to the road, to have this contract cancelled."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr Cowman, seconded by Mr Scallan."

The following recommendations were submitted from Meeting of Finance & Roads Committee of 16th June:-

Deeps Bridge:- "That in order to avoid the cost of law proceedings we offer, without prejudice, to pay £22 half cost of repair of damaged piles at bascule of Deeps Bridge."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr Asple, seconded by Mr Lynch."

Mr Cowman dissenting.

Mountgarrett Bridge:- "That the Local Government Board be informed that the loan for the rebuilding of Mountgarrett Bridge will be procured from the Treasurer of the Wexford County Council, viz:- The National Bank Ltd., This will enable the County Council to spread the cost over five years which will be of considerable advantage to the ratepayers at the present crucial period, and will not, in anyway, affect National finance."

We cannot recommend the repair of the existing structure as the County Surveyors of Wexford and Kilkenny consider that the cost of repair necessary to put the present bridge into satisfactory condition would practically equal a third of the cost of the proposed new structure."

"Confirmed on the motion of the Chairman."

"That as regards the erection of new bridge at Mountgarrett, we agree to pay expenditure chargeable to this County to the extent of half-cost on the certificate of the County Surveyor for County Kilkenny, provided that the preliminaries as to design etc., be settled in consultation between him and the County Surveyor for County Wexford, and on the understanding that the contract shall be taken by Kilkenny County Council and ratified by the Wexford County Council."

"Confirmed on the motion of the Chairman."

Repairs Kilmore Pier:- "That the matter be left in the hands of the County Surveyor, with a recommendation that he employ a tradesman to carry out the pointing work."

Confirmed on the motion of the Chairman."

Explosives:- "That the County Surveyor be authorised to take out the various store licences necessary for keeping explosives in quarries and erect magazines at each quarry."

"Confirmed on the motion of the Chairman."

Roads in hands of Co Surveyor:- "That for the future road contractors who have taken roads from the County Surveyor be a paid half-yearly (so far as is possible) and not quarterly."

"Confirmed on the motion of the Chairman."

Roads No. 2G and 3G:- "That the County Surveyor be instructed to apply to the War Office for a Grant for the repair of main road, Gorey to Arklow-Nos 2G and 3G, owing to amount of damage done by the Motor Charabanc conveying workers to Knoch's Arklow, for the manufacture of high explosives."

"Confirmed on the motion of the Chairman."

Holidays:- "That the Secretary, County Surveyor, and Solicitor to the Co. Council be granted a month's holiday to be taken to meet the convenience of the work in their various offices."

That a fortnight's holiday be granted each Assistant Surveyor, and each Member of the Clerical Staff of the County Council."

"Confirmed on the motion of the Chairman."

New Form of Tender:- "That we approve of the insertion by the Local Government Board, of a clause providing for the termination of a contract at anytime during its currency in case of neglect on the part of a Contractor in the new form of Tender for Public Works."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr Kinsella, seconded by Mr Cowman."

Ferryarrig Bridge:- "That we decline to recommend the County Council to alter their decision to offer Mr Colhoun a sum of £1364. 1. 8d in settlement of his claim for the erection of Ferryarrig Bridge."

"Confirmed on the motion of the Chairman."

Refund of Rates:- "That a refund of £1. 2. 11d amount of rate at 4/7 in the £ on £5 reduction in valuation of Miss E. C. Goulding, Ballyhire, St Helen's E. D., on appeal be made Messrs Huggard & Brennan, Solicitors, for Miss Goulding."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr Kehoe, seconded by the Chairman."

Duplicate Pay Order-- "That duplicate Pay Order No. 1215 be issued in favour of Mr P. French for £1, 2/- in lieu of original order issued 5th May 1915, which appears to have been lost in post. That the original Order be

estopped by our Secretary."

"Confirmed on the motion of the Chairman."

(Signed)

John Bolger

Presiding Chairman.

Dated this *4* day of *August* 1915.

QUARTERLY MEETING.- 4th AUGUST 1915.

The Quarterly Meeting of the Wexford County Council, was held in the Co Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford, on 4th August 1915.

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

Also:- Messrs C. H. Peacocke, N. J. Cowman, James Codd, Whelan, Mark Codd, J. J. Stafford, Lynch, Cloney, Kehoe, Redmond, James A. Doyle, Mayler, Lord Courtown, P. Keating, Michael Doyle.

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

Confirmation of Minutes.

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and confirmed.

University Scholarship Scheme.

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

"That the resolution of the County Council adopted on 16th June 1915, abandoning the University Scholarship Scheme as from 1916 be rescinded."

Mr Keating seconded.

"Passed unanimously"

Resolutions protesting against the action of the County Council in abandoning the University Scholarship Scheme, were received from:-

Enniscorthy, Gorey, New Ross, and Wexford Rural District Councils, the Boards of Guardians of New Ross and Wexford, Wexford Corporation, Enniscorthy and New Ross Urban District Councils, Executive Council of Irish National Trade & Labour Benefit Society, and St Patrick's Club, Wexford.

Under date 10th July 1915, the following was read from Dr Joseph McGrath, Registrar, National University:-

"The Senate regrets to learn that the Wexford County Council has decided to discontinue in the year 1915 the grant for Scholarships under the University Scholarship Scheme, and desires to express the opinion that such action is likely to exercise detrimental influence on education in the County.

The system of Scholarships endowed from public funds is now well established in the modern Universities in England, and has been found, there and here, to work well.

It is all the more to be regretted that a Scheme so successfully adopted in County Wexford should now be withdrawn.

The Senate, therefore, earnestly hopes that the County Council will

re-consider its decision in this matter, and re-constitute the Scholarship Scheme."

Audits of Accounts.

The Local Government Board forwarded copy of Report of their Auditor on his audit of the Accounts of Gorey Rural District Council (letter No. 38124-1915) and of Gorey Union (letter No. 38123-1915) for half-year ended 31st March 1915, and of the Accounts of Waterford New Bridge Joint Committee, (letter No. 35367-1915 Waterford County Borough) for two half-years ended 30th September 1914, and 31st March 1915, . Attested Abstracts of Accounts were also forwarded in each case.

Marked "Read"

Estate Duty Grant.

Under date 22nd July 1915, the Local Government Board forwarded Order for £903. 5. 11d final instalment in respect of Estate or Death Duty Grant for year ended 31st March last, on behalf of the four Boards of Guardians of the County.

Under date 22nd July 1915, the Local Government Board wrote forwarding Order for £817: 1: 8d, final instalment payable to the County Council as a Road Authority in respect of the Estate or Death Duty Grant for year ended 31st March last.

Marked "Read".

Medical and Educational Grant.

Under date 27th July 1915, the Local Government Board wrote forwarding Order for £1035 : 3 : 6d advance on account of expenditure which might be incurred by the Boards of Guardians of the County for year ended 30th September 1915.

Marked "Read".

Sanitary Salaries Grant.

Under date 27th July 1915, the Local Government Board wrote forwarding Order for £138 advance on account of amounts to be paid as salaries to the Sanitary Officers of the Rural Districts of the County for year ending 30th September next.

Marked "Read".

Duty on Motor Vehicles.

Under date 23rd July the Local Government Board forwarded for the information of the Council, copy of certified statement showing the value of

the Motor Car Licence Duties levied during the year ended 31st March last, by each County and County Borough Council in Ireland.

The amount collected in Wexford for the period was £1449: 16: 6d, which was the seventh highest on the list.

Marked "Read"

Sale of Food & Drugs Acts.

Under date 28th July letter No. 65M. 1915, Miscellaneous, was read from the Local Government Board.

The letter pointed out that the samples taken up by the Ex-Officio Inspectors of Food & Drugs appeared to be limited to New Milk, buttermilk, whiskey, brandy, butter, cheese, and margarine, while samples of largely used foods and of drugs were rarely sent to the County Analyst. The total of samples of new milk dealt with has not been sufficiently large, and a far greater number of samples of this article should in future be taken.

The Board suggested that Inspectors should be directed to take samples of flour, bread, oatmeal, Indian meal, lard, dripping, vinegar, cocoa, coffee, sugar, cornflour, groundrice, and other usual items of food, and also to visit periodically the shops of Apothecaries, Chemists, and Medicine Vendors, with a view to taking samples of drugs, a list of which was set out. The Inspector was not limited in his choice to the drugs appearing on the list, but the list contained the names of important drugs in common use that were liable to be adulterated or to fail to satisfy the official standard of the current British Pharmacopoeia.

The Circular further directed attention to the necessity of making up the several portions of a sample and pointed out that Inspectors should receive orders to proceed actively with the discharge of their work and to distribute the duties with method throughout the quarterly periods and it should be impressed upon them that their best efforts are necessary at the present juncture when prices are high, to safeguard the purity of the food stuffs and medicines sold to the public."

On the motion of Lord Courtown,

Seconded by Mr Peacocke, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That a copy of the letter of the Local Government Board regarding the administration of the Food and Drugs Act, be forwarded to the County Inspector R. I. C., for his observations."

Explosives Act.

Applications were received from the County Surveyor for store licences

under the Explosives Act 1875, for the following quarries:-

Ballingly, Ballyconnick, Kerlogue, Ballyboggan, (Bishops) Ballybrennan, Clonhaston, Ballyregan (Ferns) Tara Hill, Ryland Wood, Doran's Hill, and Carrigeen.

On the motion of Mr Stafford,

Seconded by Mr Whelan, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That Store Licences under Explosives Act 1875, be granted to William F. Barry, County Surveyor, Wexford, in respect of the following quarries owned by the County Council, viz:- Ballingly, Ballyconnick, Kerlogue, Ballyboggan (Bishop's) Ballybrennan, Clonhaston, Ballyregan (Ferns) Tara Hill, Ryland Wood, Doran's Hill, and Carrigeen, subject to the approval of the Constabulary Authorities."

Change of Security.

Under date 26th July 1915, Mr Pierce Redmond, Rate Collector, submitted the name of Mr Isaac Rath, Ballincash, Ferns, as one of his sureties vice Mr Patrick Crowley, deceased.

On the motion of Mr Lynch,

Seconded by Mr Redmond, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That Mr Isaac Rath, Ballincash, Ferns, be accepted as surety for Rate Collector Redmond, vice Mr Patrick Crowley, deceased."

Caretaker & Lamplighter-Duncannon Harbour.

There was no application for the position of lamplighter and caretaker.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Cloney,

Seconded by Mr Kehoe:-

"That the County Surveyor be instructed to continue Christopher Lawler, as temporary lamplighter and caretaker at Duncannon Harbour, pending the permanent appointment."

Mr Gerald Flood- Assistant Surveyor.

Under date 5th July 1915, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 337 66 : 1915, Wexford Co.,) stating that they would raise no objection to the increase of the salary of Mr Gerald Flood by £5 to £90 a year, as from the 12th June 1915.

Marked "Read"

Poisons & Pharmacy Act.

Mr Edward O'Connor, Hotel, Ferns, applied for licence under Poisons & Pharmacy Act.

The Constabulary reported that applicant was a suitable person to hold licence, and had proper arrangements for store, etc.,

Mr Owen Kehoe, Coolgreany, and Mr Patrick Redmond, The Harrow, applied for renewal of licences under above Act.

On the motion of Mr Stafford, seconded by Mr Lynch, the above applications were granted.

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

"That the County Inspector R. I. C., be requested to direct the Sergeants in charge of the various Police Stations to visit the premises in their districts in respect of which Licences under the Poisons & Pharmacy Act 1908 have been granted by the County Council, and ascertain if the Licensees are complying with the provisions of said Act."

Slaughter of Animals Order 1915.

The Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction forwarded the Slaughter of Animals (Ireland) Order of 1915, restricting the slaughter of any animal visibly or obviously in calf or in pig, and calves under the age of twelve months except male calves of the following dairy breeds:- Channel Island, Ayrshire, and Kerry.

The Secretary mentioned that this matter had been considered by the Co Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction at their last meeting, and they recommended that the slaughter of calves (except male calves of dairy breeds) under 20 weeks old should be prohibited.

On the motion of Mr Stafford,

Seconded by Mr Cowman, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the Veterinary Branch of the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction be requested to agree to the recommendation of the County Wexford Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction to raise the age limit for prohibition of slaughter of calves (except those of dairy breeds) from 12 weeks to 20 weeks."

Tuberculosis Management Committee.

A resolution was received from the Tuberculosis Management Committee recommending the appointment of Lady Maurice Fitzgerald, as a member of the Committee vice Mr P. J. Fanning, resigned.

On the motion of Mr J. J. Kehoe, Seconded By Mr Peacocke, the following

resolution was adopted:-

"That Lady Maurice Fitzgerald, be appointed a Member of the Tuberculosis Management Committee, vice Mr P. J. Fanning, resigned."

The following resolution was also received from the Tuberculosis Management Committee:-

"That in view of Dr O'Connor's approaching marriage, he be granted four weeks leave of absence, and we hereby agree to pay his substitute-Dr Wm. P. Kelly, Enniscorthy- five guineas per week for the period. This action on the part of the Committee, is not to be taken as a precedent for the future."

"Confirmed on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Kehoe."

**Membership of Co Committee of Agriculture
and Technical Instruction.**

The Secretary reported that Messrs Edmond Doyle, Broadway, Lady's Island, and Myles Webb, Grey, had resigned Membership of the County Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction, while Mr Adam O'Neill, Lacken, New Ross, had not attended any meeting of the Committee since his appointment at the Annual Meeting of the County Council in 1914.

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

"That the Members of the Co. Wexford Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction, be requested to recommend to next meeting of the Co. Council names of members for appointment to Committee vice members who have resigned or who have been disqualified for non-attendance."

Deeps Bridge.

Under date 24th June 1915, the British Re-inforced Concrete Engineering Co., Ltd., wrote that with further reference to the letter from the Secretary of the Wexford County Council of 18th June, as to liability for damaged piles at the bascule opening of the Deeps Bridge, they had now carefully considered the matter, and had decided to accept the Council's offer to pay £22, half cost of the repair of the damaged piles.

Marked "Read"

Proposals for Payments.

Proposed by Mr Stafford, seconded by Mr Cowman, and adopted:-

"That the several Proposals for payments submitted to this Meeting

from the Proposal Committee, and approved by the Finance & Roads Committee, be and are hereby agreed to for payment, subject to the modifications and other orders noted thereon, and initialled by the Chairman."

Proposals for Works.

Proposed by Mr Stafford, seconded by Mr Cowman, and adopted:-

"That the several proposals for Works, submitted to this Meeting by the Proposal Committee be and are hereby approved subject to the modifications and other orders noted thereon and initialled by the Chairman."

Confirmation of Minutes of Finance & Roads Committee.

The following recommendations from Finance & Roads Committee were laid before the Meeting:-

Salaries of Assistant Surveyors:- "That Mr Barry, County Surveyor, be instructed to communicate with the Assistant Surveyors, drawing their attention to the fact that they are "Whole time" officers of the Council, and must devote all their time to the work of the Council. That the application of the Assistant Surveyors for increase of salary be adjourned for three months to enable this Committee to ascertain how they perform their duties in the meantime."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr Stafford, seconded by Mr Cowman."

Irrecoverable Rates-Claim of Mr J. F. Sullivan-- "That Mr P. Whelan, Co. Councillor for Newtownbarry Co.Division, be requested to examine the amended lists of irrecoverable rates submitted by Mr J. F. Sullivan, and report to the Council."

"That the consideration of amended claim for refund of irrecoverable rates from Mr J. F. Sullivan, Rate Collector, be adjourned to next meeting of the Committee, and that Mr P. Whelan, Co. Councillor, be requested to attend said meeting."

"That Mr J. F. Sullivan, be requested to inform the Committee if, according to the terms of statutory declaration made by him, he had posted to the offices of the Rural District Council of Enniscorthy, full and correct lists of his irrecoverable rates, and if he had posted same adjacent to the places of public worship in his district, and the date when copies of lists were forwarded to the Rural District Council of Enniscorthy, and posted adjacent to places of public worship in his collection district."

"That the Clerk of Enniscorthy Rural District Council be requested to inform the Wexford County Council, if he had received copies of lists of

Irrecoverable Rates from Mr J. F. Sullivan, and what observations had been made thereon by his Rural District Council."

"Confirmed on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Peacocke."

On the motion of Mr Stafford,

Seconded by Mr Cowman, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the County Council are not satisfied as to certain items in the claim for Irrecoverable Rates made by Collector Sullivan, and we must decline to pay same without further information."

On the motion of Mr Kehoe,

Seconded by Mr Whelan, the following resolution was adopted--

"That Mr Sullivan and his Sureties be directed to proceed with the closing of the Rate Collection for the financial period ended 30th September 1915, . The Co Council are prepared to confirm the appointment of a suitable substitute nominated for this purpose by Mr Sullivan and his sureties. That the question of the consideration of Mr Sullivan's resignation be adjourned till the close of the Rate Collection for the period ending the 30th September 1915."

Ballyfadd Postman's Hut:- "That we agree to the erection of Postman's Shelter Hut on roadside adjoining Ballyfadd Post Office, subject to the approval of the County Surveyor."

"Confirmed on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Lynch."

Rate Collector Sullivan:- "That Mr J. F. Sullivan, Rate Collector, be granted a week's leave of absence owing to illness."

"Confirmed on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Peacocke."

Solicitor's Costs:- "In pursuance of the "Rules of Supreme Court of (Ireland) July 1903 Order 65 (B) the County Council of Wexford hereby request John F. Culhane Esq, one of the Taxing Masters of the said Court to tax the Miscellaneous Costs incurred by the late Richard W. Elgee, Solicitor to the said County Council in this matter from the 30th September 1914, to the 12th January 1915, and also the costs incurred by Richard W. Elgee, the present Solicitor to the said Council from the 12th January 1915, to 24th February 1915, as between Solicitor and Client, and the Council hereby undertakes to pay any balance which the said taxing Master may certify to be due by the Council on foot of the said costs, and admit that there are no credits on foot of said costs, and the Council hereby appoint Mr M. J. O'Connor, Solicitor, Wexford, and Dublin, to attend on the Council's behalf on said taxation, and the Council hereby consent that said Bill of Costs be certified."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr Kehoe, seconded by Mr Lynch."

Assistant Surveyors and Outside Work:- "That Mr Barry, County Surveyor inform the Assistant Surveyors that in the opinion of this Committee Assistant Surveyors cannot undertake any outside work, such as land valuing, etc., of which would entail their attendance at law Courts."

"Confirmed on the motion of Lord Courtown, seconded by Mr Stafford."

Lamplighter Duncannon Harbour:- "That Christopher Lawler, Duncannon, be appointed temporary lamplighter at Duncannon Harbour, at a salary to be calculated at the rate of £12 per annum, and that advertisement be issued for appointment of new lamplighter vice Walter Breen, resigned, on Wednesday 4th August at £12 per annum, terms and conditions of appointment to be as in the past."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr Peacocke, seconded by Mr Cloney."

Blacksmith Tara Hill Quarry:- "That we recommend the County Council to fix the wages of Patrick Byrne, Blacksmith Tara Hill Quarry, at 28/- per week, to date from 17th July 1915."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr Stafford, seconded by Lord Courtown."

County Wexford Infirmary:- "That the Management Committee of the County Wexford Infirmary be informed that the Co Council have transferred quarterly amount of their demand in April, and quarterly amount of their demand in May. At the August Meeting the County Council will transfer a further quarter's instalment, and at the meeting of the County Council in December a half-year's instalment-which will close off the year's demand to March 1916-will be paid. At that meeting the County Infirmary Committee will be exactly the same position as other public bodies of the County."

For financial year 1916 and for succeeding years so long as the resolution of the Co Council holds good, instalments will be paid as follows:-

At April Meeting the instalment to June.

At May Meeting the instalment to September.

At August Meeting the instalment to December, and

At December Meeting the instalment to following March.

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

"That our Secretary furnish the Local Government Board with a copy of the letter of the Registrar of the Management Committee of the Co Wexford Infirmary and request them for information as to whether as an act of grace, they can arrange to have the wishes of the Committee of the Co. Infirmary as regards the yearly Audit of the accounts carried out."

"Confirmed on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Peacocke."

On the motion of Mr Peacocke,

Seconded by Mr Lynch, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the Finance & Roads Committee be empowered to deal with the question of appointment of Auditor for the Audit of the Accounts of the Management Committee of the Co. Wexford Infirmary."

Mountgarrett New Bridge:- "That the Local Government Board be requested to furnish the Wexford County Council with a reply to their resolution of 16th June 1915, asking the Local Government Board to allow the Wexford Co Council to raise a moiety of the cost of proposed new bridge at Mountgarrett by loan from their Treasurer the National Bank., Ltd., repayable in five years."

The following letter under date 31st July 1915, (No.40418/1915, Wexford County) was read from the Local Government Board:-

"The Local Government Board for Ireland have had before them the resolution of the County Council of Wexford adopted at their Meeting on the 21st ultimo, applying for sanction to a loan of £2425 being a moiety of the estimated cost of rebuilding Mountgarrett Bridge, and in reference thereto I am to state that the Board must adhere to the view expressed in their letter of the 4th June last in the matter.

I am, at the same time, to point out that the Kilkenny County Council- the County having a somewhat smaller valuation than Wexford- have agreed to defray their moiety of the expenditure from revenue."

On the motion of Mr Stafford,

Seconded by Mr Cloney,

the following resolution was adopted:-

"That as the Local Government Board have declined to allow the wexford County Council to borrow from their Treasurer-the National Bank, Ltd- the sum of £2425 moiety of expenditure for which this Council is responsible for the re-erection of Mountgarrett Bridge, we agree to raise this amount out of revenue as in the case of Kilkenny County Council."

By-Laws Ferns Fowl Market:- "That the R. I. Constabulary be authorised to institute proceedings against William Reilly, Enniscorthy, Michael Mulhall, Burn Street, Carlow, and James Cullen, Enniscorthy, fowldealers for alleged breaches on 12th July 1915, of by-law of the Wexford County Council made in connection with the holding of fowl markets at Ferns."

"Confirmed on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Stafford."

Agricultural & Live Stock Schemes.

At the meeting of the County Council held on 16th June 1915, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the County Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction be invited to consider the advisability in view of the manner in which the ratepayers have been affected by the enormous increase in the cost of foodstuffs and by the withdrawal of government grants in relief of local taxation to suspend until after the conclusion of the War all their Schemes!"

This resolution was considered very carefully by the Meeting of the Co. Committee of the 21st July.

It was decided that the only schemes which might be dropped with economy, were the schemes of Subsidies to Shows, for which £277 had been allocated, the Veterinary Dispensary Scheme, for which there was £400 allocated, and the Scheme of Agricultural Scholarships, for which £60 had been allocated.

On the motion of Mr M. Doyle,

Seconded by Mr Lynch, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That considering the great benefits which have been derived by the farmers of the County Wexford through the working of the Veterinary Dispensary Scheme, and more particularly in districts which are long distances from the County towns, we consider that the Department should do everything in their power to overcome any obstacle which prevents the inclusion of this important scheme in the County Schemes.

We are also of opinion that the County Committee of Agriculture and Technical Instruction should re-instate the Scheme of Subsidies to Shows in the programme for next year."

Mr Mansfield, National Teacher.

On the motion of Mr Peacocke, seconded by the Chairman, the Standing Orders were suspended to allow of a resolution relative to the case of Mr Mansfield, National Teacher, being moved.

Mr Peacocke then proposed:-

"That the Commissioners of National Education be requested to re-consider their decision as to dismissal of Mr E. Mansfield, National Teacher, County Tipperary, and in deference to the public opinion of the Country, reinstate Mr Mansfield in his position.

"The Chairman seconded the resolution which was passed Nem Con."

Preservation of Child Life.

Correspondence was read from the Women's National Health Association relative to the necessity for the introduction into Parliament of an agreed Measure for the purpose of making better provision for the preservation of child life.

"No Order".

Resolutions.

A resolution was received from Westmeath County Council, protesting against the action of the Dublin Corporation destroying competition for Public Contracts from Provincial Firms, when the lowest, and in limiting their Contracts to Dublin houses exclusively.

"No Order".

Alderman T. Kelly, Dublin, forwarded the following resolutions from Conference held in the Municipal Council Chamber, Dublin, on 20th July:-

"That we declare we will not have Conscription."

"That a National Committee be formed with full power to add to their number, to do all acts necessary to have the Country's voice heard on the resolution first adopted, the Committee to be composed of one delegate from each body represented at this Conference."

"No Order".

(Signed)

John Bolger

Presiding Chairman.

Dated this 5 day of

Oct

1915.

MEETING.- 5th OCTOBER 1915.

A Meeting of the Wexford County Council, was held in the County Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford, on 5th October 1915.

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

Also Messrs C. H. Peacocke, J. S. Hearn, James Lynch, Mark Codd, Thomas Asple, J.T. Mayler, J. J. Stafford, J. Redmond, N. J. Cowman, R. Scallan, L. Barry, P. Keating, J. J. Kehoe, M. Doyle.

The Secretary, County Surveyor, and Solicitor to the Council, were in attendance.

Confirmation of Minutes.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

Proposals for Payment.

On the motion of the Chairman,

Seconded by Mr Lynch,

"That the several proposals for payment for salaries and other fixed items of expenditure as recommended for payment by the Finance & Roads Committee and by the proposal Committee be and are hereby adopted."

"Passed"

Resignation of Mr Rice, County Councillor.

Under date 28th September 1915, the following letter was read from Mr Richard A. Rice, County Councillor, for County Electoral Division of Tintern, conveying his resignation.:-

"I regret to say I must resign my position as County Councillor for Tintern. My health has broken down and I have no prospect of attending Council Meetings for a long time as you will see from Dr Dempsey's Certificate.

I must ask you to take the necessary steps as it is not fair to have my district without a representative. I can assure you and every official- and every Member of the Council that it is with extreme regret I write this letter."

Mr Rice forwarded certificate from Br P.J. Dempsey, 7 Merrion Sq., Dublin, that Mr Rice tendered his resignation on his (Dr Dempsey's) advice, as he considered it would be impossible for Mr Rice to attend the meetings of the Council, without running grave risks.

In connection with the matter of fine to which a Councillor resigning was liable, Mr Elgee, Solicitor to the Council, wrote that he was of opinion Mr Rice's case was governed by Article 9 (3a) of the Schedule to the Local

Government (Application of Enactments) Order 1898, and that therefore Mr Rice's resignation can be accepted without levying a fine.

On the motion of Mr Hearn,

seconded by Mr Lynch, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That we accept with great regret the resignation of Mr R. A. Rice, as County Councillor for the County Electoral Division of Tintern, that we hereby declare the office vacant and instruct that the usual notification of same be signed by the Chairman, of this meeting, and two Councillors present thereat, and countersigned by our Secretary, and that said declaration of vacancy in said office be published in the three local papers, co-option of successor to Mr Rice to be made at the Meeting of the County Council to be held on Wednesday 10th November 1915, We consider that as Mr Rice's resignation has been brought by illness, that no fine is payable by him on said resignation."

Electric Firer for blasting in Quarries.

On the motion of Mr Peacocke, seconded by Mr Lynch, the following recommendation from Finance & Roads Committee Meeting of 5th October was agreed to:-

"That as the County Council at their Meeting on 5th May 1915, authorised the County Surveyor to purchase an electric blasting machine for use in quarries cost not to exceed £10, and as we have ascertained that the appurtenances etc., of said machine will be extra, we hereby recommend that the County Surveyor be authorised to expend a sum of £2 over and above the sum of £10 already agreed to for the purpose of procuring electric blasting machine and fittings."

Overgrowing hedges etc.,

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

"That the County Surveyor be instructed to draw the attention of the Assistant Surveyors to the necessity of having hedges at dangerous corners properly trimmed to avoid the liability of accident to vehicular and motor traffic, and also to request them to do what they possibly can to have removed overhanging boughs of trees which are in a great many places preventing the sun and wind from keeping roads in good order."

University Scholarships.

The following Minutes of the Finance & Roads Committee were brought up for confirmation:-

year's syllabus for University Scholarships."

"That History and Historical Geography be included as one of the subjects for next year's syllabus of same."

"That Candidates for University Scholarships must obtain honours in at least two subjects from the list of subjects given in the Syllabus for Scholarships."

"That consideration of revision of University Scholarship Scheme be dealt with at Finance & Roads Committee Meeting preceding the Annual Meeting of the Council in each year."

"That in considering award of Scholarships, in view of the provisions of the Syllabus issued by the County Council, this Committee feel bound to take into account only the marks obtained at Intermediate Examinations."

The following is the list of applications for Scholarships set out in order of merit as per marks obtained for Scholarship at Intermediate examinations--

- 1.- Arthur J. Quirke, Ballinamona, Campile (1313 marks)
- 2.- Dorothy Byrne, Ballycale, Gorey. (1009 marks)
- 3.- N.P. Corish, Talbot Street, Wexford. (950 marks)
- 4.- Wm M. Ryan, Wellington Place, Wexford. (895 marks)
- 5.- Joseph Busher, Henrietta Street, Wexford. (818 marks)
- 6.- Clare Kavanagh, George Street, Wexford. (766 marks)
- 7.- Annie J. Bookey, Ferns. (599 marks)
- 8.- James O'Connor, Common Quay Street, Wexford. (411 marks)

"That we recommend award of University Scholarships to the following:-

Arthur J. Quirke.

Miss Dorothy Byrne.

Wm M. Ryan.

Joseph Busher.

In the case of Mr Corish, who obtained third place, we do not recommend award of a Scholarship as we believe his father will be in a position to provide for University Course without assistance from the County Council."

"That the attention of all University Scholarship Holders be drawn to the resolution of the County Council instructing all Students to reside in approved Collegiate Hostels."

resolution was adopted:-

"That in the event of the report made to our Secretary that Miss Dorothy Byrne, Ballycale, has entered the Loreto Order proving correct, we hereby recommend that the award of University Scholarship be awarded to Miss Clare Kavanagh, George Street, Wexford, who is next in order of merit."

In connection with the refusal of the Finance & Roads Committee to recommend a Scholarship to Mr N. P. Corish, the following letter under date 21st September, was read from Messrs Huggard & Brennan, Solicitors, Wexford:-

"Mr N. P. Corish of Talbot Street, has handed us your letter to him of the 2nd September informing him that although his son has attained 3rd place, the Finance & Roads Committee of the County Council could not see their way to recommend him for a Scholarship. The only reason for this apparently is the rumour that Mr Corish became entitled to a considerable sum of money from a relative who died in America, this to a certain extent is true, but we would point out that Mr Corish has not up to the present, handled a penny of this money, and it is doubtful when this money will actually come to hand, so that at present at all events, he is in need of assistance for the education of his son, and it seems very hard lines on the boy himself that he should be passed over having qualified.

We are^{not}/in a position to state exactly the amount of the legacy but in any view, it would seem to us that even if the entire of the legacy came to hand, Mr Corish would be scarcely able to afford to educate his son in a University without assistance, and he instructs us to say that if the money does come to hand and that he is in a position to do so, he will refund to the County Council whatever sum it may have expended on the boy from the time the legacy comes to hand.

Under all the circumstances, we would feel very much obliged if you would bring the matter again before the County Council before they come to a final decision, as it seems to us in view of the facts stated above, the boy is entitled to the scholarship.

Please do not take this letter as being written in any hostile spirit, but Mr Corish called on us and we promised we would do our best for him in the matter."

In connection with the recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee calling the attention of Scholarship holders to the resolution of the County Council directing that all Scholarship holders should be obliged to reside in

a recognised Collegiate Hostel, Mr T. Bookey, Ferns, wrote asking that his son should be allowed to reside at 50 Heytesbury Street, Dublin, an approved residence, for the completion of his course, as it was not fair to ask students who had made arrangements for their full course to change now. He considered that full benefits could not be obtained from their course by students who would have to reside in Blackrock College, as it was too far from the University. The Hall of residence established by the Jesuit Fathers near the University was too expensive for the ordinary County Council Scholarship student."

"The recommendations of Finance & Roads Committee relative to additional subjects, annual revision, scheme, and Intermediate Marks, were confirmed, on the motion of Mr Asple, seconded by Mr Keating."

"The recommendations of Finance & Roads Committee as to awards of Scholarships were confirmed on the motion of Mr Hearn, seconded by Mr Mark Codd."

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

"That Mr Bookey be informed that the County Council cannot see their way to approve of his application or to vary their resolution instructing University Scholarship holders to reside in a Collegiate Hostel."

Sealed Orders-Local Government Board.

Under date 9th August 1915, the Local Government Board forwarded Sealed Order No. 41,290-1915, Well and Pump at Kilmannon, area of charge Bridgetown Dispensary District, and under date 15th September- Sealed Order No.48,422-1915-Well and Pump at Screen-area of charge, Crossabeg Dispensary District.

Marked "Read"

Motor Car Act 1915.

Under date 20th September 1915, the Local Government Board wrote that by the Expiring Laws Continuance Act 1915, the Motor Car Act 1903 was continued until 31st December 1916.

Marked "Read"

Mountgarrett Bridge.

Under date 17th September 1915, the Local Government Board wrote letter No. 48028-1915, as follows:-

"With reference to your letter of the 1st instant, relative to expenditure proposed to be incurred by the County Council of Wexford in rebuilding Mountgarrett Bridge, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland

to state that, if the Council have sufficient appropriate funds with Their Treasurer to enable them to pay their portion of the cost of this work in one year, the Board see no reason for deferring the raising of part of the money until 1918, as suggested.

The following recommendation from Finance & Roads Committee of 5th October was submitted:-

"That the rate of payment of moiety of cost for Mountgarrett Bridge be raised in the two financial years of 1916-7 and 1917-8."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr Peacocke, seconded by Mr Kehoe."

Elections & Registration Act 1915.

Under date 6th September 1915, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 140M 1915) calling attention to certain provisions of the Elections and Registration Act 1915.

The Finance & Roads Committee had adopted the following recommendation:-

"That all claims for remuneration for work performed under the Registration Act be referred to the Local Government Board for their decision."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr Lynch, seconded by Mr Scallan."

Illness of Mr J. F. Sullivan, Rate Collector.

The following recommendation was submitted from the Finance & Roads Committee:-

"That we approve of Mr Patrick Codd, Woodlands, Enniscorthy, acting as deputy for Rate Collector J. F. Sullivan, That this appointment be reported to the Local Government Board, and on receipt of their approval, we are prepared to issue the necessary warrant to Mr Codd, this appointment is in no way to interfere with the liability of Mr Sullivan and his sureties to close the Collection in respect of the half year ended 30th September 1915."

Under date 31st August 1915, the Local Government Board wrote (letter 45963-1915, Wexford County) approving of the appointment of Mr Codd, on the understanding that Mr Sullivan's sureties would consent to the arrangement.

October. "The Secretary stated that Mr Sullivan had closed his collection on 3rd October."

Mr Keating proposed, and Mr Cowman seconded:- That the district of Mr J. F. Sullivan, Rate Collector, be divided to admit of the Council appointing two Collectors."

Mr Barry proposed, and Mr Lynch seconded:- "That the district of Mr J.F. Sullivan, Rate Collector, be not divided."

A poll was taken with the following result:-

For dividing the district:- Messrs Keating, Cowman, Peacocke, Redmond, Kehoe, Asple, Mayler.-7.

Against dividing the district:- Messrs M. Doyle, Barry, M. Codd, Hearn, Lynch, Scallan and the Chairman.-7

The Chairman gave his casting vote, against dividing the district, and declared the proposition of Mr Barry carried.

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

"That our Secretary be instructed to advertise for Rate Collector for No. 7 Collection District, vice Mr J. F. Sullivan resigned. That poundage be fixed at 7d in the £, and that the appointment of new Collector be made at Special Meeting to be held on Wednesday, 20th October at 2.30 p.m.,"

Application Assistant Surveyors for Increase of Salary.

At the July Meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee, a joint application for increase of salary was received from Assistant Surveyors Jones, Kehoe, Paddle, Flood, and Doyle, for an increase of salary.

The following resolution was then adopted by the Finance & Roads Committee Meeting:-

"That Mr Barry, County Surveyor, be instructed to communicate with the Assistant Surveyors drawing attention to the fact that they are "Whole time" Officers of the Council, and must devote all their time to the work of the Council.

That the application of the Assistant Surveyors for increase of salary be adjourned for three months to enable this Committee to ascertain how they perform their duties in the meantime."

At the Meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee on 15th September the County Surveyor called attention to the fact that the districts of the Assistant Surveyors were not evenly divided, Mr Paddle's district being the smallest, and Mr Flood's being a great deal the largest in the County, and he considered it would be advisable that Mr Paddle should relieve Mr Flood of some portion of his district, and that another portion should go to Mr Doyle. If these changes were made the five Assistant Surveyors' districts will be approximately equal in mileage.

The Finance & Roads Committee adopted the following recommendation:-

"That the proposed revision of Assistant Surveyors' districts be considered

when the application for increase of salary will be dealt with."

These matters were considered at the meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee Meeting on 5th October, when the following recommendation was agreed to:-

"That the application of Assistant Surveyors be adjourned for six months and that a small Committee be appointed with the County Surveyor to consider the advisability of appointing a second County Surveyor and one or two additional Assistant Surveyors."

"Confirmed on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Redmond."

The following Committee were appointed:- Messrs M. Hickey, Cowman, Lynch, Lord Courtown, Asple, Scallan, M. Doyle, Hearn, Cloney, Bolger, Peacocke, Keating and Stafford.

On the motion of Mr Stafford, seconded by Mr Peacocke, it was decided that first meeting of the Committee be held on the day of monthly meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee-17th November.

"That the question of procuring an engine for working County Council Stonebreakers be referred to Committee specially appointed to deal with the resolution of Mr Hearn, as regards appointment of ~~an~~ extra Assistant Surveyors and County Surveyor.

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr Kehoe, seconded by Mr Lynch."

Audit of Accounts of Co. Wexford Infirmary.

Under date 7th August 1915, the Local Government Board wrote that they would be prepared to instruct one of their Auditors to audit the Accounts of the County Wexford Infirmary on receiving a certified copy of a Resolution passed by the Committee requesting them to do so, and agreeing to pay an Audit fee of £3. 3/- for each day or portion of a day necessarily occupied in the audit. The Board were not in a position to have the accounts audited free of charge, but had mentioned a low charge having regard to the circumstances of the Institution.

The Secretary stated he had forwarded a copy of the letter of the Local Government Board to the Registrar of the County Infirmary, and had received a reply asking if the Local Government Board Auditor would audit the accounts of the County Infirmary for the sum of three guineas yearly, as there was only the sum of £1,100 to be dealt with.

The Secretary stated he had forwarded a copy of the letter from the Registrar of the County Infirmary to the Local Government Board.

Sale of Food & Drugs Acts.

Under date 19th August 1915, letter No. G.3488-15, was read from the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction, stating that an officer of the Department had purchased five samples of butter at New Ross Butter Market on the 8th July.

The samples were submitted to the Public Analyst for the County Wexford, who certified that they proved to be pure.

Under date 20th September 1915, letter No.G-3916-15, was read from the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction, stating that an officer of the Department had obtained on the 18th August at Gorey five samples of butter. The samples were duly submitted to the Public Analyst for the County Wexford, who certified that they proved to be pure.

Under date 10th September 1915, the following letter No.G-3878-15, was read from the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction:-

"I have to acquaint you for the information of the Wexford County Council, that an Officer of the Department - Mr James J. Nagle- acting on instructions under Section 2 of the Sale of Food & Drugs Act, 1899, purchased on the 21st ultimo at premises occupied by Messrs Buttle Bros., in Enniscorthy, a sample of butter which was submitted for analysis and was found to contain 23.3 per cent of water - 16 per cent being the maximum proportion of water allowable in a sample of genuine butter under the Sale of Butter (Ireland) Regulations 1902, (copy herewith). A copy of the report received from Mr Nagle in regard to this matter is enclosed, together with the Analyst's certificate and copy thereof.

In this case an offence would appear to have been committed against the provisions of Section 6 of the Sale of Food & Drugs Acts, 1875, and the Department are, therefore, desirous that proceedings should, on behalf of your Local Authority, be instituted in respect of the transaction within 28 days from the date on which the sample was obtained (Vide Sections 2 (2) and 19 Sale of Food & Drugs Act 1899)."

The following recommendation from the Finance & Roads Committee, was read-

"That Mr R. W. Elgee, Solicitor to the County Council be authorised to institute proceedings against Messrs Buttle Bros., Enniscorthy, for an alleged breach of the provisions of the Sale of Butter (Ireland) Regulations 1902.

That we request the Department to have, if possible, analysis and report to the Co Council, more promptly dealt with in such cases in future, owing to the necessity of having proceedings taken within 28 days from the date on which

the samples was obtained."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr Cowman, seconded by Mr Lynch."

"Mr Elgee stated that Messrs Buttle Bros., had been fined 10/- and £1 costs."

Suspension of Tuberculosis (Ireland) Order 1914.

Under date 24th August 1915, letter No. 2985-15, was read from the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction;—forwarding Order suspending as from 1st September 1915, inclusive, the operations of all the provisions of the Tuberculosis (Ireland) Order of 1914, except Article 12 (1) which prohibits the bringing to a port for shipment of an animal suffering from certain forms of the disease.

Marked "Read"

On the motion of Mr Peacocke, seconded by Mr Hearn, the following resolution was adopted:—

"That the Secretary make application to Mr R. Malone V. S., for the Microscopical outfit supplied him for work in connection with the Tuberculosis (Ireland) Order 1914."

Maintenance of Live Stock (Ireland) Order of 1915.

Under date 27th August 1915, letter No. 2882-15, was read from the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction, forwarding copy of Maintenance of Live Stock (Ireland) Order of 1915, which provides that animals visibly or obviously in calf or in pig shall not be slaughtered or exported, except in the case of the slaughter of an animal under the powers conferred by the Diseases of Animals Acts, or any order made thereunder, or the slaughter of an animal necessary or desirable on account of accidental injury to the animal or its illness, or the slaughter or movement out of Ireland of an animal if in the opinion of the Department the slaughter or movement is desirable for any exceptional reason or purpose, and the slaughter or movement is authorised by a licence granted by the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction.6

Marked "Read"

Deductions from Guarantee Fund.

Under date 1st September 1915, a letter was read from the Irish Land Commission stating that they had arranged to furnish County Councils with copies of the lists of defaulting tenant purchasers sent to their Solicitors for legal proceedings immediately after the annual deduction from the Guarantee Fund.

These lists will contain the names of the great majority of the chronic defaulters, and County Councils with these lists before them will have ample

opportunity for taking whatever steps they may consider desirable with the object of securing the prompt payment of annuities and thereby avoiding a charge against the County ratepayers."

"No Order."

Annual Meeting of General Council.

Under date 25th September 1915, Mr A.Keogh-Nolan, Secretary, wrote stating that the Annual Meeting of the Irish County Councils' General Council would be held on 10th December 1915, and that notice of any questions which the Wexford County Council might desire to have discussed at the meeting should reach him not later than 25th November.

Ordered:- "To be brought up at next Meeting of the Co Council."

Co. Wexford Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction.

A request was received from the County Wexford Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction, for the appointment of Mr John J. Kehoe, County Councillor, to a vacancy on the Committee, also appointment of Mr Garrett J. Cloney, Old Ross Mills, Ballinaboola, vice Mr Adam O'Neill, Lacken New Ross.

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

"That Messrs J.J.Kehoe, County Councillor, and Garrett J. Cloney, Old Ross Mills, be appointed Members of the County Committee of Agriculture and Technical Instruction, to fill vacancies on said Committee."

Ex-Officio Inspector.-Food & Drugs Act.

Under date 18th August 1915, the County Inspector, R.I.C., Wexford, wrote requesting that Sergeant Michael Nolan, Duncormack, be appointed Ex-Officio Inspector of Food & Drugs for the petty sessions district of Duncormack, and Sergeant Cornelius O'Sullivan, for the petty sessions district of New Ross.

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

"That Sergeant Michael Nolan, R. I. C., Duncormack, be appointed Ex-Officio Inspector under Food & Drugs Acts for the petty sessions district of Duncormack, and Sergeant Cornelius O'Sullivan, for the petty sessions district of New Ross!"

In connection with these appointments the following recommendation was submitted from the Finance & Roads Committee:-

"That in consequence of the delay which occurs in making appointments of ex-officio Inspectors under Food & Drugs Acts at meeting of the County Council,

we recommend the County Council to empower the Finance & Roads Committee to make said appointments."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr Kehoe, seconded by Mr Asple."

Poisons & Pharmacy Act.

Application for a licence under the Poisons & Pharmacy Act was received from Mr W. E. Reynolds, 69 Main Street, Gorey.

On the motion of the Chairman,

Seconded by Mr Peacocke, the following resolution was adopted--

"That a licence under Poisons & Pharmacy Act be issued to Mr W. E. Reynolds, 69 Main Street, Gorey."

Finance & Roads Committee Recommendations.

The following recommendations were submitted from the Finance & Roads Committee:-

Siding at Sparrowsland:- "That the County Surveyor enter into further negotiations with the Secretary of the Dublin & South Eastern Railway Co., relative to obtaining the use of the railway sidings at Sparrowsland and Rathgarogue, for the County Council, to allow of road metalling being loaded therefrom, and that he furnish the Railway Co., with the approximate amount of road metalling which would be handled annually at these sidings."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr Lynch, seconded by Mr Asple."

Wexford Bridge:- "That this meeting approves of the proposition of the County Surveyor to expend a further sum of £20 on the repairs of Wexford Bridge and that he be instructed to bring forward a proposal for this amount at the proposal Committee in November."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr Kehoe, seconded by Mr Cowman."

Obstruction to Traffic:- "That the County Surveyor be instructed to write to the Assistant Surveyors calling their attention to the practice of putting heaps of stones on roads and allowing them to remain so as to interfere with the travelling surface with the possibility of accidents happening involving liability for compensation on the part of the Council. This practice is the more reprehensible as in most cases the material could be banked without causing any inconvenience to traffic. Instances have been quoted in which material thus deposited is dangerous to the public, and we consider as regards such cases that the material should be removed at once."

That the County Surveyor furnish a report to next meeting of the Finance and Roads Committee as to the steps which have been taken to carry out those

Instructions."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr Lynch, seconded by Mr Hearn."

Cherryorchard Quarry:- "That we recommend the County Council to offer no objection to Mr George Sharpe Cherryorchard, disposing of his interest in Cherryorchard Quarry, provided his Successor in title is prepared to enter into an agreement to carry out Mr Sharpe's obligations to the County Council as regards supply of road metalling. We consider Mr Sharpe should put his request in writing, so that it could be submitted with this recommendation to the Co. Council."

The following letter under date 13th September 1915, was read from Mr George Sharpe, in connection with this matter:-

"I wish to make application for permission to dispose or otherwise let my holding at Cherryorchard. The incoming tenant to fulfill all obligations to your County Council for remainder of my Contract. Hoping this will meet with their approval."

"The recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed on the motion of Mr Cowman, seconded by Mr Kehoe,"

Food & Drugs Acts:- Arising out of correspondence with the County Inspector, R. I. C., as to administration of Food & Drugs Acts, the following recommendations of the Finance & Roads Committee were laid before the meeting:-

"That the County Inspector, R.I.C., be requested to inform the County Council of the names of firms supplying seals required under Food & Drugs Acts, and on receipt of this information that our Secretary obtain quotations from such firms for consideration at next meeting of Finance & Roads Committee.

That no change be made in the present system of ordering sample bottles, etc.,"

"That our Secretary obtain quotations for supply of 12 Record and Report Books for use of Inspectors under Food & Drugs Acts, for next meeting of this Committee, on receiving the views of the Local Government Board on the form suggested by the County Inspector, R. I. C., That should the Local Government Board suggest any amendment in the form, our Secretary be instructed to confer with the County Inspector, R.I.C., as to its adoption."

"That a copy of the letter of the County Inspector, R.I.C., relative to the quantity of certain articles which is necessary to take for the purposes of samples under Food & Drugs Acts, be furnished the Local Government Board, and that they be requested to advise the Committee."

"That the tender of Messrs Combridge & Co., 18 to 20 Grafton Street, Dublin, for supply of 13 seals for use of Ex-Officio Inspectors under Food & Drugs Acts, be accepted at £1. 12. 9d, seals to be supplied to the satisfaction of the County Inspector, R. I. C., Wexford, and payment to be made on his certificate."

"Confirmed on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Peacocke."

Weights & Measures:- "That the County Inspector be requested to kindly furnish the Council with the names of firms supplying the articles required by him for Weights and Measures Acts, as set out in letter of 18th August, and on receipt of this information that our Secretary obtain quotations for submission to next meeting of this Committee."

"Confirmed on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Peacocke."

By-Laws New Ross Bridge:- "That a copy of letter of 20th August 1915, from Mr Elgee, Solicitor to the Council, in connection with By-laws New Ross Bridge, be furnished Messrs Lawler & Sons, Caretakers, for their information."

"Confirmed on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Peacocke."

Payment of Poor Rate:- "That this Committee having considered the complaint of Rev T.E. G. Condell as to Rate Collector P. Rossiter, desire to point out to Mr Condell that the rates are payable to the Rate Collector."

"Confirmed on the motion of the Chairman."

Duncannon Harbour:- "That subject to confirmation of County Council, Richard Breen be appointed lamplighter and caretaker of Duncannon Harbour at a salary of £12 per annum and as per terms and conditions (set out in advertisement published in the local papers) governing the appointment. Mr Breen to enter on duty on Monday 11th October 1915."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr Peacocke, seconded by the Chairman."

Irrecoverable Rates Claim of Mr J.F.Sullivan:- In connection with claim of Mr J. F. Sullivan, Rate Collector, for refund of irrecoverable rates, the following recommendation was received from Finance & Roads Committee:-

"That copies of the lists of Irrecoverable Rates in respect of March 1915 rate (except those for E.D. of Newtownbarry) be furnished the Clerk of Enniscorthy Rural District Council, and that he be requested to lay same before a meeting of his Council with a view to ascertaining the correctness of Mr Sullivan's claim."

"Confirmed on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Lynch."

Damage to Road Bridges:- Under date 27th August 1915, Mr R. W. Elgee, Solicitor to the Council, wrote enclosing letters from County Surveyor as to damage done to

the coping of a bridge on Road No. 3 Gorey District, and requesting instructions as to whether he should issue summons against the boys who were stated to have caused the damage, or write their parents to have the coping of the bridge repaired.

The Finance & Roads Committee submitted the following recommendation:-

"That the Committee instruct Mr Elgee, Solicitor to the Council, to prosecute in these cases, provided Mr Paddle Assistant Surveyor, furnishes sufficient information to Mr Elgee to satisfy the latter that there is a reasonable prospect of proving the offence in Court."

Mr Peacocke (Chairman at Committee Meeting) dissented as he considered the Road Contractor should institute proceedings.

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr Peacocke, seconded by Mr Bynch."

Printing of Account Books:- Messrs J. English & Co., Wexford tendered for the supply of Subsidiary Account Book of Expenditure, and Receipt Book for General Account, for the sum of £4. 7/-"

"The tender was accepted by the Finance & Roads Committee."

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

Kilmore Harbour:- In connection with Kilmore Harbour the County Surveyor mentioned that it was complained locally that a steam launch was blocking the entrance to the harbour.

The Finance & Roads Committee decided that the matter be referred to Mr Elgee, with a request to write to the Harbour Master full instructions as to his duties, particularly pointing out to him that boats, etc., are obliged to take up the stations pointed out by him."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr Peacocke, seconded by the Chairman."

Prosecution of Contractor:- "That our Solicitor be authorised to prosecute Mr Henry P. Gahan, Contractor for work at Boyce's Bay for neglect in carrying out his contract."

"Confirmed on the motion of the Chairman."

State of Rate Collection:- The Secretary laid before the meeting the state of the Rate Collection to the 11th September:-

The following resolution was adopted by Finance & Roads Committee-

"That the attention of Rate Collectors Blake, Redmond, Lacy, Sheehan, Smith, Earle, Mullett, and Doyle, be called to the fact that they had only 19 days from the 11th inst., to close their collections, and that the Finance & Roads Committee consider that if more energy had been displayed by these Collectors in

the discharge of their duties the collection would have been far more advanced. The Committee consider that in view of the present prices Collectors could by the 11th September 1915 have secured at least 70 per cent of their warrants.

The Committee will not approach the Local Government Board for any extension of time in which to close the Collection.

In the cases of Messrs Doyle and Mullett, the Secretary is instructed to communicate with the sureties of these Collectors unless within a week he finds a very substantial improvement in their Collections."

"Confirmed on the motion of the Chairman."

Analyst's Report.

The following report under date 26th August 1915, was read from the County Analyst:-

"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 1915.

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

<u>Article.</u>	<u>Number.</u>
Milk	47
Butter	37
Buttermilk	21
Whiskey	14
Cheese	9
Margarine	6
Bread	6
Port Wine	3
Separated Milk	2
Rum	1
Gin	1
Claret	1
Tea	1
Total	<u>149</u>

Two certificates were sent to Sergeant White, Wexford, for specimens of milk deficient of at least 23 and 26 per cent of their fats respectively, and one certificate for specimen of butter containing an excess of water namely 17.6 per cent, and one certificate for specimen of buttermilk adulterated with at least 11 per cent of added water exclusive of 25 per cent allowed for churning purposes.

For the Guardians of Enniscorthy Union fifteen drugs were analysed and

were correct.

For the Guardians of Gorey Union six drugs were analysed and were correct

One specimen of water analysed for the Idrone Rural District Council, New Ross had the following composition.

One imperial gallon contained in grains .

Total solid matter	10.500	
Including		*
Albuminoid Ammonia	0.005	
Saline Ammonia	0.016	
Nitric Acid	1.370	
Chlorine	1.190	
Colour	light yellow	

A slightly inferior water.

One specimen of feeding stuff was analysed for the Secretary Co Council.

For the Enniscorthy Co-operative Society, Enniscorthy, one fertilizer was analysed.

For Messrs Buttle Bros., Enniscorthy, one specimen of feeding stuff was analysed.

One specimen of feeding stuff was analysed for Mr Wm Foley, Gorey.

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

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.....186

Marked "Read"

Reinstatement of Mr Mansfield.

A resolution was read from the Cork County Council, again requesting the Commissioners of National Education to reinstate Mr Mansfield and his wife in Cullen Boys' National School, Co. Tipperary.

"On the motion of Mr Peacocke, seconded by Mr M. Doyle, the resolution of Cork County Council was adopted."

Imprisonment of Irish Volunteers.

Resolutions were read from the Dublin and Limerick Corporations, protesting against the imprisonment of Irish Volunteers, and drawing attention of Irish Parliamentary representatives to the unequal administration of the law as regards public utterances and writings in Ireland and England.

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

"That in the opinion of this Council the action of the Government in ordering the banishment of Irishmen from their native Country for no reason assigned, constitutes a grave encroachment upon the civil rights of the people, and that it is the duty of public representatives to protest against any unwarranted exercise of despotic powers, and unjust differentiation against Ireland."

(Signed)

John Bolger
Presiding Chairman.

dated this 12 day of

Nov

1915.

SPECIAL MEETING.-20TH OCTOBER 1915.

A Special Meeting of the Wexford County Council, was held in the County Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford, on 20th October 1915.

Present:- Mr John Bolger (Chairman) presiding.

Also present:- Lord Courtown, Messrs Cloney, Asple, Redmond, M. Doyle Kehoe, Cowman, James Codd, O'Neill, Lynch, J. A. Doyle, Hearn, Kinsella, Whelan, Mark Codd, Mayler, Scallan, Keating, and Barry.

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

The Meeting was specially called for the appointment of Rate Collector for No. 7 Collection District, vice Mr J. F. Sullivan, resigned.

Applications were received from the following:-

- 1.- Patrick Codd, Woodlands, Enniscorthy. Recommended by Very Rev Canon Meehan P. P., Ballindaggin, Rev S. J. Cullen, C. C., Caim, Rev W. F. Benson, Rector, Templeshambo.
- 2.- Patrick Dunne, Newtownbarry, Recommended by Rev A. Forrestal P. P., Newtownbarry, Johnson Mooney & O'Brien, Dublin.
- 3.- Aidan O'Farrell, Cherryorchard, Enniscorthy. (No References)
- 4.- Owen O'Neill, Oldtown, Ferns, Recommended by Rev P. Darcy, P.P., Kilrush, Rev R. Gaul, C. C., Newtownbarry, Rev T. B. Gibson, Ferns.
- 5.- Michael J. Prandy, Ashgrove, Templeshambo, Ferns. Recommended by Rev A. Forrestal P.P., Newtownbarry.
- 6.- Michael Roche, Ballygilliestown, Davidstown. Recommended by Canon O'Connor, Davidstown.

Mr O'Farrell was not in attendance, and as this was essential according to the terms of the advertisement of the position his application was not considered.

The Secretary stated that Mr Patrick Dunne, who was not in attendance, had retired from his candidature.

A Poll was taken between the remaining Candidates with the following result:-

For Mr Codd:- Messrs Barry, M. Codd, James Codd, Kinsella, O'Neill, Lynch, Redmond, and Cloney.-8.

For Mr O'Neill:- The Chairman.-1

For Mr Prandy:- Messrs Whelan, M. Doyle, Cowman, Scallan, Hearn, Kehoe, J. A. Doyle, Lord Courtown.-8

For Mr Roche:- Messrs Keating, Mayler, and Asple.-3.

Mr O'Neill dropped out, and a poll was taken between Messrs Codd, Prandy, and Roche, with the following result:-

For Mr Codd:- Messrs Barry, M. Codd, James Codd, Kinsella, O'Neill, Lynch, Redmond, Cloney, and the Chairman.-9

For Mr Prandy:- Messrs Whelan, M. Doyle, Cowman, Scallan, Hearn, Kehoe, Mayler, James A. Doyle, and Lord Courtown.-9

For Mr Roche:- Messrs Keating, and Asple.-2.

The final poll was then taken as between Messrs Codd, and Prandy, with the following result:-

For Mr Codd:- Messrs Barry, M. Codd, James Codd, Kinsella, O'Neill, Lynch, Redmond, Asple, Cloney, and the Chairman.-10.

For Mr Prandy:- Messrs Whelan, M. Doyle, Cowman, Scallan, Hearn, Kehoe, Keating, Mayler, J. A. Doyle, and Lord Courtown.-10.

The Chairman then gave his casting vote in favour of Mr Codd, whom he declared elected.

Mr Codd suitably returned thanks for his election.

The following is the application of the successful Candidate:-

"I desire to offer myself to your Council as a Candidate for the position of Rate Collector for No.7 Collection District. I am 28 years of age, and enclose three testimonials as to my Character and qualifications

If elected I am confident that I can discharge my duties to your satisfaction, as I have for sometime past been acting as deputy Collector in the district.

I am prepared to enter into security with any guarantee society approved by the County Council, and the Local Government Board."

(Signed)

John Boyle
Presiding Chairman.

Dated this

day of

1915.

MEETING.- 12th NOVEMBER 1915.

A Meeting of the Wexford County Council was held in the County Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford, on 12th November 1915.

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

Other Members:- Messrs C H. Peacocke, P.O'Neill, M. Cloney, A. Kinsella, M. Codd, J. J. Stafford, N. J. Cowman, R. Scallan, L. Barry, P. Keating.

The Secretary, 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.

Co-option of Member vice Mr R. A. Rice, resigned.

In connection with co-option of Member vice Mr R. A. Rice, resigned, the following was read from a number of Clergy, District Councillors, and prominent ratepayers of Tintern Co. Division:-

"We the undersigned representing the electors of Tintern Co. Council Division, respectfully request you to elect Mr John J. O'Byrne, Cushinstown, to represent us on the County Council, the representation of division being declared vacant on account of the much to be regretted resignation of Mr R. A. Rice.

Mr O'Byrne is an elector in the division and enjoys the confidence of all classes of the people, and we are confident that he will faithfully represent their interests as well as being a worthy member of your respected Council.

We feel assured that if a plebiscite were taken Mr O'Byrne would be practically the unanimous choice of the electors of the division."

A Memorial from the principal inhabitants of Tintern County Division in favour of the appointment of Mr J. J. O'Byrne as the representative of the County Division on the County Council was also read.

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

"That Mr John J. O'Byrne, Cushinstown, Ballinaboola, be co-opted a member of this County Council as the representative of Tintern County Division, vice Mr R. A. Rice resigned."

Approval of Mr P. Codd, as Rate Collector.

Under date 26th October 1915, the Local Government Board wrote letter No. 56285-1915, approving of the appointment of Mr Patrick Codd, Woodlands, as Rate Collector for No. 7 Collection District, vice Mr J. F. Sullivan, resigned.

Marked "Read"

Rate Collection.

Under date 9th November 1915, the Local Government Board wrote, (letter 59542-1915, Wexford County) that they regretted to note that the Collectors generally had made no effort to collect the rates in the early portion of the half-year, and that only two collectors had made any lodgment in respect of second moiety which was payable on the 1st October. The attention of the deputy Checkers should be drawn to Article 97 of the Public Bodies Order 1904, relative to the time within which they should furnish the necessary reports on the Collectors' Accounts.

"The Secretary stated that he had furnished copy of the letter of the Local Government Board to the Rate Collectors, and to the Deputy Checkers."

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

"That our Secretary be instructed to issue advertisement in local papers pointing out that the rates in respect of the current collection are due and payable immediately after 1st October last."

Administration Food & Drugs Acts.

Under date 28th October 1915, (letter No. 57252-1915 Wexford Co.,) the Local Government Board wrote forwarding communications received by them from Sir Charles Cameron, County Analyst, relative to the form of record for Inspectors under the Sale of Food & Drugs Acts, and as to the quantities required of the several classes of food and drug samples for analytical purposes.

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

"That copy letter from the Local Government Board of 28th October, No. 57252 Wexford County, and copies of communications from Sir Charles Cameron, County Analyst, as to administration of Food & Drugs Acts, be forwarded the County Inspector, R. I. C., for his observations."

Under date 11th October 1915, the Department of Agriculture and

Technical Instruction, wrote, (letter No. G 3966-15) that they would have pleasure in complying with the request of the Finance & Roads Committee in regard to communicating the result of the analysis of samples to the Council in cases of alleged offences under the Sale of Food & Drugs Acts.

Marked "Read".

Local Government Board-Sealed Orders.

The Local Government Board forwarded Sealed Order (under date 29th September 1915-No. 49629-1915) in connection with Section 49 of Post Office Act 1908 in respect of Rural District of New Ross.

Under same date the Local Government Board forwarded Sealed Order (No. 49629-1915) stating that the Rural District of Enniscorthy was to be the area of charge for undertaking to pay the Postmaster General a sum not exceeding £5. 6. 8d per annum for any loss sustained by Post Office in connection with telegraphic business at Rathnure Post Office.

Under date 18th October 1915, the Local Government Board forwarded (No. 54098-1915) Sealed Order determining that the Rural District of New Ross should be the area of charge for pump at Templeudigan.

Marked "Read".

Audits of Accounts.

The Local Government Board forwarded reports of their Auditor, and Abstracts of Accounts, of the following County Bodies in respect of half-year ended 31st March 1915::

Enniscorthy Union and Rural District Council.

New Ross Union and Rural District Council.

Wexford Union and Rural District Council.

Enniscorthy District Lunatic Asylum.

Co Wexford Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction, (also for half year ended September 1915).

Co Wexford Tuberculosis Management Committee, (also for half-year ended 30th September 1915).

Marked "Read".

Government Grant under Tuberculosis Scheme.

Under date 18th October 1915, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 7384 : 1915 Wexford County) that directions had been given for the payment of £61, 15. 1d from Exchequer Grant, being final payment, due the County Council in respect of year ended 31st March 1915, relative to Tuberculosis Scheme of the Council.

Marked Read.

Hay & Straw-Prohibition of Movement-Order.

Under date 29th October 1915, the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction, forwarded Hay & Straw (Movement from Great Britain to Ireland) Order of 1915, (No. 440) prohibiting the landing of hay and straw brought from Great Britain into Ireland unless in particular cases expressly provided for under the Order.

Marked "Read"

Veterinary Dispensary Scheme.

In connection with the request of the County Council that the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction should promote legislation to allow of Veterinary Dispensary Scheme being included in County Schemes, the Department wrote under date 20th October 1915, (No. A.18044-15) forwarding copy of the following letter which they had addressed to the County Wexford Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction on the subject:-

"Adverting to the Minutes of proceedings of the Wexford County Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction, at their meeting on the 25th August last, relative to the question of promoting legislation with a view to having the Scheme of Veterinary Dispensaries legally included in County Schemes, I have to state that the Department regret that they cannot see their way to entertain the proposal of the Committee as they consider action in the matter as inopportune at the present juncture, both in regard to the difficulty of legislation and the increased taxation involved."

"No Order."

Tuberculosis (Ireland) Order 1915.

Under date 18th October 1915, the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction wrote (No. 3674-1915) as follows:-

"Having regard to the suspension of the Tuberculosis (Ireland) Order of 1915 as from 1st ultimo, I have to advert to previous correspondence relative to the remuneration of officers of your Local Authority for duties under the Order during the current year.

The sanction of the Department has been given to the proposal that the five Veterinary Inspectors should each be paid a sum of £40 and the Clerk of the Local Authority a sum of £15 in respect of the period from 1st January to 31st December 1915, but, as the duties under the Order have now ceased for the time being, it appears desirable to direct your Local Authority's attention to the question whether payment at these rates should not cease also as from the date on which the Order was suspended or such later date as the

Officer concerned had duty to perform with a previously reported case of bovine tuberculosis. The question of the cessation of such special allowances was referred to in the concluding paragraph of the Department's circular letter of 24th August last,, but, so far as the Department are aware, no action in the matter has yet been taken by the Local Authority for County Wexford."

"The Secretary stated that he had informed the Veterinary Inspectors that in accordance with the instructions of the Department remuneration could be paid under the Tuberculosis (Ireland) Order of 1915 only up to 1st September last, the date of its suspension."

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

"That the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction be informed that on receipt of their Circular letter of 24th August last dealing with the Tuberculosis (Ireland) Order 1915, notice was served on the officers mentioned in their letter of 18th October last (3674-1915) that the County Council would be responsible for remuneration to these officers under Tuberculosis (Ireland) Order only up to 1st September or such later date as any of these officers had duties to perform under the Order said duties arising out of work performed before 1st September last."

University Scholarship Scheme.

Under date 31st October, Mr Arthur J Quirke, Co Council University Scholarship Holder, wrote asking that the amount of Scholarships should be paid to the students at the beginning of each session, or else hand it over to the Bursar, University College, Dublin, to be paid in four quarterly instalments.

On the motion of Mr Peacocke, seconded by Mr Cloney, the following recommendation of Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed:-

"That Mr Quirke be informed that the County Council cannot see their way to make any departure from the method of payment provided by their University Scholarship Scheme."

Under date 20th October 1915, Messrs Huggard & Brennan, Solicitors, Wexford, wrote stating that Mr Nicholas P. Corish, was anxious to appear before the County Council, and put his views before them, in connection with the refusal of the Council toward a University Scholarship to his son.

With reference to the resolution of the County Council refusing to award a University Scholarship to Mr N. P. Corish, Talbot Street, Wexford, on the ground that his father was in a position to provide a University Course for him, a letter was read from Mr N. Corish (father of Mr N. P. Corish) pointing out that although he had expectations of receiving a legacy from United States of America, up to the present and so far as he could see this legacy owing to American legal methods might not be paid for some years. In view of this and especially in view of the undertaking which he had given to the County Council through his Solicitors (Messrs Huggard & Brennan) that should the expected legacy come to hand he was prepared to immediately relieve the Co Council of all financial responsibility in connection with the Scholarship, he thought it was manifestly unfair that his son who had won his Scholarship fairly and squarely should be passed over. His present financial position was considerably less than the parents of the other children to whom Scholarships had been awarded.

On the motion of Mr Cloney, seconded by Mr Barry, the following resolution was adopted--

"That the following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee be confirmed:- That in view of the statements made by Mr N. Corish, in his letter of 10th November, and of the fact that a vacancy exists under University Scholarship Scheme, owing to Mr T. J. O'Rourke having obtained a Commission in His Majesty's Forces, ^{We award} a University Scholarship to Mr N. P. Corish, subject to the undertaking given in letter of Messrs Huggard & Brennan, Solicitors, that should Mr Corish receive expected legacy from the United States of America this Council is to be relieved of all financial responsibility in respect of said Scholarship."

An application was received from Mrs O'Rourke, St Peter's Square, Wexford, for payment of balance of £8. 10/- on foot of University Scholarship awarded her son-Mr T. J. O'Rourke.

"The Secretary stated that Mr O'Rourke had enlisted on 25th April, and their Council at their Meeting in May passed the following resolution:-

That Scholarship awarded Mr T. J. O'Rourke, be held over for him until the termination of the War."

On the motion of Mr Stafford, Seconded by Mr Cowman, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That as Mr T. J. O'Rourke, had almost completed his University Course before obtaining a Commission in His Majesty's Forces, as recommended by

Finance & Roads Committee we agree to payment of £8. 10:0 to him, and which sum has been set aside in University Scholarship Scheme for payment of entrance fees and travelling expenses."

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

"That continuing University Scholarships be granted the following:-

John Connolly, Trinity Street, Wexford.

Maurice Kinsella, Old Pound, "

Elizabeth Bookey, Newtownbarry.

John L. Bookey, Ferns.

Anne M. Murphy, Gorey.

Marguerite Sears, Enniscorthy.

Irish County Councils General Council.

Under date 25th September 1915, the Secretary Irish County Councils General Council wrote that the Annual Meeting would be held on 10th December, and that notices of any questions that the Council desire to have discussed at the meeting should reach him before 25th November.

"No Order".

Poisons & Pharmacy Act.

An application for a licence under the Poisons & Pharmacy Act, was read from Mr J. N. Greane, 10 George Street, Enniscorthy.

"On the motion of Mr Peacocke, seconded by Mr Cloney, it was decided that the application be granted."

Screenings at Quarries.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Peacocke, the following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was adopted:-

"That the Local Government Board be requested to inform the County Council if they can sell to the general public any surplus screenings, over and above what will be required in the opinion of the County Surveyor for the metalling of the roads. These screenings have so accumulated at some of the quarries that unless the Co Council can sell them they will have to employ persons to draw them from the quarries in which they will soon form an obstruction."

Ferrycarrig Bridge.

Under date 25th October 1915, the following letter from Mr R. Colhoun, Londonderry, contractor for erection of Ferrycarrig Bridge, to Mr

Elgee, Solicitor to the Council, was read--

"Referring to your letter of 18th June 1915, and previous correspondence, although I consider the Council have treated me very badly in this matter, in order to have the matter settled without further delay I will accept the £1364. 1. 8d in full settlement of my claim for balance due me.

Messrs J. & J. Cooke, Strand Road, Londonderry, and Messrs Mouchel & Partners, Ltd., have been paid their claims and they have written the Council to cancel their "Charge" on the monies due to me.

With regard to the Patent Shaft & Axle Tree Co's Account £194. 14. 9d, I presume the Council have paid this amount to them, so that this amount will be deducted from the balance due me-£1364. 1. 8d- which leaves the nett ~~an~~ amount now due me £1169. 6. 11d, and I shall be glad to have cheque for this amount as early as possible.

Your kind attention will much oblige."

At their Meeting of the 12th November, the Finance & Roads Committee adopted the following recommendation:-

"That the County Council at their Meeting of 21st August 1914, offered Mr Colhoun a sum of £1364. 1. 8d in full settlement of his claim on foot of contract for erection of Ferrycarrig Bridge, and that as the County Surveyor on behalf of Mr Colhoun, has paid £191, 8. 9d to the Patent Shaft and Axle Tree Co., we hereby agree to offer to Mr Colhoun a sum of £1172. 12. 11d in full settlement of his claim, and that the County Surveyor submit a statement to the Local Government Board explaining the delay which has occurred in dealing finally with this matter.

That the County Surveyor be instructed to bring in a Proposal for £105. 6. 0 to cover extras, etc., in connection with contract for erection of Ferrycarrig Bridge."

Rates Exemption.

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

"That the Poor Law Amendment Act 1890 be applied to the following cases, and that they be exempted for the period stated on the grounds that the premises have been vacant and empty:-

Collector N. O'H. Walsh:- Aghwilliam 111, Rathaspeck 87, 217, Forth 135, 152, Wexford Rural 171, Taghmon 73, 150.

Collector G. Rossiter:- Artramont 17, 153.

Collector N. Moore:- Harpurstown 138, Kilcowan 34, Killag 233.

Collector F. Blake:- Kilmore 46, 523, 566, Newcastle 37, Tomhaggard 52.

Collector P. Rossiter:- Drinagh, 44, 52a, Lady's Island 99, 207, Rosslare 55, 66, 256, 277a, 298.

Collector J. Cummins:- Ferns 172.

Collector J. Sinnott:- Ballyhogue 327, Bree 6, 44, 233, The Leap 92, 153.

Collector P. Redmond:- Kilmallock 159.

Collector L. Lacey:- Castle Ellis 147.

Collector P. J. Nolan:- Ballyoughter 30, Ballybeg 62, Kilcomb 61, 180, 220, 231, Monaseed 138.

Collector J. C. Smith:- Ardamine 113, Ballycanew 59, Courtown 166, 328, Gorey Rural 14, 215, Gorey Urban 453, Kilnahue 57.

Collector J. L. Doyle:- Tintern 21, 175, 207, 253, 380.

Collector J. Cogley:- Ballyhack 87, Fethard 177, 366, 378, Templetown 138, 147, 363.

"That the Chairman be empowered to sign claims for refund of Irrecoverable Rates to all Collectors as submitted to this meeting by our Secretary."

Application for Increase of Salary.

An application from Mr T. Frizelle, Accountant of the County Council for an increase in his salary of £80 was read.

The following recommendation was submitted from Finance & Roads Committee:-

"That we recommend the County Council to increase the salary of Mr T. Frizelle, Accountant of the Council, from £80 to £100 per annum, increase to date from 13th November 1915."

"Confirmed on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Cloney."

Equipment Tuberculosis (Ireland) Order 1915.

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

"That in consequence of the suspension of the Tuberculosis (Ireland) Order of 1915, we hereby instruct our Secretary to request Mr R. Malone V.S., to place in the custody of the Secretary, Microscope and apparatus obtained for use in connection with said Order."

Proposals for Works.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Peacocke, the following

resolution was adopted:-

"That Proposals for Works Nos 1 Arthurstown Pier-£50, No. 2 Wexford Bridge -£50, (3) Kilmore Pier -£50, (4) Final payment Ferryarrig Bridge-£105. 6: 0, (5) Fencing and opening Co Council Quarries-£50, be given in charge of County Surveyor."

Recommendation of Finance & Roads Committee.

The following recommendation from Finance & Roads Committee Meeting, of 20th October, was laid before the Meeting:-

Printing Contract-Franchise:- "We recommend the County Council to pay Messrs English & Co., Printers for Parliamentary Register, a sum of £75 on foot of work performed by them up to 1st August 1915, subject to the sanction of the Local Government Board."

"The recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Cloney."

(Signed)

John Bolger
Presiding Chairman.

dated this *22* day of *Dec*

1915.

STATUTABLE HALF-YEARLY MEETING.-1st DECEMBER 1915.

The Statutable Half-Yearly Meeting of the Wexford County Council, was held in the Co. Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford, on 1st December 1915.

Present:- Mr John Bolger (Chairman) Presiding.

Also:- Messrs Hearn, Stafford, Cowman, M. Doyle, Kehoe, M. Codd, Lynch, Lord Courtown, J. A. Doyle, James Codd, Scallan, Barry, Whelan, O'Byrne, and Mayler.

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

Mr J. J. O'Byrne, subscribed the usual declaration of office.

Confirmation of Minutes.

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and confirmed.

Mr J. F. Sullivan, late Rate Collector.

Mr John J. Kehoe moved the following of which he had given notice on 23rd October, and copy of which was sent to each Member of the County Council on that date:-

"That the County Council consider the advisability of allowing a superannuation allowance to Mr J. F. Sullivan, Rate Collector, on his resignation."

Mr Mark Codd seconded.

"Adopted".

Mr J. J. Kehoe then moved the following of which he had given notice on 23rd October 1915, and copy of which had been sent each Member of the County Council on that date:-

"That the recommendation of the Meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee of 20th October, to grant Mr Sullivan a superannuation allowance of £20 per annum, as from date of his resignation, be adopted."

Mr Cowman seconded.

"Mr O'Flaherty, Solicitor, addressed the meeting in favour of a larger amount of superannuation to Mr Sullivan."

Mr M. Codd as an amendment proposed that a sum of £50 per annum be allowed to Mr J. F. Sullivan, as superannuation allowance."

Mr Whelan seconded.

A poll was taken with the result that the proposer and seconder only, were found in favour of the amendment, the other members voting against.

As a further amendment Mr Lynch proposed, and Mr Codd seconded:-

"That Mr Sullivan be granted a superannuation allowance of £30 per annum."

A poll was taken when Messrs Whelan, Lynch, and M. Codd, voted for the amendment, the other members voting against.

The Chairman then put the recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee as proposed by Mr Kehoe and seconded by Mr Cowman, recommending that the superannuation allowance to Mr Sullivan be fixed at £20 per annum, and declared it carried.

Mr J. T. Mayler was not present during the consideration of the above matter.

Assistant Surveyor Vincent R Doyle.

Mr Vincent R. Doyle, Assistant Surveyor, wrote applying for increment of £5 to his salary, as per the conditions of his appointment.

The following recommendation was submitted from the Finance & Roads Committee:-

"That in view of the report of the County Surveyor as to the manner in which Mr Doyle, Assistant Surveyor has discharged his duties we recommend the County Council to grant Mr Doyle the increment to his salary as from the date of his appointment, viz-6th May 1914."

"Recommendation confirmed on the motion of Mr Kehoe, seconded by Mr Lynch."

Audit Accounts-Co Wexford Infirmary.

Under date 16th October 1915, the Local Government Board wrote, (letter No. 55,349-1915, Wexford County) relative to the proposed audit of the Accounts of County Wexford Infirmary by their Auditor, that the terms of the resolution of the County Infirmary Committee were not clear, and asking if the Infirmary Committee would agree to pay an audit fee at the rate of £3. 3/- per day, or part of a day occupied in audit.

Under date 10th November, the Temporary Registrar of the County Infirmary wrote that his Committee were willing to accept the terms required by the Local Government Board for audit.

Under date 17th November 1915, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 60813-1915) that they had appointed Mr J. More O'Ferrall, Local Government

Auditor, to audit the accounts of the Committee of Management of the County Wexford Infirmary until further notice, and had determined the audit fee in this case to be £3. 3/- per day for each day, or part of a day necessarily occupied in the actual audit".

"No Order"

Rating of Bantry Commons.

Under date 12th November 1915, the following letter was read from Mr R. W. Elgee, County Council Solicitor:-

"In reply to yours of the 6th Inst., I have to report that Mr E. Somers, the Poor Rate Collector of the portion of Bantry Commons situate in his district of Enniscorthy R. D., served a Summons on four of the Rated Occupiers for the amount of Rate due on the Commons for the Petty Sessions held at Clonroche on the 1st October last, the Summons was then adjourned for one month, to see could the Defendants do anything with their Cot-owners as to making up the rate between themselves, so as to avoid proceedings, this Scheme unfortunately fell through, and on the 5th Inst., when the case again came on Mr Moffat and Mr O'Flaherty, Solicitors for the Defendants argued that as Mr Somers was suing only four Ratepayers in place of all the Rated Occupiers he could not succeed at Petty Sessions, and also that he was suing for portion of Arrears, which in the case of Murphy & Others-v-E. J. Murphy and the County Council, the County Court Judge held to be an illegal rate. The Magistrates dismissed the Summons without prejudice, stating it was a case for Quarter Sessions.

This raises a very nice question, as it will mean either serving 66 separate Civil Bills, or else one Civil Bill with 66 Defendants. The whole question as to this turns on one point, are the occupiers only jointly liable, or are they jointly and severally liable, if they are jointly and severally liable, the case is simple, but in the other view, it is not, and I would suggest that I should get permission to take an opinion on the question and also to get Counsel to settle the necessary Civil Bill in the matter, and so settle the matter once and for all time."

The following recommendation was submitted from Finance & Roads Committee:-

"That Mr Elgee be instructed to take Counsel's opinion in connection with proceedings for Rates due on Bantry Commons."

"The recommendation of Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed on the motion of Mr Stafford, seconded by Mr Kehoe."

Alleged fraudulent Road Metalling.

At the Meeting of Finance & Roads Committee on 22nd November a report

was read from Mr Treanor, Senior Assistant Surveyor, as to one of the depots on Road 189E-Contractor Margaret Murphy, Knocknasilloge, Blackwater,- being heaped with sand and dressed with pit gravel.

The Finance & Roads Committee submitted the following recommendation:-

"That the matter be submitted to the County Surveyor and to Mr Elgee, Solicitor to the County Council, to take proceedings against the Contractor in whatever form they considered most advisable, Mr Treanor, in the meantime, to ascertain definitely from the Contractor if she would acknowledge that the heap of material had been placed in the depot by her instructions, or by her agent."

"Recommendation of Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed on the motion of Mr Stafford, seconded by Mr Lynch."

Auditor's Report-County Council.

Under date 23rd November 1915, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 61810-1915, Wexford County) forwarding the following report of their Auditor-Mr C. D. Barry, B. L., on his audit of the Accounts of Wexford County Council in respect of half-year ended 30th September 1915.-

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

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

Marked "Read"

Quarterly Payments to Road Contractors.

Under date 5th November, the Clerk New Ross Rural District Council wrote that at the meeting of his Council held on the 2nd inst., a resolution was adopted requesting the County Council to consider the advisability of reverting to the system of quarterly payments to road contractors, as the District Council were of opinion that this would encourage competition.

The following recommendation was submitted from the Finance & Roads Committee:-

"That we cannot in view of the extra expense which would be involved, and to the lack of a general demand for the change, recommend the County Council to revert to the system of quarterly payments to Road Contractors."

"Recommendation confirmed on the Motion of Mr Scallan, seconded by Mr Kehoe.

Tenders for Roads Etc., untendered for at District

-----Council Meetings-----

At the Meeting of Finance & Roads Committee of 22nd November, the County Surveyor drew attention to the large number of roads for which no tenders had been taken at Rural District Council Meetings:-

The Committee had adopted the following recommendation:-

"That the County Council be recommended to instruct the County Surveyor not to enter into any agreements for maintaining roads untendered for at the recent District Council Meetings or that will remain untendered for at the forthcoming meeting of the County Council, except roads which are maintained by sea gravel. That between now and April next, he provide as much material as is possible at County Council Quarries, so that when these roads are again advertised for tenders at Meetings of District Councils, he may be in a position to inform Contractors that they will have no difficulty in procuring material for them.

That between now and first meeting of Finance & Roads Committee in January 1916, the County Surveyor endeavour to obtain quotations for hire of portable engine to work with Stonebreaker."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr Stafford, seconded by Mr Lynch."

Watertables on Roads.

At the Meeting of Finance & Roads Committee on 22nd November the following recommendation was adopted:-

"That the County Surveyor take special steps to see that watertables of roads are properly and efficiently working."

"Recommendation confirmed on the motion of Mr Lynch, seconded by Mr M. Codd."

Weights & Measures Act.

At the meeting of Finance & Roads Committee on 22nd November tenders for supplies for Weights & Measures Inspectors were considered.

The following recommendation was submitted:-

"That the tender of Messrs Pooley & Co., 24 Lower Abbey Street, Dublin, for tripod at 32/- lever pillar at 48/6 for 7 lb balance, and 22/6 for 1 lb balance, and for set of brass working standard weights at £4. 4/-, be accepted, the articles to be supplied to the satisfaction of the Inspector of Weights & Measures for Wexford District."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr Kehoe, seconded by Mr Lynch."

Deferred and Struck Off Money.

At the Meeting of Finance & Roads Committee on 22nd November, the following resolution was received from Gorey R. D. Council:-

"That in future when notice is sent to a Contractor that any money due is either deferred or struck off, that the reason for so doing should be stated in the notice."

The following recommendation was submitted to the meeting:-

"We recommend the County Council to instruct the County Surveyor to arrange to have the resolution of Gorey R. D. Council as to informing Contractors why money has been deferred or struck off complied with in future."

"The recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed on the motion of Mr Scallan, seconded by Mr Kehoe."

Representation Insurance Committee on Tuberculosis Committee.

Letter from Local Government Board, under date 12th November 1915, (No. 58326 : 1915, Miscellaneous) was referred from Tuberculosis Committee to Co. Council.

The Communication pointed out that in connection with the representation of the Insurance Committee on Tuberculosis Committees, that the Board had been advised that the County Councils could enter into no arrangement which would have the effect of fettering their successors in the exercise of the discretion given in reference to the appointment of a Committee of Management by Section 5 of the Tuberculosis Prevention (Ireland) Act 1908.

"No Order".

Erection Tuberculosis Dispensary at Wexford.

At the Meeting of the Tuberculosis Committee on 22nd November, tenders as follows were received for erection of temporary Tuberculosis Dispensary at Wexford:-

Mrs O'Connor, Wexford.....	£180
Humphreys & Co., 10 Stephen's Green Dublin.....	207
G. Squire & Co., 12 Upper Abbey Street, Dublin.....	212
John Browne, Wexford.....	233

The Tuberculosis Committee had accepted the tender of Mrs O'Connor, Wexford, subject to ratification by the County Council.

On the motion of Mr Kehoe,

Seconded by Mr Lynch, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That we confirm the action of the Tuberculosis Committee in

accepting at £180 the tender of Mrs M. O'Connor, Wexford, for erection of temporary Tuberculosis Dispensary at Wexford."

"Under date 29th November 1915, the Local Government Board wrote letter (No. 63360-1915, Wexford County) asking if the Council had obtained a binding agreement for the sale of the site on which the Dispensary is to be erected."

"Referred to Mr Elgee, County Solicitor."

Maintenance Live Stock Order No. 2:

Under date 17th November 1915, the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction forwarded copy of Maintenance of Live Stock Order No.2 prohibiting the slaughter of sucking calves and also movement out of Ireland.

Marked "Read"

Recruiting for the Army.

Letters were read from Capt J. E. Loftus (Sub Director) No.7 Department of Recruiting (Ireland) that he regretted owing to the Conference of His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant with Public Bodies in Waterford, on 2nd inst., he would be unable to attend the Meeting of the County Council, but he was sending as his representative—Mr H.C. Poulter.

Mr H. C. Poulter having addressed the meeting in favour of Recruiting in the County, the following resolution was proposed by Lord Courtown, seconded by Mr Kehoe, and passed unanimously:—

"That the Wexford County Council having heard the statement of Mr Poulter, on behalf of the Department of Recruiting for Ireland, and fully appreciating the importance of recruiting at this juncture, is willing to actively co-operate in the efforts of the Department.

Further, they take this opportunity of placing on record the view that it is vitally essential to the people of the Country that this disastrous War be brought to a successful conclusion."

Elections & Registration Act 1915.

Under date 17th November 1915, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 61219 : 1915, Wexford County) as follows relative to claim of Messrs English & Co., as to annulment of their Contract for printing Parliamentary Register:—

"With reference to the resolution of the Wexford County Council at their meeting on the 12th instant, and to your letter of the 22nd ultimo, on the subject, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to state that having considered the claim of Messrs John English & Company,

Printing Contractors, for work done in preparation of the 1916 Register of Electors for the County of Wexford, the Board hereby approve of a payment by the County Council of Wexford to the above Printing Contractors of the sum of £65 in full settlement of their claim of £75.

I am to add that the Local Government Board under the terms of Article 43 (4) (c) of the Public Bodies Order 1904, hereby authorise the payment of the above sum of £65 to be made out of the Subsidiary Account to the Contractors at the next Meeting of the Finance Committee of the County Council."

Analyst's Report.

The following report of Analyst for quarter ended 30th September 1915, was read:-

"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 1915.

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

<u>Article</u>	<u>Number.</u>
Milk	29
Butter	19
Buttermilk	11
Whiskey	10
Bread	7
Margarine	7
Cheese	7
Rum	5
Flour	3
Coffee	3
Cocoa	3
Tea	2
Lard	2
Dripping	2
Sugar	2
Indian Meal	1
Rice	1
Gin	1
Cornflour	1
Flaked meal	1
Vinegar	1

<u>Article</u>	<u>Number</u>
Brandy	1
Port Wine	1
Mustard	1
Oatmeal	1
Cream of tartar	3
Liquid Extract of Cascara Sagrada	2
Sweets Spirits of Nitre	1
Acetic Acid	1
Citric Acid	1
Olive Oil	1
Cod liver Oil	1
Castor Oil	1
Tartaric Acid	1
Linseed meal	1
Syrup of Squills	1
Seidlitz Powder	1
Sal Volatile	1
Total	<u>138</u>

One certificate was sent to Sergeant White, Wexford, for specimen of milk deficient of at least 16 per cent of its fats, and one certificate for specimen of buttermilk adulterated with at least 35 per cent of added water exclusive of 25 per cent allowed for churning purposes.

One certificate was sent to Sergeant Groves, Enniscorthy, for specimen of buttermilk adulterated with at least 20 per cent of added water exclusive of 25 per cent allowed for churning purposes.

There were eighteen 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. One contained an excess of water, namely 23.3 per cent.

For the Guardians of Gorey Union twelve drugs were analysed and were correct.

For the Guardians of Enniscorthy Union eleven drugs were analysed and were correct.

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

One imperial gallon contained in grains:-

Total solid matter	25.200
Including	
Albuminoid Ammonia	0.210
Saline Ammonia	0.133
Nitric Acid	Trace
Chlorine	2.286
Colour	Opaque

A polluted water,.

One specimen of water analysed for Mrs Mary Mockler, New Ross, had the following composition.

One imperial gallon contained in grains..

Total solid matter	46.200
Including	
Albuminoid Ammonia	0.007
Saline Ammonia	0.007
Nitric Acid	7.000
Chlorine	7.180
Colour	almost Colourless

A good water.

A most careful analysis failed to trace poison in the viscera of a chicken and specimen of meal, which were sent for analysis by F. W. Taylor Esq V. S., New Ross.

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..... 182.

Proposals for Works.

On the motion of Mr Kehoe,

Seconded by Mr Lynch, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the several Proposals for New Works submitted by the Proposal Committee, and by the several Rural District Councils of the County, as appearing on Form 20 be and are hereby approved, subject to the modifications and other orders noted thereon and initialled by the Chairman."

Proposals for Payment.

On the motion of Mr Kehoe,

Seconded by Mr Lynch, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the several Proposals for Payment submitted by the Proposal Committee and Rural District Councils of the County, and recommended by the Finance and Roads Committee be and are hereby approved subject to the modifications and other

orders noted thereon, and initialled by the Chairman."

Sale of Quarry Screenings.

Under date 30th November 1915, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No.61219-1915, Wexford Co.,) that they approved of the proposal of the Council to sell to the general public screenings at quarries over and above what would be required by the County Surveyor for the metalling of the roads. Of course the Council should satisfy the Auditor that the material was sold at the best price that could be obtained.

Bonds-Road Contractors.

Marked "Read"

On the motion of the Chairman,

Seconded by Mr Stafford, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the several tenders and bonds of contractors for Works and Roads accepted at this meeting be Sealed and Signed.

Wild Birds Protection Act.

On the motion of Mr Stafford,

Seconded by Mr Scallan, the following resolution was adopted:-

"We the County Council of the County of Wexford, do hereby petition the Lord Lieutenant for Ireland, to make an Order under the Wild Birds Protection Act 1894, prohibiting the taking or destroying of the Eggs of all species of Wild Birds throughout the Saltee Islands and the Keeragh Islands in the County of Wexford, for the space of five years, between the 1st March and 1st August in each year, beginning 1st March 1916, for the following reasons, that owing to the great increase in the number of egg collectors, the birds in the above-named Islands are much persecuted."

Kilmore Pier.

In connection with Kilmore Pier, the following resolution was read from Kilmore Farmers' Association:-

"That the Members of the Kilmore Farmers' Association beg to say we are dissatisfied with the way the repairs to Kilmore Pier are being carried out, as from our knowledge of the place the ratepayers money is being simply wasted."

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

"That the Kilmore Farmers' Association be informed that the County Council appointed a Committee to deal with the work of repair of Kilmore Pier. This Committee inspected the damage done to pier, on two or three occasions, and according to the best of their judgment gave instructions to the County

Surveyor as to the carrying out of the work, and the Council would be glad to have the suggestions of the Kilmore Farmers' Association as to how they consider the damage should be repaired."

Dates of Meetings.

On the motion of Mr Kehoe,

Seconded by Mr Lynch, the following dates of Meetings were fixed--

Enniscorthy R. D. Council-Saturday-8th April 1916, at 11 a.m.,

Gorey R. D. Council-Thursday- 6th April 1916-11.30 a.m.,

New Ross R. D. Council-Wednesday- 12th April 1916-11.30 a.m.,

Wexford R. D. Council-Saturday- 1st April 1916-10.30 a.m.,

Proposal Committee- Wednesday-5th April 1916-10.30 a.m.,

Co Council Meeting (Quarterly) 2nd February 1916 at 11 a.m.,

" " " (half-yearly) 3rd May 1916 - 11 a.m.,

Resolution- Cavan Urban District Council.

The following resolution from Cavan Urban District Council was submitted to the Meeting:-

"That we have every confidence in the assurances of Mr John E. Redmond, M. P., and the Irish Party, that Conscription will not be enforced, and that we call upon our Representatives to impress upon the Government the necessity of having the Agricultural Workers of Ireland, the producers of the Nation's food starved and exempt under the system which has been adopted in England."

"Adopted on the motion of Mr Lynch, seconded by Mr M. Codd."

Proposed Appointment-Surveyors.

Special Committee.- Meeting, 1st December 1915.

The following report of Special Meeting was laid before the Council:-

"The adjourned Meeting of the above Committee was held in the County Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford, on 1st December 1915.

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

Also:- Messrs Cowman, Lynch, Scallan, M. Doyle, J. S. Hearn, J. J. Stafford and Lord Courtown.

After considerable discussion, Mr Hearn proposed:-

"That the question be adjourned to a future meeting and in the meantime that the Co. Surveyor prepare a full return of the number and mileage of the roads in the County, the total amount of road expenditure, the number and mileage of roads in charge of the County Surveyor, what decreased percentage of road metalling he has to take in the cases of roads in his own hands, also his opinion as to why Contractors cannot be obtained in certain districts."

Mr Stafford seconded.

Mr Doyle proposed:- "That having heard the opinions of the four Rural District Councils, no further action be taken as regards considering the appointment of second County Surveyor and one or two Assistant Surveyors."

Mr Scallan seconded.

The following voted in favour of the amendment:-

Messrs Cowman, Scallan, M. Doyle, Lynch, and Lord Courtown.-5.

Against:- Messrs Hearn, Stafford and the Chairman.-3.

The Chairman declared the amendment carried and when put as a substantive motion it was passed nem con.

Mr Scallan proposed:- "That the report of special Committee appointed to consider the advisability of appointing a second County Surveyor, and one or two additional Surveyors, be received and adopted."

Lord Courtown seconded.

"Passed".

Roads under 54th Section-Grand Jury Act.

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

"That the County Council hereby empowers the Finance & Roads Committee to deal with all proceedings against Road Contractors arising out of Section 54 of the Grand Jury Act."

Prosecutions against Road Contractors.

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

"That the Co Surveyor be instructed to have proceedings instituted against the following Road Contractors for neglecting to carry out their Contracts:-

63E Thomas Dempsey, Corah, Newtownbarry.

74E. " " "

92E William Roberts, Boleagreen, Newtownbarry.

101E John Nolan, Springmount, Killanne.

Rock Drill at Tara Hill.

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

"That the Co Surveyor be empowered to arrange with Messrs Fleming & Co., 31 Robertson Street, Glasgow, as to inspection and repair of Rock Drill as per the terms of their letter under date 25th November 1915."

Dated this 2 day of July

(Signed)
1916

John Bolger
Presiding Chairman.

STATUTABLE QUARTERLY MEETING.-2nd FEBRUARY 1916.

The Statutable Quarterly Meeting of the County Council, was held in the Co. Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford, on 2nd February 1916,

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

Also:- Lord Courtown, Messrs Michael Doyle, N. J. Cowman, L. Barry, R. Scallan, J. J. Stafford, J. S. Hearn, J. J. Kehoe, James Codd, J. J. O'Byrne, J.T. Mayler.

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

Confirmation of Minutes.

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and confirmed.

Rates for 1916-7.

The Meeting then considered the Estimate of Rates for General and Separate Charges, the business for which the Members had been specially summoned.

On the motion of Mr Hearn, seconded by Mr Scallan, the following resolution was adopted--

"That we hereby adopt the Estimate of Rates for General and Separate Charges for financial year 1916-7, as approved by the Finance & Roads Committee at their Meeting of 19th January 1916, and agree that the Rates in the £ to be levied off the several Rural Districts of the County in respect of General Rate be as follows:-

	<u>Land.</u>	<u>Other Hereditaments.</u>
Enniscorthy	3/4	5/-
Gorey	3/-	4/4
New Ross	3/9	5/6
Wexford	2/10	4/5

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

	<u>General</u>	<u>Separate</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Enniscorthy	£1161. 1. 2	£25. 19. 6	£1187. 0. 8
New Ross	1451. 6. 0	27. 14. 2	1479. 0. 2
Wexford	2375. 2. 7		2375. 2. 7

Under date 18th January 1916, the Local Government Board wrote letter No. 2722- 1916, Wexford County, that they had consented to the County Council considering their Estimate of Rates for the ensuing financial year at Meeting proposed to be held on 2nd February 1916.

Recommendations- Finance & Roads Committee.

The following Recommendations of the Finance & Roads Committee, were considered:-

Duncannon Hulk:- In connection with the report of the County Surveyor as to the sinking of hulk at Duncannon on 1st January 1916, the Finance & Roads Committee at their Meeting of 5th January 1916, adopted the following recommendation--

"That the County Surveyor communicate with the Waterford Harbour Commissioners, and Mr Ensor, Queenstown, with a view to obtaining estimates for raising sunken hulk at Duncannon. That he be empowered to make the best arrangements he can as regards securing safely the staging attached to the hulk, and which he reports is in a dangerous position."

The matter was further considered at the Committee on 19th January, when the following resolution was adopted:-

"That as the present position of hulk at Duncannon is a danger to navigation, we agree to its salvage. That our County Surveyor be instructed to examine the hulk after salvage and report to the Council. Should he consider that considerable repairs will be required we cannot see our way to recommend the Council to have them carried out. That a copy of this resolution be furnished the Waterford & Duncannon Steamboat Co., Ltd."

In connection with this matter the Secretary, Waterford & Duncannon Steamboat Co., wrote under date 3rd January 1916, that the Master of the Duncannon (steamer) was of opinion that the sinking was due to the fact that the hawse pipes holding the mooring chains had not been plugged this winter as was done formerly, and it was probable that the Hulk shipped a considerable quantity of water during the night of 31st December 1915, and morning of 1st January 1916.

"The recommendations of the Finance & Roads Committee were confirmed on the motion of Mr Kehoe, seconded by Mr Scallan."

Kilmore Pier:- In connection with repairs to Kilmore Pier the following resolution was read from Kilmore Farmers' Association, at the Meeting of Finance and Roads Committee of 22nd December:-

"The Kilmore Farmers' Association acknowledge the resolution forwarded

from the County Council re Kilmore Pier. That notwithstanding the sneers of the Members of the County Council, we hold to the former resolution, that the money has not been properly expended, we think that such jobs should be done by contract, as direct labour in such a case, without skilled supervision is a mistake."

"The Committee made no order on this resolution."

At the Meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee on 19th January 1916, in connection with the County Surveyor's Report, as to the condition of Kilmore Pier, the following recommendation was adopted:-

"That the County Surveyor be empowered to enter into negotiations with Mr Delap, Engineer, for the purpose of examining the foundations of Kilmore Pier, from the concrete buttress to the end of the Pier. That the report of Mr Delap be presented to the Finance & Roads Committee as soon as possible."

The County Surveyor submitted the following letter from Mr A. D. Delap, regarding an underwater examination of Kilmore Pier:-

"Referring to our conversation of yesterday's date re Kilmore Harbour.

I understand that what the County Council wants is (1) an underwater examination of the outside of Kilmore Quay, with a view to ascertaining exactly the condition of the structure, and of its foundations, (2) A report embodying the information contained by the examination, and (3) recommendations as to what steps should be taken in order to restore or preserve it.

I have considered the question of fees, and the amount of work it will be necessary to do in order to get the results desired by your Council.

It is probable that the examination under the most favourable conditions will involve diving for two days, and as waiting for suitable weather, may mean the loss of much time as one must have a perfectly smooth sea and clear water to get good results, I cannot charge less than £25 for the examination, report and recommendations, and of course all actual out of pocket expenses.

The out of pocket expenses will include my travelling expenses from Dublin to Kilmore and back, my hotel expenses, (if any) while waiting for suitable weather, hire of diving gear (which can, I think, be got for £2 per week) and of the necessary boats and men, etc.,

I do not think it is probable that weather and sea will permit of a satisfactory examination before April, but if your Council decide to employ me, I would make all arrangements as to hire of gear etc., so as to be ready to do the work during the first spell of suitable weather."

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

"That the offer of Mr Delap as per the terms of his letter of 19th January 1916, be accepted."

Burial of Carcasses:- At the meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee of 22nd December 1915, Mr Walter Kehoe, Harbour Master, Kilmore, applied for an increase in his remuneration (£4 per annum) for the burial of carcasses in the Kilmore District.

The following recommendation was adopted:-

"That as the Finance & Roads Committee consider the present an abnormal year in connection with Carcasses washed ashore, they cannot see their way to recommend the County Council to accede to Mr Kehoe's application."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr Cowman, seconded by Mr Scallan."

New Rock Drill:- In connection with report of County Surveyor to meeting of Finance & Roads Committee of 19th January 1916, the following recommendation was submitted:-

"That in view of the successful working of the present rock drill in providing road metalling, we recommend the County Council to secure a second drill."

"The recommendation was confirmed on the motion of Mr Kehoe, seconded by Mr Hearn."

Flooding of Road 6R at Ballygalvert:- At the Meeting of Finance & Roads Committee on 19th January 1916, Mr Treanor, Senior Assistant Surveyor, submitted a report as to the flooding of Road 6R (New Ross District) at Ballygalvert.

The Finance & Roads Committee submitted the following recommendation:-

"That Mr Elgee be instructed to serve notice on Michael Walshe, Ballygalvert calling upon him to prevent flooding of Road No 6R at Ballygalvert, by doing what is necessary at point of diversion of stream to cause water to take its original course."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr Kehoe, seconded by Mr James Codd."

Tools and Portable Forge:- At the meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee of 19th January 1916, a letter was read from Mr Treanor, Senior Assistant Surveyor, that in connection with the proper working of Rock Drill a set of Smith's Tools for the proper dressing of drills, and a portable house to be used as a forge were necessary.

The Finance & Roads Committee had adopted the following recommendation:-

"That the County Surveyor be instructed to procure a portable house for a forge and a set of Smith's Tools cost not to exceed £5."

"The recommendation was confirmed on the motion of Mr Kehoe, seconded by Mr O'Byrne."

Rate Collection:- The following was submitted from the meeting of Finance & Roads Committee, of 15th December 1915:-

"That the Secretary inform the following Rate Collectors that the Committee expect to learn at their meeting on 22nd inst., that substantial sums have been collected in each case:- Messrs John Mullett, Joseph Cummins, John Sinnott, Laurence Lacey, P. J. Nolan, John Banville, and James L. Doyle."

"Confirmed on the motion of Lord Courtown, seconded by Mr Kehoe."

At the meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee of 22nd December 1915, the following recommendation was adopted by Finance & Roads Committee:-

"That the Rate Collectors be informed that the Rate Collection to the present is much behind that of previous years while the Finance & Roads Committee consider it should have been much more forward than in the past for the corresponding period. That we instruct our Secretary to summon the following Collectors to attend the next meeting of Finance & Roads Committee to explain why they have not made more progress with their Collections:- Collectors Sinnott, Mullett, Joseph Cummins, Lacey, and J. L. Doyle."

Confirmed on the motion of Lord Courtown, seconded by Mr Kehoe.

At the meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee of 19th January 1916, the following recommendations were adopted:-

"That in view of the backward state of the Rate Collection we direct the Rate Collectors to proceed against one or two of the largest ratepayers in each of their district electoral Divisions who have, up to the present, declined to pay their rates and which were due on 1st October last.

That Mr Elgee Solicitor, be instructed to appear in some of the cases in order to bring home to ratepayers their responsibilities as to payment.

That our Secretary be instructed to advertise the terms of this resolution in the local papers."

"Confirmed on the motion of Lord Courtown, seconded by Mr Kehoe."

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Lord Courtown, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That in the event of Mr Doyle, failing to forward a satisfactory explanation as to the backward state of his Collection, and of his non-attendance at Finance Meeting to the next meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee, the Committee be recommended to forthwith suspend him from Office."

Withdrawal Government Grants:- At the Meeting of Finance & Roads Committee on 19th January 1916, Mr George A. Moonan, wrote forwarding report of Conference of Gaelic Colleges in connection with proposed withdrawal of Government Grants for Teachers Classes under Section 111 of the Programme of the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction:-

The following recommendation had been adopted by the Committee:-

"That we offer our strongest protest against the action of the Treasury in withdrawing educational grants from Ireland, while increasing these for England. That we call on our Members of Parliament to request the Government to restore these Grants which are so urgently needed for the benefit of Irish Education."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr Scallan, seconded by Mr Kehoe."

Tinnecarrig Quarry:- At the Meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee of 22nd December 1915, the following recommendation was adopted:-

"That the County Surveyor be empowered to open and work quarry at Tinnecarrig."

"Recommendation confirmed on the motion of Mr O'Byrne, seconded by Mr Kehoe."

The Recruiting Movement:- The following recommendation was adopted at the meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee of 22nd December 1915:-

"That in view of the number of men who have already enlisted, of the number who have left the County to work at Munition factories in England and Scotland and also in Arklow, and to the number who will be required in connection with Munition Works to be established in Wexford. And further owing to increase of tillage in the County which ranks very high in record tillage crops, and to the great scarcity of labour, we consider no further men could be spared for the Army from the Rural Districts or from the town of Wexford. We are anxious to see as many available men as possible join the Army, and will help recruiting in every way consistent with the needs of the County."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr Kehoe, seconded by Mr Cowman."

Mountgarrett Bridge:- At the Meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee of 19th December 1915, the County Surveyor submitted particulars of designs and prices

in connection with erection of new bridge at Mountgarrett:-

The following recommendation was agreed to by the Committee:-

"That we approve of the design of Messrs Waller & Delap, as most suitable for new bridge at Mountgarrett, and that contract, plans, specifications, etc., be arranged for in order that tenders may be invited for the erection of the structure and provided that design of Messrs Waller & Delap receive the approval of County Council of Kilkenny."

"Recommendation confirmed on the motion of Mr Stafford, seconded by Mr Scallan."

Application Remuneration Motor Car Act:- At the meeting of the Finance and Roads Committee of 22nd December 1915, Under date 9th December 1915, Mr C. H. Richards, Assistant in the County Council Offices, applied for remuneration in connection with work performed by him under the "Motor Car Licence Duties Collection Order 1910".

The Finance & Roads Committee made the following recommendation:-

"We recommend the County Council to allow Mr C. H. Richards, a sum per annum of 5 per cent on the five per cent allowed to the County Council by the Road Board on amount of Motor Duty collected in the County to defray cost of Collection, and also 5 per cent on amount received for fees for Registration of Motor Vehicles and Motor Driving Licences. That Mr Richards be responsible for payment of his own travelling expenses should this proposal receive the approval of the County Council. We further recommend that in view of this allowance to Mr Richards he should be made responsible Officer for the collection of motor duty in the County."

"Recommendation confirmed on the motion of Mr Cowman, seconded by Mr Kehoe."

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

"That we authorise Mr C. H. Richards, Assistant in County Council Office, to exercise and perform the powers and duties now vested in Officers of Customs and Excise, as provided by Section 7 & 8 of the Motor Car Licence Duties (Ireland) Collection Order 1910, instead of the Secretary to the County Council."

Irrecoverable Rates Claim Ex-Collector Sullivan:- At the Meeting of Finance & Roads Committee on 22nd December 1915, the following recommendation was adopted:

"That we request Mr J. F. Sullivan to take steps to clear up all outstanding questions in connection with his claims for recoupment of irrecoverable rates."

"Recommendation confirmed on the motion of Mr Cowman, seconded by Mr Codd."

At the Meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee on 19th January 1916, the following recommendation was adopted:-

"That copy of claim for refund of irrecoverable rates in respect of half-year ended 30th September 1915, as furnished by Mr J. F. Sullivan, late Rate Collector be forwarded Enniscorthy Rural District Council, for their observation

"Recommendation confirmed on the motion of Mr Cowman, seconded by Mr Codd."

"The recommendation of Finance & Roads Committee at same meeting agreeing to payment of Irrecoverable Rates Claim by Mr J. F. Sullivan, in respect of half-year ended 31st March 1915, as amended, in view of the report of the Secretary and Rural District Council of Enniscorthy, was confirmed, on the motion of Mr Cowman, seconded by Mr Codd,"

Food & Drugs :- The following Minute from the meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee of 22nd December 1915, was submitted:-

"That Sergeant Michael Doyle R. I. C., (57353) be appointed as Ex-officio Inspector under Food & Drugs Acts for the Petty Sessions District of Enniscorthy and Inspector under Butter & Margarine Act 1907, in connection with Butter & Margarine Factories in the County Wexford, registered under abovementioned Act by the Wexford County Council."

"Recommendation confirmed on the motion of Mr Kehoe, seconded by Mr Stafford".

Courtown Harbour:- The Minutes of Courtown Harbour Committee in respect of Meeting of 10th January, were brought before the Finance & Roads Committee of 19th January 1916, when the following recommendations were adopted:-

"That the Harbour Master at Courtown be empowered to purchase two Wheelbarrows at a cost not exceeding 35/-".

"That we approve of the action of the Courtown Harbour Committee in refusing to pay Messrs pooley & Son, Dublin, annual fee of £2 for regulating and maintaining weighbridge at Courtown Harbour for 1915, as the work was not carried out."

"That the County Surveyor be instructed to have the flooring of Andrew Byrne's house repaired, cost not to exceed £3."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr Cowman, seconded by Mr O'Byrne."

Gorey Streets:- At the Meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee of 15th December 1915, the County Surveyor was authorised to serve a ten days notice on the Contractor for Roads 23, 25 & 173, and 26 Gorey Rural District, as he had refused to carry out the instructions of Mr Paddle, Assistant Surveyor.

"The directions of the Committee in this matter was confirmed on the motion of Mr O'Byrne, seconded by Mr Codd."

Rate Collector's Surety:- The following recommendation of the Finance and Roads Committee of 15th December 1915, was read:-

"That we approve of the name of Mr John McLoughlin, Horetown North, Foulksmills, being substituted on bond for Mr Banville, Rate Collector, vice Mr Patrick Monaghan, deceased."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr Kehoe, seconded by Mr Codd."

Overhanging trees on Roads:- At the meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee on 15th December 1915, the County Surveyor reported that portion of Road 192W was considerably injured by overhanging trees. The Road Contractor declined to proceed against the owner, and wanted the County Council to do so.

"The Committee had decided that they had no power to relieve the Contractor of his responsibility, and the recommendation was confirmed, on the motion of Mr Kehoe, seconded by Mr O'Byrne."

Rating in Arnestown:- At the Meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee on 22nd December 1915, the following recommendation was adopted:-

"That we request Mr E. J. Murphy, Rate Collector, New Ross, to submit full particulars to Mr R. W. Elgee, Solicitor County Council, as to ownership of disputed holdings in Arnestown townland, New Ross E. D., at present apparently rated to Mr J.M. Roche, Talbot Hall, New Ross. That Mr Elgee report to next meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee."

"Confirmed on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Codd."

Leave of Absence:- At the meeting of Finance & Roads Committee on 19th January 1916, the Committee granted 14 days leave of absence to Mr Treanor, Senior Assistant Surveyor, and two days leave of absence each to Secretary and Accountant."

"The decision of the Committee was confirmed on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Scallan."

Xmas Holidays:- At the Meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee on 22nd December 1915, the Committee agreed to give the County Council Clerical Staff holidays from 24th to 28th December inclusive."

"Confirmed on the motion of the Chairman."

Tara Hill Quarry:- In connection with report of County Surveyor at meeting of Finance & Roads Committee of 19th January 1916, the following recommendation had been adopted:-

"That the County Surveyor be instructed to procure new wire rope for tramway at Tara Hill Quarry, as the present one is in a dangerous condition."

"Recommendation confirmed on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr O'Byrne."

Hire of Engines:- At the meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee on 19th January 1916, the following recommendation was adopted:-

"That the Finance & Roads Committee see no objection to Mr Flood's engine being hired for work in a district other than that in which his son- Mr Gerald Flood- acts as Assistant Surveyor."

"Recommendation confirmed on the motion of Mr Kehoe, seconded by Mr Cowman."

Scarawalsh Road:- At the Meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee on 19th January 1916, the following recommendation had been adopted:-

"That the County Surveyor be instructed to proceed with the steamrolling of Scarawalsh road with as little delay as possible."

"Recommendation confirmed on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Lord Courtown."

Road 311E:- At the Meeting of Finance & Roads Committee of 19th January 1916, Mr Treanor, Senior Assistant Surveyor, had reported that on 7th January 1916, he found two loads of material dumped in yard belonging to Mr Michael Furlong, Publican, Chapel. The Road Contractor's workman had put it there without the knowledge of the Contractor, and Mr Treanor had arranged to have it put back on the road.

The Finance & Roads Committee had made the following recommendation:-

"That Mr Elgee be instructed to call the attention of the Contractor- Mrs Kate O'Gorman- and Michael Furlong, Chapel, to the letter of Mr Treanor, relative to material taken from Road 311E."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr Stafford, seconded by Mr Kehoe."

Proposals for Works.

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

"That the several proposals for Works as submitted by the Proposal Committee and as appearing on Form 20 be and are hereby approved, subject to modifications and other orders noted thereon and initialled by the Chairman."

Proposals for Payment.

Proposed by Mr Barry, seconded by Mr Stafford:-

"That the several proposals for payment submitted by the Proposal Committee and recommended by the Finance & Roads Committee and dealing with matters other than public works be and are hereby approved, subject to the modifications and other orders noted thereon, and initialled by the Chairman."

"Passed"

Road 42W.

Under date 4th December 1916, the following letter was read from Messrs Huggard & Brennan, Solicitors, Wexford:-

"Mr James Keating, Baldwinstown, Bridgetown, has called on us and handed us your letter of the 2nd inst., informing him that the provisional contract entered into with him by the Wexford Rural District Council for the repair of Road No. 42W, as from the 31st March 1916, to 31st March 1923, was cancelled.

Our client perfected the contract with the district Council in the usual manner and understood that it would be sanctioned by the County Council as a matter of course.

We understand that the County Council have made a Rule that no objection to a Contractor will be entertained unless the Contractor objected to gets notice of the objection.

In this case our client got no notice of the objection, and did not know such objection was coming before the County Council, and was not, therefore represented as he would have been had he known the objection was coming on.

We cannot help thinking that under these circumstances our client has been rather harshly treated, and particularly as he has been an excellent contractor for this particular road, which we are sure the County Surveyor will bear out, and we would ask you, therefore, to kindly bring this matter before the County Council, as we are sure in their usual fairminded way they will see that justice is done to our client."

This letter was brought before the meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee on 15th December 1915, when it was decided to send copy of letter of Messrs Huggard & Brennan to Messrs O'Connor & Co., Solicitors, for Mrs Ellen Byrne."

Under date 17th December 1915, the following was read from Messrs O'Connor & Co., Solicitors:-

"We are in receipt of your letter of 15th inst., which we have forwarded to our Client.

Mr Hearn proposed:- "That in future the County Council will not consider any opposition to Contracts for roads and works provisionally accepted by R. D. Councils unless the persons opposing serve three clear days' notice on the accepted Contractor and his sureties of intention to oppose and also serve a copy of said notice on the Secretary of the County Council prior to the meeting at which the question of accepting contracts will be considered."

Mr Doyle seconded the resolution which was adopted.

Mr Doyle proposed, Mr Barry seconded, and it was passed--

"That our Secretary be instructed to place the facts of this case before the Wexford R. D. Council and inform them that had they known that proper notice had not been served on Mr Keating in connection with opposition to Road 42W they would not have cancelled the Contract. They recommended that the District Council accept Mr Keating's tender in April if he tenders at the same figure as in his cancelled contract."

Mares for War Purposes.

Proposed by Mr Doyle, seconded by Mr James Codd, and adopted:-

"That the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction be requested to interest themselves in having an order issued by the War Office empowering their buyers to purchase for Army purposes Mares unsuitable for breeding, barren Mares, and Mares which are not required by farmers."

Co Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction.

On the motion of Mr Stafford, seconded by Mr Cowman, the name of Mr Patrick Byrne, Hillcastle, Taghat, was added to the County Wexford Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction vice Mr Edmond Doyle, Broadway, resigned."

Alleged Malicious Burning at Carrigmannon.

Under date 25th January 1916, the following report was read from Mr R.W. Elgee, Solicitor to the County Council:-

"I have to report to you that in the above Malicious Injury Claims, the County Court Judge gave decrees as follows:- £350 to Major Bryan for the premises, and £770 to Capt A.L. Bryan, for the value of the furniture, etc., there which was burnt.

I have served notice of appeal for the next Assizes as I consider that the evidence as to malice or wantonness is very slight, and the decision may be reversed on Appeal, or else the amount reduced.

With reference to Capt Bryan's claim, he only produced an Inventory of the furniture at the hearing, when there was no opportunity to go through and

check same, but if the appeal goes on, I am serving notice on his Solicitors to send me a copy of the Inventory so that I may be in a position to dispute the values he places on the articles with a view, if the Assize Judge agrees with the County Court Judge, to have amount reduced.

The whole claim is as you have possibly seen by the papers, put on the County at Large."

The following resolution of New Ross Rural District Council adopted at a meeting of the Council on 22nd January 1916, was read:-

"That we protest against the levying of the compensation awarded to Capt and Major Bryan, in connection with the burning at Carrigmannon, on the County-at-Large, and we call on the Wexford County Council to appeal it.6

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

"That we approve of the action of our Solicitor in appealing against malicious injury claim by Major and Capt L. A. Bryan. That the question of retaining Mr T. M. Healy K. C., to represent the County Council on the appeal at the forthcoming Assizes be considered at next meeting of Finance & Roads Committee."

In connection with the subject of compensation of criminal Injuries the following letter under date 4th January 1916, was read from the Secretary to the Down County Council:-

"At the recent meeting of the Down County Council, the matter of the heavy claims for compensation for malicious injuries, amounting to more than £11,000 which were awarded against this County in cases in which the properties had been duly insured against Fire, was considered. The County Council unanimously resolved to approach the several Members of Parliament for the County with a view to having the law affecting Ireland in this matter amended and brought into line with the practice prevailing in Great Britain. At the same time they requested that the other County Councils in Ireland be communicated with, and asked to co-operate in endeavouring to effect such amendment in the Law.

In accordance with these directions, I, therefore, write you on the subject."

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

"That we are prepared to give every assistance to the Down Co Council in their endeavour to have the law as regards compensation for criminal Injury in Ireland assimilated to that of England."

Ferryarrig Bridge.

Under date 23rd December 1915, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 67475-1915, Wexford County) that they would raise no objection to the proposed payments to be made by the Wexford County Council to Mr Colhoun, Contractor for Ferryarrig Bridge. The Local Government Board noted that the payments were being made in accordance with the advice of the County Council Solicitor.

"No Order"

Superannuation-Mr J. F. Sullivan, Ex-Collector.

Under date 8th January 1916, the Local Government Board forwarded Sealed Order approving of the proposed superannuation of £20 per annum to Mr J. F. Sullivan, ex Rate Collector.

"No Order"

Sheep Dipping-Appointment of Inspectors.

Under date 1st December 1915, the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction (V. B.) wrote letter No. 4302 and 4303 relative to appointment of Inspectors of Sheep Dipping.

Under date 8th January 1916, the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction (V.B.) wrote letter No 231-16, relative to the appointment of Inspectors under Sheep Dipping Order. The Department considered the time had arrived to take definite steps to determine the needs of each Local Authority's District in the matter of appointing Inspectors.

The importance of effective supervision of sheep dipping would the Department hoped be generally recognised by each Local Authority, and they did not anticipate it would be necessary to put in force their compulsory powers for the appointment of Inspectors. The question of the actual requirements of each district in the matter of supervision should engage the attention of the Local Authority as soon as possible so that proposals should be submitted to the Department in good time to allow of appointments being made previous to 1st June next.

The Department suggested that the matter should be dealt with by a Committee who would be empowered to communicate directly with the Department.

One of the causes of delay in appointing Inspectors had been the difficulty of carrying out systematic supervision in face of the latitude

permitted to sheep owners with regard to the place and time of dipping. This objection the Department propose to remove immediately by the issue of an Order which will have the effect of enabling any Local Authority, if they so wish, to make Regulations for their district requiring the dippings prescribed by the Sheep Dipping Order to be carried out under such conditions and at such times and places as the Local Authority may direct."

In connection with this matter the following resolution was submitted from the Meeting of the County Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction, of 26th January 1916:-

"That in view of the small number of reports of outbreaks of Sheep Scab received from our Veterinary Inspectors, and to the necessity of practising economy owing to the War, we request the County Council to ask the Department not to insist upon the Council appointing Sheep Dipping Inspectors. The Council employed the services of Inspectors for some years, but owing to the latitude allowed to sheep owners to carry out dipping the Inspectors were found of little practical utility. We suggest that arrangement should be made by which the dipping could be supervised by the Constabulary as is customary in England, as otherwise the supervision will be inefficient owing to the number of persons who should be employed to have it effectively carried out."

"Recommendation confirmed on the motion of Mr Scallan, seconded by Mr Barry

Road 15G

At the Meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee of 15th December 1915, the following recommendation as to steamrolling Road 15G (Camolin Streets) was adopted:-

"That we authorise an advance of money to the County Surveyor pending receipt of grant from the Road Board on Road 15G and subject to the sanction of the Local Government Board."

Under date 4th January 1916, the Local Government Board wrote, (letter No. 67,747 : 1915, Wexford County) that they would raise no objection to the temporary utilisation of money from the County Fund to enable the work on Road 15G (Gorey Rural District) to be finished provided the operations are brought to completion before the end of the current financial year.

"On the motion of Lord Courtown, seconded by the Chairman, the recommendation of the Committee was confirmed."

Ballyhack Harbour Works.

Under date 6th December 1915, the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction wrote letter (No. 5229-15, F. B.) that as regards the work at Ballyhack Harbour it was desirable to reduce the size of the scour gap with a view to prevent boats in the dock from being endangered by the run of the tide, thus reducing the size of the gap from 420 square feet to 184 square feet, and the depth of water from 5 feet below high water to a depth of 3 feet 6 inches below high water. It was anticipated that the funds available would be sufficient to cover the cost of the proposed work, and the Department would be glad to know if the County Council concur in its being carried out.

This letter was considered by the Finance & Roads Committee on 22nd December 1915, when the County Surveyor having stated he approved of the alteration proposed by the Department the following recommendation was agreed To:-

"That having heard the views of our County Surveyor in connection with alterations in works at Ballyhack Harbour proposed by the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction, we recommend the County Council to offer no objection to the proposal of the Department provided that no further contribution be needed from the rates to carry out the work."

"The recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed on the motion of Mr Stafford, seconded by Mr Kehoe."

Accidents on Roads.

Under date 8th December 1915, the following letter was read from Messrs M. J. O'Connor & Co., Solicitors:-

"We are instructed by Mr Wm Murphy, of Coolamain, that on Saturday 27th November, when he was going from Wexford with a load of coal and meal on his car to his house at Bleechlands, Coolamain, he was leading his horse and car with his right hand in the reins and on the left hand side of the horse, and when passing the depot at Coolamain he was tripped by the stones being out too far on the traffic way of the road, with the result that he was thrown under the horse and car, his left hand came under the wheel, and as there was half a ton weight on the car at the time, the poor man's thumb was taken off ^{Being} from the knuckle. When the wound was ^{Being} dressed he was unconscious and since then he has been in great pain.

He was accompanied here by Mrs Philip Browne, of Bleechlands, Coolamain, who was throwing out stones for Mr Nolan, and who can testify also that the stones were in a dangerous way upon the road at the depot in Bleechlands.

They extended out upon the road so that only 7 feet of road was left for traffic, which is entirely too small and shows the road is dangerous. The depot should have been in ~~24~~ feet and that would have left still 2 feet from the watercourse. In other words, the depot is out two and a half feet too much. But the result of the negligence and the wrongful acts of whoever is to blame is that Mr Murphy was very near being killed, and lost his thumb as a matter of fact.

We shall thank you to let us hear from you as to what you say about paying him reasonable compensation for his loss and damage."

The Finance & Roads Committee at their meeting on 15th December had considered this letter, and made the following recommendation:-

"That the letter of Messrs O'Connor & Co., Solicitors, on behalf of Wm Murphy, Coolamain, claiming compensation for personal injuries at road depot at Coolamain, be referred to the County Surveyor, and Mr Elgee, Solicitor, with instructions to communicate with Messrs Coyle & Co., Dublin, who have effected accident insurance policies on behalf of the County Council, and with instructions to Mr Elgee, Solicitor, to take steps to defend any legal action which may be taken against the County Council."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr Kehoe, seconded by Mr Codd."

"Mr R. W. Elgee, Solicitor to the Co Council, reported that the case had been heard before the County Court Judge at Wexford Quarter Sessions and Judgment had been reserved."

Under date 6th December 1915, the following letter was read from Messrs Huggard & Brennan, Solicitors, Wexford, on behalf of Mr George Browne:-

"We are instructed by Mr George Browne, of Sudley Cottage, Kyle, that on Tuesday the 7th inst., he was driving over the new bridge about mid-day with a mare and empty car, his brother Michael was with him. When passing over the draw-arch, a plank broke off, and the mare's foreleg went through the arch. She fell and her leg was skinned and her eye also out, and the shaft of the car broken.

Mr Malone V. S., saw the Mare and he states it will be impossible to say at present whether the Mare had suffered more serious injuries.

We understand that immediately after the accident, Mr Redmond, Tinraheen who is a member of your Council, came upon the scene, and he saw the holes in the bridge and the state of the timber, and we are sure if Mr Redmond is at the meeting he will give your Council full particulars.

We would feel obliged if you would let us know if your Council is prepared to compensate our client, and as Mr Malone V. S., saw the Mare we are satisfied to leave it to him to say what amount of compensation our client should receive.

The thing occurring at this particular time is a very great loss to our client, as he was earning 7/- or 8/- a day with the Mare drawing timber."

The matter had been considered by the Finance & Roads Committee meeting of 15th December 1915, when the following recommendation had been adopted:-

"That the letter of Messrs Huggard & Brennan, on behalf of Mr George Browne, Sudley Cottage, Kyle, claiming compensation for injury to a Mare at Wexford Bridge, be referred to the County Surveyor, and Mr Elgee Solicitor, with instructions to communicate with Messrs Coyle & Co., Dublin, who have effected accident insurance policies on behalf of the County Council, and with instructions to Mr Elgee, Solicitor, to take steps to defend any legal action which may be taken against the Council."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr Kehoe, seconded by Mr Codd."

Foot & Mouth Disease.

Under date 1st December 1915, the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction wrote (letter No. 4302 and 4303-1915 V B.,) forwarding "Foot & Mouth Disease (Ireland) Order of 1915" which had been made with the object of facilitating procedure in connection with any future outbreaks of Foot & Mouth disease in Ireland.

In effect the Order consolidated the several restrictive measures that had been customary on the occurrence of an outbreak of the disease to enact with regard to the locality of the outbreak and provides for application of such measures by means of Orders defining the district or area in which they are to apply.

"The Secretary stated that as suggested by the Department a summary of the Order was published in the three local papers as an advertisement."

Marked "Read"

New Ross School Attendance Committee.

Under date 30th December 1915, the following letter was read from the Clerk to New Ross Rural District School Attendance Committee:-

"The Rural District School Attendance Committee at their last Meeting accepted the resignation of Mr John Aspel, as School Attendance Officer for the entire District, and decided to appoint at their next meeting which is to be held on the 27th January 1916, two persons as formerly, to act as School

Attendance Officers for the Northern and Southern Districts, respectively.

They however considered that they ought to increase the salary for the positions to £26 a year each, instead of £25, and are issuing advertisements accordingly. They presume that the County Council will offer not objection to this increase of £2 a year under the heading of salaries, as it is almost unavoidable. Even the increased Salary is still very small."

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

"That the County Council as Local Authority have no objection to the increase by £2 per annum in the salaries of School Attendance Officers of New Ross R. D. School Attendance Committee, in view of the terms of their letter of 30th December 1915."

Cinematograph Act 1909.

Under date 30th December 1915, Very Rev Canon Sheridan, P. P., Ramsgrange, applied for licence under above Act for St Joseph's Hall Ramsgrange.

The County Surveyor reported that the premises were arranged to comply with the terms of the Act.

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

"That licence under Cinematograph Act be granted to Very Rev Canon Sheridan, P. P., for St Joseph's Hall, Ramsgrange."

Coolnahorna Quarry.

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

"That the Seal of the Wexford County Council be affixed to Indenture between John Pierce of Coolnahorna, Enniscorthy, and the Wexford County Council to enable the County Council to procure road material from quarry at Coolnahorna

Red Cross Sale.

The following resolution was received from Dublin County Council:-

"That we, the Members of the Dublin County Council, are of opinion that the time has arrived when a special All Ireland Red Cross Sale should be inaugurated in every County for the benefit of the wounded soldiers who have fought in defence of our homes and country. We suggest that such County Red Cross day should be held on 2nd March, and we appeal to all farmers and others throughout the country to aid and assist in this most deserving object.

That copies of this resolution be sent to all County Councils in

Ireland, and to the Rural District Councils, and poor Law Boards in County Dublin."

"On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Lord Courtown, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the Secretary Dublin County Council be informed that Red Cross Sale Days have been already arranged for the County Wexford."

Poisons & Pharmacy Act.

Application for licence under Poisons & Pharmacy Act was received from Mr Matthew Harte, Campile."

"Granted on the motion of Mr Kehoe, seconded by Mr Stafford."

Prohibition Movement Irish Cattle.

Under date 12th January 1916, a resolution was received from Tipperary (S.R) County Council, calling the attention of the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction to regulations adopted by the County Council of West Sussex prohibiting the movement into the County of West Sussex of animals landed from Ireland since 28th November 1915, and protesting against such uncalled for action considering that Ireland has been for so long entirely free from Foot & Mouth Disease."

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

"That we associate ourselves in the protest made by the South Tipperary Co Council as to prohibition of introduction of Irish Cattle into West Sussex and request the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction to use their influence to have the Order cancelled."

Imprisonment Irish Volunteers.

Under date 22nd November 1915, the O'Rahilly wrote calling attention to the report of trial of Mr Desmond Fitzgerald, who had been sentenced to six months imprisonment under the "Defence of Realm Act" and suggesting that if there were ever a time when Irish Elected representatives should demand an amnesty for Irish victims, this is the time.

On the motion of Mr Stafford, seconded by Mr O'Byrne, the following resolution was adopted:- "That the Lord Lieutenant be requested to reconsider the sentences imposed on Irish Volunteers under the Defence of the Realm Act, in view of the manner in which Ireland has come to the assistance of the British Empire in the present life and death struggle. We consider it would be to the best interests of the Country if the orders for imprisonment of Irish Volunteers were cancelled."

Conscription.

A resolution was read from Kerry County Council protesting against any attempt to impose conscription in Ireland, particularly owing to the shortage of labour.

"No Order"

National Insurance Act.

A resolution was read from Roscommon Co Council, calling for the repeal of the National Insurance Act, so far as it relates to the Rural Districts of Ireland, as it is almost a useless expense to the local rates, and to the workers as well as to the State,

The Chairman proposed:- "That in view of our experience of the working of the National Health Insurance Act, we consider that it requires very substantial Amendment in order to have it efficiently and satisfactorily worked in the rural districts."

Mr Stafford seconded.

"Passed".

Assistant Surveyors' Examination

Under date 25th January 1916, the Local Government Board wrote, (letter No. 9M-1916) that an Examination of Candidates for qualification as Assistant Surveyors in Ireland, would be held at the Custom House, Dublin, on Thursday and Friday, 2nd and 3rd March respectively.

Marked "Read"

Temporary Staff.

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

"That the Secretary be empowered to engage the services of a temporary clerical staff for the purpose of writing up Rate Books and Rate Collectors Receipt and Demand Notes."

Separation Allowances.

Under date 26th January 1916, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 4M-1916 Circular, Local Authorities) enclosing copies of Army Order No. 367-15, prescribing amended regulations for the issue of separation allowances.

The communication from the Local Government Board explained the provisions of the new Order.

"No Order"

Wild Birds Protection Act.

Under date 3rd January 1916, the Under Secretary wrote transmitting copy of the Dublin Gazette of 31st December 1915 containing an Order made by His Excellency under the Wild Birds Protection Act, 1894, prohibiting the taking

or destroying of the eggs of any species of Wild Birds throughout the Saltee Isl
Islands and Keeragh Islands, for the space of five years from 1st March 1916."

"No Orders"

Prosecution-Road Contractors.

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

"That the County Surveyor be empowered to prosecute the following
Road Contractors, or take up their roads under the 54th section adopting which-
ever course he considers most desirable:-

Enniscorthy District:- 213E John Whitty, 212E John Whitty, 224E John Whitty,
280 Ed Maddock, 52E 104, 176, 179, 248 Michael Cullen, 308 M. Ryan, 279 D.
Corrigan.

Gerey District:- 13 Patrick Mordaunt, 24A John Fitzpatrick, 139G Peter
Byrne, 155G David Doyle, 165 John Woodbyrne, 15 John Fanning, 183G, 179G
James O'Brien, 43G John Flynn, 72G James Murphy, 136G, 142G Patrick Mordaunt,
70G Michael Hughes, 8G, 55G Edward Staunton."

(Signed) Counton
Presiding Chairman.

Dated this 5th day of April 1916

MEETING.-5th APRIL 1916.

A Meeting of the Wexford County Council, was held in the Co Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford, on 5th April 1916.

Present:- Lord Courtown, and subsequently Mr J. J. Stafford, presiding.
Also:- Messrs Mark Codd, P. Whelan, A. Kinsella, M. Cloney, J. Redmond, John J. O'Byrne, James A. Doyle, J. T. Mayler, P. Keating, James Codd.

Lord Courtown was moved to the Chair, on the motion of Mr Kinsella, seconded by Mr Whelan.

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 signed.

Death of Mrs M. A. Ennis.

Proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Mr Stafford, and adopted nam con:

"That we offer to our late colleague -Mr M. A. Ennis- our heartfelt condolence in the sad loss sustained by him in the death of his wife, and direct our Secretary to forward Mr Ennis a copy of this resolution."

Striking of Rate.

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

"That we hereby strike the Rate for General and Separate Charges for year 1916-7, as agreed to at the meeting of the County Council on 2nd February 1916, and allow and make the same, as assessed in the Rate Books, said rate 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 this 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 sealed and signed in the same manner as the Rate Books.

That the Demands of the Urban Councils of Enniscorthy, New Ross, and Wexford, be duly signed and sealed, the amounts demanded from above Urban

District Councils after allowing for credit items being:+

District.	Co. Charges.	UnionCharges	Separate Charges	Total.
Enniscorthy	600. 11. 0	560. 10. 2	25. 19. 6	1187 . 0. 8
New Ross	574. 10. 3	876. 15. 9	27. 14. 2	1479. 0. 2
Wexford.	1246. 2. 8	1126. 19. 11		1375. 2. 7

Naval and Military War Pensions Local Committee.

Circulars were received from the Statutory Committee, Royal Patriotic Fund Corporation as to the establishment under the above Act of a Local Committee.

The Corporation also forwarded draft of a model Scheme.

The Secretary stated that as suggested by the Secretary to the Corporation, he was endeavouring through the police and through the Sailors and Soldiers Families Association, to obtain an estimate of the widows, children and other dependents of deceased soldiers in the various parts of the County.

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

"That a local Committee under the Naval and Military War Pensions etc., Act 1815, be formed, the number of which is to be 31, made up as follows:-

Appointed by County Council	16
Soldiers & Sailors Families' Association	5
Women's National Health Association	3
St Vincent de Paul Society	3
Representatives of Urban Labour	2
National Trade & Labour League	2
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That the model Scheme as submitted by the Royal Patriotic Fund Corporation, be adopted."

Defaulting Land Purchase Annuitants.

Under date 6th March 1916, the Irish Land Commission forwarded for the information of the County Council, a list of defaulting Land Purchase

Annuitants against whom legal proceedings had been directed for the recovery of the instalment due on 1st November and the 1st December last, in respect of advances made under the Acts of 1891-6, and 1903-9, respectively. The non-payment in time of the instalments had involved a charge upon the County Rates.

Under date 1st March 1916, the Local Government Board wrote, (letter No. 5660-1916, Miscellaneous) that the sums withdrawn from the Guarantee Fund, were less than the repayments made to the Fund by £599. 6. 10d, and this amount would be added to the share of the County in the Estate Duty Grant.

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

"That the Secretary be instructed to ascertain from the Land Commission the names of defaulting annuitants who have paid up to the 1st May, and that the County Council consider the advisability of publishing the list of defaulters remaining after 1st May."

Sale of Food & Drugs Acts.

Under date 30th March 1916, the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction, (letter No. G. 1293-16) wrote that five samples of butter purchased at New Ross on 10th February, and six samples at Enniscorthy on 11th February proved on analysis to be pure.

Marked "Read"

Collection of Motor Duty.

The following reply from the Local Government Board, under date 24th February (No. 8937-1916, Wexford Co.,) was read in connection with a query as to whether persons who used their Motor vehicles exclusively for hire were obliged under section 29 of 32 and 33 Vic., cap 14, to enter in a book the description of the carriages they had for hire, and names and addresses of the persons to whom they are hired, with the dates of hiring:-

"With reference to your letter of the 17th instant, on the subject of the enforcement of Motor Car licence duty in the County of Wexford, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to state that they note from an opinion of Counsel which was obtained at the instance of your County Council in 1914, that the view is expressed that a motor car kept for hire is exempt from this duty, though Counsel qualifies this view by a statement that the

question involves a point by no means clear,.

The County Council, should, however, in considering claims for exemption give careful attention to the terms of section 4 of the Customs and Inland Revenue Act 1888. It will be observed that the terms "carriage" therein used does not include:-

1.- A wagon, cart, etc., used solely for "the conveyance of any goods or burden in the course of trade or husbandry" and having the name and place of abode of the person keeping it painted thereon,

2.- A "Hackney Carriage" i. e., "any carriage standing or plying for hire", any carriage let for hire by a coachmaker or other person whose trade or business it is to sell carriages or to let carriages for hire, provided that such carriage is not let for a period amounting to three months or more."

The Board, in the absence of a competent legal decision on the specific point raised in your letter, would prefer not to express a definite opinion as to the application of the Section of the Act of 1869 referred to by you. If the County Council find it impossible to administer their duties successfully without recourse to the Section, possibly they might deem it well to have the point decided by means of a test case."

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

"That Mr E. Lamphier, Bank of Ireland, Gorey, be prosecuted for not paying Motor duty, and keeping a register of the hiring of his motor car."

Estate Duty Grant.

Under date 23rd March 1916, the Local Government Board wrote forwarding a Pay Order with Schedule for payment of £1925, 18. 4, being the second instalment in respect of Estate Duty Grant, on behalf of the Boards of Guardians included in the County for year ended March 1916,

Under date 23rd March, the Local Government Board forwarded Pay Order for £1742. 1. 5 the second instalment for Estate Duty to the County Council as Road Authority for the year ended 31 st March 1916.

Marked "Read"

Medical & Educational Grant.

Under date 11th March 1916, the Local Government Board wrote forwarding Pay Order for £871. 7. 1d balance in respect of expenditure incurred for Medical and Educational Purposes by the Boards of Guardians of Unions in

the County Wexford. Owing to the insufficiency of the Local Taxation Fund to meet the full liability on it a proportionate abatement on the full amount of the grant was made.

Marked "Read"

Tuberculosis Grant.

Under date 10th March 1916, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 69032-1915, Wexford County) that they had given instructions for the issue of a Paying Order for £62 from the Exchequer Maintenance Grant on account of the half-year to 31st March last. The final payment for the year would be made on the certificate of the Auditor.

Marked "Read"

Reports of L. G. Auditors.

Under date 28th March the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 13448-1916) forwarding reports of their Auditor on his audit of the Accounts of the District Asylum Enniscorthy, in respect of the half-year ended September 1915.

Marked "Read"

Under date 2nd March 1916, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 10626-1916) forwarding report of their Auditor on his audit of the accounts of Wexford Rural District Council in respect of half-year ended September 1915.

Marked "Read"

Under date 2nd March 1916, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 10627-1916, Wexford Union) forwarding report of their Auditor of his audit of the accounts of Wexford Union for half-year ended 30th September 1915.

Marked "Read"

Under date 20th March 1916, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 12733) forwarding report of their Auditor on his audit of the Accounts of Gorey Union for half-year ended 30th September 1915.

Marked "Read"

Under date 20th March 1916, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 12734-1916 Gorey Rural District) forwarding copy of report of their Auditor on his audit of the accounts of Gorey Rural District Council, for half-year ended 30th September 1915.

Marked "Read"

Under date 22nd March 1916, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 11570-1916, Wexford County Infirmary) forwarding copy of report of their Auditor on his audit of the Accounts of County Wexford Infirmary in respect

of the half-year ended 30th September 1915.

The following recommendation from the Finance & Roads Committee was read:-

"That the Committee of Management of the County Wexford Infirmary be asked for their observations on the report of the Auditor of the L. G. Board in respect of the period to 30th September 1915."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr Cloney, seconded by Mr Redmond."

General Cattle Diseases Fund.

Under date 16th March 1916, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 8751-1916, Miscellaneous) assessing upon the County Wexford a sum of £410. 6. 2, under the 71st Section of Diseases of Animals Acts, as adapted, for recoupment of the General Cattle Diseases Fund.

Marked "Read"

Enniscorthy R. D. School Attendance Committee.

Under date 6th March 1916, a letter was read from the National Education Office, stating that the period of service of the School Attendance Committee of the Enniscorthy Rural District would terminate on 31st May 1916, and asking to be furnished with particulars as to the persons appointed by the County Council to be members of a new Committee from 1st June 1916.

Under date 6th March 1916 a letter was read from the Enniscorthy R. D. Council recommending the following to be appointed on the new Committee:-

L. Harte, Clonroche.

Thomas Cleary, Ballyvake, Edermine.

T. Hayes, Court Street, Enniscorthy.

P. J. Bowe, Kiltcally, Enniscorthy.

J. Hall, Boolavogue.

On the motion of Mr Stafford, seconded by Mr Kinsella, the representatives recommended by the Enniscorthy Rural District Council, were appointed, as the representatives of the County Council on Enniscorthy R. D. School Attendance Committee."

Gorey R. D. School Attendance Committee.

Under date 13th March 1916, the Secretary, Gorey Rural District School Attendance Committee, wrote that at the meeting of his Committee held on 11th March, a motion to increase the salaries of the two School Attendance Officers and the Secretary by £5 each, were carried, making the salaries of the School Attendance Officers £25 each, and of the Secretary £15."

The Finance & Roads Committee recommended that the action of the Gorey

Rural District School Attendance Committee be confirmed, and this recommendation was confirmed on the motion of Mr Stafford, seconded by Mr Kinsella."

Poisons & Pharmacy Act.

An application for a licence under the Poisons & Pharmacy Act was read from Mr William Keating, Taghmon.

"On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Cloney, the following resolution was adopted:-

That licence under Poisons & Pharmacy Act be issued to Mr Wm Keating, Taghmon."

Irish County Councils General Council.

Under date 21st March 1916, a letter was read from Mr A. Keogh-Nolan, Secretary, stating that the Spring Meeting of the Irish Co Councils General Council, would be held on 28th April 1916, and that notice of any matters for discussion should reach him not later than 14th April.

Marked "Read"

West Sussex County Council.

Under date 23rd February 1916, the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction wrote (No. D.194-16) that as a result of representations the West Sussex County Council had passed a resolution in virtue of which the Regulations prohibiting the movement into that County of Animals landed from Ireland had been revoked as from 6th March 1916.

Marked "Read"

Butter & Margarine Act.

Under date 3rd February 1916, (letter No. G-413-16) was read from the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction, forwarding copies of the "Twelfth List" of names approved by them for use in connection with Margarine.

Marked "Read"

Irish Financial Relations.

Under date 16th March 1916, the Hon Secs., Irish Financial Relations Committee, wrote forwarding for adoption by the Council of resolutions protesting against the over taxation of Ireland which had been passed at a public meeting in the Dublin Mansion House, on 29th February.

Resolutions on the same subject adopted by the Dublin Corporation at their meeting on 6th March, was also brought forward.

Mr Kinsella proposed:- "That the resolutions received from the Irish Financial Relations Committee and the Dublin Corporation as regards

the overtaxation of Ireland be consigned to the waste paper basket. That we desire to record our unabated and implicit confidence in Mr J. E. Redmond, M. P., and the Irish Parliamentary party and are quite satisfied to leave the guidance of the Irish Cause in their hands as in the past."

"Mr Keating seconded the resolution which was passed, Mr O'Byrne dissenting."

Action for Personal Injury.

Mr Elgee, Solicitor, reported that at the New Ross Quarter Sessions, the County Court Judge had given a decree against the County Council in the case of *Murphy v County Council* for personal injury caused by tripping over a heap of stones which protruded from a depot over the travelling surface. He had considered it wise to serve notice of appeal.

The following recommendation from the Finance & Roads Committee was read--

"That we approve of the action of Mr Elgee in appealing in the case of *Murphy v Co Council* for personal injury."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr Cloney, seconded by Mr Redmond."

Blackstairs & Bantry Commons Ratings.

Mr Elgee reported that as regards disputed ratings on Blackstairs and Bantry Commons, the County Court Judge had decided that they were the property of the Crown, and therefore not liable for rates. He considered it advisable to appeal in this case.

The following recommendation from the Finance & Roads Committee was received:-

"That we approve of the action of our Solicitor in appealing against the decision of the County Court Judge as to Blackstairs and Bantry Commons Ratings."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr Whelan, seconded by Mr Redmond."

Fraudulent Conversion of Road Material.

The County Surveyor brought before the meeting a report from Mr John Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor, as to the taking of road material from Road No. 154W-Contractor Michael Brien- and report from Mr Thomas Treanor, Senior Assistant Surveyor, as to the taking of road material from 95E-Thomas Finn, Contractor--

The following recommendation from the Finance & Roads Committee was read:-

such
"That Mr Elgee take/proceedings as he may consider desirable

against Michael Brien, contractor for road 154W, and Thomas Finn, contractor for Road 95E, and the several persons involved, as per the letter of Mr Treanor, Senior Assistant Surveyor under date 31st March 1916."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr Cloney, seconded by Mr Redmond."

Mountgarrett Bridge.

In connection with the question of payment to the contractor for building proposed new bridge at Mountgarrett, the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Stafford, seconded by Mr Cloney:-

"That the Wexford County Council are prepared to contribute their moiety in respect of the cost of erection of new bridge at Mountgarrett to the contractor on the certificate of the engineer appointed by the joint Counties of Kilkenny and Wexford, to supervise the work of construction of the bridge."

Interference with Road Material.

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

"That in all cases of alleged fraudulent dealing with road material the County Surveyor be empowered in future to consult with Mr Elgee, Solicitor, to take the necessary steps to prosecute all parties responsible subject to confirmation of his action at next available meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee."

Hire of Stonebreakers.

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

"That the County Surveyor be authorised to hire a stonebreaker should he find it necessary, in order to provide sufficient road material for contractors"

Duplicate Pay Order.

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

"That our Secretary be instructed to issue duplicate Pay Orders in the following cases (Subsidiary Account) as originals do not appear to have been received by the Payees No. 821 - £2. 6. 3d No. 834 - 16/8 827.-£1. 3. 4d and 833.- 13/4. That notice of estoppel of original orders be served on the Treasurer of the County Council."

Gorey Road Contractors.

Under date 26th February 1916, the following letter was read from Messrs Huggard & Brennan, Solicitors:-

"We have been consulted by a number of Road Contractors residing in the neighbourhood of Gorey who inform us that they have been particularly hard hit in the performance of their contracts by reason of the extreme difficulty of obtaining labour and also the increased cost of materials.

As you and your Council are of course aware, a tremendous lot of the labour of the County, particularly of the Northern parts, is employed in the Munition Works at Arklow, and we think it will be freely admitted that in many instances the condition of affairs now is vastly different to what it was when these Contractors entered into their contracts with the Council.

We would, therefore, feel obliged if you would kindly put this matter on your Agenda for next meeting, and if the Council will be good enough to give us an opportunity of being heard on behalf of the Contractors, we think it is quite possible that some reasonable method of relief, to what is an undoubted grievance through no fault of either party could be evolved."

This matter was before the meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee on the 15th March 1916, when the following recommendation was agreed to:-

"That the letter of Messrs Huggard & Brennan, Solicitors, Wexford, under date 26th February 1916, be referred to the County Council. That the County Council be informed the Finance & Roads Committee have gone fully into this matter and recommend the Council not to interfere with the provisions of any Contracts into which they have entered."

Proposed by Mr Cloney, seconded by Mr Doyle, and adopted:-

"That no action be taken as regards the letter of Messrs Huggard & Brennan, under date 26th February 1916, as regards Gorey Road Contractors."

Finance & Roads Committee recommendations.

The following recommendations from Finance & Roads Committee were laid before the Meeting:-

Rate Collection:- "That our Secretary communicate with the Collectors who have not up to the 12th February, collected at least 35 per cent of their Collections and inform them that the Finance & Roads Committee expect that these Collectors will make considerable progress in their Collections by next meeting of the Committee."

"That Messrs Mullett, and Doyle, Rate Collectors, be directed to attend the monthly meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee in April next, to explain their present methods of collection."

"That Mr Elgee, Solicitor, report to April meeting of the Finance &

Roads Committee if he considers any responsibility is thrown on the Council in the event of a Guarantee Society not being informed that Collectors are not carrying out their duties with "due diligence" and according to the terms of their bond."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr Cloney, seconded by Mr Redmond."

Under date 20th March 1916, letter was received from Mr Elgee, Solicitor, with reference to above, and was referred to meeting of Finance & Roads Committee.

Kilmore Pier:- That the County Surveyor be instructed to communicate with Mr A. D. Delap, Engineer, and point out to him that the Finance & Roads Committee consider that the work of examining the foundations of Pier at Kilmore should not be undertaken until about the end of March or first of April, provided the weather be suitable."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr Cloney, seconded by Mr Redmond."

Road Machinery:- "That we empower the County Surveyor to examine the wagons offered for sale by Messrs Thompson, Bros., Quay, Wexford, and report to next meeting of this Committee their condition of repair and what he considers would be a reasonable figure to offer for them."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr Cloney, seconded by Mr Redmond."

The County Surveyor stated that he had been informed by Messrs Thompson that the wagons were about to be sold to the War Office."

Courtown Harbour Master:- "That the County Council be recommended to refuse the application of Mr Stapleton, Harbour Master, Courtown, for an increase of salary."

"At a subsequent meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee a recommendation was received from the Courtown Harbour Committee pointing out that the application of the Harbour Master was a most reasonable one and should receive the favourable consideration of the Council, and in view of this the Finance & Roads Committee referred the matter to their next monthly meeting.

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr Cloney, seconded by Mr Redmond."

Courtown Harbour Weighbridge:- That a copy of the letter of Messrs Pooley & Co., Ltd., under date 12th February 1916, explaining why it was that they were not in a position to carry out their contract for annual examination and verification of weighbridge, be furnished the Courtown Harbour Committee, with an expression of opinion that the Finance & Roads Committee consider

the explanation satisfactory."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr Cloney, seconded by Mr Redmond."

Courtown Harbour-Watchman's House:- "That Andrew Byrne, Watchman, Courtown Harbour, be informed the Finance & Roads Committee are prepared to allow him the sum of £3 provided he can get the defective flooring in his house properly replaced to the satisfaction of the County Surveyor."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr Cloney, seconded by Mr Redmond."

Coals Gorey Courthouse:- "That the County Council cannot see their way to increase the allowance of Coals for Gorey Courthouse, as they consider amount allowed should furnish an ample supply of coals."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr Cloney, seconded by Mr Redmond."

Arnestown Ratings:- "That our Secretary be instructed to lay before the Local Government Board to correspondence in connection with ratings of Mr J. M. Roche, at Arnestown, New Ross Rural, and ask them if there be any objection to Mr J. M. Roche being refunded amount of rate paid by him in error in respect of half year ended 30th September 1915."

The Secretary explained that Mr Roche was rated for these holdings but it was accidentally discovered that they were not his property. As Mr Roche in a personal visit to the Valuation Office had ascertained that nothing could be done until a revision of his valuation had been carried out he had paid the rates, and would not raise any further question pending the revision.

"Recommendation confirmed on the motion of Mr Cloney, seconded by Mr Redmond."

Road No. 145E:- "That letter from Mr John Doyle, Ballymore, Camolin, Contractor, for Road No. 145E., under date 28th January 1916, be referred to County Surveyor for report to next meeting."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr Cloney, seconded by Mr Redmond."

Ballymurry Quarry:- "That the letter of Messrs Stopford & Turner, Land Agents, under date 11th February 1916, relative to proposed sale of Ballymurry Quarry by Capt Maher, to the County Council, be referred to Mr Elgee, Solicitor and to the County Surveyor."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr Cloney, seconded by Mr Redmond."

New Rock Drill:- "That the tender of Messrs Fleming & Co., Glasgow, for New 20 foot Rock Drill at £138. 15. 10d be accepted, subject to the confirmation of County Council."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr Cloney, seconded by Mr Redmond."

Damage to Stonebreaker:- At the meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee on the 15th March 1916, dealing with the breakage of frame of Stonebreaker the County Surveyor stated that the breaker was employed by a Road Contractor at the time this occurred. There was no man representing the County Council present when the breaker was hired to Road Contractors. The cost of repairing the frame would be about £50.

The Finance & Roads Committee made the following recommendation:-

"That Mr Barry, County Surveyor, be instructed to advertise for a competent man to take charge of stonebreakers of the Council at a salary of 25/- per week (to be added to the hireage of breaker) in the event of his being unable to select a suitable man from his present staff for this purpose."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr Cloney, seconded by Mr Redmond."

Boyce's Bay Contract:- "That Mr Elgee, Solicitor to the Council, be instructed to take such steps as he may consider necessary to compel Mr Henry P. Gahan, to carry out his contract at Boyce's Bay (New Ross District) or to recover any extra cost which the County Surveyor may incur in carrying out such contract."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr Cloney, seconded by Mr Redmond."

Duncannon Hulk:- That the question of liability of the County Council under the Marine Risk Insurance Policy re Duncannon Hulk, effected by the County Surveyor on behalf of the County Council, be referred to Mr Elgee, Solicitor, for report to next meeting of Finance & Roads Committee."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr Cloney, seconded by Mr Redmond."

New Ross Courthouse:- "That the County Surveyor be instructed to bring in a proposal at next meeting of Proposal Committee for making of new Press for New Ross Courthouse."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr Cloney, seconded by Mr Redmond."

Wagons for Haulage Purposes:- That the County Surveyor be authorised to issue the necessary advertisements for supply of second hand wagons (six to seven tons capacity)".

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr Cloney, seconded by Mr Redmond."

Sheep Dipping:- The Secretary submitted Orders and correspondence from the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction in connection with Sheep Dipping (Appointment of Inspectors) (Ireland) Order, and Sheep Dipping (Local Regulations) (Ireland) Order of 1916.

The Finance & Roads Committee at their meeting of 15th March 1916, had adopted the following recommendation:-

"That we recommend the County Council at their next meeting to consider the advisability of appointing four sheep dipping Inspectors, viz- one for each Rural District of the County."

Mr Doyle proposed:- "That two Sheep Dipping Inspectors, one for Gorey and Enniscorthy Districts, and one for New Ross and Wexford Districts, be appointed, at £26 each to cover Summer and Autumn dipping periods."

Mr Cloney seconded.

"Passed"

Analyst's Report.

The following report of Sir Charles Cameron, County Analyst in respect of quarter ended 31st December 1915, was read:-

"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 31st December 1915.

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

<u>Article.</u>	<u>Number.</u>
Butter	53
Milk	43
Whiskey	28
Drugs	27
Buttermilk	16
Cheese	12
Flour	12
Bread	11
Rum	11
Margarine	9
Indian Meal	9
Sugar	8
Port Wine	7
Cocoa	6
Oatmeal	5
Tea	5
Dripping	5
Ginger Wine	5
Brandy	4

<u>Article.</u>	<u>Number.</u>
Coffee	3
Cornflour	3
Lard	3
Sweets	3
Pepper	3
Claret	2
Rice	2
Mustard	1
Sherry	1
Vinegar	2
Total	<u>302</u>

One certificate was sent to Sergeant White, Wexford, for specimen of milk adulterated with at least 13 per cent of added water and two certificates for specimens of buttermilk adulterated with at least 13 and 20 per cent of added water exclusive of 25 per cent allowed for churning purposes.

One certificate was sent to Sergeant Howard, Newtownbarry, for specimen of butter containing an excess of water, namely 19 per cent, and one certificate for specimen of buttermilk adulterated with at least 27 per cent of added water exclusive of 25 per cent allowed for churning purposes.

One certificate was sent to Sergeant Ruane, Taghmon, for specimen of vinegar containing only 1.86 per cent of acetic acid instead of 4 per cent.

One certificate was sent to Sergeant Torsney, Ferns, for specimen of Spirits of Nitre containing a mere trace of ethyl nitrite instead of from 1.52 to 2.66 per cent.

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

Two specimens of water analysed for New Ross Rural District Council had the following compositions.

One imperial gallon contained in grains..

	<u>No. 1.</u>	<u>No. 2.</u>
Total solid matters	46.200	68.600
Including		
Albuminoid Ammonia	0.005	0.005
Saline Ammonia	0.00005	0.00005
Nitric Acid	2.620	8.120
Chlorine	10.890	11.580
Colour	almost Colourless.	almost Colourless.

For the Guardians of Enniscorthy Union twelve drugs were analysed and were correct.

For the Guardians of Gorey Union six drugs were analysed and were correct.

Three specimens of Indian Meal were analysed for J. B. Hearne, New Ross.

For Shillelagh Union which is partly situated in the County Wexford, nine 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..... 338

Adulterated and defective articles..... 7.

----- Charles A. Cameron.

Marked "Read"

Wexford National Teachers County Association.

Resolutions were received from the Wexford National Teachers' County Association dealing with:-

- (a) their appeal to the Government and the Treasury to add to the present salaries of Irish National Teachers a substantial increase, so that they may be enabled to provide for their families and themselves the ordinary necessities of life, and
- (b) their request to the Parliamentary representatives of Ireland to take such action as they deem best calculated to prevent the burden of supplying books etc., unfairly imposed on Irish parents being aggravated by any increase in the cost of these necessary materials owing to the operation of the Board of Trade restrictions regarding the importation of paper. In England and Scotland provision is made for supplying children of Elementary Schools with free books and stationery.

"Adopted on the motion of Mr O'Byrne, seconded by Mr Cloney, copies to be sent to the persons named in the resolution and to the County Councils of Ireland."

Amalgamation of Workhouses.

Under date 23rd March 1915, the following resolution was read from Tyrone County Council:-

"That we call upon the Government to bring in and pass without delay a

one clause Measure amending the Poor Relief (Ireland) Act, 1914, by the omission of the words "in connection with the present War" or otherwise so as to enable the Local Government Board to make provision by Order for the more economical administration of Poor Relief by closing superfluous Workhouses or otherwise in Unions the geographical position of which makes amalgamation with other Unions inexpedient."

"No action"

Traction Engine and Motor Wagon Traffic.

Under date 27th January 1916, the following resolution was read from Newtownards Rural District Council:-

"That the Newtownards Rural District Council draw attention to the great injustice to the Ratepayers by the damage to roads by traction engine and motor wagon traffic, the owners of which contribute little to the rates, and we would request the Government or County Council to have the law so amended that the owners of such vehicles will be brought in and included for adequate taxation, to recoup the ratepayers for the additional expenditure on maintenance of roads due to such traffic."

"No action"

Proposals for Works.

On the motion of Mr Redmond, seconded by Mr Cloney:-

"That the several proposals for New Works submitted by the Proposal Committee on Form 20 be and are hereby approved, subject to the modifications and other orders noted thereon and initialled by the Chairman."

"Passed"

Proposals for Payment.

On the motion of Mr Redmond, seconded by Mr Cloney:-

"That the several proposals for payment submitted by the Proposal Committee on Form 22 and as regards salaries, fixed items of expenditure and quarterly instalments to public bodies financed by the County Council, recommended for payment by the Finance & Roads Committee and by the Proposal Committee, be and are hereby approved subject to the modifications and other orders noted thereon and initialled by the Chairman."

Irrecoverable Rates.

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

"That we authorise the Finance & Roads Committee at their monthly meeting in April to deal with claims for refund of Irrecoverable rates received from

the Rate Collectors in respect of half-year ended 31st March 1916."

Carrigmannon Burning.

"That Mr Elgee, Solicitor, be instructed to retain Mr E. Lupton, to represent the County Council on the hearing of the criminal injury application of major and Capt Bryan against the County Council, and that he communicate with Mr J. R. Colfer, Solicitor for Wexford Rural District Council, as to employment of Counsel to represent Wexford R. D. Council."

"That in connection with the application of Messrs O'Connor & Co., Solicitors, for payment of amounts in cases of Major and Capt Bryan, having regard to the statement of our Solicitor, Mr Elgee, we recommend the County Council to pay over the amounts of the affirmances in these cases when said amounts have been raised off the County-at-large."

"The recommendations of the Finance & Roads Committee were adopted on the motion of Mr Kinsella, seconded by Mr Whelan."

Tuberculosis Management Committee.

The following resolutions were submitted from the Tuberculosis Management Committee for confirmation:-

"That we accept the terms of the resolution of the County Wexford Insurance Committee of the 28th February 1916, proposing to contribute one-fifth of the salaries and expenses of the Chief Tuberculosis Officer and Nurse pending the settlement of an agreement between the two Committees as proposed by the Local Government Board and the National Health Insurance Commission, this arrangement to remain in force for a period of twelve months if necessary, and to commence as from the 28th February 1916."

"That requisition for furniture, medicines, etc., for Temporary Tuberculosis Dispensary at Wexford, submitted by the Tuberculosis Officer be submitted to the Local Government Board for their sanction. That should said sanction be forthcoming our Secretary be instructed to inform the Tuberculosis Officer that he is empowered to order the articles, accepting where possible, the lowest tender."

"That in view of the increased food prices we agree to the application of the Hon Sec to the Royal National Hospital for Consumption, Newcastle, for an increase as from 1st March 1916, in the weekly cost of maintenance of patients sent from this Committee to Newcastle from £1. 1/- to £1. 5/-"

"That we approve of the action of our Secretary in having storm damage

at New Ross Tuberculosis Dispensary repaired at a cost of £1. 10. 4d."

"That the field adjoining New Ross Tuberculosis Dispensary be let on the eleven months system to Mr Thomas Whelan, Irishtown, New Ross, at £6 for the period in 1916."

"That the tender of the "People" Printing Works for printing Abstracts of Accounts at £2. 6/- be accepted."

"The foregoing recommendations were confirmed on the motion of Mr Stafford, seconded by Mr Cloney."

(Signed)

John Bolger

Presiding Chairman.

Dated this 17 day of May 1916

STATUTABLE HALF-YEARLY MEETING.-3rd MAY 1916.

The Statutable Half-Yearly Meeting of the Wexford County Council, was held in the County Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford, on 3rd May 1916.

Present :- Messrs L. Barry, *Joseph* Redmond, John J. Kehoe, J. T. Mayler, R. Scallan, James Codd, J. J. O'Byrne, Philip Keating, N. J. Cowman, Michael Doyle, Mark Codd.

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

On the motion of Mr Codd, seconded by Mr Scallan, the Chair was taken by Mr John J. Kehoe.

Confirmation of Minutes.

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and signed.

The late Mrs Elgee.

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

"That we offer our Solicitor Mr R. W. Elgee, our sincere condolence in the loss sustained by him in the death of his Mother and request our Secretary to convey this expression of our sympathy to Mr Elgee."

Proposals for Payment.

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

"That the several Proposals for Payment submitted by the Proposal Committee, and the several Rural District Councils of the County, and recommended by the Finance & Roads Committee, be and are hereby approved subject to the modifications and other Orders noted thereon and initialled by the Chairman."

Proposals for Works.

On the motion of Mr M. Codd,
Seconded by Mr Scallan,
the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the several proposals for Works as appearing on Form 20 as regards the County-at-Large, and for Road 145W, in Wexford Rural District, be

and are hereby approved subject to the modifications and other Orders noted thereon and initialled by the Chairman."

Postponement of Meeting.

On the motion of Mr Doyle,

Seconded by Mr M. Codd,

the following resolution was adopted:-

"That owing to the absence of so many Members of the County Council in consequence of the present state of affairs in the Country, the remainder of the business be adjourned to Wednesday 17th May, at Eleven O'Clock, a.m.,"

(Signed) _____

John Bolger
Presiding Chairman.

Dated this *17* day of *May* 1916.

Adjourned Half-Yearly Meeting.- 17th May 1916.

The Adjourned Half-Yearly Meeting of the Wexford County Council, was held in the Co Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford, on 17th May 1916.

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

Also:- Sir T. H. G. Esmonde, Bart., Messrs M. Doyle, L. Barry, R. Scallan, A. Kinsella, James Codd, P. Whelan, J. J. O'Byrne, N. J. Cowman, J. J. Kehoe, J. Redmond, M. Codd, J. T. Mayler, James Lynch, T Asple, J. A. Doyle, and M. Cloney.

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

Confirmation of Minutes.

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and confirmed.

The Recent Disturbances.

On the motion of Mr Kehoe, seconded by Sir Thomas Esmonde, the Standing Orders of the Council were suspended to enable the Chairman to move a resolution.

The Chairman then moved the following resolution:-

"That we deplore the lamentable rising in many parts of Ireland, which occurred during Easter week. Particularly in the City of Dublin, when the loss of life and property has been appalling.

We firmly believe that this Criminal rebellion has been encouraged by Germany to promote her own selfish ends.

That we believe many young men that took part in the outrage had no idea of the foolishness of their action and were intimidated to join in such criminal folly.

We therefore call on Mr Redmond and our Representatives in Parliament to use their influence with the Government to deal mercifully with such young men who are now prisoners.

That we hereby renew our entire confidence in Mr John Redmond, and the Irish Party, and assure them of our unswerving loyalty."

Mr Kinsella seconded the resolution, which was supported by Sir T. Esmonde, and Mr Kehoe.

The resolution was adopted unanimously.

Sheep Dipping.

Under date 8th April 1916, the following letter (No. 1065-16 V B.) was read from the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction:-

"I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 6th inst., embodying a resolution adopted at the meeting of your County Council on the previous day in reference to the carrying out of the Sheep Dipping Order in the County.

The Department note with satisfaction that the County Council have decided to appoint Sheep Dipping Inspectors, and there will be no objection, so far as the Department are concerned, to the remuneration proposed for such Inspectors, viz:- £26 each, to cover both the dipping periods.

Inasmuch, however, as it is contemplated to appoint only two Inspectors the Department will be glad to learn whether the County Council intend, as it is hoped they do, to make regulations under the Sheep Dipping (Local Regulations) (Ireland) Order of 1916, enabling the Inspectors to serve notices fixing the times, etc., of dipping, as, apart from such line of procedure, the object now aimed at of having all dipping under supervision is unlikely to be fully attained.

Please see in this connection the enclosed further copy of the Department's Circular respecting the last-mentioned Order."

The following recommendations were submitted from the Finance & Roads Committee:-

"That the letter of the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction (V.B.) under date 8th April 1916, and No. 1065-16, be referred to the meeting of the County Council of 3rd prox.,"

"That our Secretary advertise for two Inspectors of Sheep Dipping, one for Enniscorthy and Gorey Districts, and one for New Ross and Wexford Districts, as already agreed to by the County Council. That appointments be determined by a month's notice in writing at either side."

"That our Secretary advertise for names and addresses of persons who have erected swim baths for sheep, and who are prepared to carry out public dipping at a fixed fee."

"Confirmed on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Kehoe."

Under date 9th May 1916, the following letter No. 1204-16, (V.B.) was read from the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction:-

"I have to advert to your letter of 20th ultimo, embodying a recommendation on the above subject which was adopted at a meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee of your County Council on the previous day.

The Department observe therefrom that my letter of 8th ult., No. 1065/16, was referred to the then forthcoming meeting of the County Council, fixed at the time for 3rd instant, also that arrangements were made as regards advertising for two dipping Inspectors and for names and addresses of persons having swim baths who would be prepared to carry out public dipping at a fixed fee.

The Department will be glad now to learn, in the event of the letter referred to in the preceding paragraph having been considered since by the County Council, whether it is anticipated that the proposed arrangements will suffice to secure the desired end of having all sheep in the County dipped under supervision of the Inspectors."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Asple, seconded by Sir Thomas Esmonde:-

"That we request sheep owners of Gorey and Enniscorthy Districts to arrange so that sheep dipping shall take place in Gorey district on first three days of the week, and in Enniscorthy district on second three days of the week, and that the sheep owners of New Ross and Wexford districts be requested to arrange so that dipping shall take place in Wexford district in the first three days of the week, and in New Ross district on second three days of the week. That the terms of this resolution be advertised in local papers."

The following applications were received for the position of Sheep Dipping Inspector, for the Districts of Enniscorthy and Gorey:-

Michael Redmond, Ballincash, Ferns.

Myles Byrne, Coolishall, Gorey.

James Murphy, Coolbawn, Ferns.

John Doyle, Shirsheen, Thomastown, Arklow.

John Higgins, Upper Island, Craanford, Gorey.

Mr John Doyle, Shirsheen, was not in attendance, and his application was not therefore considered.

A poll was taken between the remaining candidates, with the following result:-

For Byrne:- Sir T. Esmonde.-1

For Higgins:- Mr Kinsella.-1

For Murphy:- Messrs M. Doyle, Barry, James Codd, Whelan, J. J. O'Byrne, Kehoe, M. Codd, J. Lynch, Asple, J. A. Doyle, Cloney, and the Chairman:-12

For Redmond:- Messrs Scallan, Cowman, Redmond, and Mayler.-4

As Mr Murphy obtained a clear majority of those present, and voting, he was declared elected.

For the position of Sheep Dipping Inspector for New Ross and Wexford Districts, the following applications were received:-

James Doran, Seaview, Murrintown.
 George Brett, Tannerhill, Ballycogley.
 Edmund Murphy, Kilrane.
 John Barry, Carrig-on-Bannow.
 Maurice Kehoe, Upper Lacken, New Ross .
 Edmund Morris, Butlerstown, Broadway.
 John Cummins, Assaly, Killinick.
 Thomas Fielding, Seaview, Barntown.
 Patrick Delaney, Commerical Quay, Wexford.
 Patrick J. Hayes, Little Johnstown, Duncormick.
 John Lambert, Newcastle Kyle.

Mr Cummins wrote withdrawing his candidature, and Mr T. Fielding was not in attendance.

A poll was taken between the remaining candidates, with the following result:-

For Barry:- Mr Kinsella.-1

For Brett:- Messrs M. Doyle, Scallan, M. Codd, Mayler, Lynch, Sir T. Esmonde, and the Chairman.-7

For Delaney:- Messrs Barry and Kehoe.-2

For Kehoe:- Messrs O'Byrne, J. A. Doyle, and M. Cloney.-3.

For Lambert:- Messrs Redmond, and Asple.-2.

For Murphy:- Messrs James Codd, Whelan, and Cowman.-3

Messrs Doran, Hayes and Morris, received no vote.

Mr Barry then dropped out, and a poll was taken between Messrs Brett, Delaney, Kehoe, Lambert, and Murphy, with the following result:-

For Brett:- Messrs M. Doyle, Barry, Scallan, M. Codd, Mayler, Lynch, Sir T. Esmonde, and the Chairman.-8

For Delaney:- Messrs Kinsella, and Kehoe.-2

For Kehoe:- Messrs O'Byrne, J. A. Doyle, and Cloney.- 3.

For Lambert:- Messrs Redmond, and Asple.-2.

For Murphy:- Messrs J. Codd, Whelan, and Cowman.-3.

A vote was taken as between Messrs Delaney, and Lambert, who had received two votes each, as to who should be included in the succeeding poll.

The following was the result:-

For Delaney:- Messrs M. Doyle, Barry, Scallan, Kinsella, J. Codd, Whelan, Kehoe, M. Codd, Cloney.-9.

For Lambert:- Messrs J. J. O'Byrne, Cowman, Redmond, Mayler, Lynch, Asple, J. A. Doyle, Sir T. Esmonde, and the Chairman.-9.

The Chairman then gave his casting vote in favour of Lambert's name being retained in next poll, which resulted as follows:-

For Brett:- Messrs M. Doyle, Barry, Scallan, Kinsella, Kehoe, M. Codd, Mayler, Lynch, Sir T. Esmonde, and the Chairman.-10

For Kehoe:- Messrs O'Byrne, J. A. Doyle, and Cloney.-3.

For Lambert:- Messrs Redmond, and Asple.-2.

For Murphy:- Messrs J. Codd, Whelan, and Cowman.-3

Mr Brett having secured a clear majority of those present and voting was declared elected.

Mr R. A. Byron, Orristown, Killinick, and Mr M. Corcoran, Nash, New Ross, wrote that they were prepared to dip sheep in their districts at two pence per head, and Mr G. B. Deacon, Monart West, Enniscorthy, offered to do the work in his district at 1d per sheep.

Mr Asple mentioned that Mr Martin Laffan, Kereight, Kyle, would also be prepared to dip sheep in his district.

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

"That the offer of Mr G. W. Deacon to dip the sheep of his district at 1d per sheep be accepted. That our Secretary communicate with Messrs Byron, Corcoran, and Laffan, and ask them if they are prepared to dip the sheep at one penny per sheep as this is the fee which obtains in other counties."

Proposals for Works.

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

"That the several proposals for New Works and for Maintenance of Works received from the Rural Districts of the County, with the exception of the

maintenance of Road 145W (Wexford Rural District) -dealt with at the meeting of the County Council on 3rd May 1916- be and are hereby approved subject to the modifications and other orders noted thereon and initialled by the Chairman."

Dates of Meetings.

On the motion of Mr Cowman, seconded by Mr J. Codd, the following dates of Meetings were agreed to:-

Gorey R. D. Council.-Thursday 26th October at 11.30 a.m.,
 New Ross R. D. Council.- Tuesday, 31st October 11.30 a.m.,
 Enniscorthy R. D. Council.-Thursday 2nd November at 11 o'clock, a.m.,
 Wexford R. D. Council.-Saturday 4th November at 10.30 a.m.,
 Proposal Committee.-3rd November at 11 a.m.,
 County Council Quarterly Meeting,-2nd August at 11.30 a.m.,
 County Council Half-yearly Meeting.-6th December at 11 a.m.,

Proposals for Payment.

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

"That the several proposals for payment relative to loans and University Scholarship payments (which were not received in time for Meeting of 3rd May owing to recent disturbances) and recommended by the Finance & Roads Committee, be and are hereby agreed to."

Gorey Road Contractors.

The following resolution was submitted from the Gorey Rural District Council:-

"That we the Members of the Gorey Rural District Council having heard the grievances of the Gorey Road Contractors respectfully request the County Council to make some concession as regards the existing contracts for which the Gorey Road Contractors have signed bonds, as we believe the grievances are real and deserve consideration, and we further respectfully request the County Council to give an audience to a Deputation from the Gorey Road Contractors' Association."

At the Finance & Roads Committee on 17th inst., a recommendation was adopted asking the County Council to hear the views of the deputation.

Mr Brennan, Solicitor, appeared before the meeting and laid before them the proposal that the County Surveyor should be given discretion to pay the Contractors a reasonable sum for the work they had carried out and that the

tonnage should be reduced.

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

"That the matter be referred to next meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee."

New Quarries for New Ross District.

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

"That in view of the very large number of roads uncontracted for in our District, we recommend that the County Council should acquire additional Quarries in the District and have the stones broken for metalling, as we believe if broken stones were available in this manner, more contractors would come forward."

At the Finance & Roads Committee Meeting of 17th inst., the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the resolution of New Ross Rural District Council relative to new quarries be referred to the County Surveyor, and that he be instructed to use his best exertions to procure additional quarries for New Ross District in compliance with the wishes of the District Council."

"The recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed on the motion of Mr O'Byrne, seconded by Mr Cowman."

Quarterly Payments to Contractors.

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

"That the County Council be again requested to consider the advisability of reverting to the system of Quarterly payments to Road Contractors, as we are of opinion that it would increase competition."

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Kehoe, the following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was agreed to:-

"That the County Council be recommended not to revert to the system of quarterly payments as we believe there is no general demand for such reversion."

Defaulting Land Purchase Annuitants.

Under date 13th April 1916, the following was read from the Secretary, The Irish Land Commission, Dublin:-

"I am directed by the Irish Land Commissioners to acknowledge the

receipt of your letter dated the 6th instant, embodying a resolution of your Council asking for a list of the defaulting annuitants who may have paid by the 1st proximo. In reply I am to state that the Commissioners are not prepared to furnish the desired list, which in any case, would in their opinion, serve no useful purpose.

It may be sufficient to state that there are no persistent defaulters in County Wexford in the sense that their default leads to permanent and final charge upon the Guarantee Fund and thereby upon the County Rates. During the 25 years since the establishment of the Guarantee Fund there has been no case of default in the County (save one, in regard to a small sum of £6) in which the Commissioners have not eventually succeeded in recovering the arrears.

As showing the temporary nature of the charge on the Guarantee Fund in respect of arrears it may be stated that at the date of the balancing of the Account in February 1915 the total net amount for arrears which had been charged against the Guarantee Fund for County Wexford and still remained unpaid was £3603. By the 31st July following 95 per cent of this sum had been recovered and recouped to the Guarantee Fund, leaving only £197 outstanding, but in the meantime a further instalment had fallen due and fresh arrears had again to be temporarily drawn from the Guarantee Fund.

Your Council will therefore realise that there is not any permanent default on the part of Land Purchase annuitants involving a final loss to the rates, but so long as any appreciable section of the annuitants (as shown by the list recently furnished to your Council) are persistently late in making thier payment, the temporary and constantly-recurring drafts on the Guarantee Fund will necessarily continue.

The Commissioners will welcome any action which the Council are able to take with the object of securing the prompt payment of annuities and thus avoiding a temporary charge on the rates."

Marked "Read"

Sewerage of Newtownbarry.

Under date 27th March 1916, the Local Government Board forwarded copy of their Sealed Order No. 32,979-1915, fixing the Newtownbarry Dispensary District as the area of charge for cost of improving and maintaininh the sewerage of Newtownbarry.

Marked "Read"

Audit Accounts-Public Bodies.

Under date 9th May 1916, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No.

17681-1916, New Ross Union) forwarding copy of the report of their Auditor on his audit of the accounts of New Ross Union for half-year ended 30th September 1915, with attested abstracts of the Accounts.

Under date 9th May 1916, the Local Government Board wrote, (letter No. 17680-1916, New Ross Rural District) forwarding report of their Auditor on his audit of the Accounts of New Ross Rural District Council for the half-year ended 30th September last, with attested Abstract of the Accounts.

Marked "Read"

Poisons & Pharmacy Act.

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

"That Poisons & Pharmacy Licences held by the following, be renewed:-

Edward McQuillan, Creamery Stores, Taghmon.

Richard Breen, Commercial Quay, Wexford.

Israel Wallis, Arthurstown.

J. Donohoe, Ltd., Railway Stores, Enniscorthy.

Patrick C. Lett, Ferns.

James Cullen, Taghmon.

P. Mc Menamin, Ballycanew, Gorey.

Wm B. Jackson, 51 Main Street, Gorey.

N. Taskaberry, Newtownbarry.

Mr Bryan Hennessy, South Street, New Ross.

Henry Hill, Ballycanew, Gorey.

Mrs Kate Colfer, Ballymitty.

Rate Collection.

In connection with the manner in which Collector Doyle carried out his duties, the following recommendation was submitted from the Finance and Roads Committee:-

"That as regards the forthcoming Rate Collection, Collector Doyle be called upon to lodge at least 20 per cent of his collection at the end of the first month after receipt of his Warrant, and 40 per cent at the end of the first three months from date of receipt of his warrant. That Mr Doyle be informed that if he is not prepared to carry out this instruction the County Council will be requested to relieve him of his appointment."

Under date 17th April 1916, Mr Doyle submitted a certificate from Dr Garrett A. Hickey, New Ross, that Mr Doyle, had been suffering from Rheumathroid Arthritis and had not been able to be about continually owing

to the state of the weather.

As regards the manner in which Collector Mullett has been performing his duties, the following recommendation was submitted from the Finance & Roads Committee:-

"In view of the fact that Collector Mullett has ignored the directions of the County Council to attend the present meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee to explain his methods of collection, that Mr Mullett be suspended from office and that his books be not given to him until after the meeting of the Co Council on the 3rd May, when he is expected to attend and go into the question of his methods of collection with the Co Council. That the County Council at their meeting on 3rd prox., decide as to whether Mr Mullett is to be continued in office. That a copy of this resolution be furnished to the Local Government Board."

Under date 22nd April 1916, a medical certificate from Dr W. Kelly, Enniscorthy, stated that Mr Mullett was unfit to move at present, and was likely to remain so for a considerable time.

Under date 22nd April 1916, Very Rev Canon Sheil, P. P., wrote that Mr Mullett became ill on the 18th and was still in bed unfit to transact business.

Under date 11th May 1916, Mr Mullett wrote that as he only got out of bed on Tuesday after his recent illness he would not be able to attend the meeting of the County Council on the 17th instant, and apologised for any trouble he might have occasioned to the Council in connection with his rate Collection.

As regards Mr Doyle, the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Lynch, seconded by the Chairman:-

"That the recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee be adopted. That Mr Doyle be informed that if he cannot give the undertaking required by the Finance & Roads Committee the County Council will have to appoint a new Collector for his district."

In connection with Mr Mullett, the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Lynch, seconded by the Chairman:-

"That as the Finance & Roads Committee were unaware of the illness of Mr Mullett, the County Council will agree to hand him his books provided he

gives an undertaking that he will collect 20 per cent of his collection during the first month after the receipt of his warrant, and 40 per cent of his warrant during the first three months after the receipt of his warrant. If Mr Mullett is not prepared to carry out this instruction the Co Council will determine his appointment as Rate Collector."

In connection with the liability of the County Council to inform Guarantee Societies as to the cases of Collectors who were not discharging their duties with all due diligence, the following letter under date 20th March 1916, was read from Mr R. W. Elgee, Solicitor to the County Council:-

"I have received yours with copy Resolution passed by the Roads and Finance Committee re above Collectors, and I am of opinion, that responsibility is thrown on the Council in the event of the Guarantee Society not being informed that the Collectors are not properly carrying out their duties with due diligence, and according to the terms of their Bonds.

I consider that the paragraph of the Bond set out hereunder would undoubtedly be an answer for the Guarantee Society in case of default by the Collectors unless they (the Society) had notice that the Collectors had not and were not doing their work in a proper manner, and therefore the Council are bound to at once give the Guarantee Society notice of what is happening, and that the Collectors are not doing their work with due diligence."

Paragraph in Bond above referred to.

"And shall in all other respects duly lawfully and faithfully observe, obey, perform, fulfill and keep all the Enactments, Laws, Rules and Regulations contained in the Acts which are or shall be at any time in force relating to the collection of such rates or in any Order of the said Board touching and concerning the Collection of Rate."

The following recommendation was submitted by the Finance & Roads Committee:-

"That the Gresham Fire & Accident Insurance Society, St Mildred House, Boultry, London, E. C., with whom Messrs Doyle and Mullett Rate Collectors, have taken out fidelity guarantee bonds be furnished with copies of the recommendations adopted at the present meeting as regards these Collectors and that the Insurance Company be informed that they must regard the manner in which these collectors are carrying out their duties as unsatisfactory as such a very large percentage of their warrants is lodged a very short time before the close of the Collection."

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

"That the Gresham Fire & Accident Insurance Society be furnished with copies of resolutions adopted by the County Council at the present meeting in connection with Collectors Doyle and Mullett."

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

"That we confirm the following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee:-

That John McLoughlin, Horetown North, Foulksmills, and Aidan McLoughlin Shanoule, Foulksmills, be accepted sureties for Mr John Banville, Rate Collector, vice Patrick Monaghan, deceased, and Stephen Martin, infirm."

The following recommendation submitted by the Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Kehoe:-

"That the lists of Irrecoverable Rates as submitted by the Rate Collectors in respect of half-year ended 31st March 1916, be agreed to. We offer no objection to refund of rate for land in the cases of Nos 107 and 113 Kilmokea (E. Cummins, Collector) as we are aware these farms have been evicted and that there is no stock on the lands."

Official Checkers-Rate Collectors' Accounts.

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

"That Messrs N. Kehoe, R. Creighton, and M. J. Finn, be appointed deputy checkers of the Rate Collectors' Accounts for the districts of Wexford, Gorey, and New Ross, respectively, in respect of the financial year to 31st March 1917, at a remuneration of 5/- per 100 ratings."

That Mr Jasper Whitty be appointed deputy checker for the Accounts of the Collectors in Enniscorthy District, at a salary of £30 per annum in respect of financial year ending 31st March 1917."

County Wexford Infirmary.

Under date 15th April 1916, the following letter was read from the temporary Registrar, County Wexford Infirmary:-

I am directed by the Management Committee of the County Wexford Infirmary to inform your Council that they have adopted the suggestion of the Local Government Board Auditor as to the new forms of Accounts.

They also wish to state that the expenses for provisions and supplies

have increased very much during the past year."

The Temporary Registrar of the County Infirmary reported the death of Very Rev Canon Doyle P. P., Tagoat, and the resignation of Mr Edmond Hore, Coldblow, two appointments made on the Infirmary Committee by the County Council.

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

"That Rev J. Quigley P. P., Tagoat, and Rev R. Fitzhenry P. P., Lady's Island, be appointed Members of the County Infirmary Committee of Management vice Very Rev Canon Doyle P. P., deceased, and Mr E. Hore, Coldblow, resigned

Wexford Road Contractors.

Under date 17th May 1916, a letter was read from Messrs M. J. O'Connor & Co., Solicitors, Wexford, on behalf of Nicholas Fortune, William Flood, and Patrick Sullivan, road contractors Wexford district, stating that in consequence of the scarcity of labour and increased price of materials these contractors found it impossible to carry out their contracts except with substantial loss. They suggested that the County Council should add to the price of the contracts a reasonable sum which would be in proportion to the rise in the price of labour and materials, or grant them a reduction of 30 per cent on the tonnage.

Under date 16th May 1916, Letter No. 22830-1916, the Local Government Board wrote forwarding copies of correspondence they had with Messrs M. J. O'Connor & Co., dealing with the question of roads held by the contractors mentioned in Messrs O'Connor's letter and pointing out that this was a matter which must be considered by the County Council.

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

"That the matter be adjourned to the next meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee."

Recommendations Finance & Roads Committee.

The following recommendations were submitted from Finance & Roads Committee:-

Duncannon Hulk:- "That provided it be found that Duncannon Hulk is not seriously damaged, the County Surveyor have the structure put into berth as soon as possible."

"That the matter of replacing Duncannon Hulk on Station be left in the hands of the County Surveyor to make the best arrangement he can with the Waterford Harbour Board."

"That the services of Richard Breen, as Caretaker, of Duncannon Hulk be dispensed with and that he receive a month's notice as from Saturday 22nd inst., for the determination of his employment."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr Cloney, seconded by Mr Cowman."

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

"That a Caretaker for Duncannon Hulk and Pier be appointed at the next meeting of the County Council. That in the meantime the Secretary advertise for applications for the position on the same terms and conditions as before."

That the County Surveyor be authorised to appoint a temporary Caretaker as from 22nd instant."

In connection with Insurance Policy effected by the County Surveyor relative to salvage of Duncannon hulk the following letter under date 3rd April 1916, was read from Mr R. W. Elgee, Solicitor to the County Council.-

"I duly received the Resolution of the last Meeting of the Roads & Finance Meeting re above, and I have to report as to same that I have carefully perused the Insurance Policy and I find that it only covers loss for damages done to the "Barges" that will of course cover, in my opinion any expense that may have been gone to in respect of raising the Barges that sank but will not cover the breaking of the Baulks as there is no provision made for same in the Policy."

The word "Tackle" in the Policy would in my opinion only include the ordinary "Tackle" belonging to a vessel and would not cover the Timber Baulks for lifting the Hulk."

At the meeting of Finance & Roads Committee the County Surveyor submitted from Waterford Harbour Board a Bill for £508. 17. 10d for salvage of Duncannon Hulk, and of £181. 15. 4 for salvage of barges.

The following recommendation was adopted by Finance & Roads Committee-

"That Messrs M. Cloney, J. J. Stafford, J. S. Hearn, A. Kinsella, and the Chairman be appointed a Committee, with the County Surveyor, to confer with representatives of Waterford Harbour Board as to replacing of hulk

on her station and as to account furnished for salvage."

The recommendation was confirmed on the motion of Mr Cloney, seconded by Mr Cowman.

Tara Hill Quarry.

"That the County Surveyor be instructed to advertise for quotations for a supply of second hand rails for tramway at Tara Hill Quarry."

The County Surveyor stated he had been unable to obtain quotations for the present..

Courtown Harbour:- "That a sum of £4 be allocated for repairing the floor of Watchman's House at Courtown Harbour."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr Cloney, seconded by Mr Kehoe."

Second Hand Wagons:- "That the County Surveyor be authorised to advertise in the "Irish Times" "Freeman" and "Irish Independent" and in the local papers for second hand wagons for haulage purposes. That the matter be adjourned to next meeting of Finance & Roads Committee, and in the meantime the County Surveyor inspect new and second hand wagons at Carlow offered for sale by Messrs Thompson & Co. That he bring before next meeting all quotations which he may have received for wagons."

"Confirmed on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr M. Codd."

Steam Engines:- "That the County Surveyor be directed to invite quotations from Manufacturers of Steam Engines for an eight horse power portable steam engine."

That the County Surveyor communicate direct with the Manufacturers of portable steam engines and submit quotations from them to next meeting of Finance & Roads Committee."

"Confirmed on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr M. Codd."

Jaws for Stonebreakers:- "That the County Surveyor be empowered to order £200 worth of Jaws in view of the great delay which occurs in shipments from England."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr Cloney, seconded by Mr Cowman."

Machinery Overseer:- "That the salary of Mr William Murphy, Overseer, be increased from 30/- to 35/- per week. Mr Murphy to carry out his duties under the instructions of the County Surveyor."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr M. Codd, seconded by Mr Scallan."

Kerlogue Quarry:- "That this Committee cannot recommend the County Council to take any step which would interfere with the contract of Moses Power to supply material from Kerlogue Quarry, but, in view of the fact that the

introduction of the Rock Drill to the quarry has caused him financial loss, we direct the County Surveyor to report as to granting a bonus to Mr Power and as to what the amount of this bonus should be."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr Kehoe, seconded by Mr Redmond."

Footpath New Ross Bridge:- "That the County Surveyor be instructed to report as to the cost of replacing present gravel footpaths New Ross Bridge by tar macadam."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr Cloney, seconded by Mr O'Byrne."

New Ross & Wexford Bridges:- "That the County Surveyor be instructed to invite quotations for pitchpine and creosoted deals for the planking of Wexford and New Ross Bridges to be considered at next meeting of Finance & Roads Committee."

The County Surveyor submitted quotations for pitchpine deals from Messrs Graves, Waterford, and T. & C. Martin, Dublin. The latter at 4/6 per c ft was the cheaper.

On the motion of Mr Kehoe, seconded by Mr Redmond, the Minute of Finance and Roads Committee was confirmed, and the tender of Messrs Martin for pitchpine was accepted for Wexford Bridge only.

Claim for erection of Sign Posts:- "That the letter of John Fitzpatrick, Morriscastle, Kilmuckridge, claiming £2 for erection of sign posts in New Ross be referred to the County Surveyor."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr Kehoe, seconded by Mr Redmond."

Petrol for Surveyors:- "That the British Petroleum Company, East Road, North Wall, Dublin, be requested to instruct their local agent to supply the County and Assistant Surveyors with petrol for motor car and motor cycles, which is absolutely necessary to enable them to discharge their duties in connection with the repair and maintenance of the roads .

That a copy of this recommendation be furnished the Local Government Board and that they be requested to use their influence to have the terms of this recommendation put in force."

"Confirmed on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Kehoe."

Application for Increase of Salary from Assistant Surveyors.

A joint application from Messrs Jones, Kehoe, Paddle, Flood, and Doyle, Assistant Surveyors, which had been adjourned on a couple of occasions was considered by the Finance & Roads Committee at their Meeting on 19th April, when the following recommendation was adopted:-

"That we recommend the County Council to increase the salaries of Assistant Surveyors G. Flood, and V. R. Doyle, by £10 per annum, each, provided the latter will arrange to reside within his district. That no increase of salary be voted in the cases of Messrs Jones, Kehoe, and Paddle."

Under date 5th May 1916, the following letter on behalf of the five Assistant Surveyors, was read from Messrs M. J. O'Connor & Co., Solicitors, Wexford:-

"We are acting for the five Assistant Surveyors whose Memorial was presented to the County Council for their kind consideration about 8 or 9 months ago. It has been adjourned 2 or 3 times since then, and then at the last meeting of the Finance Committee held about a month ago, it was decided to grant an increase of salary of £10 to Mr Flood unconditionally, and £10 to Mr Doyle on condition that he would reside in his own district. They have fully considered the matter, and they are not disposed to accept this concession, which though kindly made is not sufficient. ^{their} ~~There~~ work has really been doubled and their pay has not been increased. In addition to what has been fully stated in the Memorial, they ask us to mention that Mr Hassett (who was formerly an Assistant Surveyor in this County) took up the same position in Waterford. He has 60 miles less to do there, and notwithstanding that, he has £180 a year salary, and £50 a year for travelling expenses, total £230, whereas his salary when leaving this County was £95 a year, and now he only works at the other side of the river.

We shall be glad, therefore, if the County Council will reconsider the decision of the Finance Committee. If not, our Clients will have no option but to reluctantly appeal to the Local Government Board, and place the case fully before them for their final decision."

The Finance & Roads Committee recommended that no order be made on the letter from Messrs M. J. O'Connor & Co., Solicitors, on behalf of the Assistant Surveyors.

On the motion of Mr Lynch, seconded by Mr Cowman, the recommendation of the Committee was confirmed.

Local Committee Naval & Military War Pensions &c., Act 1915.

Under date 12th April 1916, the following letter was read from the Secretary to the Statutory Committee, Royal Patriotic Fund Corporation,

17 Waterloo Place, London, S. W.:—

"With reference to the Scheme framed by the Wexford County Council for the constitution of a Local Committee, I am directed to inform you that it is urged that Labour should have as representatives at least one-fifth of the total number of members, and I am to ask whether this could not be provided for in the Scheme.

I am also to enquire what Bodies would recommend the Representatives of Urban Labour referred to in the Schedule."

Under date 5th May 1916, the following was read from the Secretary, War Pensions Etc., Statutory Committee:—

"I am directed by the Statutory Committee to say that they have considered the Scheme for a Local Committee submitted by the Council.

In view of the wording of clause 2, the Schedule should only contain the names of Bodies other than the County Council who are entitled to recommend persons to the Council for appointment.

The Statutory Committee observe that only 4 representatives of Labour are proposed out of a total number of 31. They have in all cases urged that no less than one-fifth of the total should be representatives of Labour, and they would suggest that Labour representation should be increased to 6.

The Committee also attach great importance to the point that so far as possible the Labour representatives should be recommended directly by organizations of Labour, and they suggest that if the National Trade and Labour League is considered representative of any substantial sections of Labour in the County it might be given increased representation.

With regard to the proposed representation of Urban Labour, I am to enquire whether there are not any Trades Councils in any of the towns which would be empowered to recommend representatives.

I am also to enquire whether the Soldiers' and Sailors' Help Society has any active branches in the County and to suggest that if it has it might be empowered to recommend a representative. This could be done without increasing the membership of the Committee by reducing the number of representatives of the Women's National Health Association or the St Vincent de Paul Society. I am to request that the Scheme may be further considered in the light of the foregoing suggestions.

We shall be glad to receive a reply to this letter at your earliest convenience."

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

"That in view of the letters of the Secretary to the Statutory Committee Royal Patriotic Fund Corporation of 12th April and May 5th the Local Committee appointed under Naval and Military War Pensions Etc., Act 1915, at the meeting of County Council on 2nd April 1916 be reconstituted as follows:-

Representatives of Co Council.-16. Nominated by Women's National Health Association,-1. St Vincent de Paul Society.-1, Workmen's Clubs Enniscorthy, New Ross, and Wexford, (One each) 3. Soldiers & Sailors Families Association.-5 Soldiers and Sailors Help Society.2. ^{National Trade & Labour League - 3.} Total 31.

That the Secretary to the Statutory Committee be informed that it is not anticipated that the Local Committee will be able to take over the work by 1st July."

The recent Disturbances.

The following resolution was submitted from the Tullamore Urban District Council:-

"That this Council desires to record their condemnation of the recent deplorable outbreak in Dublin, which they believe to be gravely detrimental to the real Political and Industrial Interests of Ireland, and that we call upon all Nationalist Irishmen to support Mr John Redmond's Constitutional Policy."

Marked "Read"

Importation of Pulp for Paper Making,

The following resolution was submitted from the Wexford Branch of the Typographical Association:-

"That we strongly protest against the proposed restrictions on the importation of pulp for paper making, as we believe such restrictions will be disastrous to the printing and allied industries and will result in many thousands of workers losing their employment. We demand that the Government allow sufficient raw material to be imported to prevent any serious dislocation of industry."

"The resolution as above was adopted on the motion of Mr Cowman, seconded by Mr O'Byrne."

Scholarships for Agriculture

Under date 31st March 1916, a letter was received from the Co Council

of King's Co., that as regards Scholarships in Agriculture a student obtaining such a Scholarship and, having gone through the University Course of the Queen's University, Belfast, and the Constituent Colleges of the National University, would be unable without previous practical training to pass the preliminary examination for the College of Science and would not be qualified for employment under the Department of Agriculture.

The President of University College, Cork, was prepared to make arrangements to meet the difficulties in the matter if he received sufficient support, hence the King's Co Council recommended the County Councils of Leinster and Munster to have any Scholarships reserved for Agriculture tenable at Cork only."

"No Order"

Steam Boat Service-Liverpool and Dublin.

A resolution was received from the County Council of King's Co., calling on the President of the Board of Trade, to take steps to have the steamboat service between Liverpool and Dublin restored to its normal state.

"No Order"

Tuberculosis Scheme-Appointment of Tuberculosis Officer.

Under date 13th May 1916, the following letter (NO. 52, 705-1916, Wexford County) was read from the Local Government Board:-

"I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to state that in view of the opening of the Central Tuberculosis Dispensary at Wexford the Board have approved of the permanent appointment of Dr William O'Connor as Tuberculosis Officer for County Wexford, on the following conditions:-

- 1.- That he shall devote his whole time to the discharge of his duties.
- 2.- That he shall be precluded from accepting fees or reward of any kind for his services other than his official salary.
- 3.- That he shall discharge such duties as may be prescribed from time to time by the Local Government Board, and shall carry out such duties as the Tuberculosis Committee or the County Council, may direct, with the approval of the Board.
- 4.- That he shall reside within easy reach of the Central Tuberculosis Dispensary."

Scarawalsh Road:- That Mr Treanor, Senior Assistant Surveyor, and Mr Flood, Assistant Surveyor, be requested to arrange to give as much supervision as is possible to the steamrolling of Scarawalsh Road."

"Recommendation confirmed on the motion of Mr Cowman, seconded by Mr

O'Byrne."

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

"That we agree to pay the men engaged at Scarawalsh Road steamrolling a sum of 3/4 each day for the three days they were unable to work owing to the disturbances in Enniscorthy."

Motor Car Fine:÷ "That in view of the statement made at this meeting by our Solicitor-Mr R. W. Elgee- as to what transpired at New Ross Petty Sessions on the hearing of the case of the County Council v New Ross Engineering Company, we decline to recommend the County Council to interfere in the legal proceedings which have been taken against the Company."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr Kehoe, seconded by the Chairman."

Ferryarrig Bridge Store.

At the meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee of 17th May a tender was received from Margaret Murphy, fishdealer, Cornmarket, Wexford, for the sale of rent of store adjoining Ferryarrig Bridge.

The following recommendation from the Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Codd:-

"That we agree to rent store adjoining Ferryarrig Bridge to Margaret Murphy, Cornmarket, Wexford, at 10/- per month, provided she takes the place for 12 months certain, tenancy to be determined by a month's notice in writing at either side, the County Surveyor to put the premises into repair."

St Brigid's Inebriate Home.

At the Meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee of 17th May a report was received from the County Surveyor that during the previous week the County Inspector, R. I. C., by direction of the Military Authorities had required him to put St Brigid's Inebriate Home into repair and made suitable for reception of prisoners.

The following recommendation was submitted from Finance & Roads Committee:-

"That the County Surveyor be instructed to apply to the War Office for refund of amount spent in fitting up St Brigid's Inebriate Home, Wexford, for prisoners in connection with the recent disturbances."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr Cowman, seconded by Mr Scallan,"

Road 30R.

At the meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee on 17th May, Mr Cloney

stated that the contractor for Road No. 30 R (New Ross District) was putting seagravel on road instead of material from Haggard Quarry.

Mr Jones, Assistant Surveyor, stated that the Contractor had obtained the permission of the New Ross District Council to do this, as Haggard Quarry was not in proper working order when the tender was under consideration.

The Finance & Roads Committee made the following recommendation:-

"That the Clerk to New Ross R. D. Council be requested to furnish copy of resolution of his Council empowering John Rowe, Connagh, Fethard, to use seagravel instead of material from Haggard quarry on Road No. 30R as no statements to this effect was ever received by the County Council, and the proposal of the Contractor to use seagravel, was deleted from his tender when before the Rural District Council Meeting."

"On the motion of Mr Cowman, seconded by Mr O'Byrne, the recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed."

University Scholarship Scheme.

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

"That the University Scholarship Scheme for 1915-16, be re-adopted for 1916-17, without change."

Conveyance of Explosives to and from Quarries.

The County Surveyor reported at the Finance & Roads Meeting of 17th May, that according to Police Regulations it was necessary for him to have a responsible person to take charge of explosives to quarries and from one quarry to another.

On the motion of Mr Lynch, seconded by Mr Kehoe, the following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed:-

"That the County Surveyor be authorised to arrange with the Assistant Surveyors for the conveyance of explosives to Co Council Quarries, the Co Council to be responsible for locomotion expenses."

That Mr M. J. O'Leary, Assistant in the Office of County Surveyor be paid at the rate of 2/6 per journey for each journey he has to make in connection with the conveyance of Explosives from Wexford Railway Station to Kerlogue Quarry."

Destruction of Gelignite.

The County Surveyor reported that on 27th April he had been obliged by

the Police Authorities to destroy 70¹/₂ lbs of Gelignite in Kerlogue Quarry, valued at about £4.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Cowman, the following recommendation of Finance & Roads Committee of 17th May, was confirmed:-

"That the County Surveyor be instructed to apply to the War Office for the value of gelignite about £4 destroyed at Kerlogue Quarry by instructions of the Police Authorities."

Courtown Harbour Master.

An application for increase of salary from Mr P. Stapleton Harbour Master, Courtown, was considered at Finance & Roads Committee of 17th May, from which the following recommendation was submitted--

"That the salary of Mr P. Stapleton, Harbour Master, Courtown, be increased from 11/6 to 12/6 weekly."

On the motion of Mr Kinsella, seconded by Mr Scallan, the recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed."

Reply to Vote of Condolence.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Kehee, the following letter from Mr M. A. Ennis, 10 Longford Terrace, Monkstown, dated 24th April 1916, was ordered to be inserted on the Minutes--

"Would you favour me by conveying to the next meeting of the Wexford County Council my grateful thanks for the kind resolution of sympathy with me on the death of my dear wife passed by the Council at its meeting of the 5th inst., and would you assure the proposer and seconder and the Members of the Council generally how highly I value this mark of goodwill and friendship coming from a body of men whose company I had the great honour and the privilege of working for many years to the best of my poor ability to promote the interests and the honour of my native County of Wexford."

(Signed)

John Bolger
Presiding Chairman.

Dated this 16th day of

June 1916.

ANNUAL MEETING.- 16th JUNE 1916.

The Annual Meeting of the Wexford County Council, was held in the Co Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford, on 16th June 1916.

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

Also:- Messrs Michael Doyle, Philip Keating, Alexander Kinsella, James J. Stafford, Richard Scallan, James Lynch, Michael Cloney, James A. Doyle, James Codd.

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

Confirmation of Minutes.

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and confirmed.

Election of Chairman.

On the motion of Mr Kinsella,

Seconded by Mr Lynch,

the following resolution was adopted:-

"That Mr John Bolger, be elected Chairman of the Wexford County Council for year 1916-7."

The motion was unanimously adopted.

Mr Bolger returned thanks for his election, and then subscribed the usual declaration of office.

Election of Vice-Chairman.

On the motion of the Chairman,

Seconded by Mr J. Codd, Mr C. H. Peacocke, was elected Vice-Chairman.

Chairmen of District Councils, etc.,

The Secretary reported that Messrs N. J. Cowman, and James Lynch, had been elected Chairmen of the Rural District Councils of Wexford, and Enniscorthy, respectively, Lord Courtown was elected under section 3 of the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898, as the representative of the Gorey Rural District Council on the County Council, as the Chairman of that District Council was already elected member of the County Council. Mr Michael Hickey was elected under Section 3 of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898, as the representative of New Ross Rural District Council on the County Council.

The Late Midshipman J. H. Grattan Esmonde.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Scallan, the following resolution of the Finance & Roads Committee was adopted:-

"That we offer our esteemed colleague-Sir Thomas H. G. Esmonde, Bart. M. P., our most heartfelt sympathy in the loss of his son,-Midshipman J.H. Grattan Esmonde,-a most promising officer, and who went down with his ship, "The Invincible" in the Naval Battle off Jutland.

That a copy of this resolution be furnished Sir Thomas Esmonde."

Caretaker, Etc., Duncannon Harbour.

Applications for the position of Caretaker and lamplighter at Duncannon Harbour, were received from Christopher Lawler, Laurence Monahan, and Richard Doyle, Duncannon, at a salary of £12 per annum.

Mr Lawler produced testimonials, etc., from Very Rev Canon Sheridan, P. P. Ramsgrange, Rev D. Murphy, C. C., Duncannon, E. Reid, Hotel, Duncannon, D. B. Ivor, Master "Duncannon S. S. " A. J. Stephens, Duncannon, and P. G. Forrestal, Duncannon, J. B. Wallis, C. P S., Arthurstown.

Mr Monahan was recommended by Mr Laurence Heery, Duncannon, J. Gunnett, Duncannon, and Thomas Stokes, Duncannon.

Mr Richard Doyle, withdrew his application.

On the motion of Mr Cloney,

Seconded by Mr Stafford,

the following resolution was adopted:-

"That Laurence Monahan, Duncannon, be appointed caretaker etc., Duncannon Harbour at a salary of £12 and according to the terms and conditions set out in advertisement relating to the position. That Mr Monahan enter on his duties when directed by the County Surveyor."

Mr Christopher Lawler was not proposed.

Local Government Emergency Provisions Act 1916.

Under date 5th June 1916, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 25688-1916, Miscellaneous) forwarding copy of Local Government (Emergency Provisions) Act 1916, Part 1 legalises and regulates the action of local authorities, viz:- any person or body of persons who receive or expend the proceeds of any local rate, and any other public body which the Local Government Board may determine-in granting leave of absence and making allowances to their officers and servants who had joined H. M. Forces. Part 2 made various administrative provision with a view to

economy both in money and labour during the War."

"No Order."

Naval & Military War Pensions Etc., Act 1915.

Under date 1st June 1916, the Secretary, War Pensions Etc., Statutory Committee, wrote suggesting that the County Council should communicate with the various bodies suitable to recommend Members for the Local Committee and should convene the first Meeting. They further suggested that if possible, the Clerk to the County Council should act as Clerk to the Local Committee.

The Secretary stated he could not afford time to act as Clerk to the Local Committee. He pointed out that according to Circular No. 3 (Financial Relations) issued by the Statutory Committee the latter expressed the hope that all Local Authorities would endeavour to provide for the administration expenses which will be required.

Under Section 2 of the Naval and Military War Pensions (Expenses) Act 1916, Local Authorities were given statutory power to pay out of the rates the amount of the administrative expenses of the Committee, and according to Section 13 of the Local Government (Emergency Provisions) Act the amount allocated by a Local Authority under this head should receive the sanction of the Local Government Board.

The following recommendation from Finance & Roads Committee of 16th June, was confirmed on the motion of Mr Lynch, seconded by Mr Scallan::

"That our Secretary communicate with the various public bodies named in the Scheme, and ask them to appoint their representatives on the Local Committee.

That the County Council be recommended to appoint their representatives at their annual meeting to be held this date. When the Committee is fully formed, that the Secretary convene the first meeting after consultation with the Chairman of the Co Council as to date."

The following as representatives of the County Council were appointed Members of the Committee:-

The Earl of Courtown, Messrs A. Kinsella, R. Scallan, Sir Thomas Esmonde, John Bolger, James Lynch, ^{Joseph} Patrick Redmond, Patrick O'Neill, J. S. Hearn, J. A. Doyle, M. Cloney, J. J. O'Byrne, James Codd, N J. Cowman, J.J. Kehoe, and P. Keating."

Enniscorthy R. D. School Attendance Committee.

Under date 29th May, the Secretary, Office of National Education, Dublin, wrote the following had been constituted as the School Attendance Committee for Enniscorthy Rural District for the period of three years from 1st June 1916.

Appointed by Local Authority:-

L. Harte, Clonroche, Thomas Cleary, Ballyvake, Edermine, Thomas Hayes, Court St., Enniscorthy, P. J. Bowe, Kiltaly, Enniscorthy, J. Hall, Boolavogue, Monamolin.

Appointed by the Commissioners of National Education:-

Rev Canon Macbeth, L.L.D., Killegney, Enniscorthy, Rev J. W. O'Byrne, C.C., Boolavogue, Ferns, Rev S. J. Cullen, C.C., Caim, Enniscorthy, Rev J. Maher, P.P., Oulart, and Rev R. E. Fitzhenry C. C., Marshallstown, Enniscorthy."

Gorey R. D. School Attendance Committee.

Under date 13th May 1916, the following resolution was submitted from the Gorey Rural District School Attendance Committee:-

Proposed by Rev J. Ashton, seconded by Mr J. Sheehan, and adopted:-

"That the Clerk to the Committee write to the County Council asking them to place £10 in his hands, to defray the expenses of the Committee for prosecutions, etc.,"

The Finance & Roads Committee had made the following recommendation in the matter:-

"That subject to the sanction of the Local Government Board, a sum of £10 be advanced to the Secretary of the Gorey R. D. School Attendance Committee to pay the costs of prosecutions."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr Stafford, seconded by Mr Lynch."

Vacancy on Asylum Committee.

Under date 8th June, Rev Robert Fitzhenry P. P., Lady's Island, wrote resigning Membership of the Asylum Committee, owing to his transfer from Enniscorthy to Lady's Island.

On the motion of Mr Scallan,

Seconded by Mr Lynch, the following resolution was adopted--

"That Rev James Rossiter, Adm., Enniscorthy, be appointed a member of the Enniscorthy Lunatic Asylum Committee, vice Father Fitzhenry resigned."

Vacancy on County Infirmary Committee.

Under date 8th June 1916, Rev R. Fitzhenry P. P., Lady's Island, wrote asking that his thanks should be conveyed to the County Council for having elected him as a Member of the County Wexford Infirmary. He regretted that he could not act on the Committee.

On the motion of Mr Cloney, seconded by Mr Scallan, Mr Michael Doyle, Cottage, Tagoat, was appointed a Member of the Co Infirmary Committee.

University Scholarships.

Applications for award of University Scholarships were considered from the following for the purpose of ascertaining the eligibility of the Candidates to compete for Scholarships:-

- 1.- Annie Josephine Bookey, Ferns.
- 2.- William Leo Doyle, Broadway.
- 3.- Johanna Fortune, Kereight, Kyle.
- 4.- Herbert Hall, Castletown, Inch, Gorey.
- 5.- Anna C. Kehoe, The Moor, Bridgetown.
- 6.- Mary J. Kehoe, do., do.,
- 7.- Mabel M. Lyne, Dubross, Quay, Wexford.
- 8.- James O'Connor, Common Quay Street, Wexford.
- 9.- John Travers, 38 Main Street, Gorey.

"It was decided the matter be adjourned to the meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee following the publication of the results of the Intermediate Examinations."

All Ireland Munitions & Government Supplies Committee.

The Secretary, Dublin Industrial Development Committee, wrote, that various Government Departments, such as the Ministry of Munitions, War Office and Admiralty, are large buyers of a multitude of articles, many varieties of which are produced in Ireland, while a large number of Irish producers have not, so far, availed themselves of this outlet for their wares. The All Ireland Munitions and Government Supplies Committee had requested the Development Association to procure and tabulate this information for them, and with this object in view they were now preparing a complete return of all the Industries carried on in Ireland.

They asked the Co Council to co-operate with them in this connection by supplying the Association with as full details as possible of all Industries carried on in the district by collectively and individually

bringing this matter to the attention of the local producers, and advising them, if willing to undertake orders for Government supplies, to communicate with the Association without delay.

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

"That the matter be left in the hands of the Secretary to deal with it."

Wheelagower Lane.

The following memorial was submitted by ratepayers of Rossard district electoral division:-

"We the undersigned Ratepayers of Rossard E. D., most earnestly request that the County Council will endeavour to have Wheelagower Lane put into contract. After spending so much money to have it put in repair, this money would be thrown away unless the County Council put it under contract system."

The following recommendation from Finance & Roads Committee, was confirmed on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Lynch:-

"That Mr Justin Sutton, Wheelagower, be informed that the maintenance of this lane is in the hands of the County Surveyor, and will be attended to in due course."

Closing of Roads.

The following recommendation from Finance & Roads Committee was adopted on the motion of Mr Stafford, seconded by Mr Kinsella:-

"That our Secretary communicate with the Clerk to the Enniscorthy Rural District Council, as to their action in closing three roads at their last meeting, without taking the proper legal steps for this purpose or informing the County Council."

Recommendations-Finance & Roads Committee.

The following recommendation was submitted from meeting of Finance & Roads Committee of 17th May:-

Wagons for Haulage Purposes:- "That the matter of purchase of wagons be adjourned to next meeting of Finance & Roads Committee, and in the meantime the County Surveyor inspect new and second-hand wagons at Carlow offered for sale by Messrs Thompson & Co., That he bring before next meeting all quotations which he may have received for wagons."

At the meeting of Finance & Roads Committee of 7th June, the County Surveyor submitted tenders for wagons, as follows:-

Aveling £85, Harris (Fowler) £106. 3. 7d, Thompson Bros., Wexford, £85, Thompson & Son, Carlow £72. 10/- Robey £106, and Fleming £90.

The Finance & Roads Committee submitted the following recommendation-

"That the tender of Messrs Thompson & Son, Carlow, for two wagons at £72. 10/- each, be accepted. That the County Surveyor be instructed to communicate with Mr Samuel Warren, Whitechurch, New Ross, and ascertain his price for making new wagon for haulage purposes."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr Cloney, seconded by Mr Scallan."

Steam Engine for Haulage:- From the meeting of Finance & Roads Committee of 17th May, the following recommendation was submitted:-

"That the County Surveyor communicate with the Manufacturers of portable steam engines, and submit quotations from them to next meeting of Finance & Roads Committee."

At the meeting of Finance & Roads Committee of 7th June, the County Surveyor submitted the following tenders for new portable S H. P. steam engine:-

Thompson Bros, Wexford, (Ransome's) £226. 5/-, Morgan (Marshall) £273, do., (Aveling) £273, Aveling £226 5/-, Robey £226. 5/-, and Marshall £226. 5/-"

The following recommendation was submitted by the Finance & Roads Committee:-

"That the tender of Messrs Thompson Bros., Wexford, for S H, P., portable steam engine (Ransome's) be accepted."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr Stafford, seconded by Mr Kinsella."

Tool House at Ferrycarrig Bridge.

Under date 5th June 1916, Messrs M. J. O'Connor & Co., Solicitors, Wexford, wrote that they had been asked by Mr John J. McDonald, Ferrycarrig, to bring before the County Council correspondence between Mr McDonald and the County Surveyor relative to the letting of tool house at Ferrycarrig Bridge.

Under date 19th May 1916, Mr McDonald wrote to the Co Surveyor stating that he had been informed that the Co Council had let the tool-house for trade purposes. This house was built on his property, and the site had been given by his people a great many years ago for the

purpose of erecting a shed to store machinery and appliances used in connection with the bridge. He protested against the letting of the shed for any other purpose by the County Council, and held that public property had no right to be used for the purposes of trading.

Under date 26th May, Mr McDonald wrote, that he had locked the gate near the shed and would not allow anyone through without permission.

In reply to these letters the County Surveyor writing under date 31st May, stated that the agreement to let the house to Mrs Murphy was resolved by the County Council, and that his action in the matter was under the direction of the Council, to whom Mr McDonald should apply if he had any cause of complaint."

The following recommendation was submitted from the Finance & Roads Committee of 7th June:-

"That we recommend the County Council to take no further action in this matter."

"Recommendation confirmed on the motion of Mr Stafford, seconded by Mr Scallan."

Courtown Harbour:- The Courtown Harbour Committee at their Meeting of 2nd May, recommended that the Harbour Master should obtain what timber he required for the repair of boats at a cost not exceeding £2. 10/-"

The matter was considered by the Finance & Roads Committee of 7th June, when the following recommendation was adopted:-

"That the Harbour Master, Courtown Harbour, be empowered to purchase timber necessary for the repair of boats at a cost not exceeding £2. 10/-"

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr Cloney, seconded by Mr Lynch."

Sheep Dipping:- At the meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee of 7th June, correspondence was submitted from the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction, re sheep dipping.

Under date 25th May 1916, (1403-16 V. B.) the Department wrote asking for the extent of the response to the advertisement issued by the Council for names and addresses of persons who had erected swim baths for sheep and who were prepared to carry out dipping for a fixed fee.

Under date 31st May 1916, the Department wrote (letter No. 1503-16 V. B.,) approving of the appointment of Messrs James Murphy and George Brett, as Sheep Dipping Inspectors, at a remuneration of £26 in each case to cover

both dipping periods. The Department also wished to be informed as to whether the Council proposed to make regulations under the Sheep Dipping (Local Regulations) (Ireland) Order of 1916, allowing of notices being served on owners by the Inspectors fixing the times, places, and conditions of dipping.

The Finance & Roads Committee had made the following recommendation--

"That the Department be informed that at present the Finance & Roads Committee do not consider it necessary to put the provisions of the Sheep Dipping (Local Regulations) (Ireland) Order of 1916, as to appointment of times, places, and conditions of dipping, into effect. Later on, if they ascertain that such a step is necessary in order to secure a proper compliance with the Sheep Dipping Order, they will be prepared to go into the question.

R That the County Council be recommended to inform Messrs M. Laffan, R. A. Byron, and Michael Corcoran, that the Council will be prepared to fix a fee for their swim baths for sheep at 1¹/₂d per sheep, sheep owners giving the labour where possible, owners of baths to supply any labour over and above that provided by sheepowners and which may be requisite to have sheep efficiently dipped."

Byron The Secretary mentioned that he had received a letter from Mr R. A. Byron, Orristown, agreeing to dip sheep at 1¹/₂d per head.

Messrs P. Cooney, Oulart, and L. Dwyer, Heathpark, New Ross, wrote that they would allow their swim baths to be used at a fee of 1¹/₂d per sheep.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Scallan, seconded by Mr Lynch:-

"That the recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee re sheep dipping be confirmed and that we agree to the offer of Messrs R. A. Byron, Orristown, P. Cooney, Oulart, and L. Dwyer, Heathpark, New Ross, to dip sheep at their swim baths at a fixed fee of 1¹/₂d per sheep."

Road 155G:- The following recommendation of Finance & Roads Committee, was confirmed on the motion of Mr Stafford, seconded by Mr Scallan:-

"That the County Surveyor be authorised to serve notice under the 54th Section of the Grand Jury Act on the Contractor for Road No. 155G-David Doyle, Cookstown, Killenagh."

Kilmore Pier:+ On the motion of Mr Stafford, seconded by Mr J. A. Doyle,

the following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee Meeting of 16th June 1916, was adopted:-

"That the County Surveyor be instructed to draw up a specification for repair of Kilmore Pier (a) for wedging, (b) for dumping of boulders, on the terms of Mr Delap's report and advertise the work in sections (a) and (b)."

Boyce's Bay:- On the motion of Mr Lynch, seconded by Mr Cloney, the following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was adopted:-

"That the question of dealing with prosecution of Contractor re Boyce's Bay be adjourned to next meeting of Finance & Roads Committee."

Road Machinery:- On the motion of Mr Stafford, seconded by Mr Kinsella, the following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was adopted:-

"That the County Council be recommended not to entertain the offer of Mr Kavanagh for sale of his stonebreakers for the present."

Road Material Wexford Corporation:- The following recommendation from the Finance & Roads Committee, was confirmed on the motion of Mr Stafford, seconded by Mr Cloney:-

"That we inform the Wexford Corporation that the Wexford County Council regret they are not in a position at present to comply with the request of the Corporation, as they find the greatest difficulty in filling their own requirements for road material."

Rate Collection.

In connection with the Orders of the County Council that Collectors Doyle and Mullett, should lodge 20 per cent of their collections within the first month after receipt of their warrants and 40 per cent at the end of the first three months, letters were read from the Collectors in question that they would comply with the instructions of the Council.

"No. Order"

Road Contractors Applications.

At the meeting of the County Council on 17th May, an application was read from Messrs Huggard & Brennan, Solicitors, Wexford, on behalf of certain Road Contractors in Gorey Rural District, and from Messrs M. J. O'Connor & Co., Solicitors, Wexford, on behalf of certain Road Contractors in Wexford Rural District. These contractors had entered into their contracts before the War, and found they were very hard hit owing to the scarcity of labour and increase in cost of materials.

The applicants considered that the County Surveyor should be given

discretion to pay them a reasonable sum for the work they had carried out, and also that the tonnage on these roads should be reduced.

"The Council had referred the matter to the Finance & Roads Committee."

Under date 7th June 1916, the following letter from Messrs Huggard & Brennan, Solicitors, had been considered by the Finance & Roads Committee:-

"On behalf of the Gorey Road Contractors' Association we would like to lay before you the following specific cases in support of which documentary evidence can be offered:-

Contract 65G was taken from 30th June 1914, to 31st March 1919. The Specification for this contract orders 72 Cubic Yards of stones and 8 yards of screenings to be annually put on the roads, together with, of course, the usual cleaning of gries, etc., 72 cubic yards of stones roughly amount to 80 tons. There might be a small variation according to the quality of the stone. The price per ton since the contract was taken has advanced 1/- and wages for horse-labour and cartage has increased 9d per ton. It, therefore, costs the contractor in material and cartage 1/9 per ton more, so that on this small contract the extra cost is £7, exclusive of the cost of manual labour in spreading stones and other necessary works upon the road. The total contract is £33 so that the actual cost of getting material, independent of labour is £21. 2% more than at the time the contract was taken out. We annex hereto a list of similar figures in connection with other contracts in the district, and all of which can be vouched. As to the other contracts in the Gorey District, the material being got from privately-owned quarries, it is impossible to give specific statistics, but we think the Council may safely assume that there has been a corresponding increase in the cost in all contracts, and it will undoubtedly have come before the notice of some of your Councillors that the Wicklow County Council, at a recent meeting of that Body, realised that their Road Contractors had a grievance in respect of the matters similar to that of which the Gorey body of Contractors now complain. We trust that from the figures now supplied the Council will see that our Clients, under the circumstances deserve sympathetic consideration."

"Adjourned to next meeting of Finance & Roads Committee. The Secretary was instructed to specially mention on the agenda paper that this would be the special business of the Committee Meeting."

Duncannon Hulk.

At the meeting of Finance & Roads Committee on 17th May, the following recommendation was adopted-

"That Messrs M.Cloney, J.J. Stafford, J. S. Hearn, A. Kinsella, and the Chairman, be appointed a Committee with the County Surveyor to confer with representatives of Waterford Harbour Board as to replacing Duncannon Hulk on her station, and as to account furnished for salvage.

A report was presented by the Committee giving particulars of their Conference with the Waterford Harbour Board on 29th May 1916. It was then found that the account for salvage of hulk representing actual wages or out of pocket expenses incurred by the Harbour Board amounted to £508. 17. 10d, and that the account for salvage of barges representing actual wages and out of pocket expenses amounted to £176. 15. 4d. For Hire of Plant the Commissioners forwarded a claim for £98. 0. 6d. The various items in this account were gone into very carefully at the Conference with the result that they agreed to make reductions in various items amounting to £51. 6. 6d leaving net amount under this head £46. 14/- The total amount due the Harbour Board was £732. 7. 2d.

In connection with the work of replacing the hulk of Duncannon on her station, it was decided at the Conference that the County Council Committee should meet representatives of the Waterford Harbour Board at Duncannon and go into the matter on 1st June.

The result of this meeting was reported by the County Council Committee.

It was then decided that the Waterford Harbour Commissioners be asked to bring the hulk and staging to Waterford, repair and replace same at the expense and risk of the County Council. It was further decided that the Harbour Commissioners get offers for the Insurance of hulk while being conveyed to Waterford and back, and that the County Surveyor have the outside of hulk scraped and coated with bitumenous mastic while in Waterford.

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

"That the reports of Committee re Duncannon Hulk of 29th May and 1st June 1916, be received and adopted."

Road 30R New Ross Rural District

At the Meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee on 17th May, the

following recommendation was agreed to:-

"That the Clerk of the New Ross Rural District Council be requested to furnish copy of resolution of his Council empowering John Rowe, Connagh, Fethard, to use seagravel instead of material from Haggard Quarry on Road No. 30R., as no statement to this effect was ever received by the County Council, and the proposal of the Contractor to use seagravel was deleted from his tender when before the Rural District Council Meeting."

Under date 20th May 1916, the Clerk New Ross Rural District Council, wrote that he was unable to trace any resolution of the District Council empowering John Rowe, Contractor for Road No. 30R to use seagravel instead of stones from Haggard Quarry on said road.

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

"That the Secretary request the Clerks of Rural District Councils when any change has been made in a specification for maintenance of a road as to material etc., to notify the County Council of same, so that the information will be before the County Council when the question of the acceptance of Contractors is under consideration."

Confirmation Minutes Tuberculosis Committee.

The following resolutions of Tuberculosis Management Committee were submitted for confirmation:-

"That the Bill of Costs of Messrs M. J. O'Connor & Co., Solicitors, Wexford, amounting to £10. 12/- in respect of preparation of lease of plot of ground on which Wexford Tuberculosis Dispensary has been erected, be paid from the funds under the control of the Tuberculosis Committee."

"That our Secretary take steps to have Wexford Tuberculosis Dispensary insured against loss by fire."

"That in order to secure the harmonious and efficient working of a properly devised County Scheme for the prevention of Tuberculosis, this Committee considers that immediate steps should be taken for the amalgamation of Tuberculosis Committee and County Insurance Committee. At present the administrative work of these Committees costs nearly £200 per annum, with amalgamation we are convinced this work could be carried out for a considerable less sum. We are also of opinion from our experience of the working of Tuberculosis Committee that the benefits of the Scheme

would be afforded to those suffering from Tuberculosis more expeditiously and carefully by one Committee than obtains with the present arrangements. We feel that the existing system of working through two Committees, with dual control produces the maximum of inefficiency, and so overloads and overlaps administration as to make the Scheme almost unworkable. We further call attention to the great waste of time caused by meetings of two bodies dealing with the work which could be more efficiently and economically performed by one Committee."

"That the County Insurance Committee be informed that as the Local Government Board are pressing the Tuberculosis Committee to induce the County Insurance Committee to pay their Contribution towards the salaries and expenses of Tuberculosis Officer and Nurse, we request the Insurance Committee to deal with this matter at the earliest date possible. Taking this contribution as from May 1913 to 28th February 1916, (during which period the County Insurance Committee had made themselves responsible for the treatment of insured and exempt persons and their dependants) as one-third, and from 28th February 1916 to 31st March 1916, (during which period the County Insurance Committee were responsible for the treatment of insured and exempt persons only) as one-fifth, the total due by the Insurance Committee is £562. 17. 6d."

"That Mr N. J. Frizelle be appointed as Secretary to the Tuberculosis Committee for a period of twelve months as from 15th February 1916, at a salary of £52 per annum."

"That we request the Wexford Corporation to take into consideration the advisability of adopting the Tuberculosis (Conditions of Notification-Ireland) Order of 1909, as such adoption would greatly facilitate the work of grappling with this fell disease. That we instruct our Tuberculosis Officer to attend the meeting of the Corporation at which this matter will be considered in order to fully explain its provisions."

"That Lady Fitzgerald, Alderman Hadden, Messrs P. Rossiter, P. Keating, and John J. Kehoe, be appointed a Sub-Committee to deal with applications from persons for treatment coming within the provisions of the Tuberculosis Scheme."

"The foregoing resolutions of the Tuberculosis Committee were confirmed on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Scallan."

Holidays for Officials.

On the motion of the Chairman,

Seconded by Mr Scallan, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the County Surveyor and County Secretary be granted a month's holidays to be taken as their work will allow. That the be empowered to arrange for the holidays of their Staffs."

Poisons & Pharmacy Act.

Joseph Conroy, 3 Castle Street, Enniscorthy, applied for licence under Poisons & Pharmacy Act for the sale of Agricultural Substances.

On the motion of the Chairman,

Seconded by Mr Scallan, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That licence be granted under Poisons & Pharmacy Act to Mr Joseph Conroy, 3 Castle Street, Enniscorthy."

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

James Sinnott, The Ballagh, Enniscorthy, J. J. Haughton, Ferns, John Purcell, Broadway, Lady's Island, John Roche, Camolin, Laurence Codd, 26 Main Street, Enniscorthy, W. H. McGuire, Quay, Wexford, Alexander Kinsella, Main Street, Gorey, E. Brennan, Taghmon, Patrick Healy, 82 North Main Street Wexford, J. J. Stafford, South Main Street, Wexford, and J. S. Hearn, South Street, New Ross.

On the motion of the Chairman,

Seconded by Mr Scallan, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That renewal of their licences under Poisons & Pharmacy Act be granted to Messrs James Sinnott, J. J. Haughton, John Purcell, John Roche, Laurence Codd, Alexander Kinsella, E. Brennan, Patrick Healy, W. H. McGuire, J. J. Stafford, and J. S. Hearn."

Bantry & Blackstairs Commons Rating.

Under date 14th June 1916, the following resolution was read from New Ross Rural District Council:-

"That we protest against the action of the County Council in instructing their Solicitor to take further proceedings against the persons supposed to be grazing the White Mountain, as we consider that after two Courts have given their decision against the County Council in this case, further costly/^{law}proceedings at a Superior Court should not be taken.

We also desire to be informed of the nature of the instructions

given by the County Council to the Lawyers in this case, as a result of which they advised the prolonged and unsuccessful legal proceedings."

The following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Lynch:-

"That in reply to the resolution of the New Ross Rural District Council we desire to point out that the County Council are obliged to apply for rates to all persons whose names appear in the General Valuation Lists compiled by the General Valuation Office. So long as the names of any persons appear in these lists, the Council are bound to use every possible means to obtain the amount of the rates due by these persons, otherwise they would be liable to surcharge by the Auditor of the Local Government Board. The instructions given to their Solicitor by the County Council, were that he should take all steps which he considered advisable in order to recover the rates on Bantry and Blackstairs Commons, if such were legally payable. In the circumstances the County Council had no option but to proceed against the persons rated in connection with these Commons."

Application to Road Board.

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

"That owing to the number of workmen who have left the County to join His Majesty's Forces and to take service in Munition Works, this Council are finding the greatest difficulty in obtaining contractors for the maintenance of their Works and Roads. We, therefore respectfully request the Road Board to make us a grant to meet the position, said grant to be applied for the purposes of purchasing Road Machinery and Labour saving appliances, to substitute labour, thus reducing the cost of the maintenance of roads and county Works generally."

Malicious Injury Application Appeal.

The following recommendation from the Finance & Roads Committee was read:-

"That we approve of the action of our Solicitor-Mr R. W. Elgee- in appealing to the forthcoming Wexford Assizes against the decree given by the County Court Judge for a sum of £100 for alleged malicious damage to Motor Car the property of Mr E. McAleavey, Enniscorthy."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr Cloney, seconded by Mr Scallan."

Analyst's Report.

City Laboratory,

Chatham Row,

Dublin. 24th May 1916.

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 31st March 1916.

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

<u>Article.</u>	<u>Number.</u>
Butter	43
Milk	42
Whiskey	31
Buttermilk	16
Drugs	18
Flour	10
Indian Meal	10
Rum	7
Cocoa	7
Cornflour	7
Sugar	7
Rice	9
Margarine	7
Cheese	8
Mustard	6
Ginger Wine	6
Bread	5
Tea	5
Pepper	5
Oatmeal	4
Port wine	4
Dripping	3
Currants	3
Gin	2
Feeding Cake	2
Separated Milk	2
Claret	1
Lard	1

<u>Article.</u>	<u>Number.</u>
Vinegar	1
Brandy	1
Arrowroot	1
Sweets	1
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Total	275

Two certificates were sent to Sergeant White, Wexford, for specimens of milk adulterated with at least 13 and 14 per cent of added water respectively and one certificate for specimen of milk adulterated with at least 6.25 per cent of added water, and was also deficient of at least 26 per cent of its fats, and one certificate for specimen of milk deficient of at least 16 per cent of its fats.

One certificate was sent to Sergeant Torsney, Ferns, for specimen of milk adulterated with at least 18 per cent of added water.

Two certificates were sent to Sergeant Howard, Newtownbarry, for specimens of whiskey which were 33 and 35 degrees under proof and were therefore adulterated with 10.67 and 26.67 per cent of water respectively.

One certificate was sent to Sergeant O'Sullivan, New Ross, for specimen of whiskey which was 26.5 degrees under proof and was therefore adulterated with 2 per cent of water.

There were eleven 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 Gorey Union nine drugs were analysed and were correct.

For the Guardians of Enniscorthy Union seventeen drugs and four specimens of port wine were analysed and were correct.

For the Enniscorthy Co-operative Society, Enniscorthy, one fertilizer was analysed.

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

Total Analyses.....	320
Adulterated & defective Articles.....	8

Charles A. Cameron.

Marked "Read"

Revision of Valuation.

On the motion of the Chairman,

Seconded by Mr Scallan, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the lists of applications for revision of valuation as submitted by our Secretary be adopted and forwarded for revision to the General Valuation Office."

(Signed)

John Bolger
Presiding Chairman.

Dated this *2nd* day of *August* 1916.

SPECIAL MEETING.- 25th JULY 1916.

A Special Meeting of the Wexford County Council, was held in the County Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford, on 25th July 1916.

Present:- Mr C. H. Peacocke, (Vice-Chairman) presiding.

Also:- Messrs R. Scallan, P. Keating, Louis Barry, J. J. Kehoe, James Codd, and J. J. Stafford.

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

Kilmore Pier.

The Meeting was specially summoned to consider tenders for repair of Kilmore Pier.

Mr John Browne, Henrietta Street, Wexford, tendered to do the wedging up of masonry blocks at the Pier for £330, subject to the following conditions:- "The County Surveyor to get seven days' notice in writing, requiring him to examine the work, or any portion of the work. After the work has been passed by the County Surveyor, the Contractor not to be responsible for subsequent damage done by storm or otherwise."

Mr Browne named as his Sureties:- Mr James Browne, Henrietta Street, Wexford, and Mr James Kelly, North Main Street, Wexford.

"On the motion of Mr Barry, seconded by Mr Keating, the tender of Mr Browne was accepted."

The following tender was read from Mr Denis Hughes (Hughes Bros) Moortown, Tomhaggard--

"I propose to carry out the work at Kilmore Harbour of dumping Rubble at base of pier according to Specification prepared by County Surveyor for the sum of £830, provided I be allowed to substitute Concrete Blocks as per Memo sent me by County Surveyor, instead of 3 ton Boulders according to conditions in my former proposal, in which I have not allowed for Hire of Crane, and which sum will to be added to my Estimate."

I submit as Sureties:- Peter F. Bogan, J. P., Tincurra House, Taghmon, and James J. O'Keefe, Sleadagh."

Denis Hughes.

Mr Elgee pointed out that in his opinion it would be inadvisable for the meeting to accept this tender, and, on the motion of Mr Scallan, seconded by Mr Kehoe, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the question of accepting tender for dumping rubble at base of Kilmore Pier, as per Specification of County Surveyor, be adjourned to the meeting of the County Council to be held on 2nd August 1916".

A letter from Mr James Kinsella, Littlestown, Tombhaggard, under date 23rd July 1916, offering to act as Clerk of Works, during the repairs at Kilmore Pier, was adjourned to the meeting of the County Council on 2nd August.

The County Surveyor submitted the following letter from Messrs Stopford & Turner, Estate Agents, Gorey, under date 24th July 1916::

"It has been reported to us that you are quarrying stone on the foreshore at the back of Kilmore Pier, in order to obtain material for repairing the Pier, and we are told that your action will be detrimental to Mr Bruen's Estate, and will probably cause encroachment from the sea during the winter months. A complaint has been made to us by two tenants- Richard Walshe, and Nicholas Cousins.

We must express our surprise that you should have taken this action without, in the first instance, consulting us, and giving us an opportunity of seeing what you intended to do. Mr Bruen would be anxious to facilitate you in carrying out a work of this nature, but, it would be only reasonable that he should be consulted.

We hereby give you notice that we shall hold you, and all parties concerned, responsible for any loss or damage which may accrue to Mr Bruen or to his tenants by reason of your action."

Ordered:- "That the County Surveyor inform Messrs Stopford & Turner, that the blasting operations which have been carried out by him at the foreshore adjacent to Kilmore Pier, were merely in the nature of an experiment."

Telephone Wires at Wexford Bridge.

Under date 25th July 1916, the following letter from Mr J. Elgee, Solicitor, George Street, Wexford, was submitted to the meeting, by the County Surveyor:-

"I wish to draw your attention to the manner in which Telephone

Wires, which are brought across the New Bridge, are causing an obstruction at the opening span of the Bridge, to the free passage of persons going up and down the River, in Cots and Boats.

At present the wires are brought across the Opening Span at a level with the ordinary road level of the Bridge, or rather with the level of the beams which carry the road, and thus do away with the advantage of having the opening span higher than the other spans of the Bridge.

The present position of the Wires is of some danger to the Public, as they, seeing that the opening Span is higher than the other Spans, make for it, only to find, when too late, that the Wires are obstructing their free passage through it. If they do not damage themselves they are bound to damage the Wires.

I will be glad therefore if you will have the matter brought before the Telephone Authorities in order to have same rectified."

Ordered: "That the County Surveyor be instructed to call the attention of the Post Office Authorities, to the terms of letter from Mr J. Elgee, Solicitor, Wexford, as to obstruction caused by the manner in which the public telephone wires have been brought across the Wexford Bridge."

(Signed)

John Balger

Presiding Chairman.

Dated this

2 day of August

1916.

Quarterly Meeting.- 2nd August 1916.

The Quarterly Meeting of the Wexford County Council, was held in the County Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford, on 2nd August 1916.

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

Also:- Messrs C. H. Peasecke, Louis Barry, Michael Doyle, N. J. Cowman, R. Scallan, P. Whelan, J. J. Stafford, James Lynch, M. Codd, J. Redmond, J. T. Mayler, P. Keating.

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

Confirmation of Minutes.

The Minutes of Annual Meeting of 16th June, and of Special Meeting on 25th July, were read and confirmed.

Application Increase of Salary-County Surveyor.

The following letter under date 1st August 1916, was read from the Co. Surveyor:-

"I shall be obliged if at next Meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee and also at the County Council Meeting, you will bring forward a notice on the Agenda Paper, asking the County Council to consider my application for an increase of salary, or as an alternative to make me an allowance for travelling expenses.

If the Council will hear my application I shall be prepared to go in detail into the matter."

On the motion of Mr Cowman, seconded by Mr Redmond, the following recommendation of Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed:-

"That the Application of the County Surveyor for an increase in his salary be refused."

Audits of Accounts.

Under date 21st July 1916, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 33622: 1916, Wexford Co.,) forwarding the following report of their Auditor on his audit of the Accounts of the Wexford County Council, for half-year ended 31st March last:-

"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 in that behalf made.

The Accounts were prepared and submitted for audit in every satisfactory manner, and no item of expenditure calls for any remark on my part."

Under date 1st July 1916, the Local Government Board wrote letter No. 30617 : 1916, Enniscorthy Rural District, forwarding copy of report of their Auditor on his audit of the Accounts of Enniscorthy Rural District for half-year ended 30th September 1915.

Under date 3rd July 1916, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 30616: 1916, Enniscorthy Union) forwarding copy of the report of their Auditor on his audit of the Accounts of Enniscorthy Union for the half-year ended 30th September 1915.

Under date 1st August 1916, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 35361-1916, Wexford County) forwarding report of their Auditor on his audit of the Accounts of Enniscorthy District Lunatic Asylum, for half-year ended 31st March 1916."

Marked "Read"

Salaries of Assistant Surveyors.

Under date 13th July 1916, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 31968 : 1916 Wexford Co.,) forwarding copy letter received from Messrs M. J. O'Connor & Co., Solicitors, Wexford, relative to the salaries of five Assistant Surveyors (Messrs W. H. Jones, John Kehoe, Thomas Paddle, Gerald Flood, and V. R. Doyle) together with copy of the Board's reply thereto.

The letter of Messrs O'Connor & Co., pointed out that the County Council had granted an increase of £10 a year to Mr Flood unconditionally, and £10 to Mr Doyle on condition that he would reside in his own district. Neither Mr Flood nor Mr Doyle, were prepared to accept this condition. Although their work had been doubled and the price of living had gone up 50 per cent, the salaries of the Assistant Surveyors had been practically left the same. Would the Local Government Board receive a deputation from the Assistant Surveyors or have an Inquiry into all their cases, if necessary upon oath."

In reply to this letter, the Local Government Board wrote under date 13th July 1916, (letter No. 31968-1916 Wexford Co.,) that the functions of the

Board were confined to concurring in the amounts of salaries proposed by the County Council, and, in the circumstances they could not see their way to act on the suggestions made by Messrs O'Connor & Co., and could only suggest that the Surveyors should again approach the County Council.

Under date 28th July, the following letter was read from the five Assistant Surveyors concerned:—

"The Local Government Board have communicated to us that whilst it is not in their province to interfere with the County Council in the matter of increasing our salaries they suggest that we again approach you in this matter.

Acting in that suggestion we now respectfully ask you to give us an opportunity of proving to you the extent of which our work and consequently our travelling and out-of-pocket expenses have been increased."

The matter had been before the Finance & Roads Committee from whom the following recommendation was submitted:—

"That the correspondence from the Local Government Board in connection with the salaries of five Assistant Surveyors of the Council be referred to the Quarterly Meeting of the County Council to be held on 2nd August 1916."

Mr Doyle proposed:— "That no further consideration be given to the application of the Assistant Surveyors for increases of salaries in view of the refusal of Messrs Flood & Doyle to accept the £10 per annum increase voted them by the County Council, and also as we are of opinion that Messrs Jones, Kehoe, and Paddle, are in receipt of sufficient salaries."

Mr Barry seconded.

Passed.

Assistant Surveyors Flood & Doyle.

Under date 14th June 1916, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 23911: 1916, Wexford County) approving of the proposal of the County Council to increase the salaries of Messrs G. Flood, and V. R. Doyle, Assistant Surveyors, by £10 a year each.

Marked "Read"

Motor Car Licence Duties.

Under date 10th July 1916, the Local Government Board wrote (No. 28278-1916, Miscellaneous) forwarding copy of certified statement received from the Postmaster General showing the value of Motor Car Licence Duties levied by Local Authorities in Ireland during the year ended 31st March last.

Wexford with £1368. 4. 6d was ninth on the list.

Marked "Read"

Finance & Roads Committee Recommendations.

The following Recommendations were submitted from the Finance & Roads Committee Meetings:-

Boyce's Bay Contract:- "That the County Surveyor be instructed to take the necessary steps to enforce the performance of Contract at Boyce's Bay, (Contractor-Mr H. P. Gahan) and that he be empowered to have the work carried out at the expense of Mr H. P. Gahan, should the necessity arise."

"Confirmed on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Peacocke."

Road Contractors' Applications:- "That as regards the application of Road Contractors in Gorey and Wexford Districts for concessions in the matter of reduction of tonnage for Road Maintenance, our Secretary inform Messrs Huggard & Brennan, Solicitors, acting for Gorey Contractors, and Messrs M. J. O'Connor & Co., Solicitors, acting for Wexford Contractors, that the Local Government Board have declined to sanction any proposal for a reduction of tonnage."

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

Lease-Enniscorthy Courthouse:- "That the lease of Enniscorthy Courthouse, from Right Honorable The Earl of Bortsmouth to the Wexford County Council be signed and sealed on behalf of said Council. That in accordance with the terms of said lease the insurance of Enniscorthy Courthouse be increased from £1,000 to £2,000."

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

Road Board Loan:- "That an application be made to the Road Board for an advance (by way of loan free of Interest) of a sum of £500. That this matter be referred to the County Surveyor with instructions to prepare for next meeting of Finance & Roads Committee a list of machinery which he requires at present for road maintenance."

"That we approve of the particulars of road machinery submitted by the County Surveyor being forwarded to the Road Board, and that they be requested to grant loan to the County Council for same, for five years free of interest."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr Lynch, seconded by Mr M. Codd."

Roads 113E and 114E:- "That the County Surveyor be instructed to take whatever legal proceedings he may consider advisable against Michael Owens,

Munfin, Ballycarney, Contractor for Roads 113E and 114E, with a view to having these roads put into proper repair."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr Whelan, seconded by Mr Redmond."

Flooding Road at Ballybro, Wexford District:- "That the County Surveyor consult with Wexford Rural District Council as to the advisability of bringing in a proposal to raise the road at Ballybro, Tagoat, with a view to avoiding flooding of same adjacent to the public pump."

Mr M. Doyle moved:- "That the recommendation of Finance & Roads Committee be not confirmed and that the County Surveyor be directed to serve notices on the owners of lands adjoining road at Ballybro, to clean up the stream through which flooding occurs, viz:- from the Bridge of Ballybro to the Little Bridge, and any other portions of land not owned by the Slob Company."

Mr Cowman seconded.

Passed.

Barbed Wire at Monroe, Screen:- "That the County Surveyor consult with Mr Charles Murphy, Monroe, Screen, as to abatement of nuisance caused by barbed wire placed on the side of the County Road at Monroe by Mr Murphy."

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

Duplicate Pay Order:- "That duplicate for Pay Order No. 393 (Subsidiary Account) for £3 be issued by our Secretary to John O'Keeffe, as the original was inadvertently destroyed by Payee."

"Confirmed on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Peacocke."

Proposed Remission Motor Duty:- "That Mr C. H. Richards, County Council Offices, be instructed to communicate with the Authorities, and request them to remit Motor Tax paid by Lieutenant McMullan, Wexford, whose private Motor Car has been placed at the disposal of the Government for the purpose of purchasing in the County Wexford, supplies for H. M. Forces."

"Confirmed on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Stafford."

State of Rate Collection:- "That our Secretary draw the attention of the Rate Collectors who have not to the 17th July collected at least 20 per cent of the amount of their warrants, and that they be informed that the Finance & Roads Committee will expect to find they have made substantial lodgments by next meeting."

"Confirmed on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Peacocke."

Gorey R. D. School Attendance Committee:- "That we recommend the County

Council to advance to the Secretary Gorey Rural District School Attendance Committee a sum of £5 for the purpose of enabling him to pay for costs of prosecutions instituted by his Committee and pending payment of quarterly amounts."

"Confirmed on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Lynch."

Case of Wm Murphy v Co Council:-

"That in view of the opinion of Mr Lupton, B. L., in the case of Wm Murphy v Wexford Co Council, we are of opinion that it would be waste of money to proceed further with the appeal in this case."

"Confirmed on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Lynch."

Kilmore Pier Repairs.

In connection with the work of repair at Kilmore Harbour, the following tender was read at Meeting of Finance & Roads Committee of 19th July, from Mr Denis Hughes (Hughes Bros) Moortown, Kilmore:-

"I propose to carry our Work No. 2 (Dumping of Boulders) placing large stones at back of Kilmore Pier as specified by County Surveyor for £720 provided I get all necessary permission from whomsoever it may concern, and that stones of required dimensions are procurable between Folbrn Point and back of Pier Wall. Also that work commence in time to have same finished before bad weather sets in."

The Finance & Roads Committee did not find themselves in a position to accept this tender but decided, that Mr Hughes be requested to send in a tender to the County Council quoting the extra cost for 3 ton concrete blocks in case he could not procure 3 ton stones, and also to hold a special meeting of the Co Council at 2.30 p.m., on Tuesday 25th July, to consider tenders for repairs of Kilmore Pier.

At the Special Meeting of the County Council on 25th July tender from Mr John Browne, Henrietta Street, Wexford, for wedging up masonry blocks at £330 was accepted.

A tender from Mr Hughes at £330 for dumping rubble etc., was also submitted, but as it did not include amount of hire of Crane, the County Council, acting on the advice of their Solicitor, declined to accept it and adjourned the matter to Meeting of 2nd August.

The following was read from Mr Denis Hughes:-

"I propose to carry out the work at Kilmore Pier of dumping Five Hundred tons of Rubble including 42 concrete blocks of three tons each

according to specification of the County Surveyor for the sum of £910 (Nine hundred and ten pounds) no responsibility to rest with me for any damage caused to completed work inspected and passed by the County Surveyor, and that concrete blocks are to be substituted if stones of required dimensions are not procurable.

Inspections are to take place as sections of the work are completed and as constantly as possible.

I name as my Sureties:-

Mr Peter Boggan, Trinity, Taghmon, and

Mr James O'Keefe, Sleedagh, Murrintown."

"On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Stafford, the tender of Mr Hughes was accepted."

James Kinsella, Littletown, Tomhaggard, Clerk of Works, Wexford R.D. Council, applied for the position of Clerk of Works for repairs Kilmore Pier.

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

"That the Secretary be instructed to advertise for Clerk of Works, for Work at Kilmore Harbour, at a salary of 30/- per week, the person appointed to be a whole-time officer.

That the County Surveyor be instructed to draw up the condition governing this appointment, and that the Finance & Roads Committee be empowered to make appointment at their next meeting."

Advertising Contract with "The Echo"

The Secretary reported that the Newspaper "The Echo" published in Enniscorthy, the proprietors of which held advertising contract from the Co. Council at £90 per annum, had been suppressed by the Military Authorities on 29th April last, and the paper had not since been published.

On the motion of Mr Peacocke, seconded by Mr Whelan, the following recommendation of Finance & Roads Committee was adopted:-

"That no payment be made for on foot of advertising Contract to "The Echo" Newspaper, during the period for which the paper is suspended by the Military Authorities."

Food & Drugs Acts.

The Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction wrote under date 30th June 1916 (letter No. G-2654-16) that three samples of butter purchased

in New Ross Market on 8th June were found on analysis to be pure.

Marked "Read"

Under date 17th July 1916, the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction wrote (letter No.G 3072-16,) that four samples of butter purchased by their Inspector at Ferns Butter Market on 22nd June were found on analysis to be pure.

Marked "Read"

Under date 25th July 1916, the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction wrote that two samples of Butter purchased at Gorey Butter Market on 23rd June were found on analysis to be pure.

Marked "Read"

Communications were read from Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction relative to samples of Butter purchased by their Inspector from Mrs Bennett, Knockduff, Clondaw, Ferns, and which according to the report of the County Analyst contained 8.8 percent of excess of water, and from Mrs Williams, Mount Hanover, New Ross, which contained 1.6 per cent excess water.

The following recommendation was submitted from the Finance & Roads Committee:-

"That the action of the Solicitor to the County Council in directing the Constabulary to institute proceedings against Mrs Bennett, Knockduff, Clondaw, Ferns, for alleged excess water in sample of Butter purchased from her by an Inspector of the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction, be confirmed.

That in the case of Mrs Williams, Mount Hanover, New Ross, we desire the proceedings to be withdrawn as the percentage of alleged water is such a small quantity.

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

The following recommendation as regards further cases submitted by Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction, was submitted by the Finance & Roads Committee:-

"That we confirm the action of our Solicitor in instituting legal proceedings against the following for alleged excess water in butter sold by them at Ferns Butter Market:-

Richard Green, Knockrobin, Camolin.

Michael Murphy, Kilmurry, Gorey.

John Kinch, Mount Alexander, Gorey.

P. Redmond, The Harrow, Ferns."

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

Under date 28th July 1916, the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction wrote (letter No. 3024-16) as follows:-

"With reference to your letter of the 26th ultimo relative to a sample of butter which was purchased by an Officer of the Department on the 8th ultimo, at New Ross Butter Market, and which was found on analysis to contain 17.6 per cent of water, I have to state that the Department have been informed by the Solicitor for the Wexford County Council, that the summons which was issued in the case has been withdrawn by direction of the Finance Committee of the Council.

In the view of the Department failure to take action in respect of samples of butter found to contain as much as 17.6 per cent of water would militate against the interests of the Irish Butter industry. It may be mentioned that proceedings have been successfully instituted in several cases in which the proportion of water in samples of butter purchased by officers of the Department was found to be 17 and 18 per cent.

The Department would express a hope that suitable action will be taken in any future similar case in which the County Council are concerned."

"No Order".

Rating of Bantry Commons.

Under date 17th July 1916, the following report as to the rating of Bantry Commons, was read from Mr R. W. Elgee, Solicitor to the Council:-

"I have to report that the Appeal against the decision of the County Court Judge dismissing the Civil Bill brought at East March Quarter Sessions, was fully argued on Appeal before the Right Hon Mr Justice Kenny, and after a full hearing he affirmed the dismiss as against several of the Defendants as they were not in occupation or could not be proved to have grazed the Mountain, but he reversed the Dismiss as regards seven of the Defendants and gave a decree against them. Their names are Patrick Dooley, Robert Whelan, Patrick Ryan, James Morrissey, Mark Flood, and James Nolan, and he ordered them to pay £13. 13. 10d for Rates due in the Killanne Division.

As to Mr E. J. Murphy's part of the Commons he was unable or unwilling to swear who were in occupation of same, and accordingly that part of the claim was struck out.

However the whole decision comes to this, that as regards the seven

named above the Judge held that they were liable for the rates in Killanne E. D.,

I would recommend the Council to apply to the Local Government Board to allow the other Rates to be struck off and so be done with the rate.

I understand an Appeal has been lodged as to the Valuation and if so that will end matters.

Mr Somers is entitled to get the Rate for 16-17 from the seven persons in the Reversal of the Dismiss mentioned and I am writing Mr Scallan as to his Clients paying the £13. 13. 10."

The following recommendation was submitted by the Finance & Roads Committee:-

"That the report of Mr Elgee, Solicitor to the County Council, as to legal proceedings in connection with the rating of Bantry Commons be received and adopted."

"Confirmed on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Peacocke."

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

"That in view of the decision of the Judge of Assize we request the Local Government Board to allow the Council to strike off as Irrecoverable Rates on Bantry and Blackstairs Commons in respect of amounts uncollected to 31st March 1916 a sum of £38. 6. 1d."

Under date 29th July 1916, the following letter was read from Mr E. J. Murphy, Rate Collector, New Ross:-

"Yours of the 28th inst., to hand, and observe you are only allowing me £44. 4. 9d less poundage of £1. 6/-.

This I consider rather hard, considering that the Council has had the use of this money in the first case of £30. 4. 7d for nearly twelve months, and £8. 0. 2d for 3 months, during which time I had to pay interest on overdraft to close my warrant, and would you lay the matter before your Council for their consideration and to re-compense me for my overdraft to allow me the full amount as per my Irrecoverable Lists sent you on 4th April last.

I had to close my collection each half-year and these amounts were charged against me, and as I was not responsible for the construction of the rate, I think it only fair that the Council should allow me the full amount and not deduct my poundage in lieu of what I was charged for overdraft.

If you refer to my Irrecoverable List you will see that me case is a

deserving one, and trust you will explain to your Council my position."

On the motion of Mr Stafford, seconded by Mr Scallan, the following recommendation of Finance & Roads Committee was agreed to:-

"That Mr Murphy's application for payment of £1. 6/- amount of poundage on his Irrecoverable Rates be refused as the County Council have no power to accede to it."

Sheep Dipping.

The Secretary submitted correspondence from Mr Murphy, Sheep Dipping Inspector, North Wexford, and from Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction (letter No. 1790- 16) under date 21st June, which dealt with cases of Sheepowners who neglected or refused to carry out dipping on the date for which they had served the customary notice.

The Department pointed out that if the County Council adopted the Local Regulations Order 1915, it would be open to the Council to have sheep owners in such cases, served with notices requiring them to carry out dipping at the time and place specified by the Inspector to the County Council and under his supervision.

The Finance & Roads Committee submitted the following recommendations:-

"That in view of the report received from Mr Murphy, Sheep Dipping Inspector, for Enniscorthy and Gorey Districts, and the communication of the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction under date 21st June (No. 1790 16) we recommend the County Council to adopt the Sheep Dipping (Local Regulations) (Ireland) Order of 1916, in order to secure the more effective inspection of the dipping of sheep under the Order of the Department."

"Confirmed on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Peacocke."

"That the Sheep Dipping Inspectors be directed to furnish a return of the number of sheep which they have inspected at dipping from the beginning of Summer Dipping period to 30th June 1916, giving the number of sheep dipped and dates of inspection in each case.

That we request the Inspectors to furnish a weekly report on these lines as from 30th June 1916 to the end of dipping periods."

"Confirmed on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Peacocke."

"That we approve of the use of swim baths at the premises of Mr R. Prendergast, Ballymitty, and Thomas McCarthy, Kiltaly, at a capitation fee

per sheep of 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. That we also approve of use of swim bath at the premises of Mr M. Corcoran, Nash, New Ross, provided that he be prepared to have sheep at his swim bath on Thursdays and Fridays of each week during the dipping period."

"The Secretary stated that Mr Corcoran, Nash, had agreed to carry out dipping on Thursdays and Fridays."

"Confirmed on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Peacocke."

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

"That we approve of the use of swim bath at the premises of Mr Joseph Deacon, Camross, for dipping of sheep under Sheep Dipping Order, fee to be paid by sheepowners to be 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ d per sheep."

Poisons & Pharmacy Act Licences.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Peacocke, Licences under Poisons & Pharmacy Act were granted to Messrs Luke Dwyer, North Street, New Ross, Mrs Margaret Roche, Ballyanne, and Laurence Codd, 26 Main Street, Enniscorthy.

Renewals of licences were granted to:- Messrs George Stafford, John Street, Wexford, Owen Kehoe, Coolgreany, P. Redmond, The Harrow, Ferns.

Illness of Mr Hickey, Co Councillor.

The Secretary reported that Mr Michael Hickey, County Councillor, had not attended a meeting of the Council, for over twelvemonths, but it was well known that Mr Hickey had been ill during the period and unable to attend.

"No action was taken."

Proposals for Works.

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

"That the several proposals for Works as submitted by the Proposal Committee, and as appearing on Form 20 be and are hereby approved, subject to modifications and other orders noted thereon, and initialled by the Chairman."

Proposals for Payment.

On the motion of the Chairman,

Seconded by Mr Whelan, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the several proposals for payment submitted by the Proposal Committee and recommended by the Finance & Roads Committee and dealing with matters other than public works be and are hereby approved, subject to the modifications and other orders noted thereon, and initialled by the Chairman."

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(Signed)

John Bolger
Presiding Chairman.

Dated this 4 day of

Oct

1916.

