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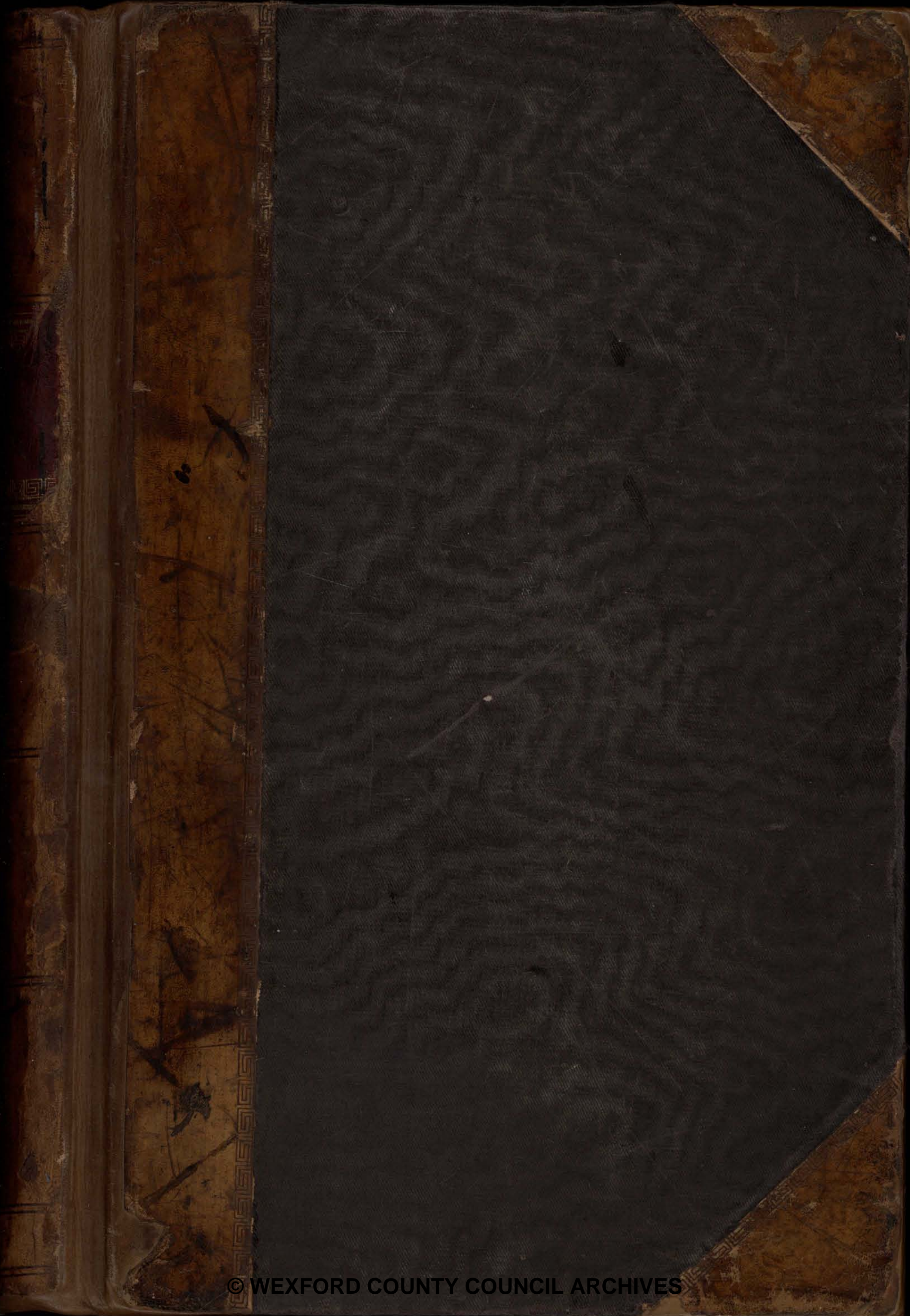
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MEETING.- 4th OCTOBER 1916.

A Meeting of the County Council was held in the County Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford, on 4th October 1916.

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

Also:- Lord Courtown, Messrs James Codd, N. J. Cowman, M. Cloney, L. Barry, Michael Doyle, R. Scallan, A. Kinsella, Patrick O'Neill, J. S. Hearn, C. H. Peacocke, J. J. Kehoe, J. J. O'Byrne, J. T. Mayler, Joseph Redmond, T. Asple, P. Keating.

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

Confirmation of Minutes.

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and confirmed.

Suspension of Standing Orders.

The Chairman moved the suspension of the Standing Orders to move some resolutions not on the Agenda Paper, and not directly connected with the business of the Council.

Passed.

Vote of Condolence.

The Chairman moved, Mr Hearn seconded, the following resolution:-

"That we offer our esteemed colleague, Mr J. A. Doyle, our heartfelt sympathy in the loss sustained by him in the death of his brother-Mr John Doyle."

"Passed unanimously".

The Irish Parliamentary party.

The Chairman moved the following:-

"That we the Members of the Wexford County Council desire to renew our confidence in Mr John Redmond, and the Irish Parliamentary Party, in the face of the many scurrilous and unscrupulous attacks which are made on them for the last five months.

Considering all the great reforms that have been granted to Ireland for the last thirty years by Constitutional agitation through the arduous and untiring efforts of the Irish Party, We are confident when the Home Rule Bill will come into operation that Mr Redmond and his followers will insist on a full

measure for all Ireland, and not allow any Partition.

We also call on the Irish Party to use all their influence with the Government for the immediate release of the Irishmen and Women who are now in British Prisons."

Mr Kinsella seconded.

Passed.

The Chairman proposed that the ordinary business of the Council be renewed.

Passed.

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"That the seal of the County Council be attached to undertaking required by Road Board in connection with repayment of loan for purchase of road plant."

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Marked Read .

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Passed.

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Marked Read".

Sale of Food & Drugs Acts.

Under date 4th September 1916, the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction wrote that four samples of butter taken by one of their Inspectors on 1st August at Gorey, were found on analyses to be pure.

Marked "Read".

Tuberculosis Prevention (Ireland) Act 1908.

Under date 15th September 1916, the Clerk Wexford Urban Council, wrote asking for the ratification of the Wexford County Council to the action of the Urban Council in adopting Part 1 of the Tuberculosis Prevention (Ireland) Act, 1908, classifying Pulmonary Consumption as a notifiable disease within the Urban District of Wexford.

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

"That we approve of the action of the Wexford Urban Council in adopting Part 1 of the Tuberculosis Prevention (Ireland) Act 1908 in respect of Wexford Urban District."

Poisons & Pharmacy Act Licences.

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

"That licences under Poisons & Pharmacy Act be issued to Denis W. Dunne, Hotel, Ferns, James Codd, of Enniscorthy Co-operative Agricultural Society, Abbey Quay, Enniscorthy, and, that renewal of licence under this Act be issued to Mr J. N. Greene, George Street, Enniscorthy, and Mr James Cullen, Taghmon."

University Scholarships.

The following Minutes of Finance & Roads Committee in respect of Meeting of 6th September 1916, in connection with award of University Scholarships were submitted for confirmation:-

"The Secretary reported that the following were the marks obtained under the conditions of the Scheme for award of University Scholarships by the applicants for Scholarships:-

1.- Anna C. Kehoe, Mulrankin.	1080 Marks.
2.- Mary I. Kehoe, Do.,	1057 "
3.- Annie J. Bookey, Ferns.	829 "
4.- Johanna Fortune, Kereight, Kyle.	775 "
5.- James Fortune, Kereight, Kyle.	"

6.- Mabel L. Lyne, Dubross, Quay, Wexford.	623 marks.
7.- Herbert Hall, Castletown, Inch.	414 "
8.- Wm Leo Doyle, Broadway.	315 "

The Secretary read letter of explanation from Mr Thomas Bookey, Ferns, as to why he had not included in the particulars of his valuation, farm at Knockanure, valued at £24. Mr Bookey stated that he took no active part in the working of the farm, and his son, Edward A. Bookey, who really owned it, was going to work it next year.

The following recommendation was adopted:-

"That the explanation of Mr Thomas Bookey, Ferns, as to his omission to include the valuation of his holding at Knockanure in application for University Scholarship for his daughter-Miss Annie J. Bookey- be accepted."

Mr Keating moved, and Mr Cowman seconded the following:-

"That we recommend the Co. Council to award University Scholarships to the following:-

Mary I Kehoe, Annie J. Bookey, Johanna Fortune, and James O'Connor.

As an amendment Mr Peacocke moved, and Mr Clooney seconded:-

"That we recommend the County Council to award University Scholarships to the following, as they have obtained highest marks in the list of those competing for Scholarships:-

Anna C. Kehoe, Mary Ita Kehoe, Annie J. Bookey, and Johanna Fortune.

A poll was taken with the following result:-

For the amendment:- Messrs Peacocke, Kehoe, and Cloney.-3.

Against:- Messrs Cowman, Stafford, Keating, Asple, and the Chairman.-5.

The Chairman declared the amendment lost. The Resolution was then put and adopted nem con.

The following letter under date 4th October 1916, was read from Messrs M. J. O'Connor & Co., Solicitors, Wexford:-

"Enclosed is a letter which was received from Mr J. Kehoe, National School Teacher, Mulranking, in reference to the allocation by the Committee of the Wexford County Council of the four University Scholarships, each valued £50, tenable for three years. We shall thank you to read Mr Kehoe's letter and ours for the Council at their meeting to-day.

Needless to say, the allocation of these University Scholarships which so suitably provide the means whereby four students from the County may receive University training through the subsidy of £50 each for three years, is a very important matter, not only for the students and their parents, but also for the public.

It is equally important that on the part of the County Council the best of good faith should be maintained in the allocation of these Scholarships.

The County Council designed and promulgated an excellent scheme setting forth very explicitly and very fairly the conditions for the competition for these Scholarships. The main condition is that the students competing should be children of ratepayers of the County Wexford who have resided in the County for a period of five years preceding the 1st January 1916, and then the following is the main condition:-

"The marks which shall count for determining Scholarships shall be:- the excess over 100 marks on the pass papers for all subjects. No deductions will be made for marks obtained on Honours papers. Scholarships shall then be awarded on the total aggregate of marks thus counted in the five subjects which the student is obliged under this Scheme to present for examination to those candidates who have secured the highest number of marks."

This is very plain and excellent language. On the faith of that Scheme Mr Kehoe's two daughters, Miss Annie C. Kehoe, and Miss Mary Ita Kehoe, competed, and as a result of their industry and work, they obtained the highest marks of all the students who presented themselves for examination. The following are the marks of the five highest students:-

Miss Annie C. Kehoe	1080
Miss Mary Ita Kehoe	1057
Miss Bookey	829
Miss Fortune	775
Mr O'Connor	757

The Finance Committee allocated the four Scholarships to:- Miss Mary Ita Kehoe, whose marks were 1057, Miss Bookey, whose marks were 829, Miss Fortune whose marks were 775, and Mr O'Connor, whose marks were 757, and they left out in the cold altogether Miss Annie C. Kehoe, the competitor who obtained the highest marks in the examination, namely 1080. The feelings of a girl treated in this fashion, and of her parents can be better imagined than described. We respectfully and strenuously submit that if this decision of the Committee be sanctioned by the Council, and if this good girl, who obtained the highest marks of the candidates in the examination, is not given the Scholarship, no student in future could have any trust in the Scheme, and neither could any parent, and the Council of the County.

The very object for which the Scheme was designed, namely, to help the best students, or rather the best working students, to go to the University will not be achieved but put an end to. Instead of students being helped in their work by the confidence which they would have in the conditions of the scheme as printed and published and in the good faith of the County Council, they could put no heart in their work, because they would not know where they would be. It is not the first time this has happened and it is nearly time it should be put an end to. The only apparent excuse for the Finance Committee's action in excluding Miss Annie C. Kehoe, is that she and Miss Mary Ita Kehoe happen to be sisters. If this be so, it is the most extraordinary excuse ever given to prevent a girl from obtaining £150 where she has honestly and fairly earned it. The matter is of great importance, as we have said, not only to this girl and her parents, but to all students and parents in the County Wexford. We beg the Council to consider this matter fairly and honestly, and to give the palm to her who has earned it. It would be a monstrous thing if the County Council should decide that Miss Annie C. Kehoe, who obtained the highest marks of all the students, should be debarred from going to the University and obtaining £150 to enable her to do so, merely because her sister happened to be an almost equally hard working and excellent student. It was for hardworking and excellent students like Miss Annie C. Kehoe that the scheme was designed, and the public and ourselves would be surprised if the Council did not decide fairly and honestly in the matter and let justice be done.

Apart from anything else we have said, in our opinion the Council are bound in point of law by their contract to give this Scholarship to Miss Kehoe, and if they do not give it to her, we shall have to take legal proceedings to see that she does get it. This course will we hope be rendered unnecessary by the Council's kind attention to the matter to-day!

The following is the letter referred to in Messrs O'Connor & Co's letter, from Mr John Kehoe:-

"I have two girls Annie and Mary Kehoe, who are candidates for the County Council Scholarships this year. I consider one of them, Annie, has been very badly treated by the Finance Committee of the Council at their last meeting, (only eight members being present) in not being awarded a scholarship. She is the highest candidate on the list according to "Aggregate marks" in the subjects required by the Scholarship Scheme or Regulations drawn up by the County Council. For the following reasons I consider she has been treated very unjustly:-

1.- There is no condition in the Scholarship Scheme debarring more than one member of the same family from being awarded Scholarships. On the contrary there are precedents for two members of the same family getting them, though not for the same year. However, the principle is the same. Even at the very meeting at which my girl was cut out, the Committee recommended that a Scholarship be given to Miss Bookey, Ferns, whose brother is at present the holder of a County Council Scholarship. Of course it is purely accidental that my two girls are qualified the same year and a similar case may not turn up for years.

2.- It is expressly laid down in the Scheme that other conditions being fulfilled "Scholarships shall be awarded to those Candidates securing the highest number of marks". Annie and Mary have secured first and second places respectively, on the list of Candidates, yet the Committee has cut out Annie and will not recommend her for a Scholarship at the meeting of the Council called for next Wednesday although she has secured upwards of 300 marks more than the fifth candidate whom they have recommended.

3.- The provisions of the Scheme governing the awards in any year cannot be changed except on "Notice of Motion to be considered at a Meeting of the Co. Council". So far as I am aware, no Notice of Motion for such a purpose was brought forward during the year, and I believe the time for such has now expired as the Scheme for next year has been drawn up and circulated.

It is also expressly stated in the Scheme that in case of "disputes or difference arising in connection with the scholarships the decision of the Council shall be final".

This saving condition surely does not justify the Council in cancelling or annulling other important conditions which the Scheme states must be done by the Council only after notice of Motion. One would think the Scheme, having been drawn up for the guidance of the Council as well as the public, should be equally binding on both. The Council is not justified in going outside their own Scheme, and within the four corners of that Scheme my girl is entitled to her Scholarship. In cutting out the Candidate at the head of the list the Committee, or rather the majority, have cancelled the principal condition in the scheme which governs the awards, viz:- that giving the Scholarships in order of merit.

From an educational point of view, the action of the majority of the Committee is not only indefensible but almost scandalous. It is simply rewarding and encouraging mediocrity and the expense of real merit, -under the circumstances I may be pardoned for saying so. The rejected Candidate has

won exhibitions in the Modern Literary Course in Junior, Middle, and Senior Grades of the Intermediate. This year she has not only got an exhibition but she has won a first class prize for Composition in the Irish Language. Yet one of her oponents on the Committee found fault with her marks in one subject which was one of her Pass subjects. Everybody acquainted with Intermediate Exams knows that in Pass subjects, the Student going for Honours only aim at a mere Pass in such subjects."

In reply to the Chairman, Mr Elgee stated that in his opinion, the County Council, according to the terms of the Scheme, were quite within their rights in confirming the action of the Finance & Roads Committee.

Mr Kinsella proposed:- "That the recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee be adopted."

Mr Keating seconded.

Mr Peacocke moved:- "That University Scholarships be awarded to the Candidates in the order of merit as per the terms of the Co Council's Scholarship Scheme."

Mr M. Doyle seconded.

For Mr Peacocke's amendment: there voted:- Messrs J. Codd, Babry, Cloney, Michael Doyle, Hearn, Peacocke, Kehoe, O'Byrne, and Mayler.-9.

Against:- Messrs Cowman, Scallan, Kinsella, O'Neill, Keating, Redmond, Asple, Lord Courtown, and the Chairman.-9

The Chairman then gave his casting vote against the amendment.

The resolution of Mr Kinsella to confirm the recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was then put and passed Nem Con.

Rating Bantry Commons.

Under date 23rd August 1916, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 40503-1916, Wexford County) agreeing to have 1/4 struck off the Warrant of Collector Somers. The Board would not approve of the recommendation of the County Council to strike off £38. 4. 9d in the case of Collector E. J. Murphy, in view of the report of Mr Elgee that Mr Murphy was "unable or unwilling to swear who were in occupation". The Board pointed out that it was the duty of the Rate Collector to make himself familiar with the names of persons occupying hereditaments in his district.

The Secretary stated he had furnished a copy of the letter of the Local Government Board to Mr Murphy, who wrote under date 28th August 1916, that he

would do anything possible to collect the rate. It might be assumed that persons holding land bordering the Commons are the most constant users, and if considered advisable he would prepare a list of these persons, with a view to proceedings, or he was willing to pursue any course which the Local Government Board or the County Council may suggest.

In a letter to the Solicitor to the County Council under date 4th September, Mr Murphy pointed out that the suggestion of making out the list referred to in his letter of 28th August, was the only feasible one he could make.

The matter was considered at the meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee on 6th September, when the following recommendation was agreed to:-

"That no further action be taken as regards asking the Local Government Board to strike out of warrant of Collector E. J. Murphy the sum of £38. 4. 9d as we consider Mr Murphy should have been in as good a position as Collector Somers to obtain the names of the users of Bantry Commons. In view of the correspondence and of the facts we fail to see why Mr Murphy cannot take steps to recover the amount of arrears of Rate mentioned above, viz:- £38. 4. 9d."

The following further letter was read from Mr E. J. Murphy, in connection with the matter:-

"I am sending you my Irrecoverable List of Rates and you will observe that I have put on the present half-year's rates and arrears of the Bantry Commons in one item of £45 odd, and in reference to this matter I had no other course open to me, as the Judge at the Assizes ruled out my case as the parties rated were not in my collecting district.

With reference to the copy letter received from Valuation Office, the fact remains that there are no occupiers of Bantry Commons and never were any only trespassers or graziers. On the 15th or 16th September last, I wrote you of a plan whereby it might be possible to make some of the graziers or trespassers responsible for the rates, and you replied stating you sent a copy of my letter to Mr Elgee, and so far I have got no reply from him. Since writing you I have visited this Commons on three occasions and saw stock on it, having received no reply from Co Solicitor, I was afraid to act as my letter suggested, and the only information I can give the Valuation Office, or the County Council, would be a list of the ratepayers who reside by the side of Bantry Commons, who would likely be trespassers or grazers on the Commons, and if the County Council grant me permission to adopt the course suggested in my letter to you I shall gladly carry out their instructions.

The list I could supply as above stated, I could not swear that they are the occupiers of the Commons, but if the suggestion of mine was carried out, and their stock got by me, I could then swear that they were trespassers and graziers of the Commons, and as such might be made liable for the rates, or the means of getting a definite rate made on this Commons.

I would be grateful to you if you would bring my suggestion before the Co. Council, also the subject of this letter for their instructions."

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

Purchase of Hay by War Office Authorities.

On the motion of Mr Cowman, seconded by Mr Scallan, the following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee, was adopted:-

"Owing to the number of complaints received by individual members of the Council as to purchase of hay by the Military Authorities, we call upon the War Office to hold strictly to the terms upon which they purchased hay from a large number of farmers in the County of Wexford.

We consider that if a steamer were provided by the War Office at Wexford, or Rosslare Harbour, for the convenience of hay it would be a great saving of freight and a great convenience to the farming community.

That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Chairman, with a request that the matter be brought before the Advisory Committee."

Recommendations Finance & Roads Committee.

Roads in Charge of Co. Surveyor:- "That the County Surveyor be given full discretion as to the arrangements to be made for the maintenance of roads in his charge and in respect of which he has been unable to procure any proposal for maintenance from sub-contractors."

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

Illness of Mr T. Treanor:- "That in accordance with the terms of Medical Certificate, Mr T. Treanor, Senior Assistant Surveyor, be granted three weeks leave of absence."

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

Works- Kilmore Pier:+ Applications for the position of Clerk of Works in connection with repairs at Kilmore Pier, at 30/- per week, were received from the following:-

John Doyle, Tenacre, Tomhaggard.

Wm P. Furlong, The Beak, Kilmore.

Thomas Hassett, B. E., Fairy Hill, Castlebridge.

A Poll was taken with the following result:-

For Furlong:- Messrs Barry, Scallan, Cloney, Keating, Peacocke, Mayler, and O'Byrne.- 7.

For Hassett:- Messrs James Codd, J. J. Kehoe, and the Chairman.- 3.

Doyle received no vote.

The Chairman declared Mr Furlong elected.

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

Boyce's Bay Contract:- "That acting on the recommendation of our Solicitor-Mr Elgee- no Order be made on the resolution received from New Ross Rural District Council, as to relieving Mr Henry P. Gahan, and his sureties, of any liability for payment of excess on contract for repair at Boyce's Bay."

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

Road No. 240W:- "That the Finance & Roads Committee cannot consent to recommend the County Council to cancel the contract for Road No. 240W. (Wexford Rural District).

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr Hearn, seconded by Mr Scallan."

Irrecoverable Rates-Ex-Collector Sullivan-- "That we agree to refund of Irrecoverable Rates to Mr J. F. Sullivan, Ex-Rate Collector, in respect of half-year ended 30th September 1915, as per the report of our Secretary, and the recommendations of Enniscorthy Rural District Council, and that the Chairman sign same on behalf of the Council."

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

Changes in Telephone Charges:- "That the Secretary arrange for telephone service as per tariff rate B- 700 calls for £6. 15/-, with 2d per call for each additional call beyond 700."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr Hearn, seconded by Mr Keating."

Carrigmannon Burning- "That Mr Elgee be authorised to pay fees amounting to £5. 5/- to Mr W. F. Barry, for professional services in preparing plans, etc in connection with burning of Carrigmannon house."

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

Courtown Harbour:- "That the Courtown Harbour Committee be informed unless the Life Boat Institution are prepared to take over and maintain the

flagstaff at Courtown, this Committee will recommend that instructions be given to the County Surveyor to have the flagstaff removed."

"That the Finance & Roads Committee will recommend that permission be given to the Life Boat Institution to widen the road between the bridges at Courtown, but cannot undertake to recommend the expenditure of any public money on the project."

"That as recommended by the Courtown Harbour Committee, the Harbour Master, Courtown, be empowered to purchase a hauling off rope for the use of fishermen at the harbour, at a cost not exceeding £2."

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

Analyst's Report.

City Laboratory,
Chatham Row, Dublin.
6th September 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 30th June 1916.

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

<u>Article.</u>	<u>Number.</u>
Milk	31
Butter	23
Whiskey	15
Buttermilk	11
Cheese	8
Drugs	7
Bread	6
Rice	4
Cocoa	4
Flour	4
Port Wine	4
Sugar	3
Pepper	3
Brandy	3
Margarine	3
Maize	2

<u>Article.</u>	<u>Number.</u>
Oatmeal	2
Cornflour	3
Indian meal	2
Rum	2
Linseed cake meal	1
Sweets	1
Coffee	1
Ginger Wine	1
Gin	1
Lard	1
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Total	<u>148</u>

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

One certificate was sent to Sergeant Doyle, Enniscorthy, for specimen of whiskey which was 27 degrees under proof, and was therefore adulterated with 2.67 per cent of water.

There were eighteen specimens of butter analysed by directions from the Department of Agriculture, Upper Merrion St., Dublin, which were taken up in the County Wexford. Six contained excess of water, namely 17.6, 21.3, 22.3, 24, 27.6, and 30.3 per cent respectively.

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

One imperial gallon contained in grains.

Total solid matters	58.800
Including	
Albuminoid Ammonia	0.0065
Saline Ammonia	0.001
Nitric Acid	4.120
Chlorine	9.790
Colour	almost colourless.

A good water.

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

For the Guardians of Gorey Union six drugs were analysed. One was incorrect.

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

In the original reports 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.....188
Adulterated and defective articles..... 9.

C. A. Cameron.

Marked "Read"

Resolutions.

Under date 14th September 1916, the Co Dublin Farmers' Association forwarded resolution stating that they considered the late Order of the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction requiring two dipping of sheep within fourteen days in Autumn to be highly dangerous to the animals, and had caused much loss to flockowners. They therefore called on the Department and the County Councils to revert to the old Order for two dippings in each year, one in Summer, and one in Autumn.

"Adopted on the motion of Mr Scallan, seconded by Mr Doyle."

War Office Purchase of Hay.

The following resolution was received from the Dublin Co Council:-

"That this Council protests against any variation in the conditions under which the War Office undertook to bale hay and straw for army purposes for the season 1916, and we call on the purchasing Authorities to revert to the conditions which prevailed in 1915 as regards the baling, and that we demand the markets to be left open for the sale of surplus hay."

"No Order"

Irish Cattle Trade.

Under date 18th September 1916, the Secretary of the Irish Cattle Traders Association, wrote as follows:-

"The Committee of the Irish Cattle Traders' & Stockowners' Association beg to point out to you that great financial loss is caused to shippers of Irish Cattle through bruising occasioned by horning and goring during transit. Complaints of damage and claims for bruised beef are made every week by butchers, both wholesale and retail.

The Committee consider that this loss could be easily avoided by the dishorning of young cattle or in the case of older animals, intended for

fattening, by cutting off from one to three inches of the tops of the horns at the discretion of the owner.

Loss incurred by any branch of the cattle trade must affect to some extent the whole live stock industry, an industry of such importance to Ireland that the Committee trust you will use your great influence in bringing their recommendation before your constituents."

"Ordered that the representatives of the Press be requested to call public attention to the letter of the Committee of the Irish Cattle Traders' & Stockowners Association."

Cutting down Timber-Arbor Day.

The following resolution was received from the Cork Industrial Development Association, under date 21st August 1916:-

"That in view of the excessive cutting down of timber in Ireland during the past two years, prejudicial alike to the soil, climate, and general health of the country, the Council of the Cork Industrial Development Association call upon all Irish County and County Borough Councils to initiate an Arbor Day Movement in their respective districts, and we urge upon such bodies to carry out on as large a scale as possible, a tree-planting on October 1st next. Furthermore, we call upon the Department of Agriculture, the Irish Land Commission, and the Congested Districts Board, to put into immediate operation the powers and authority they possess to promote the afforestation of Ireland."

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

Gas Works & Coal Supply.

The following resolution from the meeting of Irish Association of Gas Managers, held on 15th August 1916, was read:-

"That this meeting, representative of the gas industry in Ireland, views with the gravest apprehension the present condition of the coal supply to Ireland, and is convinced, should this condition not be speedily relieved, that many of the smaller gasworks and other industries must shut down, with consequent loss and inconvenience to the public. We therefore urge upon the Government the extreme and immediate necessity for adopting such measures as will assure an adequate supply of coal at reasonable prices, including sea carriage."

"Adopted on the motion of Mr Keating, seconded by Mr Kinsella,"

Irish Evicted Tenants, Town Tenants, and "Back to the

Land Movement."

The Committee of above forwarded statement showing the objects of their Association and asking the help of the Council.

"No. Order".

Assisted Milk Stations.

The following resolution was received from Meath County Council:-

"That we request the Irish Party to obtain legislation empowering County Councils, through County Committees of Agriculture, to establish assisted milk stations, by giving a bonus to selected farmers undertaking to keep a supply of new milk for sale at fixed rates in necessitous districts.

We also earnestly request farmers and graziers to give increased facilities for the grazing of milch cows."

"No Order".

Congratulating Irish Parliamentary Party.

A resolution was received from Nenagh Urban District Council congratulating "The leaders and members of the Irish Parliamentary Party, on the political sagacity they displayed in dealing with the recent proposals for the settlement of the Irish question, etc.,"

"No Order".

Interned Prisoners.

The following resolution was received from Enniscorthy Board of Guardians:-

"That inasmuch as we desire the release of the Political Prisoners at present interned in England and believe that their continued detention is merely calculated to further increase bitter feeling in the country, we call on the Government to restore these People to their Homes at once."

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

Proposals for Payments.

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

"That the several Proposals for Payment dealing with fixed items of salaries etc., and transfers to Public Bodies, as recommended by the Finance & Roads Committee, be and are hereby approved."

(Signed)

B. H. Peacocke
Presiding Chairman.

Dated this 3rd day of November 1916

MEETING.-3rd NOVEMBER 1916.

A Meeting of the Wexford County Council, was held in the County Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford, on 3rd November 1916.

Present:- Mr C. H. Peacocke, (Vice-Chairman) presiding.

Also:- Messrs M. Doyle, Louis Barry, J. J. O'Byrne, J. J. Stafford, N. J. Cowman, R. Scallan, James Codd, J. A. Doyle.

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

Confirmation of Minutes.

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and confirmed.

The late Mr John Doyle, Brandon, New Ross.

On the motion of Mr Cowman, Seconded by Mr J. J. O'Byrne, the following letter from Mr James A. Doyle, M. C. C., in reply to vote of condolence adopted by the Co Council to him on the death of his brother-Mr John Doyle- was ordered to be inserted on the Minutes:-

"Yours of the 5th inst just received. Will you please convey to the Chairman, and the Co Council my most sincere thanks. I feel very thankful to you and appreciate your kind note very much."

Reports of Auditor of Local Government Board.

Under date 6th October 1916, the Local Government Board (letter No. 47332) forwarded report of their auditor on his audit of the accounts of the Wexford Union in respect of half year ended 31st March last, with abstracts of the Accounts for the period.

Under date 6th October 1916, the Local Government Board forwarded (letter 47,323) copy of report of their Auditor on his audit of the Accounts of the Wexford District Council in respect of the half-year ended 31st March last, with attested abstracts of the Accounts.

Under date 11th October 1916, the Local Government Board forwarded (letter No. 47,331) copy of report of their Auditor on his audit of the accounts of the County Wexford Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction for the half-year ended 31st March last, with attested abstracts of the accounts.

Under date 20th October 1916, the Local Government Board forwarded (letter No. 47,322) copy of the report of their Auditor on his audit of the Accounts of County Wexford Tuberculosis Committee in respect of half-year ended 31st March

last, with attested abstracts of the Accounts.

Marked "Read"

University Scholarships.

Under date 13th October 1916, the following letter was read from Messrs O'Connor & Co., Solicitors, relative to award of University Scholarships for 1916-7:-

"We shall thank you to let us have a copy of the Resolution dealing with the University Scholarships. By this Resolution, we are instructed, it was decided by the Council that the names of the applicants and their qualifications were to be submitted to the County Council before the Council would decide what applicants would be allowed to go in for the examination. We think this Resolution was passed last November. We shall be glad to have a copy of it, and we shall also be glad if you will let us know when and how this Resolution was carried out in regard to the Scholarships for this year.

We are writing this letter as solicitors for the Misses Kehoe and their parents, for whom we wrote to you before. What our clients say is that if this Resolution were passed and had been properly carried out there could be no mistake as to who should get the Scholarships. Indeed it would appear that the object the Council had in passing the Resolution was to prevent the possibility of any dispute arising. That was stated at the time to be the object of it."

This letter was brought before the Finance & Roads Committee Meeting of the 18th October, when the following recommendation was adopted:-

"That our Secretary inform Messrs O'Connor & Co., Solicitors, that no such resolution as that referred to in their letter of the 15th October 1916, in connection with University Scholarship Scheme was adopted by the Wexford County Council."

Under date 21st October 1916, Messrs O'Connor & Co., wrote forwarding the following resolution which they stated had been adopted by the Co Council at the Meeting of 5th October 1915:-

"That we recommend the County Council in future as applications for Scholarships are received to consider whether in their opinion the parents or guardians of the applicants are entitled to assistance in view of the provisions of section 10 (2) of the Irish University Act 1908."

Under date 23rd October 1916, the following letter was read from Messrs

O'Connor & Co., :-

"We are in receipt of your letter of the 21st inst., and note that you will bring the matter before the next meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee of the Council.

May we point out that the matter is a very urgent one for our client. His two daughters have gone to the University on our advice, and he wants to know what his remedy is against the County Council. We think, having regard to their Resolution, that the Council will reconsider their decision, and pay the expenses of the two girls, who have so brilliantly earned this reward."

The Secretary stated that the recommendation was not adopted by the Co. Council.

When it came before the Council it found no proposer or seconder, and consequently fell through.

On the motion of Mr J. A. Doyle, seconded by Mr O'Byrne, it was decided that the matter be considered in Committee.

Mr Cowman proposed:- "That no action be taken on the letters of Messrs O'Connor & Co., Solicitors, relative to University Scholarships."

Mr Barry seconded.

As an amendment, Mr M. Doyle moved:- "That we tender to Messrs O'Connor & Co., the advice of our Solicitor-Mr R. W. Elgee- that the decision of the Co. Council as regards University Scholarships is final and binding on all parties concerned."

This amendment was not seconded and the resolution of Mr Cowman's having been put was carried nem con.

On the motion of Mr J. A. Doyle, seconded by Mr J. J. O'Byrne, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That continuing University Scholarships be granted to John L. Bockey, Anna M. Murphy, Marguerita Sears, Arthur J. Quirke, Joseph Búsher, William Ryan, Clare Kavanagh."

Minutes of Tuberculosis Committee.

The Minutes of the Tuberculosis Committee in connection with meeting of the 18th October, were submitted:-

They included:- The appointment of Miss O'Connor, Mount Walter, Taghmon, as Chief Tuberculosis Nurse at a remuneration of £100 per annum, to cover

salary and all travelling allowances, by a vote of 6 to 4 for Miss Keogh, requesting the County Insurance Committee to fill in the particulars under Clause 2 (d) of the model form of agreement between the Co Insurance Committee and the County Council; treatment to patients whose names are set out on the Minutes of the Tuberculosis Committee: agreeing, subject to the sanction of the Local Government Board to pay a fee of £1. 1: 0 to Medical Practitioner administering anesthetic to patients of the Committee sent to the County Wexford Infirmary, and in whose cases operations are necessary: agreeing to the caretaker of New Ross Tuberculosis Dispensary being supplied with half ton of coal for the use of dispensary: instructing Dr O'Connor, Chief Tuberculosis Officer, to consult with the Governors of the Houghton Hospital New Ross, as to arrangements for the treatment of advanced cases of tuberculosis in that Institution: informing the Local Government Board that although no formal resolution was adopted either by the Wexford County Council or by the Tuberculosis Committee to employ Mr W. F. Barry, County Surveyor, for the work of preparing plans, etc., for proposed Sanatorium and dispensary, it was distinctly understood that he should be paid for the preparation of plans etc., The necessary work was performed in the spare time of the County Surveyor, and in no way interfered with his duties as County Surveyor and wholetime employment.

The above Minutes were ratified on the motion of Mr Cowman, seconded by the Chairman.

The Chairman proposed and Mr James Codd seconded, the following which was passed unanimously:- "That the Tuberculosis Management Committee be requested to obtain from Dr O'Connor, Chief Tuberculosis Officer, a return as to the number of cases which have undergone Institutional Sanatorium treatment, and the results of such treatment in order that the County Council may be able to form an opinion as to the value of such treatment."

Recoupment Tuberculosis Scheme.

Under date 31st October 1916, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 52,108-1916 Wexford Co.,) that in accordance with the certificate of their Auditor directions had been given for the issue of a Paying Order for £161. 4.10 from the Exchequer Grant, as a final instalment of recoupment for the year ended March last on the Scheme of the County Council for the treatment of Tuberculosis.

Marked Read .

Recommendations of Finance & Roads Committee.

Yard at Enniscorthy:- In connection with the proposed hiring of yard at Enniscorthy for storage of machinery etc., the following recommendation was submitted from the Finance & Roads Committee:-

"That we recommend the County Council to agree to the suggestion of the Co. Surveyor to procure a yard in Enniscorthy for the storage of machinery parts, etc., That an advertisement be inserted in the local papers asking for quotations for hire of yard on lease or by yearly tenancy."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr Scallan seconded by the Chairman."

Ballybro Road Flooding:- As regards the proceedings at petty sessions for the cleaning up of Ballybro stream, the following recommendation was submitted from Finance & Roads Committee:-

"That the County Council be asked to re-consider the recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee as regards the flooding of road at Ballybro, (Wexford Rural District)."

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

"That the matter be referred to the District Council for their consideration."

Kilmore Pier Repairs:- In reference to the repair work at Kilmore Pier the following recommendation was submitted from the Finance & Roads Committee:-

"That the County Surveyor be directed to employ the Clerk of Works engaged at Kilmore Pier repairs only where necessary in future."

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

Extraordinary Traffic on Roads:- The following recommendation was submitted by the Finance & Roads Committee, as regards the report of the County Surveyor in connection with extraordinary traffic on the roads of the Gorey District:-

"That the County Surveyor be instructed to consult Mr Elgee, Solicitor, as regards extra traffic on the roads in the District of Gorey referred to in his report at this day's meeting, and report to next meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee."

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

The Rating of Bantry Commons:- The following recommendation was submitted from the Finance & Roads Committee:-

"That our Secretary furnish to the General Valuation Office, the list of names of persons who graze their stock on Bantry Commons (E.D. Barwick Village) supplied by Mr E. J. Murphy, Rate Collector, with a view to having them rated for same. That the question of refund of the arrears of rates on these Commons to Mr Murphy be adjourned for the present."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr Cowman, seconded by Mr J. A. Doyle."

Food & Drugs Acts:- The following recommendation was submitted by the Finance & Roads Committee:-

"That we recommend the County Council to give permission to the Co. Inspector, R. I. C., Wexford, to purchase two hand bags for use of the Inspectors appointed under the Food & Drugs Acts, for the Districts of Wexford and Duncormack."

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

Purchase of Hay by Military Authorities.

In connection with complaints at the meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee as to the Military authorities trying to evade the bargain which they had made with the farmers in connection with the purchase of hay, the following letter was read from Colonel Hunt, and which had been received by the Chairman to the Council:-

"I have yours of 7:10: 16., enclosing copy of Resolution adopted by the Wexford County Council.

I would like to point out that there appears to be a general idea that any hay purchased by the War Department should receive the maximum price. The War Department are buying strictly on quality, and if it can be shewn in a single case that any vendor of the maximum quality of seed hay has not received the maximum price of such hay, I am quite prepared to investigate the matter.

The question of making Wexford or Rosslare a port of shipment overseas is one that is outside my province. This is an Admiralty question and has already been fully considered by them, and I cannot hold out the least prospect of any increase in the Ports as already arranged."

"No Order"

Enniscorthy Courthouse.

Under date 13th October, letter was read from Mrs Lacey, Courthouse Keeper, Enniscorthy, asking for an increased coal allowance until the present price

went down. Her allowance of £2. 5/- per quarter was fixed a great many years ago when coal was half the price it is now.

The matter was considered by the Finance & Roads Committee who made the following recommendation:-

"That the application of Mrs Lacey, Courthouse Keeper, Enniscorthy, for increased allowance of coal be refused."

"Recommendation confirmed on the motion of Mr J. J. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr Barry."

Law Costs.

Proposed by Mr Stafford, Seconded by Mr Scallan, and passed:-

"That we agree to all law costs awarded in prosecutions brought by the Council being paid to our Solicitor-Mr R. W. Elgee- as he is now paid by a fixed salary."

Summer Time Act.

A series of resolutions was received from the Omagh Board of Guardians protesting against the Summer Time Act being extended to Ireland in the future as it was of no benefit to farmers, was a hardship to school children, and an injury to fairs and markets.

The above resolutions from Omagh (Summer Time Act) were adopted on the motion of Mr Scallan, seconded by Mr James Codd,.

War Bonus to National Teachers.

A resolution was received from the Omagh Board of Guardians demanding from the Treasury a War Bonus for teachers of National Schools of 7/6 per week, to be paid retrospectively.

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

Conscription, Etc.,

The following resolution was read from the Kerry Co Council:-

"That we warn the Government of the grave consequences of any attempt to enforce conscription on Ireland, which would result in turmoil and bloodshed, and which, if at all, should only be imposed by an Irish Parliament. English Rulers are to blame in not giving to Ireland that Self-Government granted to her other Colonies and States, which have enjoyed full legislative and fiscal freedom, so unlike the inadequate, imperfect, and financially unsound measure we are promised, which gives neither legislative nor fiscal freedom. We

must also add that Ireland is a seriously depopulated country, with agriculture and industries in a backward state, that she has no world-wide Colonies or commerce to protect or extend, and it is indefensible therefore, to demand equality of sacrifice when there is not, and cannot be, equality of benefit."

"Adopted on the motion of Mr M. Doyle, seconded by Mr O'Byrne."

"That we again protest against the partition of our Country in any shape or form. That such a settlement would only unsettle the question, and perpetuate religious and civil strife, and would also be a serious set-back to Constitutional agitation in Ireland. To partition Ireland is not the way to emancipate her, and, at best, is a gamble with the liberties of the Country. If the Irish question is to be referred to the "Imperial Conference" it should be presented, not in a mutilated form, but in the way it has been handed down to us for an undivided and indivisible Nation.

We are also of opinion, that our claim to full Self-Government for an undivided Ireland should be submitted to the International Peace Conference which is to preserve the integrity of the "Small Nationalities" of Europe, and we request that steps be taken accordingly to appeal to the various Governments concerned."

"Adopted on the motion of Mr O'Byrne, seconded by Mr Cowman."

Gorey Road Contractors.

The following resolutions were submitted from Gorey R. D. Council:-

"That we request the County Council to make allowance to contractors obtaining road material from Co. Council Quarries so as to allow for broken stone measuring less in the depots owing to settlement than when measured in small quantities at the quarries."

"That we make good to the contractors the difference in the price of the material as charged at the quarry for the past three years or since the outbreak of the War".

The following recommendations of the Finance & Roads Committee were adopted on the motion of Mr M. Doyle, seconded by Mr Barry:-

"That we recommend the Co Council to inform the Gorey R. D. Council that as regards material from Co. Council Quarries the County Surveyor allows for the natural shrinkage of the material when deposited in depots. But if there

be any cases of exceptional hardship arising in connection with measurement of material from Co Council Quarries we recommend the Co. Council to consider them."

"That Mr Barry, County Surveyor, be instructed to deal with the cases of contractors who have to obtain material from Arklow Rock Quarry in the most suitable manner as regards each case."

Building of Wall at Ballintim.

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

"That the Gorey Rural District Council give permission to Mr Hugh J. Brennan, Ballintim, Camolin, to build a wall 103 feet long adjoining the public road and outside his yard."

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

"That as the County Surveyor has no objection to erection of wall by Mr Hugh J. Brennan which he believes would be an improvement to the road on which it is to be built, we confirm the resolution of the Gorey R.D. Council permitting Mr Brennan to erect this wall."

Interned Prisoners.

The following resolution was read from the Dublin Corporation:-

"That we, the Members of the Dublin Municipal Council, are of opinion that the time has arrived for the Irish Nation to unite in demanding the release of our fellow-countrymen and women interned in English Prisons without trial, and Amnesty for those who have been sentenced to terms of imprisonment, and pending their release we request the Government to consider the advisability of treating them as Political Prisoners: that to give practical effect to this motion twenty members of this Council be now appointed (one for each Ward) to make arrangements, in conjunction with the National and Labour Bodies of the Country for the holding of an All Ireland Convention for the purpose of establishing a political Prisoners Amnesty Association; and that copies of this resolution be sent to all Public Boards, Trade Unions, Trades Councils, and National Organizations, and that they be invited to appoint delegates to act and join in whatever steps the Association may think proper to obtain the release of all Irish prisoners arrested and imprisoned in connection with the "Rising" of Easter Week 1916."

No Order.

On the same subject the following resolution was read from the Wexford Board of Guardians:-

"That we, the Wexford Board of Guardians and the representatives of the Rural District of Wexford, hereby request the Government to release the Irish Political Prisoners, who were induced to join an ill-conceived and senseless uprising, and by so granting their release show the people of Ireland, that England does not harbour any ill-feeling towards this country which the Irish love so much."

"Adopted on the motion of Mr Cowman, seconded by Mr O'Byrne."

Censorship of Cinematograph Films.

Under date 27th October 1916, the Under Secretary, Dublin Castle, forwarded letter addressed to Local Authorities in England and Wales on the subject of the proposed Official Censorship of Cinematograph Films, and requesting the views of the Council on the matter.

The letter addressed to the Local Authorities in England and Wales referred to the harmful character of some films, and which indicated that the present control was inadequate, besides failing to secure uniform action as films prohibited in one area were often shown only a short distance away. The Secretary of State inclined to the view that the most satisfactory solution would be the establishment by the Government of a central and independent censorship under the auspices of the Government Department concerned.

If a rule were adopted by all Local Authorities of attaching to each licence a condition that no film which the licencing Authorities regard as objectionable should be exhibited and the Authorities would agree to accept the decisions of the official censorship, uniform and effective control would be established.

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

"That the County Council would be prepared to approve of the establishment of an independent official censor for Cinematograph films exhibited in Ireland provided that the censorship is placed in the hands of an Irishman, and that the duties of said office are carried out in this Country."

Irrecoverable Rates.

On the motion of the Chairman, Seconded by Mr Scallan, 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:- Taghmon 148, Wexford Rural 398.

Collector G. Rossiter:- Kilbride 59, Kilpatrick 52, 92.

Collector P. Rossiter:- Lady's Island 79, Rosslare 54, 67, 266, 281, 309.
St Helen's 50, 62A, 68.

Collector P. Codd:- Castledockrill 25, 24, Killoughrim 101, 12, 159,
Kilrush 136, Moyacomb 135, 142, Newtownbarry 114, St Marys
166.

Collector J. Cummins:- Ballymore 69, Kilboro 76, 77, Ferns 174, 177, The
Harrow 89.

Collector J. Sinnott:- Bree 133, The Leap 3, 92.

Collector P. J. Nolan:- Kilcomb 225.

Collector J. C. Smith:- Ardamine 113, Courtown 166, 240, 292, 327, 357,
Gorey Rural 14, 187, 215, Kilnahue 33.

Collector R. Earle:- Killenagh 64.

Collector E. J. Murphy:- Whitemoor 79.

Collector E. Cummins:- Oldcourt 140.

Collector J. Banville:- Adamstown 39, Horetown 129, 141.

Collector J. Cogley:- Ballyhack 52, 53, 271, Fethard 67, Rathroe 32.

"That the claims for refunds of Irrecoverable Rates as furnished by the Collectors, be signed by the Chairman."

Boyce's Bay Contract.

Mr H. P. Gahan, contractor for repair work at Boyce's Bay appeared before the meeting and asked that the County Council should submit a recommendation to the Local Government Board to have him relieved of payment of £133 odd, excess payment in the case of repair work at Boyce's Bay. His failure to carry out the work arose owing to the difficulty which he experienced in obtaining labour.

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

"That the matter be adjourned to next Finance & Roads Committee Meeting provided that in the meantime the Clerk of New Ross R. D. Council forwards some information as to the motion which was to have been considered at the

meeting of New Ross R. D. Council on 31st October 1916. That in the event of no statement being received from the New Ross R. D. Council prior to next Finance & Roads Committee Meeting, that the matter be further adjourned.

Closing Roads Temporarily.

The County Surveyor brought forward a letter from Mr A. Gordon, Engineer to the Great Southern & Western Railway, under date 2nd November 1916, stating that two public road Overbridges, Nos 50 and 51, on Bagenalstown and Palace East Branch required to be rebuilt and in order to do so it would be necessary to close each of the bridges for about a week, but not simultaneously."

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

"That the County Surveyor be empowered to close to traffic for about a week in each case two railway bridges situate on the road from Ballywilliam to Ballinvegga Bridge to enable these overbridges to be renewed."

Illness of Mr N. O'H. Walsh, Rate Collector,

Under date 3rd November 1916, the following letter was read from Mr N. O'H. Walsh, Rate Collector, Common Quay Street, Wexford:-

"As I am at present unable to do duty I would be thankful if you would if you would have my nephew-P. F. O'Byrne- appointed as my deputy."

Mr Walsh submitted a certificate from Dr S. V. O'Connor that he was under the care of Dr O'Connor and was unable to do duty at present."

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

"That subject to the approval of the Local Government Board, we approve of Mr P. F. O'Byrne acting as substitute for Mr O'Hanlon Walsh, during the illness of the latter, but not beyond the 31st March 1917."

Postal Arrangements in the Barony of Forth.

Mr M. Doyle complained that the postal arrangements in the Barony of Forth were most unsuitable to the needs of the district, and were causing great public inconvenience.

He proposed:- "That as the new postal arrangements recently put into force in the Forth district are most unsatisfactory and unsuitable we call upon the Post Office Authorities, in the interests of the people of the district, to revert to the old arrangements."

" Mr Barry seconded the resolution which was passed."

Form 20- Proposal Committee.

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

"That the several proposals adopted by the Proposal Committee Meeting of this date and appearing on Form 20 be given into the charge of the Co. Surveyor."

Advertising., Etc.,

The recommendations of the Proposal Committee (Meeting of 3rd November 1916) as regards advertising and printing were adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Scallan.

Parliament & Registration Act 1916.

The Secretary stated he had received several claims from Clerks of Unions, Town Clerks, and Rate Collectors, in connection with section 3 of the Parliament & Registration Act. There was also his own claim to be considered under the section in question.

According to the letter of Local Government Board under date 1st Sept 1916, and No. 41,962 to the Secretary of the Dublin Co Council; before considering such claims the Local Government Board deemed it desirable that the respective Co Councils should be consulted. They could then be transmitted to the Local Government Board, with the views of the various Councils concerned.

The Secretary submitted statement of the salaries and emoluments of all the officers concerned.

On the motion of Mr Scallan, seconded by Mr Cowman, the following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was agreed to:-

"That owing to the prevailing conditions of living, high prices and taxation, and having regard to the conditions of the appointment of the various officers applying for compensation for loss of income owing to abandonment of the work of preparing the Parliamentary and Local Government Register, we recommend the Co Council to agree that, for this year only, these officers be paid amount of fees paid them in respect of 1915, and we request the Local Government Board to sanction this arrangement."

(Signed)

John Bolger
Presiding Chairman.

Dated this 6th day of*Dec*

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STATUTABLE HALF-YEARLY MEETING.-6th DECEMBER 1916.

The Statutable Half-Yearly Meeting of the Wexford County Council, was held in the Co. Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford, on 6th December 1916.

Present:- Mr John Bolger (Chairman) presiding.

Also:- Lord Courtown, Messrs C. H. Peacocke, James Lynch, P. O'Neill, P. Keating, R. Scallan, P. Whelan, M. Codd, J. J. O'Byrne, M. Doyle, N. J. Cowman, L. Barry, J. J. Stafford, J.J. Kehoe, James Codd, J. T. Mayler, J. Redmond.

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

Confirmation of Minutes.

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and confirmed.

Vote of Condolence.

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

"That we offer Lord Courtown our sincere condolence in the loss which he has sustained in the demise of his Sister-Lady Strachan Bridges."

Lord Courtown returned thanks.

Sanction of Chief Tuberculosis Nurse.

Under date 7th November 1916, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 53520 : 1916 Wexford County) approving of the appointment of Miss E. O'Connor, as Chief Tuberculosis Nurse for County Wexford.

"No Order"

Fethard Sewerage-Sealed Order.

The Local Government Board forwarded Sealed Order No. 44,195- 1916, under date 22nd November 1916, fixing Fethard Dispensary District as the area of charge for improving and maintaining the sewerage system of the village of Fethard.

"No Order"

Barony of Forth Postal Arrangements.

Under date 28th November 1916, the following letter No. 13328- 16, was read from the Secretary General Post Office, Dublin, relative to the Postal Arrangements in the Barony of Forth:-

"With reference to your letter of the 4th instant, conveying a resolution passed by the Wexford County Council, I have to inform you that the representations made regarding the recent revision of postal arrangements in the Forth district have received careful consideration and to explain that the changes which are in conformity with restrictions of services now being carried into effect throughout the United Kingdom, have been necessitated by the imperative need of economy in expenditure in present circumstances. It is to be regretted that any section of the public should suffer inconvenience as a result of the changes but reversion to the old arrangements would not be justified at the present time."

"No Order"

Applications.-Increases of Salary.

Mr G. Flood, Assistant Surveyor, Enniscorthy District, wrote applying for the third annual increment of £5 to his salary and also for an increase in his salary. He explained that the reason why he had refused the £10 increase offered him sometime ago, was because the increased work meant a cost to him of £40 per annum. When he was appointed the County Council owned three quarries in his district none of which was being worked. To-day there were 13 quarries in active operation in the district. This year 55 per cent of the total tonnage specified in his district was provided from these 13 quarries, and he (Mr Flood) had to employ the men engaged thereon, look after all the details of how they carried out their work, keep records and certify to the County Surveyor for the payments.. He had also to look after men in charge of machinery. Of 24 roads in the hands of the County Surveyor in his district, nineteen were maintained by direct labour, for which he was responsible. As a result of the change of Surveyors made sometime ago the mileage of his district was about 80 miles larger than that of any other Surveyor in the County. Fortyfive men were daily employed in his district last year, and he was responsible for arranging for their work and payment. While he was most anxious to continue the work, he submitted that it was not fair to expect him to spend £40 per annum out of a salary of £90 or £100

solely to enable him to cope with extra work from the time of his appointment, and he respectfully pointed out that next year he could not continue to do so unless the County Council would allow him the expenses which the increased work entails.

On the motion of Mr O'Neill, seconded by Mr Whelan the following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed:-

"We recommend that Mr Gerald Flood, be granted his increment of £5 per annum, as from the date that same became payable, and £10 per annum increase of salary owing to additional duties."

Under date 29th November 1916, the following application for increase in his salary, was read from Mr T. Paddle, Assistant Surveyor, Gorey District:-

"I tender no apology other than that of absolute necessity for bringing this application before you, in the hope that you will allow me something in the way of compensation against the enormously increased cost of living.

I am sure Gentlemen, it needs no words of mine, to convince you of the reasonableness of this application.

You are no doubt aware, that the cost of the necessaries of life have increased and are increasing to an enormous extent, also the cost of travelling wear and tear, even to the smallest item.

Situated as I am, depending solely on my salary, having to pay out at every turn, I feel I am not unreasonable in making this application when I only ask you to make good to me the loss sustained owing to the high prices caused by the War.

I do not ask, nor do I expect, to make any monetary profit from this application, but simply and solely to compensate me for loss owing to the War."

On the motion of Mr O'Neill, seconded by Mr Whelan, the following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed:-

"That we recommend the application of Mr Paddle, Assistant Surveyor for an increase of salary be refused."

Resignation of Mr Ffrench, M. P., as Coroner.

The following letter under date 28th November 1916, was read from Mr P. Ffrench, M. P., Coroner for South Wexford:-

"I beg to tender my resignation as Coroner for South Wexford. Some of the

Co. Councillors may remember that when I was unanimously voted in Coroner, I said "No Man can do impossibilities and if I find it impossible to perform the duties of Member of Parliament and the duties of Coroner I will resign one of these positions". This statement was voluntary. I do not resign because I am

unable to do it now as ever I was, but owing to present circumstances and increased Parliamentary duties (the longer one is a Member of parliament the more he finds he has to do) I feel it incumbent on me to tender my resignation.

I am loath to put the County Council to any inconvenience but seeing that they have an efficient Deputy Coroner who has faithfully discharged the duties of Coroner in my absence, I do not see how any inconvenience can arise. Were it otherwise I would continue to do the duty until a new Coroner was appointed.

During my thirteen years of Office I am happy to say that the most cordial relations have existed between the Co. Council and myself and it is with deep regret I must sever the connection between us."

Mr Kehoe proposed, and Mr O'Neill seconded:-

"That we accept Mr Ffrench's resignation as Coroner for South Wexford with regret, and request him to hold office until the appointment of his successor."

Mr Cowman moved as an amendment:-

"That Mr Ffrench be asked to reconsider the subject of his resignation as Coroner."

Mr Scallan seconded.

This amendment was put and declared lost.

The resolution of Mr Kehoe was then put and passed.

Mr Whelan proposed:- "That the salary of incoming Coroner for South Wexford be fixed at £125 per annum."

Mr O'Neill seconded.

Mr M. Doyle proposed, and Mr Cowman seconded as an amendment:-

"That the salary of the incoming Coroner for South Wexford be fixed at £100 per annum."

A poll was taken with the following result:-

For £100 per annum:- Messrs O'Byrne, M. Doyle, Cowman, Scallan, Stafford, Lynch, James Codd, Redmond, and Lord Courtown.-9.

Against:- Messrs Whelan, Keating, O'Neill, M. Codd, Kehoe, J. T. Mayler, and the Chairman.-7.

The Chairman declared the amendment carried.

"It was decided that the election of Coroner for South Wexford be held on 20th December (Wednesday) at Special Meeting to be held at 2.30 p.m.,"

Summer Time Act.

Under date 27th November 1916, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 55953-1916) asking to be furnished with replies to queries as to the views of the Wexford County Council as regards the working of the Summer Time Act 1916 in the County. The information was required by the Chief Secretary for Ireland.

On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Lynch, the Secretary was instructed to forward the following answers to queries::

- 1.- The effects of the Act have been against the interests of Agriculture.
- 2.- Particular difficulties were that labourers went to work an hour earlier than usual and when their work, such as, making hay, saving corn, and thinning turnips, could not be properly carried out, and that they finished work at a time in the evening when their services were most valuable and most necessary.
- 3.- (a) Only in towns. (b) None.
- 4.- No., shops in the towns of the County were closed to accord with the Summer Time Act.
- 5.- (a) The Co Council consider the Act should not be renewed in 1917.

Gorey Courthouse.

Mr P. J. Fanning J. P., Cullenogue, Inch, wrote, complaining of the want of a fire in the Magistrates' Room in the Courthouse, and in the petty sessions office in Gorey Courthouse. "Surely, -He wrote- "if it were only to keep the building from falling from damp the County Council might recognise the necessity of allowing a supply of coal for the Courthouse. for the winter. He considered little coal over three tons could be obtained for the £9 allowance to the Courtkeeper, and he (Mr Fanning) considered this allowance would be sufficient for only one fire daily.

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

"That Mr Fanning be informed that the Finance & Roads Committee see no reason to change the views already expressed by them as to the adequacy of the

coal allowance for Gorey Courthouse."

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

Coast Erosion- D. & S. E. Railway.

The Chairman moved the following resolution:-

"That the frequent interruptions of the Railway Service of the Dublin and South Eastern Railway between Bray and Wicklow due to the injury of the line caused by the continual encroachments of the sea, have caused most serious inconvenience to Traders, Farmers, and in fact to all residents in the County. That we therefore, call upon the Government to take such steps as may be necessary to ensure that the Railway Company will carry out such works as may be necessary to prevent the recurrence of such interruptions.

That unless some complete and satisfactory scheme of works can be carried out for this purpose, we greatly fear that still more serious disorganisation in the trade and commerce of the food producing Counties served by the Railway may at anytime take place, so as to be most disastrous to the interests of the district which we represent.

That the necessity of preserving the continuity of the connection between the producers of the County and their markets is so urgent that we earnestly hope that immediate steps will be taken in the direction indicated.

With this view it is proposed that Mr Redmond be asked to arrange for a deputation to lay the views of the Council before the Government."

Mr O'Neill seconded.

"Passed"

Illness of Mr O'H. Walsh, Rate Collector.

Under date 21st November 1916, the Local Government Board wrote (No.56168 1916, Wexford County) approving of the appointment of Mr P. F. O'Byrne, as deputy Rate Collector for Mr O'H. Walsh, during the illness of the latter.

Marked "Read"

Enniscorthy R. D. Council and Tuberculosis Act.

Under date 20th November 1916, the Clerk Enniscorthy R. D. Council, wrote forwarding resolution adopting Part 1 of the Tuberculosis Prevention (Ireland) Act 1908 in the district, subject to the approval of the County Council.

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

"That the Wexford County Council approve of the Enniscorthy Rural District Council putting Part 1 of the Tuberculosis Prevention (Ireland) Act 1908 into force."

Flooding of Road at Ballybro (Wexford District)

In connection with the flooding of road at Ballybro, Tagoat, (Wexford District) the following report of a Committee of Wexford Rural District was laid before the meeting:-

"We the undersigned Members of the Committee appointed by the Rural District Council to visit Ballybro, met there on the 10th instant. The County Surveyor was in attendance and gave information as required by the Committee. We are of opinion, that it would be most inadvisable to raise the road at Ballybro Bridge. This, no doubt, would keep the water off the road, but would intensify the flooding of the adjoining houses and premises and would probably render the Council liable to action at law.

As there is a fall of some two feet in the water level from Ballybro Bridge to the next Bridge we are of opinion that steps should be taken to clean the stream between these points as it would undoubtedly prevent the high flooding at Ballybro.

We recommend that the County Council be asked to take such steps as may be necessary to compel the adjoining owners to clean out this stream and, further, that if possible, steps should be taken to have the stream cleaned out down to the Slob Embankment.

We consider that, if necessary, Counsel's opinion should be taken as regards the legal steps necessary to enforce the cleaning of the stream."

On the motion of Mr Cowman, seconded by Mr Stafford, the following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed::

"That the County Council be recommended to obtain Counsel's Opinion as to the power of the County Council to compel landowners between Ballybro Bridge and the next bridge downstream to clean up the stream between these two bridges so as to obviate the flooding of the road."

University Scholarship Scheme.

Under date 7th November 1916, a letter was read from the Male University Students of the Wexford Co. Council, all of whom are in residence in Hostel attached to Blackrock College, Co. Dublin, complaining that they are obliged to subsist upon food positively insufficient for their needs and consisting

of bread butter and tea morning and evening, and lunch in lieu of dinner. This lunch is in no way equal to a dinner and fails to satisfy the appetite of any ordinary student. This lunch served in town is necessitated by the impracticability of returning to and from Blackrock between lecture hours. The County Council, the students pointed out, might see some way to improve the matter and prevent the hardships from which the present state of affairs are inseparable.

This letter was considered at the Meeting of Finance & Roads Committee of 3rd November, when the following recommendation was adopted:-

"That our Secretary communicate with the authorities at Blackrock College, and call attention to the complaint received as to food etc., supplied County Wexford University Scholars."

Under date 22nd November 1916, letter was read from Rev M. J. Downey, C. S., Sp., Blackrock College, that the question raised in the letter of Wexford Students had already engaged his serious attention. Last year the Dublin Co. Council had increased their hostel fees from £30 to £45 per annum. He had arranged that this was to be the pension paid by all students, but at the beginning of the academic year he found that other Councils had no information of the step taken by the Dublin County Council, and he had to be content with the existing arrangements of £1 per week. The best plan he could devise in the circumstances was to have students take lunch in the City so that they would not have the necessity of incurring cost of tram fares to return to the College. This lunch cost 10/6 per student, per week, so that what was left for the College was 9/6 per student. Each student for this sum had his own room, his own light from November 1st to May 1st., the rooms were heated either with a fire or with pipes. There is a billiard room, a library, a piano, a football ground, a tennis ground, a cricket ground, and breakfast and tea. The real grievances of the students could be summed up in two words, they wanted a meat breakfast and a little more meat than they actually received at dinner. But at the present time War prices would not allow the College Authorities to do any more than they are doing.

Under date 24th November, the Principal, Loreto Hall, 77 St Stephen's Green, Dublin, wrote that the Sisters had been obliged to raise pension for Co Council Scholars to £33 per annum, an increase of 13/4 per term over previous charge, and which had become necessary owing to abnormal rise in prices. The Scholars were satisfied with the increase, and she hoped

the County Council would see the justice of their claim as the amount asked was the very lowest figure which made it at all possible for the Sisters to maintain the Scholars while cost of living was so high. The fee for Board and Residence paid by the ordinary students for Loreto Hall was 36 guineas per annum.

On the motion of Mr Cowman, seconded by Mr Stafford, the following recommendations of the Finance & Roads Committee were confirmed:-

"That the County Council be recommended to take no further action regarding complaint of University Scholars at Blackrock College."

"That the County Council be recommended to agree to pension for University Scholars at Loreto Hall, Dublin, being fixed at £33 per annum, the £2 extra over amount in Scheme to be taken from the balance provided for books and travelling expenses for the scholars who, we understand, are satisfied that this arrangement be made."

Under date 3rd November 1916, a letter was read from the Secretary, University College, Dublin, stating that he was directed by the President to state that in view of the special circumstances in connection with the case of Mr N. P. Corish, the President recommended that his Scholarship should be continued for 1916-7.

The Finance & Roads Committee had made the following recommendation at the meeting of 3rd November:-

"That in view of the letter of the Secretary of University College, Dublin under date 3rd November 1916, We recommend the County Council to continue Scholarship to Mr N. P. Corish for 1916-7".

On the motion of Mr Cowman, seconded by Mr Stafford, the recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed.

Rates on Bantry Commons.

Under date 22nd November 1916, the following letter was read from Mr E. J. Murphy, Rate Collector, New Ross:-

"I respectfully ask you to bring before your Council at next meeting a request from me to ask the Councillors to reconsider their former decision with reference to refunding me the sum of £45. 18. 2^d which I had to lodge to credit of Council at last September's closing. I had to get personal security for an overdraft in Bank, and pay for same, which I must meet at end

of present month.

I would thank you to bring matter before your Council and respectfully ask the Council to kindly reconsider their decision and allow me this rate."

On the motion of Mr Scallan, seconded by Mr Stafford, the following recommendation from the Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed:-

"That the County Council be recommended to refuse the application of Mr E. J. Murphy, rate Collector, for refund of £45, 8. 2d arrears of rates on Bantry Commons."

Printing Jurors Lists.

Under date 16th November 1916, the following application was read from Messrs English & Co., Quay, Wexford, Printers, for Jurors Lists:-

"With reference to our contract for the printing of the Jurors Lists, the first year of which we completed, we beg to apply to your Council for an increase on the contract price to cover the extraordinary increase in the cost of paper and materials since the contract was taken. We made an exhaustive calculation of the cost involved in the production of the work during July and August 1916, and that compared with the price ruling in November 1915, resulted in an increased cost to us of £15. We would point out to your Council that similar claims made by other Printers have been allowed by the Local Government Authorities, and we trust your Council will be kind enough to consider our claim sufficiently justified to enable them to submit it to the Local Government Authorities."

On the motion of Mr O'Neill, seconded by Mr Scallan, the following recommendation from Finance & Roads Committee was adopted:-

"That the County Council be recommended to refuse the application of Messrs English & Co."

Meter Car Act.

Under date 9th November 1916, the Local Government Board (letter No. 50141 1916, Circular) forwarded regulations with regard to distinctive sign to be exhibited on a Motor Car exempted from duty as being a Hackney Carriage."

"The Secretary stated that he had advertised these Regulations in the local papers."

Application for Allowance for Motor Cycle Mileage.

Under date 13th November 1916, Mr T. Treaner, Senior Assistant Surveyor,

wrote applying for mileage allowance for Motor Cycle. Mr Treaner pointed out in his application that prices had gone up to such an extent as to make use of motor cycle without an allowance prohibitive, and to use push cycle to keep in proper touch with increased work was almost a physical impossibility.

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

"That the County Council be recommended to refuse the application of Mr Treaner for mileage allowance for Motor Cycle."

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

Ballybrennan Quarry.

Under date 14th November 1916, the following was submitted from the quarrymen employed in Ballybrennan Quarry:-

"We the undersigned quarrymen, seek a rise in our wages as everything we want to buy is 100 per cent dearer, we have nothing to sell, and everything to buy. All Public Bodies have given an advance only ours. You know what we earn as the books will show it. We have Steel and Powder and Fuse to provide, and it is little we get for 10/- in that respect, and we can very badly afford it."

The following recommendation of Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed on the motion of Mr O'Neill, seconded by Mr Cowman:-

"That the rate per cubic yard paid quarrymen at Ballybrennan while engaged at task work in quarrying and preparing for Stonebreaker be raised from 1/7 to 1/9 per cubic yard."

Newtownbarry Road Contractors.

The following Road Contractors from the neighbourhood of Newtownbarry applied for allowance on their contracts in the hope of extra payment or reduced tennage:-

Henry Cox, Gurteen, Newtownbarry, Road 71E, Annual Amount £14, 10, 11d (72 cubic yards approved)

Thomas Finn, Ryland Lower, Clehamen, Road 94E Annual Amount £11. 5/- (42 cubic yards Ryland or approved).

Thomas Finn, Ryland Lower, Clehamen, Road 95E Annual Amount £13 (38 cubic yards approved).

Patrick Dillen, Newtownbarry, No. 296 Annual Amount £45. 10/- (150 cubic yards-Ballycarney).

John Foley, Killanure, Newtownbarry, No. 347E Annual Amount £6 (24 cubic yards approved).

Thomas O'Hara, Ballingate, Carnew, No. 13E Annual Amount £34. 9/- (156 limestone gravel).

John Kane, Killanure, Newtownbarry, Road 350E, Annual Amount £7 (24 cubic yards approved)

On the motion of Mr Kehoe, seconded by Mr Lynch, the following recommendation of Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed:-

"That acting on the advice of our Solicitor, the County Council be recommended to make no order with regard to the application of the Newtownbarry Road Contractors."

Audits of Accounts.

Under date 18th November 1916, the Local Government Board forwarded (letter No. 55185-1916, Wexford County) the following report of their Auditor on his audit of the accounts of Wexford County Council for half-year ended 30th September 1916:-

"I have the honour to report that I have audited the Accounts of the Co. Council of Wexford for the half-year ended September last, and I forward herewith a certified Abstract thereof in pursuance of your order.

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

Marked "Read"

Under various dates the Local Government Board forwarded copies of reports of their Auditor on his audit of Accounts for half-year ended 31st March 1916, of the following bodies with attested Abstracts of the Accounts:-

New Ross Union and Rural District Council, Enniscorthy Union and Rural District Council, also Waterford Bridge Joint Committee of Management for the two half-years September 1915 and March 1916.

Marked "Read"

Expenditure Books.

"On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Kehoe, tender of Messrs J. English & Co., Quay, Wexford, to supply expenditure Book Subsidiary Account at £3, and Road Expenditure Book at £2. 2/- was accepted."

Proposals for Works.

Proposed by Lord Courtown,

Secended by Mr Kehoe,

"That the several Proposals for Roads and Works as appearing on Form 20 for Proposal Committee, and for the various Rural District Councils of the County, be and are hereby approved."

Proposals for Payments.

Proposed by Lord Courtown,

Secended by Mr Lynch,

"That the several Proposals for payments as submitted by the Proposal Committee and by the various Rural District Councils of the County, as appearing on Form 22, and as recommended by the Finance & Roads Committee, be and are hereby approved."

Contract for Coals-County Courthouse.

The only tender for supply of coals to County Courthouse, was received from Mr William Kinsella, Quay, Wexford, at £2. 15/- per ton, and this was accepted on the motion of Mr Cowman, secended by Mr Scallan."

Confirmation of Minutes.

On the motion of Mr Kehoe,

Secended by Mr Lynch, the Minutes of Proposal Committee of 3rd November 1916, and of 6th December 1916, were confirmed.

The following Minutes of Finance & Roads Committee were confirmed::

Clehamon Bridge:- "That the County Surveyor be instructed to have timber barrier erected at either end of Clehamon Bridge, and employ a night watchman pending the repair of the structure in order to provide for the safety of the public."

"Confirmed on the Motion of Mr Kehoe, secended by Mr Lynch."

Barbed Wire at Monree:- "That as it appears the barbed wire placed as a fence on road adjoining the lands of Charles Murphy, Monree, Screen, is in our opinion a nuisance, we instruct our Solicitor-Mr R. W. Elgee- to communicate with Mr Murphy, and direct its removal, as in the circumstances the Co. Council have no other alternative."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr Kehoe, secended by Mr M. Codd."

Kiltealy Quarry:- "That the County Surveyor be instructed to have Kiltealy Quarry fenced. That Mr Elgee, Solicitor, be instructed to communicate with

Messrs O'Flaherty & Sen, Solicitors, Enniscorthy, as regards claim of Mr Thomas McCarthy for compensation. That provided Messrs O'Flaherty offer no objection, we request Rev D. A. Kavanagh C. C., Kiltale, Messrs Mark Codd, County Councillor, and Philip Bows, D. C., Kiltale, with the County Surveyor to furnish a report to the County Council as to the amount of compensation which they consider Mr McCarthy should receive."

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

Boyce's Bay:- "That copy of letter from Mr F.H. Gahan, under date November 14th 1916, be furnished New Ross Rural District Council, and that they be informed that, if they are satisfied, the Finance & Roads Committee will recommend the County Council, to forward Mr Gahan's communication to the Local Government Board for their favourable consideration."

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

Salvage Duncannon Hulk:- "That the Account from the Waterford Harbour Commissioners for £153. 11. 11d for repair etc., to hulk at Duncannon be adjourned to next meeting of Finance & Roads Committee. That the Finance & Roads Committee desire to express their surprise at the amount of the Account and ask the Waterford Harbour Commissioners to furnish them with a detailed a/c., and the vouchers in support of same."

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

"That the recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee be confirmed, and that the County Surveyor submit detailed account from Waterford Harbour Commissioners for £153. 11. 11d for repair Duncannon Hulk and replacing structure on station, to next meeting of Finance & Roads Committee."

Rate Collection:- That Mr Elgee be instructed to call the attention of Messrs Mullett, and Doyle, to the fact that they have not carried out the undertaking they gave as to lodging 20 per cent of their warrants by the end of the first month. From the state of the Rate Collection made up to the 14th November these Collectors have not, up to the present, lodged any of the current rate.

That our Secretary call the attention of the other Collectors to the fact that up to the 14th November they have appeared to have taken no steps to proceed with their collection of the current moiety, and inform them that at the next monthly meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee special

consideration will be given to the condition of the Rate Collection and serious notice will be taken of the case of any collector who is not carrying out his duties according to the terms of his bond, viz:- with all due diligence."

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

Under date 29th November 1916, Mr Mullett wrote explaining that he had been obliged to see a specialist in Dublin in connection with his eyes, also that he was under the impression that he was not expected to start collecting until middle of November, same as for past 18 years. He was doing his best to discharge his duties, but found it difficult to induce people to pay so early in the half-year.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Stafford, the following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed:-

"That our Secretary be instructed to communicate with the Rate Collectors who up to the present have not collected 15 per cent of their collections and explain to them that the Finance & Roads Committee are dissatisfied with the progress they are making and will report the backwardness of the Collection to the Local Government Board after next meeting in any case where a substantial improvement is not apparent."

"That the explanation of Mr Mullett as to his failure to lodge 20 per cent of his collection within first two months of current financial half-year be regarded as satisfactory."

Read at Brandy Cross, Kilmore:- "That the County Surveyor be instructed to put into repair as soon as possible the road from Brandy Cross, Kilmore to the Sea."

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

Dates of Council Meetings.

On the motion of Mr Scallan,

Seconded by Mr Keating, the following dates of Meetings were adopted:-

Enniscorthy R. D. Council.-Saturday-14th April 1917 at 11. 0'C.,

Gorey " " Thursday.-12th April 1917 at 11.30 0'C.,

New Ross " " Tuesday. - 10th April 1917 at 11.30 0'C.,

Wexford " " Saturday.- 7th April 1917 at 10. 0'C.,

Proposal Committee.- Wednesday.- 4th April 1917, at 10.30 0'C.,

Co Council Meeting.-

" (Half-Yearly)
" (Quarterly)

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2nd May 1917 at 11 0'C.,
7th February 1917 "

Complaint Over-lapping Road Contracts.

The following letter under date 4th December 1916, was read from the Clerk Enniscorthy R. D. Council:-

"I have been directed by the District Council to request you to bring under the notice of the County Council, a case of overlapping of Road Contracts which has occurred in the neighbourhood of Oylegate, the County Surveyor will be able to give you particulars of the Contracts referred to.

Mr Cleary, who brought the matter forward, was to have given me particulars, but up to this, I have not received them.

The District Council desire that your Council should investigate the matter, as it would appear that two Contractors have been paid for the same piece of road, one in Enniscorthy District, and the other in Wexford District."

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

"That as the alleged overlapping on contract took place between the years 1914, and 1915 the County Council do not consider it necessary to make any order on the letter from Enniscorthy R. D. Council."

Sheep Scab.

Under date 2nd November 1916, a letter was read from the Secretary to the Irish Cattle Traders & Stockowners Association asking for the influence of the County and District Councils for the better carrying out of the sheep dipping regulations of the Department of Agriculture & technical Instruction.

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

"That the Irish Cattle Traders Association and Stockowners Association be informed that the County Council of Wexford are doing all within their power to have the sheep Dipping Order of the Department of Agriculture carried out."

Sale of Artificial Manures.

Under date 30th November 1916, the following resolution was received from the Board of Guardians, Kanturk::

"That we strongly urge the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction, to take immediate steps to control the sale of artificial manures as prices are unduly high, and unless some steps are taken in this direction next year's crops will be seriously affected."

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

"That in consequence of the necessity of increasing tillage operations to provide food for the people of Ireland, we call on the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction to take steps to use their influence to secure a proper supply of artificial manures for farmers.

That a copy of this resolution be furnished the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction."

Enniscorthy R. D. Council and Bridges Etc.,

Under date 4th December 1916, the Clerk, Enniscorthy Rural District Council, wrote forwarding extracts from Minutes of proceedings of 30th November 1916:-

"That we hereby draw the attention of the County Council to the condition of the Bridge at Clehamen, portion of which fell sometime ago, and as a result of which some accidents have happened.

We request the County Council to proceed to have a temporary wooden Structure immediately erected for the convenience of the Public, as at present Newtownbarry and Kilmyshal Districts are shut off from Railway facilities etc., except by a backward route which necessitates passing over a part of the Mountain Road."

"It was also ordered that the attention of the County Council be called to Ballycarney Bridge, which if not seen to in time, will probably collapse like Clehamen Bridge."

"Attention of County Council to be called to the disgraceful condition of the public road outside Poulpeasty Chapel."

Proposed by Mr Whelan, seconded by Mr Stafford, and adopted:-

"That a paling be erected at Clehamen Bridge to fence off present opening. That our Solicitor be instructed to prepare special notices that the public pass along present opening at their own risk in order to protect the interests of the Council. That the Enniscorthy R. D. Council be informed that owing to the enormous expense necessary the County Council would not be justified in erecting a temporary Bridge at Clehamen."

The following letter was read from Messrs M. J. O'Connor & Co., Solicitors:-

"Mr Patrick Reilly, of Court Street, Enniscorthy, instructs us that on the 22nd November last, he was riding a bicycle from Newtownbarry to Enniscorthy and about 11.15 a.m. he was crossing Clehamen

Bridge. He ran into a barbed Wire paling which was placed across the bridge as the result of which he was rendered unconscious and had to get three stitches put in his forehead by Dr Lawler of Newtownbarry, and afterwards attended by Dr Kelly of Enniscorthy. His temple was cut and one of his eyes and legs were also hurt.

Kindly let us know what you propose to do in the matter. He claims £25 damages."

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

"That a copy of Messrs O'Connor & Co., letter be forwarded to Messrs Coyle & Co., Insurance Brokers."

As regards Ballycarney Bridge the following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Lynch:-

"That the County Surveyor be instructed to present at next meeting of Finance & Roads Committee a report as to the present condition of Ballycarney Bridge."

"In connection with the report from Enniscorthy R. D. Council as to condition of road at Poulpeasty Catholic Church, the Secretary was instructed to inform the District Council that the matter was being attended to."

Defaulting Read Contractors.

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

"That the County Surveyor be empowered to institute proceedings against any Road Contractors in the lists submitted by him as follows:-

Enniscorthy:- 292 James Murphy, 215 James Rooney, 226 Thomas Furlong, 279 Denis Corrigan, 3E Michael Maguire, 101E John Nolan, 114E M. Owens, 189E Margaret Murphy, 191E & 192E Thomas Mangan, 212E & 213E John Whitty, 344E John Shea, 39E Patrick Jordan, 61E Thomas O'Hara, 87E Peter Connors, 113E Michael Owens, 298E Myles Roban, 337E Patrick Kavanagh, 123E Sarah Ormonde, 183E Matthew Brien, 220E James Nolan, 275E M. Dunne, 290E Sarah Ormonde, 17E John Cowman, 18E Thomas Hayes, 124E J. Wilkinson, 224E J. Whitty, 63E M. Mythen, 11E C. Molloy, 21E E. Kavanagh, 64E C. Molloy, 73E Patk Bailey, 187E Thos Murphy, 207E Myles Stamp, 305E E. Kavanagh, Fl4 Wm Hyland, 248 Patrick Belger, 22E Ed. Clancy.

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Lawless, 24a John Fitzpatrick, 8G Edwd Stanton, 124G James Hobbs, 130G Denis Kenny, 136G and 142G Patrick Mordaunt, 150G Wm Sunderland, 170G M. O'Reilly, 16G John Duffy, 55G Ed Staunton, 122G David Doyle, 176G Ed. Dwyer, 72G Jas Murphy, 82G P. Kinsella, 84G James Somers, 104G E. Fanning, 139G Peter Byrne, 140G John Duffy, 182G and 191G Peter Mythen, 70G M. Hughes, 75G and 76G Thomas Cline, 94G James Kavanagh, 175G Luke Smith, A15 E. Stanton, B.- Terence Dunne.

New Ross-- 171 T. Kinsella, 193 P. Doyle, 47R Wm Murphy, 50R Michael Roche, 51R J. Whitty, 209R T. Brown, 213R M. Roche, 109R P. Nolan, 270R J. Devereux, 89R P. Freeman, 202R P. Downes, 80R E. Galavan, 107R N. Pender, 285R P. Delaney, 101R J. Whitty, 204R T. Browne, 98R and 102R P. Freeman, 99R and 160R M. Nolan, 171R J. Evey, 37R J. Culleton, 188R Maurice Fitzgerald, 179 M. Fitzgerald.

Wexford:- 207 Reps M. Lacey, 240W. Reps J. Irvine, 249W R. Sinnott, 67W T. Walshe, 100W D. Connors, 79W P. Fortune, 125 John Lacy, Junr., 17W M. Browne, 91W D. Connors, 113W Thos Kehoe, 204W P. J. Hayes, 258W E. Browne, 63W P. Fortune, 66W W. Carty, 34W W. Kelly, B 236W -J. Goodall, M16 Thos Walshe, R16 Martin Corish, S16 Martin Corish.

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

Application for Road Material from Deran's Hill Quarry.

An application was read from Patrick Roche, John Fortune, Peter Fortune, and James Kenny, Efferogue, asking to be supplied with 50 cubic yards of broken stones from Deran's Hill Quarry for the purpose of repairing the road leading to their homes as they found it impossible to get any material. They were willing to pay the full price for the material.

A similar application for supply of 60 tons of broken stones from this quarry was read from Aidan Walsh, John Borthistle, Julia Byrne, and Bridget Bolger, Efferogue, who were willing to pay the full price for the stones.

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

"That the County Surveyor be empowered to provide material from Deran's Hill Quarry for ratepayers in Efferogue District-110 cubic yards

if the County Surveyor has a surplus quantity over the

amount required for the maintenance of the roads supplied from this quarry."

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

Application for Compensation for Criminal Injury.

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

"That we consider it advisable that the Enniscorthy Urban District Council should appoint their Solicitor-Mr J. N. Scallan- to act with Mr Elgee, Solicitor to the County Council, at the hearing of the claim for compensation for malicious injury on behalf of Mr Thomas O'Reilly, Enniscorthy."

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

Law of Compensation for Criminal Injury.

The following resolution was received from Down Co Council:-

"Having regard to the present unsatisfactory state of the law in the matter of compensation for malicious injuries, we the Down County Council desire to approach the Members of Parliament of our County with a view to having the law affecting Ireland revised and brought into line with that prevailing in Great Britain, and we request that the other County Councils in Ireland shall adopt a similar course so that Insurance Companies shall be obliged to discharge their contracts as in Great Britain."

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

Motor Car Licence Duties.

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

(Its adoption was recommended by Finance & Roads Committee)

"That it be represented to the Members of Parliament for this County and to the Government, that, in the opinion of this Council, all sums levied in a County as motor car licence duties, and duty on motor spirit be allocated for expenditure on the roads in the County, and it is further directed that a copy of this resolution be sent to each Member of Parliament for the County, and to each County Council in Ireland, asking for their cooperation and assistance in the matter."

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

Hospital for disabled Soldiers and Sailors.

A resolution was received from Dublin County Council pointing out that in the opinion of the Council it was the duty of the Government to at once establish an Hospital for Irish Soldiers and Sailors suffering from incurable diseases arising from the War.

"Adopted on the motion of Lord Courtown, Seconded by Mr Lynch."

Welfhill Collieries.

Resolutions were received from Killarney Rural District Council, and the Irish National Foresters Clonmel, as to the necessity of having a spur railway line run to Welfhill Collieries in order to cheapen price of coal in Ireland.

"These resolutions were adopted on the motion of Mr Cowman, seconded by Mr O'Byrne."

South of Ireland Cattle Association.

A resolution was received from the South of Ireland Cattle Trade Association, requesting the Board of Agriculture in England to revoke the detention regulations on live stock arising in English Ports, as Ireland has now been three years free from any outbreak of foot and mouth disease.

"Adopted on the motion of Mr Scallan, seconded by Mr Cowman."

(Signed) Courtne
Presiding Chairman.

Dated this 7th day of February 1917

SPECIAL MEETING.- 20th DECEMBER 1916.

A Special Meeting of the Wexford County Council, was held in the County Council, Courthouse, Wexford, on 20th December 1916.

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

Also:- Messrs M. Doyle, Stafford, Kehoe, Lynch, M. Codd, Barry, Keating, Whelan, Scallan, Cowman, Kinsella, Mayler, James Codd, Cloney, Redmond, Asple.

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

Sir David Beatty.

The Chairman moved the suspension of Standing Orders.

"Passed"

The Standing Orders having been suspended, the Chairman proposed and Mr Lynch seconded the following resolution, which was adopted:-

"That we wish to convey to Admiral Sir David Beatty our warmest congratulations on his promotion to the highest rank in the British Navy. And also for the bravery he has displayed in all Naval battles since the War began. We feel proud of a Wexford man being in one of the highest positions in the British Empire, and we hope and trust he will be spared until the War is brought to a successful ending."

Election of Coroner.

The Secretary having read advertisement as to appointment of Coroner for South Wexford vice Mr P. Ffrench, resigned, Applications for the position were read from Mr John J. Roche, J.P., Cleariestown, Deputy Coroner, and Dr P.A. Doyle, Bridgetown.

A Poll was taken with the following result:-

For Mr Roche:- Messrs M. Codd, Barry, Keating, Whelan, Scallan, Cowman, Kinsella, Mayler, James Codd, Cloney, Redmond, Asple.-12.

For Dr Doyle:- Messrs M. Doyle, J.J. Stafford, J.J. Kehoe, Lynch, and the Chairman.-5.

The Chairman declared Mr Roche elected.

The following is the application of the successful Candidate:-

"I beg to offer myself as Candidate for the vacant office for South Wexford.

Your Council is aware that for many years I have been deputy Coroner, and during those years of "probation" I trust your Council will consider I have done my duty to their entire satisfaction. I enclose testimonials herewith. Some years ago, I was a Candidate for a Land Commission appointment, and it was then necessary to furnish "proofs of Character" with your application. The testimonials which I then asked (and received) are herewith enclosed in addition to one dated December the 9th inst., from the Most Rev Dr Browne, Lord Bishop of Diocese."

He submitted testimonials from Lord Bishop of Ferns, the Lord Bishop of Ossery, John R. Cooper, Crown Solicitor, and the late Lord Maurice Fitzgerald.

Clehamen Bridge.

The Chairman asked if any resolution had been received from Enniscorthy Rural District Council as to erection of temporary bridge at Clehamen.

The Secretary stated that the resolution in question was received by him on that date (20th December).

Mr Cowman proposed:-

"That, should the Enniscorthy Rural District Council desire to appoint a Committee to consider the advisability of having a temporary bridge erected at Clehamen or to proceed at once with the repair of the existing structure, the County Council will direct the County Surveyor to meet the said Committee at Clehamen to consult with them and prepare a report for presentation to next meeting of Finance & Roads Committee of the County Council to be held on 3rd January 1917.

That the Chairman (Mr J. Belger) Messrs Whelan, and Lynch, be requested to attend with the County Surveyor, to meet the Committee of Enniscorthy Rural District Council."

Mr Kehoe seconded the resolution which was passed.

(Signed) _____

Presiding Chairman.

Dated this 7th day of February 1917.

Quarterly Meeting.- 7th February 1917.

The Quarterly Meeting of the Wexford County Council, was held in the Co Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford, on 7th February 1917.

Present:- The Earl of Courtown, Messrs N. J. Cowman, P. Keating, R. Scallan, M. Cloney, J. A. Doyle, James Codd, Michael Doyle.

On the motion of Mr Scallan, seconded by Mr Cloney, the Earl of Courtown was moved to the Chair.

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

Confirmation of Minutes.

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and confirmed.

Treasurer's Advice Note.

Treasurer's Advice Note for £3986. 17. 2d was examined and signed.

The late Lady Strachan Bridges.

On the motion of Mr Scallan, seconded by Mr Cloney, it was decided that the following letter under date 8th December 1916, from Lord Courtown, be inserted on the Minutes:-

"Will you please convey to the County Council my sincere thanks for their kind vote of condolence with me on the death of my Sister. Also please accept my thanks for your own expressions of sympathy."

Rates for 1917-18.

The Meeting considered the Estimate of Rate for General and Separate Charges for year 1917-18, the business for which the Members had been specially summoned.

On the motion of Mr Cloney, 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 1917-18, as approved by the Finance & Roads Committee at their meeting of 24th January 1917, 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:-

District.	Land.	Other Hereditaments.
Enniscorthy	4/5	6/2
Gerey	3/8	5/1
New Ross.	4/5	6/3
Wexford.	3/7	5/2

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

District	General			Separate			Total		
	£.	S.	D.	£.	S.	D.	£.	S.	D.
Enniscorthy	1368.	14.	1	27.	10.	3	1396.	4.	4
New Ross.	1701.	9.	6	45.	2.	4	1746.	11.	10
Wexford.	2726.	0.	7	58.	1.	6	2784.	2.	1

Acknowledgments of Resolutions.

Messrs J. E. Redmond and Peter Ffrench M. Ps., wrote acknowledging the resolution of the County Council with reference to the stoppage of traffic on the Dublin & South Eastern line of Railway, owing to coast erosion.

From Admiral Sir David Beatty, and his brother Major Beatty, congratulating the former on his appointment as Lord High Admiral of the British Fleet.

From Mr Peter Ffrench M. P., regretting his resignation as Coroner for South Wexford.

Salary Coroner South Wexford.

Under date 12th January, the Local Government Board wrote No.59396:1916, stating that they had approved of the salary fixed for the position of Coroner for South Wexford, Viz:-£100 per annum.

Marked "Read"

Advance to Gerey Guardians.

In connection with the application of advance of £600 from the County Council to the Gerey Guardians, the Local Government Board wrote forwarding copy of letter under date 8th January 1917, (62793:1916) in which they requested to be informed of the causes of the request and stating that

presumably the Guardians in making their estimate would be careful to make adequate provision to cover the advance as well as to meet the full requirements of the coming year.

"The Secretary stated that he had received no reply from the Local Government Board, However, the necessity for making the advance did not arise, because he had had a letter from Mr Creighton, Clerk Gorey Union, that he would be able to manage without the advance.

"No. Order".

New War Loan.

Under date 31st January 1917, the Local Government Board wrote (26M-1917 Miscellaneous) pointing out that if a Local Authority desired to raise money for any of the purposes specified in Sub-Section 1 of Section 1 (Public Authorities & Bodies (Loans) Act 1916, and can arrange with their Treasurer to advance the necessary amount the Local Government Board or the appropriate Government Department, will be prepared to consider favourably an application by the Local Authority for their consent under the subsection. One of the conditions to be imposed being that the amount of the sum to be borrowed will, pending its formal application, be invested in the 5 per cent War Loan 1929-1947.

"Adjourned to next Meeting."

Salary of Mr G. Flood, Assistant Surveyor.

Under date 16th December 1916, the following letter was read from Mr G. Flood, Assistant Surveyor:-

"I beg to thank you for my third annual increment and for increasing my salary by £10.

Whilst regretting that you could not see your way to make my salary such as would enable me to perform the extra work I am discharging without any pecuniary disadvantage to myself, I have decided to accept the increase as an instalment of what I believe I am entitled to, and will continue to attend to increased work in the hope that, later on, you will more fully realise how enormously it has increased, as a Councillor remarked, and fix a salary commensurate with its extent."

"No Order."

Proposals for Works.

On the motion of Mr Cloney, seconded by Mr Scallan, the following resolution

was adopted:-

"That the several Proposals for Works, 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 Cloney, seconded by Mr Scallan, 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."

Recommendations from Finance & Roads Committee.

Boyce's Bay:- At the Meeting of Finance & Roads Committee on 24th January 1917, the following letter under date 9th January 1917, was read from Clerk, New Ross R. D. Council:-

"I am to inform you that the Council of New Ross Rural District, at their Meeting on the 5th, decided by fifteen votes to ten, to recommend the Co. Council to only have a penalty amounting to £30 imposed on Mr H.P. Gahan in respect of his failure to build a wall at Boyce's Bay in pursuance of contract.

I enclose you, at Mr Gahan's request, some documents produced before this Council in support of his petition."

The following was unanimously agreed to:-

"That in view of the discussion which took place at the meeting of New Ross R. D. Council on 5th inst., relative to application of Mr H. P. Gahan, Little Graigue, Fethard, for remission of fine in connection with failure to carry out repair work at Boyce's Bay, we recommend the County Council to hold Mr Gahan to the terms of his contract."

Mr M. J. O'Conner, Solicitor, for Mr Gahan appeared before the meeting and explained that it had been impossible for Mr Gahan to obtain men to carry out the contract.

After a discussion Mr M. Doyle proposed--

"That we dissent from the recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee

of 24th January last, that the Council should hold Mr Gahan to the terms of his contract. That as expenditure on this contract is a district charge, and as New Ross R. D. Council have recommended that Mr Gahan should be fined in the mitigated penalty of £30, we accept the recommendation of New Ross District Council as to payment by Mr Gahan of reduced penalty of £30 provided the sanction of the Local Government Board to this proposal be obtained. #

That our Secretary submit this resolution to the Local Government Board with copy of letter of explanation from Mr Gahan. #

A Poll was taken with the following result:-

For the confirmation of Finance & Roads Committee there voted:- Messrs Scallan, Cloney, and J. A. Doyle.-3.

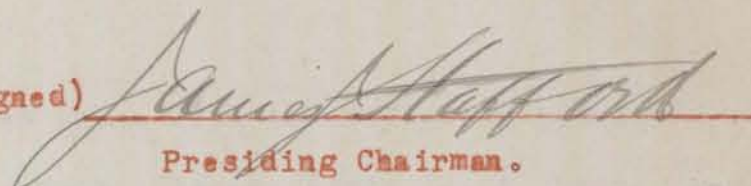
Against:- Messrs M. Doyle, Cowman, Keating, and the Chairman.-4.

The Chairman declared the amendment lost.

The resolution of Mr Doyle to accept the mitigated penalty of £30 was then put and passed Nem Con.

The remainder of the business was adjourned to 21st February.

(Signed)


Presiding Chairman.

Dated this 21st day of February. 1917

MEETING.- 21st FEBRUARY 1917.

A Meeting of the County Council, was held in the County Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford, on 21st February 1917.

Present:- Messrs J. J. Stafford, Michael Doyle, P. Keating, R. Scallan, James Lynch, J. J. Kehee, James Codd, M. Cloney, T. Asple, J. A. Doyle.

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

On the motion of Mr James Codd, seconded by Mr M. Doyle, Mr J. J. Stafford was moved to the Chair.

Confirmation of Minutes.

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and confirmed.

Boyce's Bay Contract.

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

"That the Resolution passed on 7th February 1917, relieving Mr H. P. Gahan of his liability re Boyce's Bay Contract, be rescinded."

Mr J. A. Doyle seconded,

After discussion a vote was taken with the following result:-

For the motion:- Messrs Scallan, Lynch, Cloney, Asple, J. A. Doyle, and the Chairman.-6.

Against:- Messrs M. Doyle, Keating, Kehee, and James Codd.-4.

The Chairman declared the resolution carried.

Salary of Assistant Surveyor Flood.

Under date 7th February 1917, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 5803-13) approving of the proposal of the County Council to allow Mr Flood, Assistant Surveyor, an increase of £10 per annum in his salary, as from the 6th December 1916. The granting of the increment of £5 to Mr G. Flood in accordance with the terms of his appointment did not require the express sanction of the Local Government Board.

Marked "Read"

Labour for Tillage Purposes.

Under date 7th February 1917, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No.

29/M 1917, Miscellaneous) pointing out that it was of the utmost importance that every available effort should be made to set free the maximum amount of labour for tillage operations, and suggesting that Co Councils should release for agricultural work as many as possible of the labourers now employed on road maintenance or other road schemes. The Board felt confident that the County Councils would recognise the urgency of the matter and that they would not retain in their employment any labourers who in the present year can be more usefully employed on tillage operations.

"On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Asple, it was decided that no action be taken."

Slaughter of Sows Order.

Under date 11th January 1917, the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction, wrote as follows (letter No. 54-17):-

"Adverting to your letter of the 4th instant, forwarding a copy of a Resolution of your Council's Finance & Roads Committee relative to the Maintenance of Live Stock (Breeding Sows) (Ireland) Order, I have to state that the Department had anticipated the views of your Committee as to the desirability of administering the Order so as to prevent its application from interfering with the legitimate slaughter or exportation of sows that are no longer fit for breeding purposes, and have accordingly, made arrangements for dealing promptly with all applications made to them through the Police for Licences in respect of such sows.

The restrictions imposed by the Order are intended, as your Committee have realised, to serve the very important purpose of conserving the country's stock of swine, and applications for exemption must, therefore, be considered primarily from this point of view.

It is almost inevitable that there should be individual cases of immediate hardship connected with the administration of any measure for the general good, and it is not improbable that, owing to the great number of applications for Licences under this Order, and the necessity of having close regard to the object of the Order in dealing with them, that a licence may occasionally be refused on the apparent, rather than the real, merits of the case.

The Department, are, however prepared to reconsider any cases where an applicant considers himself aggrieved by the refusal of his application."

In connection with the above Order the following recommendations were made

by the Finance & Roads Committee:-

Meeting.-3rd January 1917:- "That we call the attention of the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction to the necessity of issuing under the Maintenance of Live Stock (Breeding Sows) (Ireland) Order of 1916, of permits for the slaughter of sows which are unsuitable for breeding purposes. The refusal of the Department to allow unsuitable animals to be slaughtered will, in our opinion have a most prejudicial effect on the object for which the Department promulgated this Order, viz., increased pig production. From our personal experience we are aware that considerable hardship is being caused to several small farmers by the action of the Department in carrying out the Order in question."

Meeting.- 24th January 1917:- "That we consider from our experience the Slaughter of Sows Order is working very unsatisfactorily in this County, and would point out to the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction that practically all Sows which have been or are being fattened have been found unsuitable for breeding purposes."

Under date 15th February 1917, the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction, wrote letter No. 248-17, that having duly considered the recommendations of the Finance & Roads Committee, they regretted they could add nothing to the observations on the same subject in their letter of 11th January, 54-17.

On the motion of Mr Scallan, seconded by Mr Kehoe, the recommendations of the Finance & Roads Committee given above were confirmed.

Importation (Sheep from Scotland) Order of 1916 (No.3)

Under date 29th December 1916, the above Order prohibiting importation of Sheep from Scotland, except under licence, was read.

Printing Jurors Lists.

Under date 19th January 1917, the following letter was read from Messrs John English & Co., Printers of Jurors Lists:-

"Referring to your letter of the 7th ult., regarding our Contract for the printing of the Jurors Lists, will you kindly ask your Council to reconsider our application. We would point out that our letter of the 16th November, last asked your Council to submit our claim to the Local Government Board, as

we are aware that the L. G. B., has already dealt with similar claims throughout Ireland, and it is principally our knowledge of that fact that prompted us to make the application."

"It was decided that no action be taken."

Clehamon Bridge.

Under date 1st February 1917, the following letter (No. 15335-16) was read from the Secretary, General Post Office, Dublin:-

"My attention has been drawn to the fact that the bridge over the river Slaney at Clehamon, which forms part of the public road over which the Mails between Clehamon and Newtownbarry are normally carried and which two Postmen have to cross on duty, is seriously out of repair, and is at present in so defective a state as to impede and endanger the carriage of the Mails.

The matter has already been brought under the attention of your Chairman by the Postmaster of Ferns both verbally and by letter of 2nd December 1916, but the bridge above mentioned is, as I am informed, still in a dangerous condition.

The Postmaster General is advised that if this state of things is allowed to continue any longer, his proper course is to apply to the High Court for Writ of Mandamus, addressed to the Wexford County Council, directing that body to effectively repair the Bridge in question, and if the Council fail to comply with the Order, the Court may appoint any officer and confer on him all or any of the powers of the defaulting Council, which appear to the Court necessary for carrying into effect the Mandamus.

The Postmaster General has no desire to enter upon such litigation if it can possibly be avoided, but no alternative appears to be open to him but to proceed by Mandamus as above, if the bridge in question which forms portion of the road over which the Mails ordinarily pass is not forthwith properly repaired.

I would ask the Council to be good enough to reply within one week from this date, stating whether they will or will not put the Bridge above referred to into proper repair forthwith.

The further action of the Postmaster General will depend on the terms of their reply."

The following report was read from the County Surveyor as regards this Bridge:-

"In October 1913 I received a letter from the Police in Newtownbarry

drawing attention to the possibly dangerous condition of the buttress. In November 1913, at my direction Mr Treaner, and Mr Flood, made an inspection of the Bridge and did not consider there was any immediate necessity to take action.

Subsequently in April 1914 a proposal for £25 was approved by the R.D. Council, but there was no tender. At the point where the face of retaining wall (down-stream left bank) had moved out, I placed scribe marks on the masonry and these have been frequently examined in the interval, no further movement has been observed, and unless as a matter of special precaution this part may be left in its present condition. In July 1914 Mr Doyle of Newtownbarry, - then a Member of the County Council - told me that the other side of the bridge required examination, and on the 31st July 1914 with Mr Flood, I made an inspection.

I examined the masonry and could find no sign of settlement or fracture, but I was unable to get under the Bridge. In the interval since I have examined the masonry for sign of settlement, and Mr Flood has frequently inspected this part but did not observe any movement until 10th October last, when he noted a settlement in the out-water of the pier. At this time the water was so high that nothing could be done. On Sunday the 5th November last the out-water broke away from the pier and exposed the latter to the full force of the then high flood which apparently breached it early on the morning of Monday 6th November.

The pier was built solid only up to a level of springing of arch and above this the haunching consisted of a series of masonry walls with dry filling between. This filling must have been washed out, and thus allowed the arches to fall. The bridge consists of five arches and the greater part of two of these is down. I have invited an offer from the Contractor of the road to cut a gap in the weir so as to allow the floods to pass and to lower the water level at the damaged pier and that adjoining. It will be necessary to obtain permission for this work from Mr Lewis, Newtownbarry, who is the owner of the weir. I have also asked a local mason for a quotation for centering the third arch.. This will be necessary in any case before the rebuilding of the fallen arches can be put in hand and if done now will reduce the thrust of the arch against the pier."

The following resolutions were read from Enniscorthy R. D. Council at meeting of Finance & Roads Committee on 3rd January::

"That we call upon the County Council to have Clehamon Bridge put in a passable condition as a thoroughfare, and in its

present condition is causing great inconvenience."

"That we draw the attention of the County Council to the fact that the Co. Surveyor was notified of the condition of this Bridge three years ago by the Police Authorities and as he took no action towards having it repaired at the time, we call upon the County Council to hold the County Surveyor responsible for the cost incurred in renewing the Bridge."

"That in consequence of the very serious reports as to the condition of Clehamen Bridge at present, we call upon the County Council to direct the Co. Surveyor to secure the Bridge against any further damage pending the necessary repairs to existing Bridge."

"That this matter be placed on Agenda for next meeting and that our Solicitor be requested to attend and advise the Council as to their position and be prepared to give any information necessary as to County Surveyor's duties."

The Finance & Roads Committee made the following recommendations from Meeting of 3rd January 1916:-

"That the County Surveyor be instructed to obtain permission from Mr George Lewis, Main Street, Newtownbarry, to allow of a gap being made in weir adjacent to Clehamen Bridge for the purpose of repairing said Bridge, the County Surveyor giving the necessary undertaking to Mr Lewis for restoration of the weir to its present condition on the completion of the repairs to the Bridge."

"That in the event of Mr George Lewis agreeing to allow of a gap being made in the weir adjacent to Clehamen Bridge, the County Surveyor be instructed to communicate with the Enniscorthy R. D. Council, and take the necessary steps with this District Council to have the Bridge repaired with as little delay as possible."

That a copy of this recommendation be furnished Enniscorthy R. D. Council

Under date 17th February 1917, the Clerk Enniscorthy R.D. Council forwarded the following resolution which was adopted at the meeting of the Council on 14th February:-

"That the repairs to Clehamen Bridge be carried out at once by the Co. Surveyor, and that a Consulting Engineer be appointed to consult with Mr Barry on the inspection of the standing arches, and that the result of this inspection be reported to the Council."

On the motion of Mr Kehoe, seconded by Mr Scallan the following

resolution was adopted:-

"That we confirm the recommendations of the Finance & Roads Committee. That we further confirm the resolution of Enniscorthy R. D. Council directing that the repairs to Clehamen Bridge be carried out at once."

Ballycarney Bridge.

The following report of County Surveyor as to condition of Ballycarney Bridge, was read for meeting of Finance & Roads Committee on 3rd January:-

"I made a special inspection of this bridge on the 11th December 1916. The Bridge consists of eight arches gradually increasing in span from 9'.6" on the Right Bank of the River to 25'.0" on the Left Bank. This increase of span is evidently to provide for the rise in the roadway over the Bridge as the springings of the arches are much above same level. The arches are semicircular. All the masonry appears sound except some gaps in the coping of parapet, the repair of which is covered by the Maintenance Specification. the bed of river is paved between the arches and appears in sound condition, but this can only be determined at low summer level of water, In a couple of places ivy is growing in the masonry, and it will be advisable to cut this away. On the right bank downstream the training wall adjoining the bridge will require some underpinning and repair when low water permits. Upstream of left bank there is a small wash-out in bank of river, it will be well to repair this as if it extend it may cause damage to the training wall above the Bridge.

The Roadway over the Bridge is in fair order but is concave in cross section. The Roadway here was sheeted two years ago, and will be again sheeted this winter. On the 2nd instant I made a further inspection and found that there has been a small hole in the roadway on the approach embankment over a dry gullett, this has been repaired and in no way effects the Bridge proper."

At the same meeting of Finance & Roads Committee, the following resolution was submitted from Enniscorthy R.D. Council:-

"That as Ballycarney Bridge is in a bad state at present, we consider the work of having it repaired should be preceded with immediately so as to prevent it falling into the same condition as Clehamen Bridge."

The Finance & Roads Committee made the following recommendation:-

"That copy of report of the County Surveyor as to condition of

Ballycarney Bridge be furnished the Enniscorthy R.D. Council, and that this Council be informed that in the opinion of the County Surveyor the Bridge is in good condition."

"That the County Surveyor be instructed to make a further and detailed inspection of this Bridge when the state of the weather permits and report to the County Council."

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

Overlapping Road Contract.

At the meeting of Finance & Roads Committee on 3rd January 1917, the following resolution was read from Enniscorthy R.D. Council:-

"That as the County Surveyor downfaced the Member of the Rural District Council who drew attention to the overlapping, and who was afterwards proved to be right in his contention, we are not satisfied with the resolution of the County Council, and we consider that the County Surveyor should refund the amount overpaid on account of the overlapping."

The Finance & Roads Committee submitted the following recommendation:-

"That the Enniscorthy R. D. Council be informed that if their Committee had met the County Surveyor at the time appointed to consider the question of overlapping road contracts in the neighbourhood of Oylegate, the mistake referred to by the District Council would have been corrected at a much earlier period. We are convinced that as the County Surveyor acted Bona fide in the matter no further action be taken by the County Council.

That a copy of this resolution be furnished Enniscorthy R.D. Council."

At the meeting of Finance & Roads Committee on 24th January, the following resolution was read from Enniscorthy R.D. Council:-

"That we call upon the County Council to see that Mr Barry refund to the Enniscorthy R.D. Council, the sum of £5. 12/- the amount lost through overlapping Contracts."

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

"That the County Surveyor be instructed to attend next meeting of Enniscorthy R.D. Council in connection with over-lapping road contract in Enniscorthy Rural District."

"The Co Surveyor stated he attended the meeting of the R.D. Council,

but the matter was not considered by them."

Recommendations from Finance & Roads Committee.

Wexford Bridge:- "That the question as to cost of repairing retaining walls on approach road to Wexford Bridge be referred to Mr Elgee, Solicitor, for his opinion as to whether the amount of same should be a County-at-Large Charge or a charge on Wexford Rural District Council."

Under date 20th January 1917, the following letter was read from Mr R. W. Elgee, Solicitor to the County Council:-

"Referring to your letter of the 3rd inst., as to the damage done to the abutment Wall at Wexford Bridge, I am of opinion that altho' the surface of the road as kept in repair by the District Council, that the abutment walls form portion of the Bridge itself, and therefore all repairs to said abutment walls would be the same as repairs to the Bridge, a County-at-Large expenditure."

"Recommendation confirmed on the motion of Mr Kehoe, seconded by Mr James Codd."

Yard in Enniscorthy:- "That Messrs O'Neill, and Lynch, be requested to inspect yard offered to the County Council by Mr P. Byrne (Greer & Baker) at Island Road, Enniscorthy, for storage of Stonebreakers and Machinery Parts and report to the meeting of Finance & Roads Committee."

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

Stonebreakers:- "That the County Surveyor be instructed to inspect the Baxter Stonebreaker offered for sale by Mr E. Kavanagh, St John's, Enniscorthy, and report to next meeting of Finance & Roads Committee as to the suitability of the machine for the work required by the County Council, and ascertain the lowest price at which Mr Kavanagh would be prepared to dispose of this machine to the County Council."

"That we decline to entertain the proposal in the report of the County Surveyor to purchase second-hand Stonebreaker from E. Kavanagh, St John's Enniscorthy, at £300."

"That the County Surveyor be authorised to obtain quotations from Messrs Baxter, and Messrs Goodwin Barsby & Co., for new Stonebreaker which we recommend the Co. Council to purchase."

"Recommendations confirmed on the motion of Mr Scallan, seconded by Mr Kehoe."

Read Metalling:- "That the Enniscorthy Rural District Council be requested to furnish a list of Road Contractors who are unable to obtain the use of Stonebreakers to procure material for their roads. The Committee will on receipt of said list consider with the County Surveyor the circumstances of each individual case."

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

Tara Hill Quarry Employees:- At the meeting of Finance & Roads Committee on 3rd January 1917, an application was read from the employees of the County Council at Tara Hill Quarry asking for a War Bonus of 6d per ton on output.

The following recommendation was submitted by Finance & Roads Committee:-

"That the County Council be recommended not to entertain the application of Employees at Tara Hill Quarry for increase of wages."

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

Extra Police Payment:- "That having no option the County Council be recommended to pay demand of £132. 1. 8d claim for extra Constabulary for half-year ended 30th September 1916."

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

Stonebreaker Jaws:- "That we recommend the County Council to allow the Co. Surveyor to order £200 worth of Jaws for Stonebreaker."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr Asple, seconded by Mr Scallan."

Advertising Contract:- The Secretary stated that the following resolution had been adopted at the December Meeting of the Proposal Committee:-

"That the tenders from the Managers of "The People" "Free Press" and "Echo" Newspapers for annual advertising of the County Council and its Committees at £157. 10/- be rejected. That the Finance & Roads Committee consider at their January Monthly Meeting suggestions to new advertising contract as from 31st March 1917, and that their suggestions, if approved, be embodied in an application to be made to the Proposal Committee at the February Meeting."

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

"That the County Council be recommended to invite tenders for advertising in one newspaper only circulating in County Wexford as from 31st March 1917, for such period as may be determined by the Co Council."

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

On the motion of Mr Scallan, seconded by Mr Kehoe, the following

resolution was adopted:-

"That the advertising Contract of the County Council as from 31st March 1917, be for one year only."

University Scholarship Scheme:- "That we recommend the County Council to pay the balance of £10. 6. 8d due on foot of University Scholarship to Mr Nicholas P. Cerish, Scholarship Holder."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr Cloney, seconded by Mr James Codd."

"That the County Council be requested not to offer any objection to the continuance of University Scholarship awarded Miss Fortune, Kereight, Kyle, as her absence from her College during the current term has arisen from serious illness."

On the motion of Mr Cloney, seconded by Mr J. Codd, the following resolution was adopted:- "That the recommendation of Finance & Roads Committee as to University Scholarship held by Miss J. Fortune be confirmed substituting the word "Year" for the word "Term" in last line of recommendation, as we understand owing to her prolonged illness it will not be possible for Miss Fortune to take advantage of Scholarship for year 1917".

Burning at Beley, Camolin:- "That Mr R.W.Elgee, be instructed to prosecute appeal against the decision of the County Court Judge granting a sum of £350 compensation for criminal injury in the case of Misses Kenny, Beley, Camolin."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr J. Codd, seconded by Mr Cloney."

Salary Machinery Overseer:- "That the salary of Mr William Murphy, Machinery Overseer, be increased by 5/- per week as from this date 7th February 1917."

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

Enniscorthy Courtkeeper:- "That no action be taken in the matter of the application of Mrs Lacey, Courtkeeper, Enniscorthy, for an increase of the amount allowed her for purchasing kindling wood, viz:- 5/- per annum."

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

Temporary Staff:- "That our Secretary be empowered to employ any temporary Clerks he may require for the writing up of Rate Books and Receipt and Demand Notes."

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

Snow on Roads.

The following resolution adopted at the meeting of the Enniscorthy R.D.

Council on the 14th February 1917, was read:-

"That the County Surveyor call upon the Contractors to make safe the Roads that already have had passage ways cut out through them, and have them repaired."

"No Order, the County Surveyor stating he would attend to the matter."

Vacancy on County Insurance Committee.

Under date 16th February 1917, the National Health Insurance Commission wrote (letter No. 4923-Wx) that Sir Thomas Esmende, Bart., M. P., had become disqualified as a Member of the County Wexford Insurance Committee, owing to non-attendance at meetings. As Sir Thomas Esmende was appointed by the Wexford County Council, the latter was requested to appoint a new member in his place.

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

"That Sir Thomas Esmende Bart., M. P., be re-appointed a Member of County Wexford Insurance Committee as we believe he may be able to give the necessary attendance at Meetings in the future."

Industrial School Capitation Grants.

The Manager, St Michael's Industrial School Wexford, and St Joseph's Industrial School, Tipperary, wrote pointing out that owing to the increased cost of food and clothing the Treasury had agreed to allow an extra sixpence per head for the children in Institutions on condition that another sixpence per head would be provided by the Local Authorities.

The Managers of the Institutions named pointed out that it was only through dire necessity they asked the Co. Council to agree to the Treasury proposal.

The following recommendation was submitted by the Finance & Roads Committee:- "That as from the 1st January 1917 an increase of 6d per week per child (committed to the Institution from the County Wexford) be granted to the Manager of St Michael's Industrial School, Wexford. That no action be taken as regards application from the St Joseph's Industrial School, Tipperary, as the present capitation grant paid by the County Council to this School is 2/6 per week."

"Recommendation confirmed on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr J. Codd."

Letters were read from the Manager, of the Meath Protestant Industrial School, Blackrock, Dublin, that owing to the building having been taken over by the War Office, he had been obliged to transfer the boys to the Balmoral Industrial School, the latter agreeing to take them only at a rate of 3/6 per week.

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

"That having no option the County Council be recommended to contribute a capitation rate of 3/6 per week, to Balmoral Industrial School for the boy Hawkins, transferred from the Meath Protestant Industrial School, Blackrock, which has been taken over by the Government."

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

Neutral Shipping etc., at Council Harbours.

Under date 14th February 1917, the Board of Trade, (Harbour Department) wrote (letter No. H.1232, asking for particulars of any neutral ships lying up at the harbours controlled by the Council.

"The Secretary stated that no neutral ships were lying at any of the small harbours controlled by the Council."

Under date 14th February 1917, the Board of Trade (Harbour Department) wrote (letter No. H.9119) asking to secure the exemption from general and local requirements as to declarations etc., of the merchant ships which are supplied by the Admiralty with guns and ammunition for the purpose of self-defence in certain eventualities.

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

"That we agree to the request of the Board of Trade, (Harbour Department) in letter No. H. 9119, under date 14th February 1917, exempting from declaration, etc., any ships supplied by the Admiralty with Guns and Ammunition for the purposes of self defence."

RESOLUTIONS.

Compensation for Malicious Injuries.

A resolution was read from Cork County Council, urging the Irish Members of Parliament to take steps to have the law in Ireland dealing with compensation for criminal injuries brought into line with the law prevailing in Great Britain.

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

Irish Political Prisoners.

A resolution was received from Monaghan County Council stating "that as the time has now come when a complete amnesty should be granted by the Government to the Irish Political Prisoners, we wish to draw special attention to the case of Mr John McNeill, one of our most distinguished University Professors, whose whole political work was for peace and for the prosperity of our Country and whose organisation of the Irish Volunteers was solely with the object of defence. Whilst members of other political parties have been commended and even rewarded for far less meritorious undertakings, Professor McNeill is being made to suffer penal servitude."

A resolution was received from Cork County Council requesting the Government to release the prisoners tried and sentenced by courtmartial in connection with the recent rising.

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

Tillage Scheme.

The following resolutions were received from Balrothery R.D. Council:-

"That in order to secure the success of the Tillage Scheme to be carried out in Ireland, we recommend the Government to place agricultural labourers of Ireland on the same basis as munition workers of first importance to the State."

"That a wage equivalent to the services rendered be fixed by consultation with representatives of Labour and Farmers, the services to be binding on both parties for a period of 3, 4, or 6 months."

"That a penalty clause be inserted to prevent loss of time through the negligence of employees."

"That the law at present relating to licensed premises in England be extended to Ireland."

"That meetings be called by the representatives of each Electoral Division, for the purpose of collecting the necessary information regarding the land available in each district, such meetings to be held within a week."

"No Order".

On the subject of Compulsory Tillage a resolution was received from Edenderry No. 2 R.D. Council protesting against "the drastic Order of the Government compelling farmers who already tilled a reasonable portion of their

land to till 10 per cent of their holdings in addition."

"No Order".

Egg Industry.

A resolution was received from Kerry County Council requesting the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction to take immediate steps for the protection of Irish Eggs shipped to England by having their Inspectors at principal tranship stations to supervise and insist on the carrying companies to handle Irish Eggs more carefully in future.

"Adopted on the motion of Mr Scallan, seconded by Mr Kehee."

Peace Conference.

A resolution was received from the Cavan R.D. Council claiming that Ireland should be represented at the Peace Conference.

"Adopted on the motion of Mr Cloney, seconded by Mr James Codd."

Beer Restrictions.

A resolution was received from the Mullingar Grocers & Vintners Protection Association protesting against the further reduction on the output of Beer & Spirits.

A similar resolution was received from the Cork Co Council.

"No Order."

Unpurchased Tenants.

A resolution was received from the Cork Co. Council calling upon the Government to complete Land Purchase and to pay the landlords out of War Loan Stock.

"Adopted on the motion of Mr J. Codd, seconded by Mr Kehee."

Purchase of Horses for the Army.

A resolution was received from Monaghan County Council drawing attention to the unfair and extravagant system at present existing of purchasing Horses for the Army, and which the Council held arose from employment of middlemen.

"No Order".

Waterford Corporation and Feed Prices.

Resolutions were received from the Waterford Corporation calling on the Government to fix a standard weight and price at which bread should be sold, to prohibit export of feed from Ireland, and calling attention to the enormous increase in the price of butter, cheese and sweets.

"Adopted on the motion of Mr Cloney, seconded by Mr Scallan."

The Vice Presidency of the Department of Agriculture.

The following resolution was received from the Irish Cattle Traders' & Stock Owners Association:-

"That we, the Members of the Irish Cattle Traders' & Stockowners' Association, call on the Government to appoint to the post of Vice-President of the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction an Irishman who is a practical agriculturist and who thoroughly understands the necessities of the country in this crisis of our food supplies."

"Adopted on the motion of Mr Scallan, seconded by Mr Cloney."

Ancient Monuments & Compulsory Tillage.

Under date 31st January 1917, letter was read from Mr Chas McNeill, Hon General Secretary Royal Society of Antiquities for Ireland, urging on those concerned in bringing additional land under tillage to see that ancient Monuments are guarded from thoughtless and needless injury. The Co Council were asked to issue instructions for preserving ancient monuments on the land to be tilled under their Authority or with their help.

On the motion of Mr Cloney, seconded by Mr Scallan, the following resolution was adopted:- "That the Royal Society of Antiquaries be informed that the County Council will do everything in their power to preserve our ancient monuments."

Dog Licences.

The following resolution was received from the Irish Game Protection Association, 110 Grafton St., Dublin:-

"That this Meeting of the County Dublin Farmers' Association, desire to draw the attention of the responsible authorities to the heavy losses incurred by farmers through injury to their flocks from dogs not under control, and strongly urge that the Licence Duty for dogs in this country be raised to 5/- and that it be collected on January 1st."

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

Galway Harbour Development.

The following resolution was received from the Dublin Corporation, under date 24th January 1917:-

"This Council desires to call the attention of the Government to the distress that will inevitably arise in the home countries when the War is over, it is of opinion public works of an extensive nature will have to be

initiated to meet this serious difficulty, such works cannot be commenced or carried out with due economy without full and careful consideration. It is desirable that the matter should now be fully and carefully considered, both by the Government and by public representative bodies, so that in the prevention of distress public works will be started which will materially and permanently benefit the country generally.

This Council is of opinion that the creation of a great harbour at Galway to deal with Canadian and American trade through Ireland would be an undertaking of vast importance to the people of Ireland and to the people of Great Britain, bring the home countries into quicker and closer relationship with Canada and America, and therefore urges upon the Government the advisability of assisting in this project."

"No Order"

Proposals for Works.

On the motion of Mr Kehoe, seconded by Mr Scallan--

"That the several proposals for Works Nos 50 (Edermine Bridge) 51 (Deeps Bridge) and 52 (Ferry carrig Bridge) be given in charge of County Surveyor, as recommended by the Proposal Committee Meeting of 21st February 1917."

"Passed"

Report of County Analyst.

City Laboratory,
Chatham Row, Dublin.
12th January 1917.

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 1916.

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

<u>Article.</u>	<u>Number.</u>
Butter	33
Milk	32
Whiskey	14
Buttermilk	14
Cheese	11
Drugs	11
Margarine	8

<u>Article.</u>	<u>Number.</u>
Rum	7
Cocoa	7
Port Wine	4
Rice	4
Pepper	3
Mustard	3
Dripping	3
Gin	3
Oatmeal	2
Lard	2
Bread	2
Sugar	2
Cornflour	2
Wheatmeal	1
Vinegar	1
Brandy	1
Ginger Wine	1
Total	<u>179</u>

One certificate was sent to Sergeant White, Wexford, for specimen of milk deficient of at least 20 per cent of its fats, and one certificate for specimen of buttermilk adulterated with at least 17 per cent of added water exclusive of 25 per cent allowed for churning purposes.

One certificate was sent to Sergeant Nolan, Duncormick, for specimen of rum which was 28 degrees under proof and was therefore adulterated with 4 per cent of water.

There were four specimens of butter analysed by directions from the Department of Agriculture, Upper Merrion Street, Dublin, which were taken up in the County Wexford, and were pure.

For the Guardians of Enniscorthy Union fifteen drugs were analysed and were correct.

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

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

Total analyses..... 222

Poisons & Pharmacy Act.

Applications for licences under the above Act, were received from Mr E. McQuillan, Great Clonard, Wexford, and Mr Maurice Breen, Dungulph, Fethard.

"On the motion of Mr James Codd, seconded by Mr Cloney, the above applications were agreed to."

Gerey R. D. School Attendance Committee.

The above School Attendance Committee recommended the appointment of Mr Patrick Doyle, Ballytegan, Gerey, as a member of the Committee, vice Mr A. Kinsella, J.P., resigned.

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

"That Mr Patrick Doyle, Ballytegan, Gerey, be appointed a Member of Gerey R.D. School Attendance Committee, vice Mr A. Kinsella, resigned."

Courtown Harbour Committee.

The Courtown Harbour Committee recommended the appointment of Rev Mr Talbot, Rector, vice Rev Mr Tilson (left district), and of Mr Anthony Williams, Courtown Harbour, vice Mr M.W. Shuldham, deceased.

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

"That Rev T. Talbot, Rector, Ardamine, be appointed a Member of Courtown Harbour Committee, vice Rev Mr Tilson, transferred to another County, and that Mr Anthony Williams, Courtown Harbour, be appointed a Member of Courtown Harbour Committee, vice Mr M. W. Shuldham, deceased."

Advertising Contract.- "The Echo"

Under date 21st February 1917, the following letter was read from Mr R. W. Elgee, Solicitor to the County Council:-

"In reply to your query re above Contract I have to state that as the paper in question was shut down from 1st May to the present month, I consider that the Contractor failed as they could not do the work and is at an end.

The County Council if they wished would have the right of proceeding against the Sureties in the Bond for not doing what the Contractor ought to have done."

(Signed)

John Bolger

Presiding Chairman.

MEETING.- 8th MARCH 1917.

A Meeting of the County Council, was held in the County Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford, on 8th March 1917.

Present:- Mr John Bolger (Chairman) presiding.

Also:- Lord Courtown, Messrs J. Lynch, J. J. Stafford, T. Asple, M.Codd, L. Barry, John J. Kehoe, James Codd, N. J. Cowman.

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

Confirmation of Minutes.

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and confirmed.

Rate Collection.

The Secretary submitted the state of the Rate Collection.

On the motion of Lord Courtown, seconded by the Chairman, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That our Secretary be instructed to communicate with the Rate Collectors who have not up to the present collected 40 per cent of the amount of their warrant, and inform them that only a few weeks remain to the end of the financial year, and the Council will not make any application for an extension of time. The County Council will consider the question of the appointment of some of the Collectors before the issue of warrants for next financial year."

Deductions from Estate Duty Grant.

Under date 2nd March 1917, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 7,684-1917, Miscellaneous) stating that the amount which will be deducted in respect of land purchase liability from the Death Duty Grant payable in the County in the course of the month of March was £633. 12/-.

"No Order"

Industrial School Application.

Under date 17th February 1917, the Manager, of St Dominick's Industrial School, Waterford, wrote applying for an increase of 6d per head for the children committed to the Industrial School, as it was impossible to maintain the children at the present price.

The Secretary stated that capitation grant paid to this School by the Council was 2/- per week.

The Manager, Boys' Industrial School, Kilkenny, made a similar application.

The Secretary stated that the capitation rate for this School was 2/6 per child, per week.

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

"That an additional 6d per head, per child, committed from this County to St Dominick's Industrial School, be paid by this Council, as from 1st January 1917.

That the application from the Manager, Boys' Industrial School, Kilkenny, be adjourned to next meeting."

Advertising Contract with "Echo"

Under date 24th February 1917, the following letter was read from the Manager, "The Echo" Newspaper, Enniscorthy:-

"You are aware no doubt that "The Echo" has resumed publication after a lapse of nine months. I would ask you to kindly bring before your Council that we seek a reinstatement of their advertising contract with the "Echo" up to March 31st 1917.

As the fulfilment of the advertising contract between County Council and the North Wexford Printing and Publishing Co., during the lapsed period, was a matter entirely outside our powers, I trust your Council will see its way to grant us a renewal of contract up to the aforementioned date, (March 31st).

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

"That as the present advertising contract of the Co. Council expires on 31st March 1917, the County Council be recommended not to re-open the question of the Contract with the "Echo" Newspaper."

"Confirmed on the motion of Lord Courtown, seconded by the Chairman."

Courtown Harbour Committee.

On the motion of Mr Kehoe, seconded by Mr Lynch, the following were appointed as members of Courtown Harbour Committee, for a period of three years as from 1st March 1917:-

Lord Courtown, Major Richards, Mrs Richards, Rev John O'Grady C.C., Rev Mr Talbot, Messrs J. Kavanagh, P. Doyle, R. Spencer, K. MacNeill, R. Garland, J. Murphy, J. Williams, J. McEneaney.

Complaint as to Roads.

Under date 23rd February 1917, the following letter was read from Mr Denis W. Dunne, The Hotel, Ferns:-

"I desire to bring before the County Council the disgraceful state of the roads particularly the road from Newtownbarry to Clohamon. I am interested in the matter, not only as a Ratepayer, but also as having a contract for the carrying of the Mails from Ferns Railway Station to Newtownbarry. The state of things is such that it is nearly impossible to keep a Motor running.

I went myself on the 19th February to inspect the roads and to see whether the cause given by my employees for the delay in the Mails was so serious as they stated, I found the roads much worse than I could have conceived. The road from Newtownbarry to Clohamon was in such a state that it would not be safe even to walk except in the day time. On the return journey the Motor got into regular trenches along the road and could only be got out with difficulty and driven very slowly. The Mail that is delivered by Motor arrived one hour and a half late on the 20th February, this was owing to the state of the roads, and having myself seen the condition of things I am quite satisfied that the delay was unavoidable the roads being as they are. Before taking any further steps I must call on the County Council to see that the roads are put into some reasonable state of repair without delay."

"Under date 24th February 1917, the following letter was read from Messrs P.J.O'Flaherty, Solicitors, Enniscorthy, on behalf of Mr D. W. Dunne--

"We are instructed by Mr Denis W. Dunne, who has already written you complaining of the disgraceful state of the roads, that the Motor Car which carries the Mails under contract with the Post Office, was seriously damaged. It sank in the road between Newtownbarry and Clohamon and could not proceed and had to go back to Newtownbarry and go by a circuitous route to Ballycarney and then back to Strahart several miles of a round in order to bring the mails. The result was that the Motor Car got broken up and yesterday (Friday) was not able to return from Clonegal. The matter is serious and steps will have to be taken unless something is done by the County Council immediately."

Mr Flood, Assistant Surveyor, explained that material was being provided on this road. On account of the collapse of Clohamon Bridge

the road had to bear more traffic than it was ever made to stand.

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

"That the County Surveyor be directed to attend to the repair of the road between Clohamon and Newtownbarry at once."

"Confirmed on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Lord Courtown."

Poisons & Pharmacy Act.

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

"That licence under Poisons & Pharmacy Act be issued to John Butler, Taghmon, Manager for Mr E. McQuillan. That licence under this Act issued to Mr McQuillan on the 21st February 1917 be cancelled, as he is not in a position to personally manage the premises in respect of which licence was granted."

New Advertising Contract.

The Secretary stated that the Proposal Committee had rejected the Notice of Motion of Mr John J. Kehoe, as to new advertising contract, and had adopted the following resolution instead:-

"That our Secretary advertise the absolutely necessary advertisements of the County Council in "The People" Newspaper provided he considers the charge for each advertisement satisfactory, this arrangement to remain in force for a period of three months as from the 31st March 1917."

"This recommendation was confirmed on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Lord Courtown."

Open Voting v Voting by Ballot,

Under date 1st March 1917, the following letter was read from the Secretary, Irish County Councils General Council:-

"I am directed by the Executive Committee of the Irish County Councils' General Council to inform you that, at the Spring Meeting of the Council the question of the desirability of the adoption of ballot instead of open voting for the election of paid officers of local authorities will be considered.

I shall be much obliged if you will be so good as to let me know the opinion of your Council on this matter at your earliest convenience.

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matters that your Council may desire to bring forward at the Spring Meeting, on or before the 31st inst.,"

"The Chairman took a show of hands and declared as a result that the majority was in favour of voting by ballot when dealing with the appointment of officers."

Direction Posts

Under date 2nd March 1917, a letter was read from the Manager, Ford Motor Co., Trafford Park, Manchester, asking whether the Wexford County Council would be prepared to erect direction posts in the County, and, under the direction of the County Surveyor, give facilities for such erections. The Company were in process of formulating a scheme of such signs in Ireland directly conditions allow. If possible the whole of the sign posts would be made in Ireland.

"On the motion of the Chairman, it was decided that the matter be referred to next meeting of Finance & Roads Committee."

Telegraph Wires.-Wexford Bridge.

Mr Ray, Sectional Engineer, Post Office Engineering Department, wrote asking for provisional consent to the fixing of approximately ten brackets along the upper beams on each side of the Wexford Bridge, in order to allow the telegraph cable to be repaired.

On the motion of Lord Courtown, seconded by Mr James Codd, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That no objection be offered to fixing of brackets on beams of Wexford Bridge, on the terms and conditions of letter of Mr J. O. Ray, Sectional Engineer, Post Office Engineering Department; under date 8th March 1917, to allow of repair of telegraph cable."

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.-FINANCE & ROADS COMMITTEE.

Purchase of Stonebreaker:- "That the offer of Messrs Goodwin Barsby & Co., for stonebreaker at £384. 2/- be accepted."

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

Clearing away Snow on Roads :- "That Mr Flood, Assistant Surveyor, be summoned to attend the next meeting of Finance & Roads Committee to explain the circumstances under which men were employed to clear snow drifts from the roads in Adamstown district."

Roads Committee of 8th inst:-

"That we accept the explanation of Mr Flood, Assistant Surveyor, as to the employment of men to clear away snow drifts as satisfactory."

"Confirmed on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Lord Courtown."

Analyst's Report.

City Laboratory,
Chatham Row, Dublin.
22nd February 1917.

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 1916.

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

<u>Article</u>	<u>Number.</u>
Milk	54
Butter	44
Whiskey	35
Buttermilk	15
Margarine	14
Cheese	11
Sugar	7
Port Wine	7
Mustard	7
Rum	9
Flour	8
Cocoa	8
Brandy	6
Drugs	6
Rice	6
Cornflour	4
Gin	6
Tea	4
Bread	6
Lard	3
Pepper	3
Sweets	2
Coffee	2

<u>Article</u>	<u>Number.</u>
Indian Meal	2
Vinegar	2
Wholemeal	2
Salid Oil	1
All Spice	1
Maizw	1
Ginger	1
Ginger Wine	1
Dripping	1
Oatmeal	1
Sherry Wine	1
Sago	1
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Total	282

Three certificates were sent to Sergeant Doyle, Enniscorthy, for specimens of buttermilk adulterated with at least 13, 20, and 20 per cent of added water respectively, exclusive of 25 per cent allowed for churning purposes.

One certificate was sent to Sergeant Flynn, Ballybrazel, Campile, for specimen of whiskey which was 35 degrees under proof, and was therefore adulterated with 13.33 per cent of water.

One certificate was sent to Sergeant Breheny, Killinick, for specimen of milk adulterated with at least 21 per cent of added water and was also deficient of at least 23 per cent of its fats.

One certificate was sent to Sergeant White, Wexford, for specimen of buttermilk adulterated with at least 11 per cent of added water exclusive of 25 per cent allowed for churning purposes, and one certificate for specimen of vinegar which contained only 2.78 per cent of acetic acid instead of at least 4 per cent.

One certificate was sent to Sergeant Tuohy, Gorey, for specimen of buttermilk adulterated with at least 17 per cent of added water exclusive of 25 per cent allowed for churning purposes.

One certificate was sent to Sergeant Lyons, Ferns, for specimen of milk adulterated with at least 26 per cent of added water and was also deficient of at least 16 per cent of its fats and one certificate for specimen of rum which was 35 degrees under proof, and was therefore adulterated with 13.33 per cent of water.

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

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

For the Enniscorthy Co-Operative Society one fertilizer was analysed. One specimen of water analysed for Mrs Jeffares, Newbay, Wexford, had the following composition:-

One imperial gallon contained in grains...

Total solid matters	46.200
Including	
Albuminoid Ammonia	0.014
Saline Ammonia	0.003
Nitric Acid	3.870
Chlorine	4.473
Colour	light yellow.

An inferior water.

One specimen of water analysed for E.N.Townsend, Esq, Ferns, had the following composition..

One imperial gallon contained in grains.

Total solid matter:	39.200
Including	
Albuminoid Ammonia	0.009
Saline Ammonia	0.036
Nitric Acid	4.120
Chlorine	7.380
Colour	light yellow.

A polluted water.

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

In the original reports on the waters above referred to, full details chemical and microscopical, were given, but in the foregoing only the more important points are given.

Total analyses.. .. .	303
Adulterated & defective articles.....	10

Charles A Cameron.

(Signed) John Bolger
Presiding Chairman.

MEETING.- 4th APRIL 1917.

A Meeting of the Wexford County Council, was held in the Co. Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford, on 4th April 1917.

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

Also:- Messrs M. Doyle, A. Kinsella, R. Scallan, N. J. Cowman, P. Keating, J. Lynch, J. J. Kehoe, James Codd, Mark Codd, J. T. Mayler, Lord Courtown.

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

Confirmation of Minutes.

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and confirmed.

Striking of Rate.

Proposed by Lord Courtown, Seconded by Mr Lynch, and adopted nem con:-

"That we hereby strike the Rate for General and Separate Charges for financial year 1917-18, as agreed to at the meeting of the County Council on the 7th February 1917, 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 amount demanded from said Urban Councils after allowing for credit items, being:-

District.	Co.Charges.	UnionCharges	Separate Charges	Total.
Enniscorthy	654. 13. 7	714. 0. 6	27. 10. 3	1396. 4. 4
New Ross	673. 11. 4	1027. 18. 2	45. 2. 4	1746. 11. 10
Wexford	1345. 14. 0	1380. 6. 7	58. 1. 6	2784. 2. 1

Audits of Accounts.- County Bodies.

The Local Government Board forwarded reports of their Auditors on audit of Accounts of the following:-

County Wexford Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction, County Wexford Tuberculosis Committee, County Wexford Infirmary, Wexford Board of Guardians and Rural District Council, Enniscorthy Board of Guardians and Rural District Council, New Ross Board of Guardians and Rural District Council; all in respect of the period ended 30th September 1916.

Marked "Read"

Waste Food, Waste Paper, Etc.,

Under date 21st March 1917, the Local Government Board wrote letter No. 53/M/ 1917, Miscellaneous, calling attention to the necessity of utilising at present time waste food, waste paper, cardboard, etc.,

A further letter No. 60 M. 1917, Miscellaneous, under date 31st March 1917, was read from the Local Government Board.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Lord Courtown, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the Secretary communicate with the firms using waste paper as set out in letter of Local Government Board and find out from them if they supply sacks for the packing of waste paper, their prices and arrangements for carriage etc., and bring before next meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee the information he receives."

Boyce's Bay Contract.

Under date 30th March, the following letter was read from the Local Government Board:-

"With reference to your letter of 24th inst., relative to the decree obtained by the Wexford County Council against Mr H. P. Gahan, in respect of his contract to build a storm wall at Boyce's Bay. I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to point out that according to the minutes of proceedings of the Co Council on the 21st ultimo, the resolution passed by them on the 7th ultimo, in relation to this matter was rescinded, and therefore there is no proposal of the County Council before the Board on the subject."

On the motion of Mr Kinsella, seconded by Mr Scallan, the following

recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed:-

"That the Solicitor to the County Council be directed to have the Magistrates' Order against Mr Gahan and his Sureties relative to contract at Boyce's Bay immediately put into operation."

Government Grants.

Under date 31st March 1917, the Local Government Board wrote forwarding Pay Order for £885. 1. 5d in respect of the expenditure incurred for medical and educational purposes by the Board of Guardians of the County for the year ended 30th September 1916.

Owing to the insufficiency of the amount paid under section 58 of the L. G. Act to meet the sum to be paid out the Lord Lieutenant had deemed it necessary to direct a proportionate abatement of the sums payable having regard to the insufficiency.

Under date 31st March 1917, the Local Government Board wrote, forwarding Pay Order for the sum of £89. 17. 10d balance in respect of amounts paid as salaries to the Sanitary Officers of the Rural Districts for the year ended 30th September last.

As in the case of the payment for Medical and Educational Expenditure an abatement had been made by the directions of the Lord Lieutenant, owing to the insufficiency of amounts paid into the fund being sufficient to discharge liabilities.

Marked "Read"

Sheep Dipping Order (County Meath)

Under date 13th March 1917, the Local Government Board wrote, forwarding the Sheep Dipping (County Meath) Order of 1917, altering so far as that County is concerned the dates of beginning and termination of the Summer Dipping Period.

"No Order".

Illness of Mr Newsom, V.S.

Under date 13th March 1917, the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction wrote (letter No. 635-17) asking what arrangements had been made as regards a substitute for Mr Newsom, Veterinary Inspector, for the D. E. Division of Moyacomb.

The Secretary stated, that this letter was considered at the meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee on 21st March, when the following

recommendation was adopted:-

"That the consideration of the letter of the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction under date 13th March No. 635-17, V. B., be postponed until the meeting of the County Council in 4th April next. In the meantime that our Secretary request the Department to furnish information as to the nature of the illness of Mr Newsom, and its probable duration."

Under date 24th March 1917, the Department wrote (letter No. 743-17) that when communicating with the Council on the 13th inst., they had supposed that Mr Newsom had apprised the Council regarding his illness. Presumably he had overlooked doing so, and he had now been written on the point by the Department.

Under date 24th March, Mr Newsom wrote that he had been laid up for the previous fortnight, and might not be able to get about for about three weeks. If any reports should come for Moyacombe district he would be obliged if the Council would get someone to look after them until he was able to resume duty.

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

"That in the event of any veterinary reports being received from Moyacombe District Electoral Division, during the illness of Mr Newsom V.B., our Secretary be instructed to forward same to Mr James Malone, V. S., Gorey for attention."

County Wexford War Pensions Local Committee.

Under date 19th March 1917, Mr J. S. Hearn wrote resigning his position as a Member of the County Wexford War Pensions Local Committee, as he found it impossible to attend the meetings.

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

"That Mr J. J. O'Byrne, be appointed a member of the Co. Wexford War Pensions Local Committee, vice Mr J. S. Hearn, resigned."

Increased Capitation Grant.-Industrial Schools.

Applications for increased capitation grants were received from the following Industrial Schools--

St John's, Birr, St Joseph's Tipperary, Fishery School, Baltimore, Co.

Cork, Greenmount, Cork, Boys' Limerick, Girls, Kilkenny, St Joseph's Tralee, Artane, St Kyran's Rathdrum, Salthill, Galway, House of Charity, Drogheda, St Kevin's Reformatory Glensree:-

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

"That no increase be granted in the future in the Capitation Grant to Industrial Schools, unless to those Schools which, up to the present have received capitation grant of 2/- per week only."

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

Magazine Store Licences.

On the motion of Lord Courtown, seconded by the Chairman, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the Magazine Store Licence under the Explosives Act issued to Mr Barry, County Surveyor, in respect of Tara hill Quarry be cancelled, and that it be re-issued to Mr John Lannen, Foreman, Tara hill Quarry, provided the Constabulary Authorities offer no objection."

Camolin Road Contractors.

Under date 20th March 1917, the following letter was read from Camolin Road Contractors:-

"Place this before the Chairman at the next Council Meeting. We the undersigned road contractors of Camolin District beg to apply for all travelling expenses excluded in connection with the travelling of the Council stonebreaker.

We already find it hard enough to carry out our Contract without putting more expense on us to make preparations for a man with only one day breaking as I see by the County Surveyor's forms its to be signed for two days.

There is not room enough in Clologue quarry for the Contractors to break, each man breaks in the most suitable place to his contract, at the way they are arranged for breaking there is not a mile distant between each contract material, and each and every man aims to be ready to break together."

(Signed) B. McDonald, T. Hinch, A. Murphy, M. Kelly, W. Murphy,
J. Brennan, Mary McDonald, T. Kehoe, P. Leary.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Scallan, the following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed:-

"That the Camolin Road Contractors be informed that if they prepare

all their road material at the one time and provided no delay is caused, the Finance and Roads Committee will recommend the County Surveyor not to make any charge for travelling expenses."

Censorship of Cinema Films.

Under date 19th February 1917, the Under Secretary, Dublin Castle, forwarded by instructions of His Excellency, the Lord Lieutenant copy of circular letter which had been issued by the Home Office to Local Authorities in England and Wales with copy of model conditions for insertion in Cinematograph Licences for the consideration of the Council.

The Circular letter from the Home Office pointed out that the question of the establishment of a Central Censorship should be postponed until there was opportunity for legislation and until then, the licensing authorities should exercise the full extent of the powers vested in them under the Cinematograph Act, 1909, and that accordingly they should insert the model conditions in all licences granted under the Act.

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

"That we approve of the model conditions attached to the Home Office letter of the 24th January 1917, No 312397/151."

Coast Erosion

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

"That the attention of the Chief Secretary be called to the resolution of this Council adopted on 6th December 1916, as to Coast erosion in connection with the Dublin & South Eastern Railway. We desire to point out that since the adoption of this resolution this Railway line has been twice blocked from the same cause to the great inconvenience of the Agricultural and trading communities of the Counties Wicklow and Wexford."

Kiltealy Quarry.

The following was submitted:-

"Being appointed to arbitrate in the matter in dispute about the quarry on Mr T. McCarthy's land at Kiltealy, and the County Council, we visited the quarry yesterday (29th March 1917) and found Mr McCarthy had great cause for complaint.

The quarry is in a most dangerous condition, and he has not put any cattle on the field for a considerable time.

consider fair.

On the understanding that the County Council will have no further claim on the quarry or land, and that Mr McCarthy will take^{it} over as it stands without any further expense to the Council we fix the sum of Twenty Pounds as a fair amount to be paid him, and also to pay Mr O'Flaherty his Costs, and which he agrees to accept.

We also wish to state that in our opinion this quarry should have been properly paled in before commencing work, and recommend that in future, all such Quarries should be fenced before commencing work in them."

Mark Codd.

Patrick O'Neill.

On the motion of Mr Kehoe, seconded by Mr Lynch, the following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was adopted:-

"That the report of the arbitrators as regards Kiltalea Quarry be accepted and acted on, and that the Solicitor to the County Council agree to have £20 compensation and Costs made a rule of Court at next Sessions."

Cherryorchard Quarry.

The following letter under date 2nd April 1917, was read from Mr George Sharpe, Cherryorchard, Enniscorthy:-

"As I have to quarry and prepare from two to three thousand Cubic Yards of road material for contractors, and as wages and materials have advanced to such an extent, I beg to make application for an advance of money, say about £100, to enable me to carry on the work, and so enable me to get the work done early.

Kindly put this application before your County Council on Wednesday next, 4th inst. Hoping it will meet with their kind approval."

On the motion of Mr Scallan, seconded by Mr Kehoe, the following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was adopted:-

"That the County Surveyor be requested to make as frequent payments as possible to Mr Sharpe for work and labour at Cherryorchard Quarry."

RESOLUTIONS.

Ireland at Peace Conference.

The following resolution was received from Limerick Co Council:-

"That viewing the condition of our country after her struggles of centuries for freedom, and now, as is admitted by all the Great Powers

concerned in the gigantic war being wages "for the rights of Small Nationalities" that Ireland with a heritage as old as any in Europe, both in race and language, asserts its inalienable right to participation in the great Peace Conference that is to take place when Peace is restored.

That delegates representative of the national will of this country shall be recognised there with the object of putting forward the just claims of Ireland "a small Nationality" to the full and due consideration of her rights of nationhood, such as she has never relinquished, and that her sons have ever made enormous sacrifices in pursuit of.

That the selection of a delegate or delegates be left to a Convention composed of three representatives of each County and County Borough Council in Ireland."

On the same subject the following resolution was read from Kilkenny County Council:-

"That we, the Members of the Kilkenny County Council strongly approve and endorse the demand that Ireland should be entitled to representation at the Peace Conference which is to assemble after the War. That we claim the same rights of administrative and financial liberty for our Country that is claimed by the other small Nations, and that we appeal to the other County Councils of Ireland and the Irish people to take combined action with the view of asserting the rights of Ireland at the Conference."

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

"We consider the present Irish Parliamentary Party fully capable of looking after the interests of Ireland at the Peace Conference."

Exportation of Food.

The following resolution was read from Dublin Corporation:-

"That as the famine prices now being demanded for food are largely ascribable to the continued and excessive exportation of Potatoes and Foodstuffs, this Council, representing all shades of opinion, enter an emphatic protest against any further exportation of Food required for the Irish people, and, we request the Government and the Public Boards of the Country to take immediate steps to prevent exportation, hoarding, or withholding from market, Food required for the Irish people, and to

safeguard a regular supply of food at prices within reach of the working classes, we are of opinion that all Food produced in the Country should be reserved for Home use."

"Adopted on the motion of Mr Kinsella, seconded by Mr Lynch."

Summer Time.

The following resolution was read from Newcastle Rural District:-

"That from our knowledge and experience, we believe that the adoption of the Summer Time Act is unsuitable to the conditions of the country and would unnecessarily affect Agricultural, Educational, and other interests, and is calculated to create confusion in the Social, Civil, and Religious life of the country.

We hereby protest against its application to this country and call on our Parliamentary Representatives to oppose it."

"No Order"

Restrictions on Liquor Trade.

The following resolution was received from the Grocers' & Vintners' Assistants' Association:-

"That this meeting of workers in the licensed and allied trades enter our emphatic protest against the ruinous restrictions about to be imposed on one of the few industries which have survived in Ireland, that we believe these restrictions are harassing, vindictive and unnecessary, and from the point of view of the country's food supply entirely ineffectual for securing the alleged desired objects.

That we emphatically protest against any scheme of State purchase or control as being a damper on Irish enterprise, and detrimental to Ireland's industrial development, and we hereby call upon all workers and leaders of public opinion in this country to set their faces against such a revolutionary proposal which means nothing more or less than confiscation and a denial of our right to exist in our own country."

"Adopted on the motion of Mr Kinsella, seconded by Mr Cowman."

Letter from Count Plunkett.

Under date 17th March 1917, a circular letter was read from Count Plunkett, M. P., as to a meeting of representatives of Administrative Bodies, National Organisations, and other public men in Ireland on the 19th April 1917, and asking the Co Council to appoint delegates.

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

"That the letter from Count Plunkett under date 17th March, relative to convening a National Assembly be placed in the Waste Paper basket."

RECOMMENDATIONS OF FINANCE & ROADS COMMITTEE.

The following recommendations were submitted from the Finance & Roads Committee:-

New Living Van:- "Approval of Proposal to be brought before Proposal Committee."

Diaphragm Pump:- "That the County Council be recommended to empower the County Surveyor to purchase two patent diaphragm pumps at a cost not exceeding £10 each."

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

Flagstaff at Courtown Harbour:- "That the County Surveyor be requested to have the flagstaff at Courtown Harbour repainted and replaced in position."

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

Kilmore Harbour:- "That the County Surveyor be instructed to have wall at Kilmore Breakwater at the four ends adjoining breaches repaired."

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

Clearing Snow:- "That the County Surveyor be recommended to pay £2 to John Doran, for clearing snow on roads as agreed to by Mr Flood."

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

Checking Collectors' Accounts:- "That if Mr Jasper Whitty, Enniscorthy, does not exercise more care in the checking of the Rate Collectors' Accounts this Committee will be obliged to recommend the County Council not to re-appoint him as Checker."

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

Advertising:- "That we recommend the County Council to enter in advertising contract for one year as from 31st March 1917 with the "Free Press", "The People" and "The Echo" Newspapers, at £115 each, to cover advertisements of the Co. Council and its Committees (except the advertisements of County Infirmary and Asylum Committees). That a proposal embodying this suggestion be brought before the next meeting of the Proposal Committee and County Council on 4th prox."

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

Deductions from Estate Duty Grant:- "That the Land Commission be requested to inform the Wexford County Council if, since the date of their letter of the 13th April 1916 (when they stated there had been only a sum of £5 unpaid during the 25 years) any money due by land purchase annuitants had been lost without hope of recovery."

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

Capitation Grant-Industrial Schools:- "that we recommend the Co. Council to agree (as from 1st January 1917) to an increase of 6d per head for children committed from this County to the Boys' Industrial School, Kilkenny, and Danesfort Industrial School, Upton, Co. Cork."

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

Direction Posts:- "that we gladly accept the offer of the Ford Motor Co., Manchester, to erect direction posts in the County Wexford. That the work be carried out to the satisfaction of the County Surveyor, and on roads list of which he is instructed to furnish the Ford Motor Co."

We take this opportunity of expressing our gratification at learning that Mr Ford is about starting the manufacture of agricultural motors in Ireland, and we trust that his factory for this purpose will be established with as little delay as possible, as agricultural machinery of this character is most urgently needed now more than ever. That a copy of this resolution be furnished to Mr Ford."

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

Application Rate Clerks:- "That no action be taken as regards the application of temporary Clerks for an increase in their scale of wages."

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

The late Rate Collector Lacy:- "That a new Rate Collector be appointed vice, Mr L. Lacy deceased, no alteration to be made in the Collection district, and that the poundage fee be fixed at 7d in the £."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr Keating, seconded by Mr Scallan."

Yard in Enniscorthy:- "That the matter be further referred to Messrs O'Neil and Lynch."

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

Proposals for Works.

On the motion of Lord Courtown, seconded by Mr Kehoe:- "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 Lord Courtown, seconded by Mr Kehoe,

"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."

"Passed"

Treasurer's Advice Note.

"Treasurer's Advice Note for £1962. 3. 1d was examined and signed.

(Signed)

John Bolger

Presiding Chairman.

Dated this 2 day of May 1917.

STATUTABLE HALF-YEARLY MEETING.- 2nd MAY 1917.

The Statutable Half-Yearly Meeting of the Wexford County Council was held in the Co Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford, on 2nd May 1917.

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

Also:- Lord Courtown, Messrs L. Barry, N. J. Cowman, M. Doyle, James Codd, P. Whelan, J. J. O'Byrne, P. O'Neill, J. J. Stafford, J. S. Hearn, J. Lynch, R. Scallan, Mark Codd, J. J. Kehoe, P. Keating, J. T. Mayler, J. Redmond, T. Asple, 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.

Appointment of Rate Collector.

For the position of Rate Collector for No. 12 Collection District, applications were received from:-

Philip Browne, Bleachlands, Coolamain.

Walter Cummins, Ballylucas, Ballymurrin.

Cornelius Dempsey, Moorvilla, Oulart.

Matthew Doyle, Sea View, Wexford.

Patrick Fortune, Effernogue, Ferns.

Owen Kehoe, Selskar Street, Wexford.

Miss Nora Murphy, Ballywoodock, Blackwater.

Patrick Nolan, Ballinastraw, Glenbrien.

Matthew Tobin, Tinraheen, The Ballagh.

Mr Walter Cummins withdrew his application.

Mr Elgee, Solicitor, read, for the information of the Candidates, the qualifications for the office.

The following Candidates then withdrew their applications:-

Miss Nora Murphy, Owen Kehoe, and Patrick Fortune.

A poll was taken as between the remaining Candidates, with the following result:-

For Browne:- Messrs Cowman, Doyle, James Codd, O'Byrne, and Asple.-5.

For Dempsey:- Messrs Scallan, Kehoe and Mayler.- 3.

For Doyle:- Lord Courtown, Messrs Stafford and Keating.- 3.

For Nolan:- Messrs O'Neill, Hearn, Lynch, M. Codd, and the Chairman.- 5.

For Tobin:- Messrs Barry, Whelan, Redmond, and Cloney.- 4.

Dempsey and Doyle having received three votes each. A poll was taken as to which of them should remain in, with the following result:-

For Dempsey:- Messrs Barry, Cowman, Whelan, Scallan, Mark Codd, Kehoe, Mayler, Asple, and Cloney.-9.

For Doyle:- Messrs Doyle, James Codd, O'Byrne, O'Neill, Stafford, Hearn, Lynch, Keating, Redmond, Lord Courtown and the Chairman.-11.

Dempsey now dropped out, and a poll was taken as between Browne, Doyle, Nolan, and Tobin, with the following result:-

For Browne:- Messrs Cowman, Doyle, James Codd, O'Byrne, and Asple.- 5.

For Boyle:- Lord Courtown, Messrs Stafford and Keating.- 3

For Nolan:- Messrs O'Neill, Hearn, Lynch, Mark Codd, Mayler, and the Chairman.- 6

For Tobin:- Messrs Barry, Whelan, Scallan, Kehoe, Redmond, and Cloney.-6

Doyle now dropped out, and the next poll resulted as follows:-

For Browne:- Messrs Cowman, Doyle, James Codd, J. J. O'Byrne, Stafford, and Asple.-6.

For Nolan:- Messrs O'Neill, Hearn, Lynch, Mark Codd, Mayler, and the Chairman.-6.

For Tobin:- Messrs Barry, Whelan, Scallan, J.J. Kehoe, Keating, Redmond, Cloney, and Lord Courtown.-8

Browne and Nolan having received six votes each, a poll was taken as to which of them should remain in, the voting was as follows:-

For Browne:- Messrs Barry, Cowman, Doyle, James Codd, O'Byrne, Stafford, Scallan, Kehoe, Keating, Asple, and Lord Courtown.-11.

For Nolan:- Messrs Whelan, O'Neill, Hearn, Lynch, Mark Codd, Redmond, Cloney, and the Chairman.- 9.

Nolan now dropped out, and the final poll lay between Browne, and Tobin, with the following result:-

For Browne:- Messrs Cowman, Doyle, James Codd, O'Byrne, Stafford, Hearn, Mayler, Asple, and the Chairman.- 9.

For Tobin:- Messrs Barry, Whelan, O'Neill, Lynch, Scallan, Mark Codd,

Kehoe, Keating, Redmond, Cloney, and Lord Courtown.- 11.

The Chairman declared Mr Tobin elected.

The following is the application of the successful Candidate::

"I beg to apply for the position of Rate Collector for No. 12 Collection District. I herewith enclose copies of testimonials."

He submitted testimonials from Rev Daniel Quigley C. C., The Ballagh, Enniscorthy, Messrs Patrick Colfer, Tinraheen, and Philip Redmond, County Councillor, Tinraheen.

Arthurstown Sea Wall.

The following extract from letter of Clerk of New Ross R.D. Council under date 27th April 1917, was read:-

"I would draw your attention to Work No. 491 on Road No 35R-the Arthurstown Sea-Wall, the District Council unanimously request your County Council to make the cost of this work a County Charge."

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

"That the New Ross District Council be informed that the County Council are not aware of any statutory provision empowering them to make the Arthurstown Sea Wall a County-at-Large Charge."

Boyce's Bay Contract.

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

"That the resolution of the County Council adopting the recommendation of the New Ross Rural District Council, re Boyce's Bay Contract, be again adopted, and that all other resolutions to the contrary be rescinded."

Mr Stafford seconded.

In connection with above notice of motion the following letter had been received from Mr Gahan:-

"I propose to bring my case on at the next Meeting of the County Council, under the circumstances, of which the following are particulars:-

1.- When I entered into the contract, it was impossible for me to do the work owing to the shortage of labour in the district.

- 2.- The County Council had no option but to give the work to Mr Browne, of Wexford, at £290 -that is £131 above my contract price- which shows that it was impossible for me to carry out the work at my price.
- 3.- When the matter came before the Finance Committee of the County Council, they asked the New Ross District Council to make a representation to the Local Government Board.
- 4.- On the 5th January last, the New Ross District Council passed a resolution in my favour by a majority of 15 votes to 10 recommending your Council to relieve me of any further liability by my paying £30, the Council being willing to levy the residue £100 off the New Ross District. At this meeting 25 members attended out of the 41 qualified members.
- 5.- They did this in compliance with the very representative memorial signed by the Clergy of all denominations, legal and professional gentlemen, magistrates, District and County Councillors, two ex-High Sheriffs, and a large number of ratepayers.
- 6.- Then at a meeting of the County Council held on the 7th February last, the resolution was passed agreeing to what the New Ross District Council had done, because the New Ross District Council were representative of those who were to pay the difference in the matter.
- 7.- Then at the next meeting of the Co. Council, which was held about a fortnight afterwards, the previous resolution was rescinded, without any notice being given to me, which would appear to me to be a very unfair way of dealing with the matter.
- 8.- I may say that the majority of the ratepayers in Fethard District are in my favour, and I am publishing this letter so that the public may see what my case is.
- 9.- The Local Government Board are willing to adopt the original resolution of the New Ross District Council, they state they are willing to leave the matter in the hands of the County Council.

Under these circumstances, I beg to bring the matter before the Co. Council to consider my case, and let the original resolution of the New Ross District Council stand, which resolution the County Council also passed at their meeting on Wednesday, the 7th February last."

After a considerable amount of discussion the motion was withdrawn by permission of the meeting, when Mr Doyle moved the following:-

"That the New Ross District Council be informed that if they are satisfied that the circumstances of Mr Gahan's contract at Boyce's Bay

should be submitted to the Local Government Board for their favourable consideration, the County Council will submit same. That we request the Clerk of the New Ross District Council, to specially mention this matter on the agenda paper for the meeting of the District Council at which it is proposed it should be discussed."

Mr Stafford seconded.

"Passed"

Application of Road Contractors for War Bonus.

Under date 20th April 1917 the following letter was read from Messrs M. J. O'Connor & Co., Solicitors, Wexford:-

"We have been instructed by nearly 100 Road Contractors in the South of the County Wexford to bring their cases before you for your kind consideration at the next meeting of the County Council to be held on the 2nd May. What they intend to apply for is a bonus of 30% to be added to their yearly payments. The reason of the application is that they are unable to carry on the work at the present prices. The fact can be shortly stated, and we are sure are already within your knowledge:-

- 1.- The price of stones, which was from 1/3 to 2/- now ranges from 2/6 to 4/- per ton.
- 2.- The wages of workmen is now double-where wages used to be 6/- it is now 12/- and where it was 10/- it is £1 per week.
- 3.- The price of food for horses and men costs more than double what it used to cost.
- 4.- The Cost of buying and maintaining horses is also more than double.
- 5.- The price for cleaning channels at the sides of roads used to be one penny per perch, and is now twopence half-penny per perch.

These are shortly the facts, and are beyond yea or nae, and, indeed, if we are rightly informed, the County Council has, for the same reason, increased the wages of the men employed in their own quarries to double what they used to be.

We are quite sure when the County Council will consider the matter they will do their best to meet the Contractors in this their reasonable demand. If not, we are afraid, our Clients will not be able to carry on the work, and the roads will not be maintained in the county. We respectfully beg of you to give the matter your kind consideration."

Under date 1st May 1917, (letter No. 22556: 1917 Wexford Co) the Local Government Board forwarded correspondence which they had with

Messrs M. J. O'Connor & Co., Solicitors, Wexford:-

Letter under date 28th April 1917, from Messrs M. J. O'Connor, & Co.,
to Local Government Board:-

"A number of the Road Contractors of the County Wexford have asked us to apply to the County Council for a War Bonus on foot of their Contracts as you will see by the enclosed Circular.

The matter will come on at the next meeting of the County Council to be held on Wednesday next. Would you oblige us (1) by telling us what happened in other parts of Ireland in regard to similar applications. (2) Would the Local Government Board have any objection to the granting of a War Bonus under the circumstances.

We shall be glad if you will answer these two queries before Wednesday next:

Pray accept our thanks for your kindness."

Letter No. 22556: 1917, Wexford County, under date 1st May 1917, from Local Government Board, to Messrs M. J. O'Connor & Co., Solicitors, Wexford:-

"I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland, to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 28th ult, relative to the proposed application on behalf of road contractors in County Wexford for a war Bonus in respect of their Contracts, and I am to state that this is a matter which should first come before the County Council.

I am, at the same time, to enclose a copy of a letter written by the Board to other County Councils setting forth the Board's views in regard to contracts with public bodies in existing circumstances."

Copy Letter referred to in letter of Local Government Board:-

"The Local Government Board for Ireland have had before them your letter of the relative to applications made to the County Council by road contractors for an increase of 25% on their contract prices, and requesting the Board to give a direction to the Council on the matter.

In reply, I am to state that the Local Government Board have no power to authorise the County Council to pay an increased price to
Contractors. The Board has no authority to direct the Board which would

enable them, by concurring with such payments, to relieve the Council of any liability imposed on them by statute.

The Auditor would be bound at the audit of the accounts, to question any such payments made by the Council, and if he allowed it any ratepayer might lodge an appeal against his decision, or in the alternative, might apply to the Court of King's Bench for a Writ of Certiorari to quash the allowance. As it is evident that it would be to the financial interest of the ratepayers to object to any variation of the terms of a contract which would result in imposing an extra charge upon them, the Council will recognise that they would incur considerable risk in granting an increased price to a contractor, unless they were in a position to clearly justify their action in doing so.

Any existing contract which contains a clause enabling it to be terminated with the sanction of the Local Government Board, can, of course, be cancelled with the sanction of this department, but generally speaking, a contract can only be annulled with the consent of the two contracting parties and then only on grounds which will satisfy the Auditor, that any additional charge to the ratepayers by reason of the action of the local authority was not excessive or unreasonable.

It may be that, in the case of particular roads, the work of maintenance may be dispensed with in the present crisis, and in such cases the cancellation of the contract might be justified and the contractor paid for the work performed by him up to date. If, however, it is found necessary to proceed with the maintenance of particular roads, the question of cancelling the contracts would depend to some extent on the date on which the contracts were entered into. If entered into before the War, the Council might take that fact into consideration though it would not, by itself, be a sufficient ground for cancelling a contract.

The view which the Board take in regard to contracts in existing circumstances, is that where a contract entered into since the outbreak of war was for a period of two or three years, it might be reasonable to assume that a contractor could not at the time of taking the contract have foreseen that the war would extend for so long a period, and, accordingly an application to cancel such a contract at any time after the expiration of the first year during which it is running might possibly be justified.

In the case of a contract now running for a period of a year or less, the Board think that the contractor should have been in a position to tender at a rate which would secure his interest during the currency of the contract,

and that it should not be cancelled unless, for exceptional reasons, the necessity for taking this course could be shown.

In the case of a contract now running for two or more years where the contractor alleges that owing to war conditions he is unable to complete it at the stipulated price, the Board are of opinion that a safe course for the Council to adopt might be to ascertain from their contractor the minimum price at which he would be willing to carry on the work for the period of the contract, and they should then issue advertisements inviting tenders from outside persons for this work. If they obtain tenders at a price less than that specified by the existing contractor the Council might then, with his consent, put an end to the contract, and enter into a new one with the accepted tenderer, if on the other hand, all the tenders received were at a ^{price} higher than that specified by the existing contractor, a fresh contract might then be entered into with the Contractor at the new price, as agreed to by the Council. By adopting this arrangement the Council would be in a very strong position to justify to the Auditor any increased charge thrown on the ratepayers, or to defend their action if any allowance made by that Officer should be brought either before the Local Government Board or the High Court."

The following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed on the motion of Mr O'Byrne, seconded by Mr Lynch:-

"That the application of the road contractors of South Wexford for War Bonus be referred to the next meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee. That Messrs M. J. O'Connor & Co., be requested to furnish the County Surveyor with the name and address of each contractor concerned, and the particulars of such contract, and from these particulars, the Co. Surveyor be requested to submit a report dealing with this matter to the next meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee."

Barley (Requisition) Order 1917.

The Barley (Requisition) Order 1917, dated 16th April 1917, made by the Food Controller under Regulations 2F & 2G of the Defence of the Realm Regulations, relating to the sale or disposal of any barley (other than home grown barley which has not been kiln dried) was read for the meeting.

Marked "Read"

The Wheat, Barley, & Oats (Prices) Order 1917.

The Wheat, Barley and Oats (Prices) Order 1917, dated 16th April 1917, made by the Food Controller under Regulation 2F of the Defence of the Realm Regulations, fixing the price of Wheat, Barley (other than kiln dried barley) or oats harvested in the United Kingdom in the year 1916, was read for the meeting.

Marked "Read"

Auditor's Report.-Enniscorthy District Lunatic Asylum.

Under date 4th April 1917, letter No. 16890/1917, Wexford County, was read from the Local Government Board, forwarding copy of their Auditor's report on his audit of the Accounts of the Enniscorthy District Lunatic Asylum for the half-year ended 30th September 1916.

Marked "Read"

Cherryorchard Quarry.

The following letter under date 28th April 1917, was read from Mr George Sharpe, Cherryorchard, Enniscorthy:-

"As I wish to sell the quarry at Cherryorchard and as your County Council require about Three Thousand Cubic Yards of road material out of it each year the trespass of which would be Fifty pounds, I think it would be a good opportunity for them to buy it.

I beg to offer it to them for the sum of Five hundred pounds (£500) This includes gates, Piers, Road, embankment for loading, waggons, The Rock is about four and a half acres.

Kindly lay this before your Finance & Roads Committee.

Hoping it will meet with their approval."

On the motion of Mr Kehoe, seconded by Mr Keating, the following recommendation of Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed:-

"That the letter of Mr Sharpe be referred to a Committee of Messrs O'Neill, Lynch, M. Codd, and Asple, with the County Surveyor, and that they be requested to submit a report as soon as possible."

New Ross Roads.

The following letter under date 28th April 1917, was read from Br W.F. Hearn, L.L.D., New Ross:-

"You may recollect at the Finance Committee of your Council held on the 18th inst., the Committee were good enough to permit me to attend

in support of a letter which I had sent you regarding the roads and method of maintenance. During the discussion I drew attention to roads in the New Ross District by way of illustration of the frightful condition that they had lapsed into. These roads were, one from New Ross to Campile through Ballinamona, and the other from New Ross to Ballywilliam. As to the first Mr Barry made no reply, but as to the other he made the following statement, viz:- "That he had been recently over it, and that it was in a fair condition". I now send you a letter received by me from Mr Budgeon, which explains itself. Please have this letter read at your meeting next week, so that it will be seen that when I make a complaint I truthfully state same. I was met in a similar way by Mr Barry on a former complaint, challenged the denial by offering your Committee to bring one of your Council there and then and show the existence of the complaint denied by Mr Barry, but this offer was not accepted. When a complaint is made and is met by a point blank denial it ought not to be let rest at that as the falsehood or truth should in fairness be at once and for all determined."

The following is copy of letter from Mr Budgeon, referred to above--

"I hear your are interesting yourself about the roads in the County Wexford, especially a road from Ballywilliam to New Ross. Of all the roads in the County it is, I think one of the worst, and it is disgraceful of any County Surveyor to allow a road to get into such a state. In the whole of last year on only two occasions did I use that road, and since I came home from Scotland I have never gone to Ross that way, but I turn up at Ballywilliam to Rathgaregue and Coreeran's Cross, which adds 2 miles each way whenever I go to town. I really don't think the the County Surveyor can ever go on the roads. Another road is the one past my own place, which I have spoken about ever so often. It runs from the boundary of Ballindoney to Tominane Bridge, and is run by Hayden who lives up the White Mountain. Not a single cartload of stones has been put on that road the whole of last winter, and only a few loads the winter before, and yet we have to pay increased rates which is pure robbery. The rates are high enough goodness knows. Hayden on the road past my place hardly ever appears, never cleans the dykes or cuts the weeds or hardly ever takes off loose stones, in fact does absolutely nothing, and is I suppose, paid in full.

Wexford has, I know, the unenviable reputation of having about the worst roads in Ireland, and I can fully believe it. I know into whatever County I go, I always find better roads than here. It is a disgrace to the model county, and a disgrace to the Surveyor. From what I can see of the past few years, the roads are not improving, and where steamrolling has been done, it is so badly done, that it is more money thrown away. It just makes the road good for one Summer. Why don't the County Council go to Kilkenny, Waterford, or Tipperary and learn how to steamroll. It would not cost them much; they waste more on a single contract.

Hoping you will have luck."

The County Surveyor presented the following report as regards the road referred to in Dr Hearn's letter, from Mr G. Flood, Assistant Surveyor::

1915-16.

Contract taken out 1913 at 2/6 C. Yard approved Stone. In May 1915 agreed to accept 165 c.y. Grange instead of 216 approved. On December 6th 1915, I measured for contractor 165 c.y., Grange material, which were all spread except about 10. c.y. between that date and the following March and the surface work fairly well attended to, except that some of the material was spread late.

1916-17.

Contractor agreed to bank and break material in Grange himself, When breaker was there in June '16, contractor had not his material ready for Breaker. He had his material ready for Breaker in August, but we could not send machine then. The Breaker did not get to Grange until 1st March 1917, when it was too late to spread any material. The contractor cleaned the surface, cut briars, and levelled in ruts with the old material during the winter. He is by no means a good contractor, but it was not altogether his fault that the material was not out."

"No Order"

Engines for Threshing Purposes.

Under date 19th April 1917, letter No. A-31075-17, was read from the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction, stating that they anticipated an increased demand for threshing facilities in the coming Autumn. It was probable that although an adequate number of threshing Mills might be procurable, engines suitable for hauling and working such

Mills would not be available to a sufficient extent. In the event of such a shortage of engines occurring, the Department wish to be informed if the County Council would be prepared to hire or lease for threshing purposes during the months of September, October, and November, any suitable engines that the Council might have in their possession.

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

"That the Department be informed that the County Council will be prepared to make arrangements for the hire of the only traction engine at their disposal in compliance with the terms of their letter under date 19th March No. 31075-17."

Sheep Dipping.

Under date 5th April 1917, letter No. 657-17, was read from the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction, stating that arrangements would be made by them for the service on sheep owners of Notices drawing attention to the requirements of the Sheep Dipping (Ireland) Order of 1915, and of the usual forms for use in connection with these requirements.

The Summer Dipping period under the Order would last from 1st June to 31st July, and the Autumn Dipping period from 1st August to 15th November inclusive, and it was not too early therefore for the Local Authorities to take such preliminary steps as might be necessary in connection with their arrangements for securing the fullest possible measure of compliance with the Order. The Department trust that the Local Authority would give the matter timely attention with a view to having the arrangements renewed or ready to be put in operation in their district as soon as the Dipping season came round.

The following recommendation of Finance & Roads Committee of meeting of 18th April 1917⁴ was read:-

"That the County Council be recommended to appoint as Inspectors of Sheep Dipping for 1917, Messrs George Brett, Tanner Hill, Ballycogley, and Mr James Murphy, Coolbawn, Ferns, upon the same terms and conditions as these officers acted for year 1916, viz:- a salary of £26 each to cover both dipping periods, Mr Murphy to act for Gorey & Enniscorthy Rural Districts, and Mr Brett for New Ross and Wexford Rural Districts.

That the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction be requested to sanction this arrangement, and that they be informed the County Council will do everything in its power to secure the proper working of the Sheep Dipping Order."

Under date 20th April 1917, letter No. 944-17, was read from the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction, stating that the recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee respecting the re-appointment as Inspectors for Sheep Dipping during the dipping periods in 1917 of Messrs George Brett, Tanner Hill, Ballycogley, for New Ross and Wexford Rural Districts, and James Murphy, Coolbawn, Ferns, for Gorey and Enniscorthy Rural Districts, at a salary in each instance of £26 for the two periods, in the event of its being confirmed by the County Council, might be regarded as being also approved by the Department.

"The recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed on the motion of Mr Scallan, seconded by Mr O'Byrne."

Insufficiency of Grant-Wexford County Infirmary

Under date 13th April 1917, Mr N. J. Cosgrave, Temporary Registrar, Wexford County Infirmary, wrote stating that at the last meeting of his Managing Committee, a deputation consisting of Lady M. Fitzgerald, Mr N. Byrne J. P., Mayor of Wexford, Rev T. Here Adm., and Rev J. K. Latham, was appointed to wait on the County Council, to ask them to increase the amount of the grant to the County Infirmary, as owing to the high prices for provisions, medicines, gas and coal, the present grant was insufficient.

Lady Maurice Fitzgerald and Councillor N. Byrne, Mayor of Wexford, attended as a deputation.

Mr Byrne said that the Committee of the Infirmary wished to obtain an additional grant of £300 for the year.

Lady M. Fitzgerald also spoke.

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

"That the Application of the County Wexford Infirmary for increased grant be referred to the next meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee, and that our Secretary be instructed to furnish the Registrar of the County Infirmary with particulars of the following queries submitted by

Members of the County Council. That the answers to said queries be submitted to above meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee:-

- 1.- Particulars of the numbers of patients per annum from the town of Wexford and five miles round, numbers of patients from New Ross, Gorey, Ferns, Enniscorthy and Newtownbarry.
- 2.- How many officials and their salaries.
- 3.- What was the actual loss on the working of the County Infirmary for each year for the five years ended 31st March 1917.
- 4.- Cost per patient per annum (a) intern, (b) extern.
- 5.- Return of full number of patients for the year ended March 1917, with the length of time each patient remained in the Institution.
- 6.- Cost per annum of Medicines for the five years ended 31st March 1917.

Application for Bonus.-Printing Jurors' Lists.

Under date 23rd April 1917, Messrs M. J. O'Connor & Co., Solicitors, Wexford, wrote stating that Messrs J. English & Co., Custom House, Quay, Wexford, had asked them to apply to the Co. Council on their behalf for an allowance or bonus of £15 per annum, on their contract for the printing of Jurors Lists, on the ground that the price of paper, materials and wages is double what they used to be. Messrs English had written to the Auditor, who had replied, that he was not in a position to take any action in the matter, nor would the Local Government Board, so far as he was aware, have any jurisdiction to interfere, except at the request of the County Council, and then only to the extent of expressing an opinion as to whether the claim was or was not reasonable.

The following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed on the motion of Mr O'Byrne, seconded by Mr Whelan::-

"That the application of Messrs English & Co., Wexford, be refused."

Flooding at Ballybro.

Under date 13th April 1917, Mr N. Kehoe, Clerk, Wexford Rural District Council, wrote stating that he had been directed by his Council, to forward for the information of the County Council copy of report from Messrs Colfer & Son, Solicitors to the District Council, on the subject of the flooding of the roadway at Ballybro.

Messrs Colfer in their report stated that the liability of the occupier of the adjoining lands to clean the stream between the two bridges, was in their opinion, doubtful, with a balance of probability against their being liable at all. They would be liable to clean an ordinary drain but there was no duty on owners of the lands through which a natural stream flooded to keep it clear of such natural obstruction as the growth of weeds etc., They presumed this to be the sort of obstruction of which the Council complained, and on this presumption, their opinion would be that these occupiers were not liable. Technically, the Magistrates might have had jurisdiction to deal with the case provided they were of opinion that the Statute under which the summons was brought applied to a case of the kind but from the Newspaper report, Messrs Colfer and Son, gathered that the Statute relied on did not apply.. This being so, they could not legally make the Order asked for, but they could have dismissed the Summons, which was practically the same as marking the case "no jurisdiction".

Messrs Colfer & Son further stated that they did not think successful proceedings could again be taken at Petty Sessions, and that the owners of the Slob could not be successfully prosecuted at Petty Sessions for anything in connection with Ballybro flooding.

It might be that there was a statutory or common law duty cast upon them as the Successors in title to the persons who originally carried out the Reclamation Scheme, but if any proceedings to enforce to discharge of such duty were contemplated, they should be at the instance of the Co. Council.

They thought it right to say that the case presented several features of great difficulty and possibly involving very expensive proceedings, which should not, they thought, be embarked upon without very encouraging advice from experienced Counsel.

"Adjourned pending receipt of Counsel's opinion on behalf of the Co. Council."

Land Purchase Arrears.

Under date 4th April 1917, letter No. 14956/1917, was read from the Irish Land Commission, stating that, in addition to the sum of £6 referred to in their letter of the 13th April last, there was now a sum of 6/8 making the total £6. 6. 8d, where since 1891 they had been

unable to collect Land Purchase Arrears in the County Wexford same being regarded as uncollectible.

"No. Order"

Poisons & Pharmacy Act.

Application for renewal of licence under Poisons & Pharmacy Act was received from:-

Richard Breen, Quay, Wexford.

"On the motion of Mr Kehoe, seconded by Mr M. Codd, the renewal of above licence was granted."

Member of County Insurance Committee.

Under date 31st March 1917, Miss N. O'Ryan, Clerk County Wexford Insurance Committee, wrote asking the County Council to appoint on the County Insurance Committee a representative in place of Mrs Boyan, resigned.

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

"That the County Insurance Committee be requested to recommend to the County Council some woman for appointment on the Committee, vice Mr Boyan resigned."

Proposals for Payment.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Lynch, 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 the Chairman, seconded by Mr Lynch, 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, and 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 the Chairman, seconded by Mr Scallan, 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 G. Rossiter:- Artramont 129, Kilbride 59, Kilpatrick 52, 92.

Collector P. Rossiter:- Drinagh 52, Killinick 41, Kilscooran 156, Lady's Island 79, St Helen's 50.

Collector P. Codd:- Killoughrim 12, 101, Moyacomb 135, 142, Castledockrill 69, 94, Newtownbarry 114.

Collector J. Cummins:- Ballycarney 86, Ferns 177, Kilboro 76, 77, The Harrow 2.

Collector J. Sinnott:- Ballyhogue 3, 115, Bree 133, The Leap 3, 92,

Collector P. J. Nolan:- Kilcomb 225.

Collector J. C. Smith:- Ardamine 113, Courtown 166, 240, 292, 327, 344, 357, Gorey Rural 14, 187, 206, 215, Gorey Urban 233, Killenagh 64,

Collector E. J. Murphy:- Whitemoor 79.

Collector E. Cummins:- Oldcourt 140.

Collector J. Banville:- Adamstown 8, Horetown 141, Kilgavan 103.

Collector J. L. Doyle:- Clongeen 42, Tintern 201, 287, 314.

Collector J. Cogley:- Ballyhack 32, 53, 271, Fethard 67, Rathroe 39, 157.

The following recommendation from meeting of Finance & Roads Committee of 18th April, was read:-

"That the lists of irrecoverable rates as submitted by our Secretary be agreed to, signed by the Chairman and reported to the Local Government Board for sanction, except the claim of Mr E. J. Murphy, New Ross District, consideration of which we adjourn to next meeting."

"Recommendation confirmed on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Scallan."

Bantry Commons Rating.

Mr E. J. Murphy, Rate Collector, applied for a refund of £7. 13. 8d rates which he stated he was unable to collect on Bantry Commons.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Kehoe, the following recommendation of Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed:-

"That the amount of £7. 13. 8d claimed by Rate Collector Murphy as Irrecoverable Rates on Bantry Commons be not refunded, as we consider he should have been able to collect said Rates."

Official Checkers.- Rate Collectors' Accounts.

On the motion of Mr Lynch, seconded by Mr Scallan, 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 1918, 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 1918."

Illness of Mr Walsh, Rate Collector.

Under date 27th April 1917, the following was read from Mr N.O'H. Walsh, Rate Collector, (Wexford District) :-

"As you will see by the enclosed, I am still unable to resume duty. I would therefore feel very grateful to the County Council if they would allow my Nephew -P. F. O'Byrne- Common Quay Street- to continue to act as my deputy."

"The certificate of Dr S.V.O'Connor stated, that Mr Walsh who was under his care, was unable to do duty at present."

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

"That Mr P. F. O'Byrne be appointed Deputy Rate Collector for Mr N. O'H. Walsh, during the latter's illness."

Dates of Meetings.

On the motion of Mr Kehoe, seconded by Mr M. Codd, the following dates of Meetings of Rural District Councils and County Council were agreed to:-

Enniscorthy R. D. Council.-	Wednesday 31st October 1917	at 11 a.m.,
Gorey	"	Thursday 8th November at 11.30 a.m.,
New Ross	"	Monday 29th October at 11.30 a.m.,
Wexford	"	Saturday 3rd November at 11 O'C., a.m.,
Proposal Committee (Quarterly)	Wednesday 1st August	10.30 O'C.,

County Council (Quarterly) Wednesday 1st August 11. 0'C.,
 Proposal Committee (Half-Yearly) 7th November 1917 at 11 0'C.,
 County Council (Half-Yearly) 5th December at 11 0'C.,

Technical Classes at Wexford Industrial School.

The Secretary stated, that at the meeting of the Council on 7th April 1915, the following resolution had been adopted:—

"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 & 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."

Continuing the Secretary mentioned that the two years would expire at the conclusion of the present academic year. The Classes had been very successful and of great benefit to the girls. the Sisters of the Convent of Mercy were desirous that the Classes should be continued.

On the motion of Mr Scallan, seconded by Mr Asple, the following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was adopted:—

"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 Domestic Economy Programme of the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction a sum of 2/6 per week per child, limited to a maximum of 12 children which is to be reconsidered at the end of two years from date of opening of class, viz:— May 1919."

RESOLUTIONS.

Irish Primary Education.

The following resolution from the Wexford National Teachers' County Association, was read:—

"That we emphatically demand for Irish Primary Education the full equivalent which would be due to Ireland owing to the proposed large additional grant (said to be about £6,000,000) to be devoted to English education in the immediate future."

"A similar resolution was read from the Dublin County Council."

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

Amnesty for Irish Political Prisoners.

"A resolution was read from the Dublin Corporation demanding that the British Government should adopt a similar policy to that upon which they had congratulated the Provisional Government of Russia, and declare a general amnesty of Irish Political Prisoners, and a revocation of the recent Order of deportation upon other Irishmen.

"Adopted on the motion of Mr O'Byrne, seconded by Mr Lynch."

Capitation Grant.-Asylum Patients.

The following resolution was read from Monaghan District Lunatic Asylum Committee:-

"That we request the Government to contribute by way of Capitation Grant an amount equal to one half the annual cost for maintenance of Pauper Lunatics.

In 1874 when the estimate of 4/- per head per week was arrived at, it was based on the assumption that it meant the half cost of maintenance which it did at that time and for some years afterwards. Since then the basis upon which the Capitation was fixed has changed materially considerable sums of money had to be expended on additional buildings and furnishing. The interest on loans which was in 1874 an imperial charge has since been thrown on local rates and the cost of maintenance of the inmates has very largely increased. In 1874 the total average per head in Irish Asylums was £20. 16/- which was equally divided between Imperial and Local Taxation, leaving £10. 8/- for each to pay. Now the average cost per head in Monaghan Asylum is £32 of which the Imperial charge is £10. 8/-, and the local ratepayers with a diminishing population and an increased number of inmates have to pay the balance £21. 12/-. Having regard to the changed circumstances since 1874 we are strongly of the opinion that the least that can be done to carry out the principle established in 1874 is that Imperial Taxation should bear the half of the present cost of the maintenance of Pauper Lunatics."

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

Preparation of Parliamentary Local Government Register.

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

"That any change or transfer of the duty of preparing the Register of Parliamentary and Local Government Electors from the Secretaries of the County Councils and Clerks of Borough and Urban Councils, would be a very great injustice to these officials, whose salaries are, to a very considerable extent, made up of the fees under Franchise Acts, and would throw a further burden on the public. We therefore, request the Government to see that no proposal is made to transfer this duty from the officials to whom it is at present confided by law and by whom it has been in the past discharged with general satisfaction, and we request the Irish Members of Parliament to take steps to secure that no transfer of this duty takes place."

"Adopted on the motion of Mr Keating, seconded by Mr Lynch."

Treatment - Countess de Markievicz

The following resolution from Kilkenny Corporation, was read:-

"That we protest in the strongest possible manner against the unjust and cruel treatment which is being meted out to the Countess de Markievicz in Aylesbury Convict Jail, and that we respectfully, but firmly demand, that until her release she receive the same privileges as the other Irish Prisoners now in Lewes Jail, namely isolation from ordinary criminals and daily intercourse with one another, or, failing this a daily visit from an outside friend."

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

RECOMMENDATIONS OF FINANCE & ROADS COMMITTEE.

The following recommendations were submitted from the Finance & Roads Committee:-

Jack Hammer Drill:- "That the County Surveyor be empowered, subject to the sanction of the County Council, to purchase a Jack Hammer Drill for use in County Council Quarries, at a cost not exceeding £40."

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

Yard at Enniscorthy:- "That the County Council be recommended to take as yearly tenants, yard at Enniscorthy, the property of Mr C. Byrne at a rent of £15. 12/- per annum, Mr Byrne to be responsible for payment of taxes. That Mr Elgee, Solicitor to the Council, be instructed to prepare the necessary agreement as to the letting."

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

Payment of Coroner's Telegrams:- "That the application of Mr J.J. Roche Coroner for South Wexford, for payment of cost of telegrams sent by him in connection with holding of inquests be referred to Local Government Board for their advice."

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

Waste Paper:- "We recommend the tender of Messrs S. Irwin & Son, 121 Upper Abbey Street, Dublin, at £8 per ton for waste paper be accepted, Messrs Irwin to supply sacks and to defray cost of packing and all transit charges."

"Adopted on the motion of Mr Scallan, seconded by Mr Lynch."

Holidays-Steamrolling Foreman:- "That Mr John J. O'Gorman, Foreman Steamrolling, Enniscorthy, be granted holidays from 14th to 21st April 1917 (inclusive) and that his wages be paid for said period."

"Adopted on the motion of Mr Asple, seconded by Mr Scallan."

Maintenance Lunatic Asylum Patients:- "That the Chairman (Mr John Bolger) Messrs J. J. Stafford, and Thomas Asple, be appointed representatives of the Wexford County Council at the Conference to be held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Dublin, on 30th April next, relative to taking action to induce the Government to bear their full half of the cost of maintenance of patients in Lunatic Asylums."

"Adopted on the motion of Mr Lynch, seconded by Mr Scallan."

The Chairman stated that he and Mr Asple had attended the Meeting in question when it was decided to appoint a deputation to lay before the representatives of the Government, a statement showing how inadequate the Government Capitation Grant was to meet half expenditure of cost of patients."

Clohamon Bridge:- "That Mr R. W. Elgee, Solicitor to the County Council, be instructed to prepare bond in connection with contract for repair of Clohamon Bridge."

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

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

"That the Seal of the Council be affixed to the Contract for repairing Clohamon Bridge-Contractor John Browne, Henrietta Street,

Minutes Tuberculosis Management Committee.

The Minutes of Tuberculosis Committee included a resolution stating that as the Tuberculosis Committee would be in a worse financial position by accepting the proposed agreement with the County Insurance Committee as regards treatment of insured patients than they were at present, while shouldering considerably increased responsibilities, they could not see their way to recommend the County Council to enter into the proposed agreement.

"On the motion of Mr Scallan, seconded by Mr Lynch, the above resolution was confirmed."

Recommendations from the Tuberculosis Committee as to the following were confirmed on the motion of Mr Scallan, seconded by Mr Lynch:-

Colouring interior of Enniscorthy Tuberculosis Dispensary: directing the County Surveyor to have the fencing at Wexford Dispensary properly repaired: agreeing to keep four permanent beds at Newcastle Sanatorium: agreeing to increase of maintenance charge of patients at Newcastle from 25/- to 28/-: letting field adjoining New Ross Tuberculosis Dispensary to Mr Thomas Whelan, New Ross, on eleven months' system at £6 for the period: and agreeing to allow Mr Whelan to till the plot this year: agreeing to treatment of patients: and to appointment of Mr N.J. Frizelle, as Sec., to the Committee for a period of six months as from 15th February 1917, at the rate of £52 per annum.

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

"That the question of the proposed agreement with the County Insurance Committee and the offer from them to liquidate the debt due by them to the County Council be referred to next meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee."

Assistant Surveyor V.R.Doyle.

Under date 26th April 1917, the following letter was read from Mr V.R. Doyle, Assistant Surveyor:-

"I beg to make application to your Council for the annual increments to my salary for the two years ending May 1917 and 1918. In May 1916 I

omitted making application pending re-arrangement of Assistant Surveyors' Salaries by the Council.

Thanking you in anticipation."

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Scallan, the application was agreed to."

Road No. 3W.

The County Surveyor presented a report from Mr Treanor, Senior Assistant Surveyor, recommending that the name of Mr Michael Browne, The Quay, Wexford, contractor for road No. 3W, be submitted to the County Council for proceedings for having failed to perform his contract.

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

"That the County Surveyor be empowered to take up from the Contractor, Road No. 3W. under the 54th Section of the Grand Jury Act."

Industrial School Application-Capitation Grant.

The Manager, St John's Industrial School, Birr, applied to the County Council to date the increase of 6d in capitation grant as from the 1st April 1916.

An application was also received from Mount St Joseph Industrial School, Cappoquin, for an increase of capitation grant of 6d per week.

"No Order, in view of the resolution that increase of capitation grant of 6d per week had been settled by the County Council to run as from 1st January 1917, and that no increase be granted in the case of Schools already receiving 2/6 per week."

Railway Siding at Sparrowsland.

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

"That we request the Dublin & South Eastern Railway Co., to carry out the necessary small repairs at loading bank at Sparrowsland siding in order to allow the County Council to load road material there, and further to provide for the loading of farm produce."

Quarry at Palace.

The County Surveyor submitted a letter from Mr Timothy Doban, Contractor for quarrying rough stones at Palace Quarry at 1/- per cubic yard. Owing to the increase in wages and cost of blasting materials he could not continue to carry out the work but would be inclined to do so if he got a further increase in the price for the quarrying of the stones. Mr Doran further stated that he would not break any stones at Palace Quarry for any Contractor this year, and requested the County Surveyor to notify the Roads Committee and the New Ross R. D. Council.

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

"That the letter from Mr Timothy Doran as to working of Palace Quarry be referred to Mr Elgee."

Carriganeagh Quarry.

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

"That the County Surveyor be empowered to prepare rough material for road contractors at Carriganeagh Quarry-Gorey District."

Deferred Money-Gorey District.

Mr John Kinsella, Junr., Road Contractor, Ballyfad, Inch, wrote stating that all money on his contract had been deferred though he had full tonnage placed on the road. The material however, was not spread, as his mare had become ill, and in addition, he was prevented by the heavy snowstorms from spreading the stones.

"On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Scallan the matter was referred to the County Surveyor for report to next meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee."

(Signed)

John Boyer
Presiding Chairman.

Dated this 14 day of

June

1917

ANNUAL MEETING.- 16th JUNE 1917.

The Annual Meeting of the Wexford County Council, was held in the Co Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford, on 16th June 1917.

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

Also:- The Earl of Courtown, Messrs J. S. Hearn, M. Doyle, O'Byrne, Cowman, Stafford, O'Neill, Lynch, Asple, Keating, Kehoe, Thorpe, Mark Codd, J. A. Doyle, Cloney, Whelan, Redmond, Mayler, James Codd, Barry.

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

Confirmation of Minutes

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and confirmed.

Representatives District Councils.

Communications were read from the Clerks of the R.D. Councils, that the Councils would be represented on the County Council by the following:-

Enniscorthy- Mr James Lynch.

Gorey- Lord Courtown.

New Ross- Mr William Thorpe.

Wexford- Mr N. J. Cowman.

The above Gentlemen attended and signed their declarations of Office.

Election of Chairman.

On the motion of Mr O'Neill, seconded by Mr Kehoe, Mr John Bolger, was re-elected Chairman for the ensuing year.

Mr Bolger returned thanks.

Election of Vice-Chairman.

Mr Cowman proposed, :-

"That Mr Michael Doyle, be appointed Vice-Chairman."

Mr J. J. Stafford seconded.

"Passed".

Mr Doyle returned thanks.

Co-option of Member.

Mr Kehoe moved:- "That Mr Michael Maddock, Ballyvalogue, Glynn, Vice-Chairman Wexford R. D. Council, be co-opted a member of this Council, vice Mr C.H. Peacocke, deceased."

Mr Keating seconded.

Mr Cowman moved:- "That the co-option of a member of this Council vice Mr Peacocke deceased, be adjourned to next meeting, and that in the meantime the R. D. Councillors of the Taghmon County Division, viz:- Adamstown, Carrick, Forth, Glynn, Kilbride, Kilgarvan, Taghmon, Wexford Rural and Whitechurch, be requested to call public meetings in their districts with a view to submitting to this County Council the name of a suitable person for co-option."

Mr M. Doyle seconded.

A poll was taken with the following result:-

For the amendment:- Messrs Barry, M. Doyle, and Cowman.-3.

Against:- Messrs James Codd, Whelan, O'Byrne, Keating, Stafford, O'Neill, Hearn, Lord Courtown, Lynch, Kehoe, Thorpe, Redmond, M. Codd, J. A. Doyle, Asple, Cloney, Mayler, and the Chairman.- 18.

The Chairman declared the amendment lost.

The resolution agreeing to the co-option of Mr Maddock was then put and adopted.

The late Mr Peacocke.

On the motion of the Chairman,

Seconded by Lord Courtown,

the following resolution was adopted:-

"That we desire to convey to the family of the late Mr C. H. Peacocke, our sincere condolence in the loss they have sustained through his demise. The County Council desire to place on record their deep regret on the death of a most esteemed and valued Colleague, who took the deepest personal interest in the public life of the County Wexford, and who displayed at all times the greatest courtesy and kindness to everyone with whom he was brought into contact.

That our Secretary forward copy of this resolution to the family of Mr Peacocke."

Sympathy with Mr Scallan.

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

"That we tender our esteemed Colleague, Mr R Scallan, our sincere sympathy in the loss he has sustained by the death of his Mother."

That a copy of this resolution be sent to Mr Scallan."

Appointment of Committees.

The Local Government Board forwarded Sealed Order No. 27341-1917, under date 7th June 1917, as to postponement of appointment of Committees (Parliament and Local Elections Act 1917).

On the motion of Lord Courtown,

Seconded by Mr Kehoe, the following resolution was adopted--

"That the Finance & Roads Committee, and the Proposal Committee comprise the entire Council. That in accordance with the Order of the Local Government Board (27341-1917, 7 June 1917) all other Committees be re-appointed for one year, this resolution to specifically cover the Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction."

Appointment of Council of Agriculture.

Under date 11th May 1917, the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction, wrote, (letter No. G.3270-17) pointing out that a vacancy has arisen on the Council of Agriculture owing to the death of Mr C. H. Peacocke, and calling attention to section 27 (4) of the Agriculture & Technical Instruction (Ireland) Act 1899, which stated that a casual vacancy occurring through the death, or resignation, or otherwise in the Office of Member of such Council, . . . may be filled by the appointment of a person qualified in the same manner (if any) as the person whose office is vacant, by the Authority or Committee by whom the person whose office is vacant was appointed, and 27 (5) a person appointed to fill a casual vacancy shall retire at the same time as the person whose office is vacant would have retired.

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

"That Mr Michael Doyle, be appointed as one of the representatives of this County Council on the Council of Agriculture, vice Mr C. H. Peacocke, deceased."

Vacancy on Committees.

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

"That Mr William Thorpe, be appointed as a member of the County Asylum Committee, vice Mr C. H. Peacocke, deceased."

On the motion of Mr Cowman, seconded by Mr Kehoe, the following

resolution was adopted:-

"That Mr James J. Stafford, be appointed a member of the County Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction, vice Mr C. H. Peacocke, deceased."

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

"That Mr William Thorpe, be appointed a member of the Tuberculosis Committee of the County Council, vice Mr C.H.Peacocke, deceased."

Under date 7th June 1917, Miss Nellie O'Ryan, Clerk Co. Wexford Insurance Committee wrote, that the members of her Committee recommended for appointment on the Committee, Miss M. E. Browne, Bridgetown, in place of Mrs Boyan resigned."

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

"That Miss M. E. Browne, Bridgetown, be appointed a member of the Co. Wexford Insurance Committee, vice Mrs Boyan, resigned."

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

"That Mr J. J. Kehoe, be appointed a representative of this County Council on the County Wexford Insurance Committee, vice Mr C.H.Peacocke, deceased."

Application of Road Contractors for War Bonus.

In connection with the application of Road Contractors for War Bonus of 30 per cent, Messrs O'Connor & Co., Solicitors for the Contractors, wrote forwarding the names and addresses of the Road Contractors in respect of which the application was made.

These held the following contracts:-

Enniscorthy District.	23.
New Ross	84.
Wexford	241.

In connection with this matter the Local Government Board forwarded letter which they had addressed to the other County Councils in similar circumstances (No. 22556: 1917, Wexford County.,)

In this connection the Local Government Board pointed out that they had

no power to authorise the County Council to pay an increase price to Road Contractors, nor could they by concurring in such payments relieve the Council of any liability. The Council would recognise they would incur considerable risk in granting an increased price to a contractor unless they were in a position to clearly justify their action in so doing. Even if the Auditor allowed such payments they could be questioned by a Writ of Certiorari.

Generally speaking a contract can only be annulled with the consent of the two contracting parties, and then the Auditor must be satisfied that any additional charge on the ratepayers by reason of the cancellation of the contract was not excessive or unreasonable.

It might be that in the case of certain roads the work of maintenance could be dispensed with and the cancellation of the contract might be justified the Contractor being paid for the work performed by him to date. If the contract for the maintenance of certain roads could not be thus dispensed with their cancellation would be to a large extent depend on the date on which they were entered into. If entered into before the War, the Council might take the fact into consideration, though this by itself would not be sufficient grounds for cancelling the contract.

The view the Local Government Board took was that where a contract entered into since the outbreak of the War was for a period of two or more years, it might be reasonable to assume that a contractor could not at the time he entered into the contract have foreseen that the War would extend for so long a period, and according an application to cancel such a contract at anytime after the expiration of the first year might possibly be justified. In the case of a contract now running for a year or less, the Local Government Board considered that as the contractor should have been in a position to tender at a rate which would secure his own interest, the contract should not be cancelled, unless it could be shown that this was necessary for exceptional reasons.

In the case of contracts running for two or more years and in respect of which contractors allege they were unable to carry on at the stipulated price, a safe course which the Council might adopt, would be to ascertain from the Contractors, the minimum price which they would be willing to carry on the work for the period of the Contract, and then issue advertisements inviting tenders from outside persons for the work. If they obtained tenders at a price less than that at which the contractor was prepared to

carry out the contract the Council might with his consent cancel the contract and enter into a new one with the accepted tenderer, if the person tendering named a higher price than that specified by the contractor a new contract at the price could be entered into with the Contractor.

By adopting such a course the Council would be in a very strong position to justify their action before the Local Government Auditor, or in any appeal against an allowance made in the circumstances, to the Local Government Board or the High Court."

The following recommendation was submitted from the Finance & Roads Committee Meeting of 16th June:-

"That we recommend the County Council to request Messrs O'Connor & Co., Solicitors, to furnish a list of pre-war Road Contractors, viz:- those accepted on 30th June 1915 or prior to that date on whose behalf Messrs O'Connor & Co., had made application to the County Council for a War Bonus of 30 per cent, with a statement as to the circumstances affecting each contract. That this matter be dealt with by the Finance & Roads Committee meeting of 4th July."

Mr Cowman proposed the confirmation of the recommendation of Finance & Roads Committee.

Mr M. Doyle seconded.

"Passed"

Lighting of Lamp at Ballyhack.

Under date 21st May 1917, Mr P. Cummins, Ballyhack, wrote that owing to the enormous increase in the price of paraffin oil he could not continue lighting the lamp at Ballyhack Slip according to present agreement. When the County Council advertised in 1914 for the lighting of two lamps at Ballyhack, oil was then over 100 per cent cheaper, and he based his estimate at the lowest possible figure for the lighting of two lamps at £8 per annum providing oil etc., The Council had only one lamp lighted for which he was paid £4 per annum. he was willing to continue lighting one lamp at a fair remuneration, but he could not continue doing so according to present arrangements.

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

"That contract for lighting lamps at Ballyhack entered into with Mr P. Cummins, be determined as from Wednesday 18th July. That, in the meantime, advertisements be issued for lamplighter for attending and

lighting one lamp, person appointed to also provide oil. That we empower the Finance & Roads Committee to accept what in their opinion is the most suitable tender for this work."

Boyce's Bay Contract.

Under date 31st May 1917, the following letter (No. 26518-1917 Wexford) was read from the Local Government Board:-

"With reference to your letter of the 18th instant, and to previous correspondence relative to the decree obtained by the Wexford County Council against Mr H. P. Gahan in respect of his contract to build a wall at Boyce's Bay, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to state that this is a matter which the County Council must deal with on their own responsibility, with the advice of their Solicitor, and the Co. Surveyor.

It should be borne in mind that any decision of the Council to waive portion of the decree obtained by them in this case will be subject to review by the Auditor."

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

"That H. P. Gahan be held to the terms of his contract as to repairs at Boyce's Bay."

Mr Cloney proposed the confirmation of the Minutes of Finance & Roads Committee.

Mr Whelan seconded.

"Passed"

Local Government Elections.

Under date 30th April 1917, letter No. 80/M/1917, Misc., was read from the Local Government Board, stating that they understood that the Royal Assent had been given to the Bill Amending the Parliament and Local Elections Act 1916, and that the new Act contained a clause providing in effect that the local elections due to be held before the 30th November next, were further postponed for a year.

The election of County Councillors, Rural District Councillors, and of Guardians in Urban Districts which would have been held in the months of May and June were accordingly postponed.

Under date 25th May 1917, Circular letter No. 27341/ 1917, Misc., was read from the Local Government Board, forwarding copy of the Parliament

& Elections Act 1917. In their Circular letter the Local Government Board dealt with the extension of term of office of Councillors and Urban Guardians, Annual Meetings, Vacancies and the Appointment of Committees.

Under date 7th June 1917, Sealed Order No. 27341-1917, entitled "the County Committees (Ireland) Order 1917, dealing with the appointment of Management Committees of a lunatic Asylum, County Infirmary or fever hospital, and of a hospital or dispensary under the Tuberculosis Prevention (Ireland) Acts 1908, and 1913, was read from the Local Government Board.

Marked "Read"

Audit of Accounts.-Public Bodies.

Under date 5th May 1917, letter No. 22321-1917, was read from the Local Government Board, forwarding copy of their Auditor's report on his audit of the Accounts of Gorey Union for the half year ended 30th September 1916.

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Marked "Read"

Sheep Dipping.

Under date 4th May 1917, letters were read from Mr James Murphy, Coolbawn, Ferns, and Mr George Brett, Tannerhill, Ballycogley, consenting to act as Sheep Dipping Inspectors on the terms and conditions agreed to by the County Council.

The Secretary stated he had received letters from the following offering to place their swim baths at the disposal of sheepowners at the rates stated opposite their names:-

R. A. Byron, Orristown Killinick.	3d per sheep.
Geo B. Deacon, Monart West, Enniscorthy.	2d " "
Michael Corcoran, Nash, New Ross.	2d " "
Joseph Deacon, Camross.	1 ¹ / ₂ d " "
P. Cooney, Oulart.	1 ¹ / ₂ d " "

Mr T. McCarthy, Kiltaly, wrote under date 13th June 1917, that he would accept whatever price was regulated, for his swim bath.

Mr Thorpe proposed:- "That we fix the charge for use of swim baths by sheepowners at 1¹/₂d per sheep for Summer dipping, and 2d per sheep for Autumn dipping.

Mr Cloney seconded.

"Passed"

Poisons & Pharmacy Act.

Applications for licences and renewals under the above Act were received from:-

Kate Colfer, Ballymitty.

Henry Hill, Ballycanew,

Patrick McMenamin, Ballycanew.

M. Roche, Ballyanne Mills, New Ross.

Luke Dwyer, 9 North Street, New Ross.

Edward Brennan, Taghmon.

Laurence Codd, 26 Main Street, Enniscorthy.

John Roche, Camolin.

John Purcell, Broadway.

James J. Stafford, South Main Street, Wexford.

W.H. McGuire, Quay, Wexford.

John S. Hearn, South Street, New Ross.

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

"That licences under Poisons & Pharmacy Act or Renewals for same, be granted to the persons making application as per list submitted by our Secretary."

Isle of Wight Disease in Bees.

On the motion of Lord Courtown, seconded by Mr Thorpe, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That we hereby agree to the County Wexford Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction paying compensation in respect of Isle of Wight disease, as in the case for destruction of stocks of bees etc., as obtains in respect of cases of foul brood."

RESOLUTIONS.

The following resolution was read from the Forth Farmers' Association:-

"That owing to the scarcity of Lime and the vital necessity of this article to farmers under the new Tillage Scheme, we call on the County Council and through them, the Department of Agriculture, to have careful examination made of the Lime-stone belt of Sub-Soil running from Baldwinstown to Kerlogue, and to secure the most suitable spot to open limekilns where farmers may purchase lime at cost price."

"Adopted on the motion of Mr M. Doyle, seconded by Mr Cowman."

"The Secretary was instructed to furnish copy of this resolution to the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction."

Restrictions on Excursion Traffic.

Under date 8th May 1917, a resolution was read from the Cork Industrial Development Association, calling upon the Irish Railway Executive Committee to withdraw immediately the regulation prohibiting the running of trains in Ireland at excursion and tourist rates this year, as war conditions had not militated against the prosperity and development of Irish seaside and health resorts, no compensating advantages had been forthcoming to relieve the depression and consequent decay now prevailing at these centres, and that the regulation could not fail to effect still more injuriously the traders and interests in those districts and towns dependent upon Summer traffic."

"The above resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr O'Neill, seconded by Mr James Codd."

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

That we call the attention of the Irish Railway Executive Committee to the injustice imposed on the Workers of Wexford town, by the withdrawal of the Sunday train service to Rosslare from Wexford, which we believe will seriously militate against the health of the Wexford people, more especially children. We are convinced that no valid objection can be made to the proposal to have one train to and from Rosslare each Sunday in the Summer season."

Capitation Grant to Lunatic Asylums.

The following resolution adopted at a Conference of representatives of County Boroughs and County Councils held in Dublin on 30th April 1917, was read:-

"That the members of this Conference approve of the resolutions on this subject adopted by the Conference of Public Bodies, held in Dublin on November 15th 1910.

That we demand that the Government make a contribution of half the gross cost, including capital charges, involved in the maintenance of the lunatics now in residence, or that shall in the future be in residence in the District Lunatic Asylums in Ireland.

Royal Commission on Local Taxation, and to provide the Local Authorities, through the Irish Local Taxation Account with the additional funds necessary to enable to properly discharge their obligations without imposing any further burden on the ratepayers, and that Section 6 of the Local Government (Ireland) Act of 1902 be repealed."

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

Vice-Presidency of Department of Agriculture.

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

"That we the Members of the Meath County Council, call on the Government to appoint to the post of Vice-President of the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction an Irishman who is a practical agriculturist and who thoroughly understands the necessities of the Country in this crisis of our food supplies."

"Adopted on the motion of Mr Cloney, seconded by Mr O'Byrne."

Brewing, Malting and Distilling Trades.

Under date 21st May 1917, a letter was read from the Irish Maltsters' Association, calling attention to the serious effect of the Government Restrictions upon the Brewing, Malting, and Distilling Trades of Ireland. If the business of Irish Maltsters were to be cut down to about one-fourth of the pre-war output in the general interests of the United Kingdom, the English Government, as a matter of justice should give fair and reasonable compensation. The proposal to increase the beer output in Munition areas, at the expense of non-munition areas would press with particular severity on Ireland, where there was practically no munition area, and would mean the transferring to England of the great Brewing Industry of Ireland. The Government up to the present had fixed no minimum price for barley to be harvested next Autumn, and it was feared that one of the results would be that the crop would go very largely out of cultivation. This would have a disastrous effect upon Agriculture in barley growing districts. Experience had conclusively shown that in large districts in Ireland the land is more suitable for barley than any other crop and the growing of it is regarded by thousands of farmers as essential in their scheme of crop rotation. Such land, if devoted to a crop which does not suit it as well, is being used uneconomically."

Under date 5th June 1917, a letter was read from the Enniscorthy Branch of the Licensed Grocers and Vintners Protection Association, asking the

County Council to send delegates to a public meeting to be held in Enniscorthy on 24th June 1917, for the purpose of protesting against the recent confiscatory restrictions on the Distilling, Malting, and Licensing Trades, and to demand their immediate withdrawal."

On the motion of Mr Cowman, seconded by Mr Whelan, the following were appointed as delegates of the County Council to the Enniscorthy Meeting on Sunday 24th June:- The Chairman (Mr John Bolger) the Vice-Chairman (Mr M. Doyle) Messrs J.J. Stafford, T. Asple, P. O'Neill, J. Lynch,

A Resolution also dealing with the restrictions on the Licensed Trade of Ireland and allied Industries, was read from the Organising Committee of the Queen's Co., Protest Meeting, held on 3rd June 1917.

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

"That in the interests of Irish Agriculture we enter our strongest protest against the Government restrictions imposed on the Brewing and Malting Distilling and Licensing Trades, and request Members of Parliament to have these restrictions immediately cancelled."

Bantry Commons.

Under date 9th June 1917, a letter was read from Mr E.J. Murphy, Rate Collector, New Ross, stating that when serving Demand Notes in connection with ratings on Bantry Commons, he caught a man named McDonnell, son of James McDonnell bringing a cow off the Mountain. He admitted the cow was his property, and also admitted some sheep further on were his. He also caught a son of Moses Kealy driving some calves along the Mountain path, and ~~XXX~~ later saw him with some horses and cattle at the Mountain pool. He served notice on Kealy.

When serving notice on Michael Doran's wife, she admitted having some cattle on the Mountain. When in chase of McDonnell he had seen Doran's cattle being removed, and when Doran's son was challenged about them he refused to give any information.

He also discovered that Thomas Murphy, whose name was omitted from the Valuation list, had stock on the Mountain. He also found a young woman bringing cattle off the Mountain, and when challenged as to ownership, she refused to give any information, and said the cattle were not on the Mountain. He could not discover the owners of the cattle. Parties on whom he had served notices stated that they had whatever stock they

possessed on the Mountain and couldnot live without it. In his journey over the Mountain, Mr Murphy stated that he had seen lots of sheep grazing and was told that they belonged to Carlow farmers. It was very difficult to discover the owners of cattle grazing on the Mountain as the animals were now branded with signs not with initials. The Council could now see how difficult it was for a Collector to find out the owners of what stocks are on the Mountain, considering the means adopted by the graziers to put him off the scent."

Under date 6th June Mr Murphy wrote asking for the Solicitor of the County Council to issue summonses against parties on whom he had served notices for payment of rates on Bantry Commons.

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

"That our Solicitor be instructed to assist Mr Murphy as to obtaining payment of rates due in respect of Bantry Commons, but we consider that Mr Murphy should attend to the matter of issuing and serving summonses himself."

University Scholarship Scheme.

Under date May 14th 1917, Mr James O'Connor, University Student of Co. Council, wrote that he had obtained a place in the Inns of Court Cadet Corps, and in consequence he requested the County Council to hold over his Scholarship until the conclusion of his period of military service.

On the motion of Mr Cowman, seconded by Mr Thorpe, the following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was adopted:-

"That, as Mr James O'Connor, University Student of this County Council, has volunteered for Military service we hereby agree to his Scholarship being reserved for him until the completion of his military service."

On the motion of Mr Cowman, seconded by Mr O'Neill, the following recommendations of Finance & Roads Committee were adopted:-

"That the following change be made in the University Scholarship Scheme as regards payment of Scholarships, etc:-

"Of the amount of the Scholarship not more than £12 shall be allocated for College fees, the balance shall be paid for Board and Lodgings in a recognized hostel, but should any portion of this balance be unexpended for hostel fees, in the case of students attending the full

University terms, it will be handed over the Student to defray Entrance fee, cost of books and travelling expenses."

"Consideration of revision of Scheme, and eligibility of Candidates as per section 10 (2) of the Irish University Act 1908, to be dealt with at the Annual Meeting of the County Council in each year."

Rate Collector Tobin.

Under date 11th May 1917, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 24018: 1917) approving of the appointment for the current year of Mr Matthew Tobin, as Rate Collector. At the close of the financial year the permanent appointment of Mr Tobin will be considered.

Marked "Read"

Rate Collector Somers.

Under date 3rd June 1917, the following letter (No. 29768: 1917) was read from the Local Government Board:-

"With reference to your letter of the 6th instant, forwarding a letter from Mr Edward Somers, Poor Rate Collector, in Wexford County, relative to the payment to him of poundage fees in respect of the year ended the 31st March last, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to point out that the Collector has had ample time to enforce the payment of the outstanding rates, and that they cannot allow any further extension of the time within which he may comply with the terms of his bond by the lodgment of the outstanding amount.

With regard to the closing words of the Collector's letter, I am to point out that the Collector misapprehends his position, as he has already forfeited his right to any poundage fees, and serious consequences to him might ensue if he were to persist in adopting a defiant attitude.

The letter of Mr Somers is returned herewith."

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

"That we understand Mr Somers is under the impression that he would be in a better position to recover amount of arrears of rates on Bantry Commons by not lodging to the credit of the Council, as in such an event it would become a personal debt to himself, and, as we have personal knowledge of the fact that Mr Somers is most anxious to obtain payment of the outstanding rates, we request the Local Government Board to sanction payment of his poundage on amount lodged during half-year ended

31st March last

We would point out that the adoption of this course as regards previous arrears, very considerably helped in obtaining a decree against persons using Bantry Commons."

RECOMMENDATIONS- FINANCE & ROADS COMMITTEE.

Lodgings-Quarrymen:- "That in the circumstances explained to this meeting by the County Surveyor, we agree to payment of £1. 1/- to Andrew Redmond, Tincurry, Ballycarney, for providing lodgings for seven weeks at 3/- per week for quarrymen engaged at Tincurry Quarry, but we consider that for the future this charge should be provided by an increase in the wages of the quarrymen when engaged at Tincurry Quarry, the increased amount to cover cost of procuring lodgings only."

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

Motor Duty:- "That our Solicitor (Mr R. W. Elgee) be empowered to employ the services of Counsel in the appeal taken in the case of the County Council versus Mrs Catherine Sheehan, New Ross, in connection with the payment of Motor Duty."

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

Ballyanne-Ballywilliam Road:- "That Messrs Asple and J.A.Doyle, County Councilors, and Mr B. O'Neill, D.C., Ballindoney, Ballywilliam, be requested to act as a Committee to inspect the road complained of by Mr Budgen situate between Ballyanne and Ballywilliam, and to submit a report to Finance & Roads Committee."

On the motion of Mr Cowman, seconded by Mr Stafford, the following recommendation of Finance & Roads Committee was adopted:-

"That the report of the Committee of Inspection Ballyanne-Ballywilliam Road be received and adopted, and that the County Surveyor be instructed to carry out the recommendations of the Committee to utilise last year's and this year's tonnage on the road as soon as he considers same to be advisable."

Assistant Surveyor Doyle:- "That the attention of Mr Doyle, Assistant Surveyor, be called to the complaint of the County Surveyor as to neglect in furnishing his weekly diaries, and that he be informed that unless the diaries are lodged in proper time serious notice of his omission will be taken."

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

Rates-Saltee Island:- "This Committee request the Local Government

Board to reconsider their refusal to allow to Collector Blake refund of £5. 13. 4d Irrecoverable Rates on the small Saltee Island in view of the fact that the Island is derelict, that the occupier is in the Lunatic Asylum, and that he has no other property. We realise that from the circumstances of the case it was impossible for the Collector to secure payment of the Rates."

The Secretary stated that the Local Government Board had agreed to request of the Finance & Roads Committee."

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

Roads in Co. Surveyor's hands:- "That in the case of roads for which no tenders have been received and for which the County Surveyor has been unable to find contractors, that he be instructed to make arrangements to provide material and get it delivered on the different roads and to get it spread and other necessary work carried out, and that payment be made according to the amount of work done, and that he furnish reports as to progress of work and amount of money expended at each meeting of the Finance Committee."

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

Mileage Allowance Application:- "That at the end of September next, Mr Treanor, Senior Assistant Surveyor, submit a statement of extra mileage travelled by him in connection with the preparation in quarries of road metalling, which will receive favourable consideration."

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

Coroners' Telegrams:- "That we recommend the County Council to agree to the payment of telegrams incidental to inquests sent by Mr J.J. Roche, Coroner for South Wexford, as from 31st March 1917."

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

Cappoquin Industrial School:- "That no order be made on this communication in view of the resolution of the Council that no increase should be granted to any Industrial Schools which were at present in receipt of a capitation grant of 2/6 per week."

"No Order" in view of the resolution of County Council not to increase grant to Schools already receiving grant of 2/6 weekly."

"The Manager and Secretary, of Balmoral Industrial School, Belfast, wrote under date 21st May 1917, that this was the only school at present for Protestant boys in Ireland, and as they had no agreement with Wexford

County Council for the reception and maintenance of children, they forwarded form of agreement to be entered into by the Council."

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

"That the County Council be recommended to enter into the agreement suggested by the Manager of the Balmoral Industrial School, as this is the only Industrial School at present at which Protestant Boys can be received."

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

County Wexford Infirmary:- "We recommend that the grant to the County Wexford Infirmary for the duration of the War be increased from £1,100 to £1,300 per annum, this recommendation to carry the right of reconsideration of the amount of grant to be given the Institution at the termination of the War."

Under date 9th June 1917, the following resolution was submitted from the Wexford Trades & Labour Council:-

"That we are of opinion that the arrangement made at the last meeting of the Governors of the County Wexford Infirmary whereby operation cases are to be sent to Dublin hospitals will cause great hardship to patients as owing to the present congested state of Dublin Hospitals due to military requirements they may have to wait an undue length of time before being attended to thereby endangering their chances of recovery. We are also of the opinion that the Governors should take into consideration the heavy additional expense which this arrangement will involve."

That we strongly protest against the failure of the Governors to make any effort in the interests of patients to have more satisfactory arrangements made, and also against the remark made at the meeting, that patients could be "Patched up" whilst awaiting operation."

Mr P. Keating proposed:- "That the recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee as to increase of grant to County Infirmary by £200 be confirmed."

Mr O'Neill seconded.

As an amendment, Mr Hearn proposed:-

"That the recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee agreeing to an increased Grant of £200 to the County Infirmary be not confirmed, as the circumstances of management have completely changed since the increased amount was granted by the Finance & Roads Committee."

A Poll was taken with the following result:-

For the Amendment:- Messrs Barry, Whelan, M. Doyle, O'Byrne, Cowman, Lynch, Thorpe, Redmond, M. Codd, Lord Courtown, and the Chairman.-11.

Against:- Messrs James Codd, P. Keating, O'Neill, Kehoe, J. A. Doyle, Asple, Cloney, and Mayler.-8.

The Chairman declared the amendment carried.

Rate Collector O'H. Walsh.

Under date 31st May 1917, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 27635 : 1917, Wexford Co.,) stating they would not object to Mr P. F. O'Byrne acting as deputy Collector for Mr N. O'H. Walsh, during the latter's illness provided the consent of Mr Walsh's sureties be obtained.

"The Secretary stated that the Sureties (Mr L. McCarthy, Charlotte St. Wexford, and Mr L. Magrath, Knocktarton) had written consenting to this arrangement, and their letter had been forwarded the Local Government Board.

Marked "Read"

Proposed Agreement Co Insurance Committee & County Council.

Correspondence in connection with above was submitted:-

In connection with an interview which the Secretary Co Council had with Dr W. J. Maguire, (National Health Insurance Commission) he had written Dr Maguire the following letter under date 26th April 1917:-

"That amount due by County Insurance Committee according to our accounts to 31st March last is £682. 17. 2d. Your proposal is that, as from 1st March 1916 to 31st December 1917, the Insurance Committee should pay £220 which is taken to represent one-fifth of the salaries and expenses of Tuberculosis Officer and Chief Tuberculosis Nurse. From 1st March 1916 to 31st December 1917 represents 22 months, and the salary for this period, calculating Dr O'Connor's at £500 per annum, and Miss O'Connor's at £100 per annum, would be £1,100. You propose paying one-fifth of this, viz:- £220. The amount due, according to our accounts, to 31st March 1916 is £562. 17. 6d and allowing off one-fifth a month's salary for Dr O'Connor and for the Nurse the amount would be £552, 17. 6d, but as your figure is £552. 6. 4d there is no material difference in the figures.

It was correct to assume that the Tuberculosis Officer took up duty on 19th March 1913, and the Nurse in May same year.

be cancelled by a payment of £100. This would leave the County Insurance Committee with an income for the rest of the year of £244 and £70 for administrative expenses.

As regards proposed agreement, seeing that the County Insurance Committee have dropped domiciliary treatment, the services of the part-time nurses are dispensed with, and, therefore, the Tuberculosis Committee are to have no responsibility under that head.

As I explained to you, the County Council will only enter into the agreement provided they are as well off financially as at present. They have acted generously in agreeing to accept one-fifth of salary and expenses of Tuberculosis Officer and Nurse, for, of the adults taking advantage of dispensary system in respect of half-year ended 31st March last, 73 were insured persons and 69 non-insured. As for the 177 children treated at dispensaries in respect of same period, the Tuberculosis Officer informs me that the majority of them were dependants of insured persons.

It is recognised that the Insurance Committee should make the most favourable terms they can for the insured, but, on the other hand, it is the business of the County Council to see that a fair portion of their rates should go for treatment of the non-insured poor and who are in no position to make contributions. It may also be pointed out that the insured persons have the services of a dentist at the dispensaries of Enniscorthy, New Ross, and Wexford, and all the expenses under this head salaries and dental fittings- are borne by the County Council.

So far as I know the feelings of the County Council, they will do what they can to administer the money of the County Insurance Committee, but they will not bind themselves in any way to provide money from the Rates for the treatment of insured people. If the money of the Insurance Committee is not sufficient to provide treatment of all insured persons, it must be understood that the County Council will not admit or agree to a prescriptive right to treatment for insured persons. The latter must take their chance with the non-insured and I feel that a number of the Councillors will hold, -if it be a question of paying for treatment from money contributed from the Rates as between an insured and non-insured person- that the latter will have the prior claim.

There is still one important point outstanding- the provision of outfits for insured persons recommended institutional treatment. The Local Government Board have held that the Tuberculosis Committee have no power

to provide outfits for non-insured patients, and it has been necessary to depend upon the generosity of charitable persons or Associations to provide these.

Will the Insurance Committee pay for such outfits for insured persons as in the past? If not, how are they to be obtained?

I should be glad to have your observations as soon as possible, as I have a meeting of the County Council on 2nd prox.,"

Under date 26th April 1917, the following to the Secretary from Dr Maguire, was read:-

"I am obliged for your letter which I received yesterday. As regards the proposed agreement between the Council and the Insurance Committee. I quite understand the position of the Council in not wishing to give insured persons a prescriptive right to treatment if the funds of the Committee are not sufficient to defray the cost of such treatment. But the agreement will not give any such right. The Council will be bound to give treatment only up to the limit of the amount contributed for the purpose by the Committee and when that limit has been reached there will be no further obligation on the Council. An insured person must then take his chance the same as an uninsured person of getting treatment from the Council.

Under the agreement it will still be possible for the Insurance Committee to provide outfits for persons going to a Sanatorium, but if they do so, the amount of treatment which they can demand from the Council will be correspondingly curtailed. As you are aware the agreement provides for the payment to the Council of $1/2$ out of $1/3$ credited to the Committee for the purposes of sanatorium benefit.

Out of each such sum of $1/2$:- 6d is applied towards the cost of institutional treatment., 6d is applied in the first instance, towards the payment of a contribution to the Council in respect of the Tuberculosis Officer's services, etc., and whatever then remains out of the 6d, can be applied by the Committee towards domiciliary treatment, extra institutional treatment, etc., outfits, etc.,

If, therefore, the Committee ask the Council to provide an outfit for a certain person the result will be that the value of the domiciliary treatment or extra institutional treatment which they can under the agreement demand from the Council will be diminished by the cost of the outfit.

The provision of such outfits is a practice which we do our best to

discourage in view of the possibilities of abuse. Wherever possible any clothing required should be provided by the person needing it or his friends. But cases may probably arise where it will be absolutely necessary for the Committee to provide the articles, and in such a case the Tuberculosis Officer after investigation, can certify to the Insurance Committee that unless clothing is provided by them the insured person cannot avail of the treatment recommended.

The objection may be raised that the ruling of the Local Government Board not to allow expenditure on outfits to count for the purposes of recoupment out of the Maintenance Grant debars the Council from supplying such articles at the request of the Insurance Committee. The provision of outfits is, however, undoubtedly within the powers of the Committee and is "treatment" within the meaning of the agreement, so you will understand from what I have explained that in supplying an outfit for a patient of the Committee the Council will be providing "treatment" just the same as if medicines, etc., were supplied. Moreover, you will recognise that expenditure on outfits will not in such circumstances affect expenditure for the purposes of the Grant.

The present financial position of the Committee so far as we can estimate is as follows...

The total amount available to the Committee in respect of this year is £1,253. 1. 0d. Against this is to be reckoned a debit balance of £172. 18. 6d at the commencement of the year, together with £446 already issued, thus leaving at the present moment available for treatment and administration £634. 2. 6d. We cannot say what the present outstanding liabilities are, but the cost of administration for the last eight months of the year should be £80. If, therefore, £320 is paid to the Council there will be available (1) to discharge outstanding liabilities, and (2) to defray the cost of treatment during the remainder of the year, about £224. 2. 6d (-£634. 2. 6d. -£320. - £80).

I hope I have given you all the information you require.

If there is any point on which I can be of any assistance to you, I should be only too willing to let you have further information before your meeting on the 2nd proximo."

Under date 30th April 1917, the following letter was read from Miss O'Ryan, Clerk Co. Wexford Insurance Committee:-

"At last Wednesday's meeting of this Committee I was directed to let

you have a full statement of our financial position with a view to arriving at a settlement in respect of amount due in respect of promised contribution towards the salaries of the Chief Tuberculosis Officer and Nurse.

Dr Maguire of the Insurance Commission has sent me copy of his letter of the 26th April to you, so it will not be necessary for me to again go into detail. Suffice it to say that the Committee are very anxious to settle this matter at once, so that the Council may not think that they are trying to evade their debts.

Dr Maguire pointed out to the Insurance Committee that in other areas the Commission only sanctioned payment of one-fifth of the salary and expenses of the Tuberculosis Officer, and in return got a fully equipped dispensary system with proper nursing arrangements. Here they are prepared to sanction payment of one-fifth of the salaries and expenses of Tuberculosis Officer and Whole-time Nurse, but in return the Committee will expect dispensary treatment with the proper nursing arrangements.

I think Dr Maguire has told you that the Committee are prepared to pay-over to you at present a sum of £220, which would cover at the rate of one-fifth of the salaries and expenses of the Tuberculosis Officer and Nurse, a period from 1st March 1916 to 31st December 1917.

Concerning sums due in respect of services prior to this period, the Committee would also like to arrive at a settlement. Owing to the weak state of financial condition, the full amount due could not be settled at once. Would the Council accept a certain sum say £100, in addition to the £220 and wipe out the whole old debt? If the Council cannot meet us in such a generous manner, perhaps they would allow us to pay off the old debt (i.e., the sum due prior to March 1916) in yearly instalments.

The only reason we can put forward for a friendly settlement of this matter would be, sameness of work of both bodies, and the fact that in the early days of the Committee owing to the want of a dispensary system/^{we} were obliged to undertake more work than we should have done had the dispensaries been in working order.

I hope Dr Maguire has given you all the necessary points of information for your meeting."

The following under date 3rd May 1917, was also read from Miss O'Ryan:-

"In reply to yours of the 1st inst., and with further reference to the question of the proposed agreement, I think the Model Form of agreement as already submitted to you covers all the points that may afterwards be

raised.

Re Dispensary treatment as Dr Maguire stated at the last meeting of this Committee, we should insist on some form of attendance from the nurse or nurses you employ, otherwise what are we going to get in return for the contribution we are to pay towards the nurse's salary?.

This Committee is prepared to pay one-fifth of the salaries and expenses of the Tuberculosis Officer and Nurse and in return are only getting dispensary treatment. We have dispensed with the services of the nurses employed by the Nursing Associations, and as we have also discontinued domiciliary treatment, it will not effect our work whether you employ one nurse or several.

By proper nursing arrangements we mean that insured persons who attend dispensaries, should have the care of a nurse as well as a doctor.

I am sorry you take exception to the penultimate paragraph of my letter of the 30th ultimo, but I must repeat what is the opinion of this Committee, that in the early days we had to combat the spread of tuberculosis without receiving the due amount of support from your Committee, and often had to strain a point in taking over patients who should properly have belonged to your Committee had latter been at work. However, this is not the point to discuss at present but, what is to be done to bring about a suitable arrangement for both Committees, or, failing the signing of the agreement, will you let us know if you can fall in with our suggestions and accept our offer towards the settlement of amount due in respect of past services of the Tuberculosis Officer and Nurse? "

Under date 11th June 1917, the following Letter (No. 30199-1917, Wexford Co.,) was read from the Local Government Board:-

"I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 8th instant, relative to the proposed Agreement between the Wexford County Council and the County Insurance Committee, and, in reply, I am to point out that under the Agreement the cost of the treatment of insured patients recommended by the Insurance Committee will be payable by the Tuberculosis Committee of the County Council, and together with the cost of treatment of non-insured patients, will rank for recoupment from the Exchequer Maintenance Grant to the extent of one-half the net approved expenditure, by inclusion in the customary half-yearly returns. (Form E). "

In consequence of the decision of the County Insurance Committee

to discontinue the services of the "part-time" Nurses, applications for contributions for "part-time" service were received from the Nursing Associations of Enniscorthy, Gorey, New Ross, and Newtownbarry.

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

"That this matter be referred to the Finance & Roads Committee Meeting of 4th July."

Cherryorchard Quarry.

The following report of Committee re Cherryorchard Quarry, was received by the Finance & Roads Committee, and adopted by them:-

"At the meeting of the County Council held on the 2nd May 1917, a letter was read from Mr George Sharpe, Cherryorchard, Enniscorthy, offering to sell his quarry at Cherryorchard to the Council for a sum of £500.

A resolution was adopted by the Council, appointing Messrs P. O'Neill, T. Asple, Mark Codd, and James Lynch, as a Committee, with the County Surveyor, to visit Cherryorchard and consult with Mr Sharpe, and report.

The Committee met on 5th May 1917, Messrs O'Neill, Asple, Codd, and the County Surveyor, being present, Mr Sharpe and the Secretary to the County Council, being also in attendance.

The Committee desire to point out that, having gone very carefully into the working of the quarry, they find that the present price allowed Mr Sharpe, viz:- 3/2 per cubic yard for quarrying, is only sufficient to cover working expenses. About 3,000 cubic yards of material are supplied to the road contracts from the quarry, and, as the stone is most suitable and gives satisfactory results, the Committee are most anxious that some inducement should be given to Mr Sharpe to continue its working.

They, however, recommend that the present agreement with Mr Sharpe should be determined and that he should be paid 3/6 per cubic yard for quarrying. This with 3,000 cubic yards would give him an increase of £50 over his present receipts.

The Committee are not prepared to recommend the Council to take over the quarry and work same direct."

Under date 15th May 1917, Mr George Sharpe wrote that he would continue to work quarry provided the County Council could see their way to give two pence per cubic yard extra, in addition to the 4d extra per cubic yard recommended by the Committee.

"On the motion of Mr Cowman, seconded by Mr Lynch, the recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee to receive and adopt the report was confirmed."

Loading Bank at Sparrowsland.

The following was submitted:-

"At the Meeting of the County Council on 2nd May 1917, the following resolution was adopted:-

That we request the Dublin & South Eastern Railway Co., to carry out the necessary small repairs at loading bank at Sparrowsland siding in order to allow the County Council to load road material there and further to provide for the loading of farm produce.

On 21st May, the bank in question was inspected by Mr Radcliffe, Assistant to Mr Moore, Engineer to the Railway Co., Mr Radcliffe was met by Mr Asple, County Councillor for the division, the County Surveyor, Co. Secretary and the Senior Assistant Surveyor.

The Representatives of the Council present on the occasion desire to report that a new loading bank in a more Southerly position than that at present utilized is required, as the present one has almost disappeared, and is difficult of access in winter or after rain.

The new bank should be about 17 yards long and six yards wide properly pitched and metalled.

A proper unloading bank adjoining the loading bank should be also provided, and should allow sufficient space for discharge of goods from two or three wagons.

In view of the fact that these alterations at the siding would result in the County Council saving about 1/- per cubic yard on road metalling from Ballybrennan sent by rail, the County Council representatives recommend that, provided the Railway Company decline to bear the complete cost of the improvement, the County Council might agree to contribute one moiety thereof within a reasonable limit.

Mr Radcliffe went fully into the matter, and stated that he would lay his report before the Railway Directors."

At the meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee, the Chairman submitted correspondence which he had with Mr John Coghlan, Traffic Manager, D. & S. E. Railway Co., in the matter when it was decided that the County Surveyor be instructed to furnish a reply to the communication

of MrCoghlan.

"It was decided that no further action be taken pending the decision of the meeting of D. & S. E. Railway Directors in the matter."

Holidays for Staff.

On the motion of the Chairman,

Seconded by Mr Kehoe, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the Secretary and County Surveyor be allowed each a month's Summer holidays, and that they arrange the holidays of their Staffs, so as to best suit the working conditions of each office."

Revision of Valuation.

On the motion of Lord Courtown,

Seconded by Mr Lynch,

the following resolution was adopted:-

"That we empower the Finance & Roads Committee of this Council to deal with all applications for revisions of Valuation".

Analyst's Report.

The following was read:-

City Laboratory,

Chatham Row.

DUBLIN. 11th June 1917

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 1917.

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

<u>Article.</u>	<u>Number.</u>
Butter	26
Whiskey	24
Milk	19
Margarine	12
Port Wine	6
Cheese	5
Rum	5
Dripping	4
Buttermilk	4
Cocoa	4

<u>Article</u>	<u>Number</u>
Bread	4
Cornflour	3
Brandy	3
Lard	3
Gin	3
Coffee	2
Ginger Wine	2
Sugar	2
Mustard	2
Pepper	1
Rice	1
Beef Suet	1
Flour	1
Tea	1
Linseed meal	1
Total	139

Two certificates were sent to Sergeant White, Wexford, for specimens of milk adulterated with at least 6,25 and 41 per cent of added water respectively and one certificate for specimen of milk deficient of at least 43 per cent of its fats.

One certificate was sent to Sergeant Tuohy, Gorey, for specimen of milk adulterated with at least 10 per cent of added water and one certificate for specimen of butter containing an excess of water, namely 18 per cent.

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

For the Guardians of Enniscorthy Union six drugs were analysed and were correct.

One specimen of maize oil was analysed for Messrs S. & A. G. Davis Ltd., Enniscorthy.

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

Total analyses.....161.

Charles A. Cameron.

Marked "Read"

Application Increase of Wages.

Under date 31st May 1917, an application was received from Mr John J. O'Gorman, Scarawalsh, foreman, gang of men employed at Steamroller, Enniscorthy District, for increased wages.

He stated he had been 15 months in the employment of the County Council, and he found it very difficult to live on 25/- per week, especially as his work involved a good deal of cycling.

The Finance & Roads Committee recommended as follows..

"That the application of Mr John J. O'Gorman for increase of wages be refused."

"Recommendation confirmed on the motion of Mr M. Doyle, seconded by Mr Stafford."

The late Major Wm H. K. Redmond M. P.,

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Cowman the following resolution was adopted in silence:-

"That we offer to Mrs Wm Redmond and to Mr John E. Redmond, M. P., the expression of our deepest regret in the loss of Major Redmond, who served his beloved Country so well and so faithfully, and who-loyal to his convictions- gave his life for the cause so dear to his heart. We sincerely hope that the sacrifice he so generously made will help to bring about a re-united and regenerated Ireland."

That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Mrs Redmond, and to Mr John E. Redmond."

The Partition of Ireland.

On the motion of Mr Cowman,

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

"That our Chairman be instructed not to vote in favour of any Scheme of Home Rule which involves the "partition" of Ireland at the forthcoming Convention."

Representation of The People Act.

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

"That in connection with the representation of The People Act at present before Parliament, we call upon the Government to substitute the word "shall" for the word "may" as regards the employment of Secretaries

of County Councils, Clerks of Unions, Town Clerks, and Rate Collectors, in carrying out the work of preparing Parliamentary & Local Government Registers of Voters."

Deeps Bridge.

The County Surveyor reported that five of the posts of the fence at the Deeps Bridge had been (according to the report of Mr Treanor, Senior Assistant Surveyor) maliciously shifted.

"It was decided that no action be taken as it was impossible to secure evidence to identify the perpetrators of the mischief."

(Signed)

John Boger

Presiding Chairman.

Dated this *1st* day of *August* 1917.

QUARTERLY MEETING. - 1st AUGUST 1917.

The Quarterly Meeting of the Wexford County Council, was held in the Co. Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford, on 1st August 1917.

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

Also:- Messrs J. S. Hearn, J. A. Doyle, N. J. Cowman, R. Scallan, James Lynch, M. Codd, James Codd, M. Cloney, L. Barry, J. J. Kehoe, P. Keating, J. J. Stafford, M. Maddock, J. Redmond, J. E. Mayler, A. Kinsella, W. Thorpe, T. Asple, Lord Courtown, Sir Thomas Esmonde, Bart., and J. J. O'Byrne.

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

Confirmation of Minutes

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and confirmed.

The late Bishop of Ferns.

The Chairman proposed, Mr Scallan seconded, and adopted:-

"That we offer to the relatives of our late revered Bishop (Most Rev Dr Browne) and to the Clergy of Ferns diocese, our heartfelt condolence in the loss they have sustained by the death of His Lordship, who directed the spiritual affairs of this Diocese with consummate ability and tact for over quarter of a century."

Motor Car Licence Duties.

Under date 9th July 1917, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 29597-1917) forwarding certified statement received from the Postmaster General showing the value of Motor Car Licence Duties levied by each County and County Borough in Ireland for the year ended 31st March 1917.

The amount for Wexford County was £879. 18.6d."

In connection with fine of £20 and costs imposed on Mrs Catherine Sheehan, New Ross, for unlawfully keeping and using a motor car without having a proper licence therefor, the Under Secretary, Dublin Castle, forwarded a petition addressed to His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant, asking that the entire of the fine should be remitted, or such portion as his

Excellency considered just.

Mr C. H. Richards, Registrar Motor Licence Duties, Co Council, submitted a reply to the Memorial of Mrs Sheehan.

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

"That a copy of Memorandum submitted by Mr C. H. Richards, Registrar Motor Licence Duties, in connection with the appeal of Mrs Catherine Sheehan New Ross, for remission of fine of £20 under the Motor Car Act be submitted to the Lord Lieutenant, and that we recommend His Excellency to remit the fine to £10. 10/-: Mrs Sheehan to be still held liable for payment of £6. 6/ motor licence duty, as we understand from the statement of Registrar of Motor Duty that the Car has been used for other purposes than as a hackney carriage."

"Recommendation confirmed on the motion of Sir Thomas Esmonde, seconded by Lord Courtown."

The following recommendation was also submitted:-

"That Mr C. H. Richards communicate with Mr Peter Whelan, Bridgetown, as to not having proper hackney carriage plate in front of motor car, and that if he refuses or neglects to have this carried out that he be prosecuted."

"Confirmed on the motion of Sir Thomas Esmonde, seconded by Lord Courtown."

Under date 2nd July 1917, the Local Government Board wrote forwarding pay Order for £43. 19. 11d., and payable to the County Council, in respect of duties on licences for Motor Cars during the year ended 31st March 1917.

Under date 30th July 1917, the Under Secretary, Dublin Castle, wrote that the Lords Justices had reduced the fine in the case of Mrs Sheehan to £10. 10/- as recommended by the Finance & Roads Committee, and made no order as regards the prayer of the petition as to remission of payment of licence duty.

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

that the Road Board has since the commencement of the War failed to contribute by any new grant to the upkeep of our roads, and further that the Irish Motor tax which was imposed with a view to the improvement of the Irish roads, is diverted from its proper purpose, and unless we receive the Road Board contribution we decline to collect this tax in future."

Ballybro Flooding.

In connection with flooding at Ballybro, Mr R. W. Elgee, Solicitor to the County Council, submitted opinion of Mr John E. Walsh, B. L., who stated that in his opinion the proper persons to clean up the channel through the reclaimed lands, were the District Board of Commissioners, and he considered the appropriate form of proceedings would be a Declaration in Chancery.

The following resolution in this matter was submitted from the County Wexford Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction:-

"That we request the County Council to take steps under Regulation 2M of the defence of the Realm Act Regulations to approach the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction to have the flooding at Ballybro dealt with."

Letter from the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction under date 20th June 1917, and No. 43290-17, pointing out that Regulation 2M was not intended to cover large operations but merely to deal with small works capable of being effected at limited expense, and with a view to an immediate increase in the area of land suitable for the purposes of food production.

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

"That the matter be further referred to Mr R. W. Elgee, Solicitor to endeavour to obtain the names of the District Commissioners for the Reclaimed Lands."

Appointment of Lamplighter at Ballyhack.

The Secretary stated that the appointment of lamplighter at Ballyhack Boatslip had been referred to the Finance & Roads Committee. They had received only the one application, and had made the following recommendation:-

"That we accept the application of Mr Patrick Cummins, Ballyhack, for the lighting of lamp at Boat Slip Ballyhack at £5 per annum. Appointment to be in accordance with the terms of the Advertisement of the Co. Council."

"Confirmed on the motion of Sir Thomas Esmonde, seconded by Lord Courtown."

Applications Increases of Wages.

Mr John J. O'Gorman, foreman with County Council gang of men applied for an increase of 10/- per week in his wages of 25/-. He could not live on the last named sum, and was now doing twice as much work for the County Council as when he first entered their service.

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

"That the County Council be recommended to increase the wages of Mr John J. O'Gorman, foreman with County Council gang attending Stonebreaker, by 5/- perweek, as from 18th July 1917."

"Confirmed on the motion of Sir Thomas Esmonde, seconded by Lord Courtown."

Mr P. Byrne, blacksmith, Tara Hill Quarry, applied for increase in his wages from 28/- to 36/- per week. He stated he was paying £1 per week for board and lodging, and unless his application was agreed to he could not see his way to remain in the service of the Council.

The following recommendation was made by the Finance & Roads Committee

"That the application of Mr P. Byrne, blacksmith at Tara Hill Quarry for an increase of wages, be refused."

"Confirmed on the motion of Sir Thomas Esmonde, seconded by Lord Courtown."

Peter Dwyer, John Dwyer, James Dwyer, John Kehoe, John Doyle, and Patrick Tomkins, quarrymen working with the County Council living van, applied for an increase of their wages from £1 to £1. 5/- per week. They considered they were the hardest worked and the worst paid officials of the Council.

The following recommendation was submitted by the Finance and Roads Committee:-

"That we recommend the County Council to grant an increase of 3/- per week to Messrs Peter Dwyer, John Dwyer, James Dwyer, John Kehoe, John Doyle, and Patrick Tomkins, men working in Co Council quarries and attached to living van, said increase to run as from the date of this meeting."

"Confirmed on the motion of Sir Thomas Esmonde, seconded by Lord Courtown."

Myles Hyland, Borelia, Kilcotty, Rock Drill Operator, applied for an increase in his wages from 30/- to 35/- per week.

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

"That we recommend the County Council to fix the wages of Myles Hyland, Rock Drill Operator of the breaker by a sum of 5/- per week, said increase to date as from the present Meeting."

"Confirmed on the motion of Sir Thomas Esmonde, seconded by Lord Courtown."

RECOMMENDATIONS FINANCE & ROADS COMMITTEE.

Courtown Sewers:- "That the application of Grey R. D. Council in connection with sewers at Courtown Harbour be referred to the County Surveyor for report to next meeting."

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

"That the recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee be confirmed. That Mr Creighton, Clerk Gorey R. D. Council be requested to furnish a rough sketch plan and levels of the proposed course of new sewers at Courtown Harbour."

County Wexford Infirmary:- "That the deputation from County Wexford Infirmary relative to increased grant for the institution be heard at the General Meeting of the County Council on 1st August 1917."

"Confirmed on the motion of Sir Thomas Esmonde, seconded by Lord Courtown."

Wall at Ferrybank:- "That the letter of Major General Doran, as to repair to wall at Ferrybank be referred to the County Surveyor with instructions to inform Major General Doran that the County Council are not liable for

repairs mentioned in his letter. That the County Surveyor be further directed to furnish the Secretary, Wexford Harbour Commissioners, with a copy of letter from Major General Doran, with his observations that the work is one for which the Harbour Board are liable.6

"Confirmed on the motion of Sir Thomas Esmonde, seconded by Lord Courtown."

Preparation Road Material Etc.,:- "That the following from the Enniscorthy R. D. Council be referred to the County Surveyor-

"That the attention of the County Council be called to the necessity of having the road material prepared in time to enable Contractors to have it drawn before the Harvest."

"That their attention be also directed to the state of the Road from Ballynadaragh Bridge to Clough in Davidstown District."

"Recommendation confirmed on the motion of Sir Thomas Esmonde, seconded by Lord Courtown."

Clohamon Bridge:: - "that the County Surveyor be instructed to interview Mr John Browne, Contractor for repair of Clohamon Bridge and point out to him the lack of progress exhibited in having the work carried out. In another month (owing to floods) all operations at the structure may have to be suspended until next Summer thus causing considerable inconvenience to the people of the locality.

That the County Surveyor do all possible to have the work pushed forward without further delay."

Subsequently Mr Browne attended the meeting and explained the manner in which the work was proceeding. He promised to have it completed by the second week of September next.

"Recommendation confirmed on the motion of Sir Thomas Esmonde, seconded by Lord Courtown."

Duncannon Pier:: - "That the County Surveyor be instructed to have the necessary work at Duncannon Pier carried out by direct labour."

"Confirmed on the motion of Sir T. Esmonde, seconded by Lord Courtown."

"That the County Council be recommended to agree to pay Mr E. Stephens, Duncannon, for superintending work at Duncannon Pier and keeping

a record of the time of the men employed there a sum not exceeding £10."

"Confirmed on the motion of Sir T. Esmonde, seconded by Lord Courtown."

"That the County Council be recommended to empower the County Surveyor to purchase suitable safety chains for Duncannon Pier provided he can procure same at what he considers to be a moderate price."

"Confirmed on the motion of Sir Thomas Esmonde, seconded by Lord Courtown."

Yard at Enniscorthy:- "That we recommend the County Council to empower the County Surveyor to purchase Pulley Block and Torpeda fan for forge at yard at Enniscorthy, at a cost not exceeding £10."

"Confirmed on the motion of Sir Thomas Esmonde, seconded by Lord Courtown."

Mountgarrett Bridge:- "That our County Surveyor in conjunction with the County Surveyor of Kilkenny arrange to carry out the necessary repairs to Mountgarrett Bridge."

"Confirmed on the motion of Sir Thomas Esmonde, seconded by Lord Courtown."

Deeps Bridge:- "That the County Surveyor be instructed to take steps to have the road at Deeps Bridge raised so as to prevent flooding and reset the concrete posts. That the joints in coping where necessary should be re-pointed."

"Confirmed on the motion of Sir Thomas Esmonde, seconded by Lord Courtown."

Use of County Council Boat:- "That Mr John Kenny, Emmet Place, Wexford, be appointed to caretake the boat of the County Council provided he be prepared to enter into an agreement to repair the boat when necessary, and replace same should the craft be lost when in his possession."

"Confirmed on the motion of Lord Courtown, seconded by Sir Thomas Esmonde."

Kimore Pier Repairs:- "That the County Surveyor be instructed to see that the Contract for Works at Kilmore Harbour be proceeded with at once."

"Confirmed on the motion of Sir Thomas Esmonde, seconded by Lord Courtown."

Arthurstown Pier:- "That the question of repairs to Arthurstown Pier be adjourned pending the result of inquiries by the County Surveyor."

"Confirmed on the motion of Sir Thomas Esmonde, seconded by Lord Courtown."

Haulage of Material:- "That no objection be offered to the proposal of the County Surveyor to employ Mr Martin Flood, Castleboro, Clonroche, for haulage of material from Cherryorchard and other quarries at 6/6 per cubic yard, the County Surveyor to arrange that the checking of the material be carried out by Mr Treanor, Senior Assistant Surveyor."

"Confirmed on the motion of Sir Thomas Esmonde, seconded by Lord Courtown."

Alleged Removal & Conversion of Road Material:- "That Mr Elgee, Solicitor, and Mr Treanor, Senior Assistant Surveyor, consult as to alleged removal of road material from Road No. 200E (Edward Cullen, Boolabawn, Screen) and that proceedings be instituted against this Contractor should Mr Elgee consider that there is a reasonable prospect of succeeding in Court."

"Confirmed on the motion of Sir Thomas Esmonde, seconded by Lord Courtown."

Machinery-Cherryorchard Quarry:- "That the County Surveyor be requested to furnish to next ordinary meeting of Finance & Roads Committee, a report as to machinery offered for sale at Cherryorchard Quarry by Mr George Sharpe."

"Confirmed on the motion of Sir Thomas Esmonde, seconded by Lord Courtown."

Food Controller & Cattle Prices.

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

"That in view of the recent regulations of the Food Controller with regard to the prices of Irish Cattle, we note that these prices are:- 74/- in September, 72/- in October and November, 67/- in December, and 60/- in January. These prices should apply only to grass fed cattle. If it is proposed to apply them from December on to fat cattle, when stall fed cattle are being offered for sale, they will most injuriously affect the tillage farmers throughout Ireland.

The Government should recognise that tillage farming is much more

expensive to carry on and that it was the efforts of the tillage farmers which have helped to stand between the country and privation. Tillage farming is absolutely essential to the proper conduct of agricultural operations seeing that it is thereby we produce the manure necessary for the fertilisation of our land.

We regard the drop in prices after December as a direct blow to the tillage farmers of Ireland. As a matter of fact prices should be increased from the period when stall fed cattle are ready for market.

That copies of this resolution be furnished to the Food Controller, the County Members of Parliament, the Chief Secretary for Ireland, and the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction for Ireland."

Naval & Military War Pension (Administrative Expenses) Act 1917.

Letter from the Local Government Board under date 29th June 1917, (No. 112M-1917) relative to administrative expenses of Local War Pensions Local Committee being defrayed by the County Council was read. One-third of the expenditure incurred under this head would be payable out of the County fund and two-thirds would be recopped by the Treasury.

The Local Government Board in this connection also forwarded copy of the Naval & Military War Pensions (Administrative Expenses Act 1917, and copy of their Sealed Order "The War Pensions Committees (Ireland) Order 1917.

The estimate of the County Wexford War Pensions Local Committee amounting to £121. 10/- to March 1918, was laid before the Meeting.

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

"That the recommendation of Finance & Roads Committee agreeing to estimate submitted by War Pensions Local Committee for the period from 17th May 1917, to 31st March 1918, and amounting to £121. 10/- be and is hereby approved."

Vacancies on War Pension Local Committee.

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

"That Messrs William Thorpe and Michael Maddock be appointed representatives of County Council on County Wexford War Pensions Local Committee, vice Mr Hearn and Mr Lynch, resigned."

Advances of supplies of Seed Potatoes, Etc.,

Under date 13th July 1917, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 118M- 1917, Miscellaneous:) stating that repayment of cost of advances of supplies of seed potatoes, seed oats and manures to Cottagers and small holders was to be made in the case of small holders by means of a rate to be levied next year as part of the Poor Rate, or as a special rate on the small holders or the subeties of non-rated cultivators.

The Rural District Councils of Enniscorthy, Gorey, and Wexford, had been communicated with by the Local Government Board as to the preparation of the necessary lists of persons who will be specially chargeable with the rates in 1918.

"The Secretary stated that he had received the list in question from Wexford Rural District Council."

"No Order"

Economy in the use of Timber.

Under date 13th July 1917, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 34,234 : 1917, Miscellaneous) as to the urgency of reducing to a minimum the consumption of timber, for all but the most essential needs.

"No Order"

Audits of Accounts.

The following report of the audit of the Accounts of the Wexford Co. Council for half-year ended 31st March 1917, was read::

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

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

Reports of the Auditor of the Local Government Board as regards audit of the accounts of the following County Bodies, were also laid before the meeting:-

Gorey Union and R. D. Council, Wexford Union and R. D. Council, New Ross R. D. Council, County Wexford Tuberculosis Committee, County Wexford Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction, Enniscorthy District Lunatic Asylum, New Ross Union.

"No Order."

Rate Collector Somers.

Under date 17th July 1917, the Local Government Board, wrote (letter No. 36724-1917 Wexford Co.,) that they would now agree to Collector Somers being paid poundage fees in respect of half-year ended 31st March 1917. They added that the Collector should in future take care that any necessary proceedings for the recovery of rates are taken in good time."

"The Secretary stated that a copy of the letter of the Local Government Board had been furnished Mr Somers."

Marked "Read"

Proposed War Bonus to Road Contractors.

The following extract from the Minutes of Finance & Roads Committee of 9th July, relative to proposed War Bonus to certain Road Contractors was submitted:-

"A long discussion took place on the application of certain Road Contractors in the Districts of Enniscorthy, New Ross and Wexford, for a War Bonus.

Mr O'Neill proposed:- "That owing to enhanced prices of materials and increased cost of labour, we unanimously recommend the Co. Council to grant the following War Bonus as from 31st March 1917, to contractors making application for same to this day's meeting, viz:- an increase of 20 per cent to contractors who provide their own material, an increase of 20 per cent on four-sevenths of their contracts to contractors who obtain their material from Co Council Quarries, and an increase of 20 per cent on two-thirds of their contracts to contractors who obtain sea-gravel."

Mr Stafford seconded the recommendation which, however was withdrawn.

The following recommendation was unanimously adopted on the motion of Mr Stafford, seconded by Mr Asple:-

"The County Council having received an application for War Bonus from certain Road Contractors whose contracts were entered into on or before 30th June 1915, and same having been referred to the Finance & Roads Committee for consideration, we believe the application in question should be favourably dealt with, but before putting forward any recommendation in the matter to the County Council, we desire to obtain an

expression of the views of the Rural District Councils concerned, viz:- Enniscorthy, New Ross, and Wexford, for submission to the County Council Meeting of 1st August."

"On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Codd, the following recommendation was adopted:- "That the County Surveyor be instructed to attend the meetings of the Rural District Councils of Enniscorthy, New Ross, and Wexford, at which the question of the granting War Bonus to certain Road Contractors will be considered."

"Mr Elgee called attention to the letter of Local Government Board forwarded to Messrs M. J. O'Connor & Co., Solicitors, Wexford, acting for the Road Contractors, (No. 22556: 1917-Wexford County) and under date 1st May 1917."

Under date 17th July 1917, the Clerk, Wexford R. D. Council, wrote that when the matter was considered by his Council six voted on a poll for a 30 per cent War Bonus and 16 for a 20 per cent, and it was accordingly recommended to the County Council to grant a War Bonus of 20 per cent calculated on the different lines set out in the application for three different classes of Contractors.

Under date 24th July 1917, the Clerk New Ross Rural District Council, wrote that his Council (one member dissenting) agreed to recommend the granting of War Bonus to the affected Contractors, and further recommended 20 per cent as the maximum increased payment.

Under date 28th July, the Clerk, Enniscorthy Rural District, wrote that his Council had unanimously approved of the application on the terms stated in Messrs O'Connor's letter of 2nd July, i.e., Class A-Contract price to be increased by 30%, B.-Increase of 30% on 4/7ths the annual amount, Class C.- increase of 30% on 2/3rds Annual amount.

The following resolution under date 28th July 1917, was read from Gorey Rural District Council:-

"That this District Council considers that the Road Contractors of the Gorey district are equally if not more entitled to a War Bonus and we cannot understand why the Finance Committee passed over their claims as they were the first body to put their grievances before the County Council."

The following letter under date 28th July 1917, was read from Messrs Huggard & Brennan, Solicitors, Wexford:-

"We are acting for the Road Contractors of the Gorey Rural District Council, and we wrote the County Council some considerable time ago, and also appeared before them on behalf of these contractors.

We see from the local press that the County Council has invited the opinion of the District Council as to the granting of a War Bonus of 20% to the contractors owing to the difficulties that have arisen in the carrying out of the contracts.

We are informed that the Gorey Rural District Council at their last meeting unanimously passed a resolution in favor of the bonus being granted to the contractors. We would therefore feel much obliged if you would kindly bring before the Finance Committee the claims of the contractors in the Gorey Rural District Council.

We shall send you as soon as possible a detailed list giving the names of the contractors."

Mr Michael Kavanagh, Tomcoyle, wrote under date 16th July 1917, applying for a War Bonus on Contracts 56G and 58G taken from March 1913.

Under date 31st July, Mr John Doyle, Ballycoursey, Glenbrien, wrote applying,- "for the War Bonus which I am entitled to on my Road Contract".

On the motion of Mr Stafford, seconded by Mr Kehoe, the following resolution was adopted, on the recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee:-

"That the County Council having carefully considered the application of certain road contractors who have entered into their contracts on or before 30th June 1915, and who have applied for an increase on the annual amount being paid to them for the carrying out of their contracts, by way of war bonus, and being satisfied that these contractors are entitled to such payment, do grant to these contractors the following increased payment, i.e., an increase of 20 % on the whole amount to those contractors who supply material and labour themselves, an increase of 11.4% or 20 % on 4/7ths of the amount to those contractors who obtain material from County Council quarries, no increased charge being made by the County Council for material, and an increase of 13.3%

or 20% on 2/3rds of the amount to those contractors who use seagravel, until the expiration of the contract or until one year from the end of the war, whichever event should first happen, but that such increased payment only be made to contractors, who, in the opinion of the County Surveyor have done their work efficiently, and further that the procedure suggested by the Local Government Board be carried out, namely, that the County Council shall issue advertisements inviting tenders from outside persons for the contracts, taking this new increased amount in each case as the minimum price at which the contractor will be willing to carry on the work until the expiration of his contract, and if no tender at a lower amount is obtained, that a fresh contract be entered into with each contractor concerned at this new increased annual amount for the unexpired term of his contract, the increased percentage only to be paid for a period ending one year after the conclusion of the War."

Clonroche Courthouse.

Mrs Tector, Landlord of Clonroche Courthouse, wrote under date 13th July 1917, applying for an increase in rent of Clonroche Courthouse from £10 per annum to £15. If not granted she stated, she would withdraw the use of the Courthouse from the County Council.

The Finance & Roads Committee made the following recommendation:-

"The Finance Committee cannot see their way to recommend the County Council to pay an increased rent for Clonroche Courthouse."

"Recommendation confirmed on the motion of Mr Cowman, seconded by Mr Kehoe."

County Wexford Infirmary.

At the meeting of Finance & Roads Committee on 13th July 1917, a letter was read from the registrar, Co. Wexford Infirmary, asking the County Council to hear the views of Lady M. Fitzgerald and the Mayor of Wexford, as a deputation from the Infirmary Committee, relative to having an increased grant given to the Institution.

The Finance & Roads Committee adopted a resolution that the deputation be heard at the General Meeting of the Council to be held on 1st August."

In connection with this matter the following resolution was read from the Wexford Trades & Labour Council:-

"That as the County Infirmary is of very great benefit to the people of the County Wexford, we strongly urge upon the County Council to give such a grant to the Committee as will enable them to get over their present financial difficulty. At the same time we are of the opinion that if the infirmary is to be utilised so as to be of the greatest benefit to the community an effort should be made to secure funds in order to have the institution properly equipped as a surgical infirmary, and to secure the services of a surgeon who has had experience in carrying out operations in a surgical infirmary. We suggest that an appeal be made to the public for support, as is done in other parts of Ireland, and are confident that sufficient funds would be forthcoming to put the infirmary in a sound position. We demand that the workers be accorded their proper share of representation on the infirmary Committee."

Lady M. Fitzgerald and Mr Byrne (Mayor of Wexford) attended and put the case of the present financial position of the Institution before the Council, and pointed out that unless the present grant from the County Council be increased by £200 or £300 for the duration of the War, the Institution could not be carried on."

Mr Kinsella proposed:-

"That the grant to the County Wexford Infirmary be increased by £200 per annum as from 31st March 1917, said increase to continue to be payable for twelve months after the conclusion of the War."

Mr Kehoe seconded.

A poll was taken with the following result:-

For the resolution:- Messrs Maddock, Stafford, Kinsella, Keating, Barry, James Codd, Cowman, Kehoe, Asple, Cloney, Mayler, and the Chairman.- 12.

Against:- Lord Courtown, Messrs Scallan, Hearn, Lynch, Mark Codd, Redmond, Thorpe, and J. A. Doyle.- 8.

The Chairman declared the resolution carried, after which the Members of the deputation returned thanks.

Artane Industrial School.

The following letter under date 3rd July 1917, was read from the Manager, Artane Industrial School:-

"With one or two exceptions all Borough and County Councils have given us an increase of, at least, sixpence per week, per head, from 1st

October. Up to the present this School has been paid the 2/6 rate. If there is not at least sixpence of an increase on that the Treasury will not give any increase. Already we have had to considerably overdraw our Bank account to meet our expenses. Kindly say at your earliest convenience if your Council will be good enough to give us the general rate of 3/- per head, per week, in order that we may secure a like increase from the Treasury."

"No Order"

In connection with the committal of a boy named Michael Murphy, Enniscorthy Workhouse to Artane Industrial School, a letter was read from Mr A. A. Connolly, Clerk, Enniscorthy Union, under date 10th July 1917, stating that the School would charge 5/6 per week for this boy during the War and 5/- per week afterwards.

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

"That as the County Council have refused to pay any increased grant to any Industrial Schools at present receiving 2/6 per week, our Secretary be instructed to send a list of the Industrial Schools and the rate per head chargeable therein to the Clerks of Petty Sessions, with a request that in the event of any school declining to accept children - except at a higher rate- the attention of the Council be called to the matter before any orders for committal of children be made."

"Recommendation confirmed on the motion of Sir Thomas Esmonde, seconded by Lord Courtown."

Proposed Agreement between Co Council & Co Insurance Committee.

In connection with contribution of the County Insurance Committee towards the salaries and expenses of Chief Tuberculosis Officer and Nurse, the following recommendation was submitted from the Finance & Roads Committee:-

"That the County Council be recommended not to accept proposed liquidated payment of £100 in lieu of £552. 17. 6d due by County Insurance Committee to County Council for services of Tuberculosis Officer and Nurse to 31st March 1916, or any payment less than the full amount of the debt."

"That as we realise the County Council would be in a worse

financial position by entering into an agreement with the Co. Insurance Committee for the treatment of patients, we recommend the County Council not to enter into said agreement."

Under date 26th July 1917, the following letter was read from Miss O'Ryan, Clerk County Insurance Committee:-

"The following is copy of letter received from the Irish Insurance Commissioners, dated the 20th July and No. 30969: 1917, I. C., for the County Wexford:-

"The National Health Insurance Commission (Ireland) have had under consideration your letter of the 10th instant, from which they observe that the Roads & Finance Committee of the Wexford County Council have recommended to the Council that the contribution to be paid by your Committee in respect of the services of the Tuberculosis Officer and of the Dispensary system to the 31st March 1916 should be £552. 17. 6d, i.e., at the rate of one-third of the salaries and expenses of the Tuberculosis Officer and of the Tuberculosis Nurses.

The date mentioned should presumably be 28th February 1916 as the Commission have sanctioned, and the Council have accepted payment at the rate of one-fifth of the salaries and expenses of the Tuberculosis Officer and Nurse as from that date.

In reference thereto I am to state that the Commission are not prepared to sanction payment for the former period at a higher rate than one-fifth of the salaries and expenses of the Tuberculosis Officer and Nurse which up to the date 28th February 1916 would amount to £331. 14. 6d. In addition, there is due to the Council a contribution in respect of the period from 1st March 1916 to 30th June 1917 of £160. The total amount due to the Council is therefore £491. 14. 6d. It appears to the Commission that in view of the Council's attitude that sum should at once be paid."

In face of above and in order to arrive at an early as well as an amicable understanding, I was directed by the members of this Committee at their meeting on yesterday to ask you to lay the

foregoing before the next meeting of the Council, and at the same time ask the Council to appoint delegates (three in number if the Council so decide) to meet three delegates appointed from yesterday's meeting in conference at a place and time to be chosen by your Council.

If your Council agree to this Conference the matter could be discussed and much misunderstanding avoided. If you will kindly let me know time and place of meeting, I could summon the members appointed by this Committee to attend. Any day during week beginning 12th August would suit."

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

"That the recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee be confirmed, and that the letter from the Clerk of County Insurance Committee as to proposed Conference be referred to next ordinary meeting of Finance & Roads Committee."

Importation of Horses Order.

Under date 21st June 1917, the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction forwarded Order No. 460 prohibiting the movement of any imported Horses, Asses, or Mules, except on licence issued by an Inspector or other Officer authorised by the Department.

"No Order"

County Insurance Committee.

Under date 27th June 1917, letter No. 33M.-17, was read from the National Insurance Commission, extending until the 30th June 1918, the terms of office of the existing Members of Insurance Committee including Members appointed by County Councils and County Borough Committees whose period of office would, otherwise, have terminated on the 30th instant."

"No Order"

Replies to Votes of Condolence.

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

That the letters of Mr R. Scallan, and Messrs Moore Keily and Lloyd, in reply to votes of condolence adopted by the Council be set out on the Minutes of the present Meeting:

The following are the letters in question:-

"Please convey to the Members of the County Council my sincere thanks for their kind vote of sympathy on my Mother's death.

Sincerely Yours

Rishard Scallan."

"We received your letter and the copy of the Resolution adopted at the meeting of the Wexford County Council for which we are obliged, and we will have much pleasure of conveying the purport of the Resolution to the relatives of the late Mr C.H.Peacocke.

We are also obliged for your expression of regret, which we will also convey to them.

Yours faithfully

Moore, Kelly & Lloyd."

Loading Bank at Sparrowsland.

Under date 18th June the following letter was read from Mr John Coghlan General Manager, Dublin & South Eastern Railway, relative to proposed improvement of loading bank at Sparrowsland:-

"Referring to your letter of 23th ult., I have looked carefully into the question of opening the Sparrowsland Siding for traffic, and regret to say that I could not recommend my Board to open the siding for general purposes. It may be in your recollection that some years ago we had a Siding at this particular place, and we were compelled to close it owing to the fact that it was worked at a loss.

The Siding could not be opened for the carriage of stones alone, for once opened it would have to be used for general purposes, and this would entail a staff of a couple of men to efficiently carry out the work, and I cannot see any prospect of it ever being a remunerative transaction. Roadways would have to be made, and loading banks and offices built."

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

"That we request the directors of the Dublin & South Eastern Railway Co., to reconsider their decision as to refusing to improve loading bank and road at Sparrowsland. The outlay for this purpose would be comparatively small, and we believe a satisfactory arrangement could be arrived at by payment of a gratuity to the woman living in the railway

house adjoining the siding. The improvement in question would greatly facilitate the Council in obtaining road metalling from Ballybrennan quarry and be also a source of great convenience to the farmers of the district. The Council would be obliged if the Directors could see their way to comply with the wishes of the Council in the matter, as they would be prepared to pay half cost within a reasonable amount."

Application for Increase on Contract Price.-Jurors Lists.

Under date 4th July 1917, the following was read from Messrs J.English & Co., Contractors for the printing of Jurors Lists:-

"I will be glad if you will kindly ask the Finance Committee if I may appear before them to-day in support of our application for an increase on our Contract price for printing the Jurors Lists."

"No Order"

Boyce's Bay Contract.

In connection with above the following recommendation was submitted by the Finance & Roads Committee:-

"That the letter of Mr H. P. Gahan, under date 2nd July 1917, as to payment of decree re Boyce's Bay Contract, be referred to Mr Elgee, Solicitor."

"Confirmed on the motion of Sir Thomas Esmonde, seconded by Lord Courtown."

Application-Road Material.

Under date 19th June 1917, Mr Peter O'Brien, Kiltomas, Ferns, wrote applying for 30 yards broken stones from Doran's Hill quarry, to repair the lane leading to his premises.

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

"That Mr O'Brien's application for 30 cubic yards of material be acceded to when material not required for road metalling is available."

Poisons & Pharmacy Act Licences.

Applications were received from the following for renewal of their Poisons & Pharmacy Act Licences:-

George Stafford, John Street, Wexford, Patrick Healy, 82 North Main Street, Wexford, Patrick Redmond, The Harrow, Ferns.

On the motion of Mr Kehoe, seconded by Mr Lynch, the applications of the above-named were acceded to.

Proposals for Works.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Lord Courtown, 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 Lord Courtown, 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, also transfers to Public Bodies be and are hereby approved subject to the modifications and other orders noted thereon and initialled by the Chairman."

Doran's Hill Quarry.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Lynch, the following recommendation of Finance & Roads Committee was adopted:-

"That the County Surveyor be directed to arrange for a stone fence at Doran's Hill Quarry."

Motor Direction Signs.

The Secretary, Gaelic League, Dublin, wrote under date 15th June 1917, hoping it was not too late to impose the condition that the direction signs which were to be provided by the Ford Motor Co., should be in Irish as well as English, and asking that the Council would communicate with Mr Ford about the matter.

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

"That copy of the letter from the Secretary, Gaelic League, as to directions on Motor Signs supplied by the Ford Co., being set out in Irish as well as English, be forwarded the Ford Motor Co., The Co.

Council would feel obliged if the Ford Co., can see their way to accede to the wishes of the Gaelic League in this matter."

Beds at Newcastle Sanatorium.

A proposal was submitted from County Tuberculosis Committee for sanction of four contract beds in Newcastle at 28/- per week.

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

"That we approve of the arrangement entered into with Newcastle Sanatorium by the Tuberculosis Committee for four Contract beds in that Institution."

Stacking Corn.

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

"That as the harvest is fast approaching, it would be advisable that our County Instructors will pay particular attention to the question of stacking the Wheat, Oats, and Barley, ^{at} by every available opportunity imparting information to the people, as to the best means of stacking Wheat, Oats, and Barley, so as to preserve them through the Winter against the attacks of rats and mice and the weather.

It is an absolute certainty that there is sure to be a scarcity at the spring of 1918, and possible it may prove serious, therefore, it is wise to be on the alert in time."

"No Order"

Bread & Regulation Flour.

The following resolution was submitted from Rural District Council of Ballinrobe:-

"That we desire to call the Food Controller's attention to the grave public dissatisfaction with the bread produced from the present Regulation Flour. That the use of its admixtures should be discontinued, there is nothing gained by continuing same, as the first war grade produced 25 per cent more bread than the present grade from a given weight of flour, and the present Regulation Flour having a tendency to go bad both in storage and baking, in our opinion it is dangerous to the health of the Community. We therefore recommend re-adverting to the first war grade, thereby saving the health of the people (especially the

young and the feeble) and waste of valuable grain that could be used for other food."

"No Order"

Sunday Trains-Rosslare.

Under date 29th June 1917, the General Manager, Gt S. & W. Railway Co., wrote that arrangements were being made to run a service of Sunday trains as heretofore on and from 8th July, as an experiment.

Roads & Quarries.

On the motion of Mr Kehoe, seconded by Mr Maddock, the following recommendations of Finance & Roads Committee were adopted:-

"That a small Committee be appointed to examine the present system of supervision of roads and working of quarries, and that they be empowered to incur whatever expense is necessary to visit the County Council quarries, investigate their working, and report in due course to a meeting of the County Council."

The following Committee were appointed:- "The Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Messrs J. J. Stafford, T. Asple, A. Kinsella, R. Scallan, M. Cloney, Hearn, Cowman, and Thorpe, the first meeting of the Committee to be held on Tuesday, 7th August, at 10. 0'C., a.m.,"

(Signed)

Michael Doyle
Presiding Chairman.

Dated this 19th day of September 1917.

MEETING.- 19th SEPTEMBER 1917.

A Meeting of the Wexford County Council, was held in the County Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford, on 19th September 1917.

Present:- Mr M. Doyle (Vice-Chairman) presiding.

Also:- Messrs Patrick Whelan, L. Barry, J. J. O'Byrne, M. Maddock, James Codd, R. Scallan, J. T. Mayler, James Lynch, Hearn, and J. J. Kehoe.

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

Confirmation of Minutes.

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and confirmed.

Vote of Condolence.

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

"That we tender our esteemed Colleague-Mr Cloney- our sincere sympathy in the loss he has sustained by the death of his Mother."

The late Lord Bishop of Ferns.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Scallan, the following letters were ordered to be inserted on the Minutes.

From Mr M. Browne, Big Barn, Ballycogley:-

"On behalf of the relatives of the late Most Rev Dr Browne, I return thanks to the Members of the County Council for their kind and sympathetic letter.

His Lordship's death was indeed a great shock to us all, but God's Holy Will be done.

Again thanking them for their kind thoughtfulness. Also accept thanks for your own consoling words in message of sympathy."

From Very Rev Chancellor O'Neill, P. P., Kilenarin :-

"On my own and on behalf of the Clergy of the diocese, I thank you and your Council, for the expression of sympathy with us on the death of our beloved Bishop."

War Bonus to Road Contractors.

Applications were received from 120 road contractors for War Bonus, as per list submitted by the County Secretary.

After considerable discussion the following resolution was adopted, on the recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee:-

Proposed by Mr James Codd, seconded by Mr Lynch:-

"That the County Council having carefully considered the application of certain road contractors who have entered into their contracts on or before 30th June 1915, and who have applied for an increase on the annual amount being paid to them for the carrying out of their contracts, by way of war bonus, and being satisfied that these contractors are entitled to such payment do grant to these contractors the following increased payment, i.e., an increase of 20% on the whole amount to those contractors who supply material and labour themselves, an increase of 11.4% or 20% on 4/7ths of the amount to those contractors who obtain material from Co. Council quarries, no increased charge being made by the Co Council for material, and an increase of 13.3% or 20% on 2/3rds of the amount to those contractors who use seagravel, until the expiration of the contract, or until one year from the end of the War, whichever event should first happen, but that such increased payment only be made to contractors, who, in the opinion of the County Surveyor have done their work efficiently, and further that the procedure suggested by the Local Government Board be carried out, namely that the County Council shall issue advertisements inviting tenders from outside persons for the contracts, taking this new increased amount in each case as the minimum price at which the contractor will be willing to carry on the work until the expiration of his contract, and if no tender at a lower amount is obtained, that a fresh contract be entered into with each contractor concerned at this new increased annual amount for the unexpired term of his contract, the increased percentage only to be paid for a period ending one year after the conclusion of the War. Said war bonus to commence as from the 31st March 1917.

That all further applications for War Bonus must be lodged not later than the end of October 1917."

Roads & Quarries Committee.

The following report of Special Committee to consider system of supervision of roads and the working of quarries was presented to the meeting for consideration:-

"The Second Meeting of the Committee appointed by the Co Council

on 1st August 1917, to examine the present system of road and quarry administration, and to suggest improvements to the County Council regarding same, was held in the County Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford, on 14th August 1917.

Present:- Mr Michael Doyle (Vice-Chairman) presiding.

Also:- Messrs M. Cloney, J. J. Stafford, R. Scallan, N. J. Cowman, W. Thorpe.

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

Under date 13th August 1917, a letter was read from Mr J. S. Hearn (a Member of the Committee) stating that he was in favour of the draft recommendations of the Committee adopted at the meeting on 7th August, and pointing out that it was most important that Mr Barry should be freed from office work for at least four days a week for personal inspection on roads and works. No doubt to do this it was absolutely necessary to have office work organised and simplified.

A long discussion took place as to the manner in which Mr Vincent R. Doyle, Assistant Surveyor was carrying out his duties.

Mr Barry, County Surveyor, read a detailed report from Mr Doyle, as to the work performed by him from 9th July 1917 to 4th August 1917.

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

"That from information which has come to the knowledge of the Members of this Committee we believe Mr Vincent R. Doyle, Assistant Surveyor, cannot efficiently discharge his duties while living in Bridgetown, and we recommend the County Council to direct him to at once reside in his district. We consider the County Council should call on him to resign in the event of his refusal to comply with this direction."

The Committee went minutely into the working of the 35 quarries which are under the control of the County Council, and desire to point out that owing to local circumstances there can be no uniform system of working.

In some instances material is quarried and broken by the County Council and supplied to contractors, in others material is quarried by the County Council and broken by the Contractors, and still others, the material is quarried by the contractors and broken by the Council.

Having fully considered the working of each individual quarry, we

find that while the County Surveyor is responsible for the supervision of the quarries, the amount of clerical work entailed practically monopolises two or three days each week.

We would point out that when Mr Webster held the office of County Surveyor, there was only one quarry, viz-Tara Hill- in the County, and when Mr Barry's predecessor filled the position there were only two, viz., Tara Hill and Kerlogue.

The number has now increased to 35, and there is every indication that within three years it will be necessary for the Council to undertake the working, or partial working, of 15 or 20 new quarries. Some of these must be taken over almost immediately if the work of road maintenance is to be effectively carried out.

The amount expended on the working of quarries alone, has increased within the last two years from £200 to £1,736, and the sum expended on quarries and machinery for the financial year ended March last was close on £6,000. The County Surveyor has to arrange for this work, and in addition, he is responsible for the working of the ordinary contract roads, piers, harbours and 257 miles in his own charge.

The supervision entailed by quarries and machinery occupies a good deal of time of the County Surveyor, which we consider could be more usefully employed in out-door work. And in view of the fact that the working of the quarries necessitates the "lay-out" of work, the employment of men, the measurement of material, and the certification for payment, we realise that if the time of the County Surveyor is to be released from these onerous duties, it will be necessary to avail of the services of a special officer, who should be made solely responsible, under the County Surveyor, for all quarry work and for all machinery.

On the motion of Mr Cowman, seconded by Mr Scallan, the following recommendation was unanimously adopted:-

"That Mr Barry, County Surveyor, be relieved of the working of quarries and machinery."

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Cowman, the following recommendation was unanimously adopted:-

"That Mr Treanor, Senior Assistant Surveyor, be appointed to take charge of the working of Quarries and Machinery, and for this purpose that he be allowed a mileage allowance of three pence per mile for use of Motor Cycle, subject to revision after the War."

A long discussion took place as to the advisability of instructing Assistant Surveyors to provide motor cycles, the Council to grant a mileage allowance for the running of same, but finally the Committee came to the conclusion that this arrangement would not secure any better supervision of roads, and no recommendation relative to the matter was made.

As the Local Government Board have refused to permit the Co. Council to open a special account for the County Surveyor in order to make payments to workmen in quarries, pending meetings of the Finance and Roads Committee, the meeting considered at some length how the difficulty arising for the necessity of making immediate payments in some instances was to be met.

The following recommendation was adopted on the motion of Mr Scallan, seconded by Mr Thorpe:-

"That the County Council be recommended to provide a sum of £50 to be utilized by Mr Treanor as an imprest account. Should the Local Government Board decline to sanction a resolution of the County Council to this effect, we recommend that the Chairman and County Surveyor, be appointed a deputation to wait on the Local Government Board and explain to them that without the adoption of such procedure it will be impossible to work the quarries in a satisfactory and economical manner."

The Secretary explained that in conjunction with the County Surveyor he had gone fully into the matter of devising an improved system of office organisation in connection with roads, and they had arrived at a way by which the records could be brought up-to-date, and under which clerical work would be cut down to a minimum.

On the motion of Mr Cowman, seconded by Mr Scallan, the following recommendation was unanimously adopted:-

"That the County Council provide a sum not exceeding £5 to the County Surveyor to cover clerical assistance necessary in writing up new records of roads and works, and which will enable him to deal with his work in a more expeditious and up-to-date manner."

Mr Thorpe proposed, and Mr Cowman seconded the following recommendation which was adopted, the Chairman dissenting:-

"That owing to increased cost of petrol, and increased supervision of roads which we expect from the County Surveyor under the proposals agreed to at this day's meeting, we recommend the County Council to allow a sum

of £30 per annum, to the County Surveyor in connection with the running of his motor car."

The following recommendation was also agreed to:-

Proposed by Mr Cowman, seconded by Mr Thorpe:-

"That the salaries of Assistant Surveyor Jones, Kehoe, Paddle, and Doyle, be increased by £5 per annum, as from the date of next meeting of the County Council, with an annual increment of £5 to a maximum salary of £120, increment to be given only on a satisfactory report from the Co. Surveyor as to the work of each Assistant, and to be subject to the approval of the County Council. In view of this increase we expect an increased and closer supervision of roads throughout the County."

Proposed by Mr Cowman, seconded by Mr Cloney:-

"That when the question of filling the next vacancy for the position of Assistant Surveyor is under consideration of the County Council, we recommend that the salary be fixed at £100 per annum, with an annual increment of £5 to a maximum of £120, the granting of increment to be subject to a satisfactory report by the County Surveyor, and to the approval of the County Council. We further recommend that the Council should insist upon the new officer residing in his district, and be a "Whole-time" officer."

A letter was read from the Chairman of the Council, Mr John Bolger, advocating the appointment of a second County Surveyor, but no order was made thereon.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Scallan, seconded by Mr J. Codd:-

"That the report of the Roads & Quarries Committee be received and adopted, except the paragraph recommending an allowance of £30 to the Co. Surveyor in connection with the running of his motor car."

Proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Mr Maddock:-

"That we disagree with the recommendation of the Special Road & Quarries Committee recommending that a sum of £30 should be allowed the Co. Surveyor in connection with the running of his Motor Car."

A Poll was taken with the following result:-

For the resolution:- Messrs Barry, O'Byrne, Maddock, James Codd, J.T. Mayler, and the Chairman.-6.

Against:- Messrs Whelan, Lynch, and ScAllan.-3.

The recommendation in question was accordingly not agreed to.

Messrs Hearn and Kehoe, were not present when above Poll was taken."

Arrests of Irishmen.

Mr O'Byrne moved the suspension of Standing Orders to allow of his moving a resolution.

The Chairman seconded.

"Passed"

Mr O'Byrne proposed the following, which was seconded by Mr Maddock and adopted:-

"That in view of the sittings of the Convention to draft a Constitution for this Country, we fail to understand the policy of the Government in arresting large numbers of Irishmen, and we emphatically protest against a procedure which is evidently intended by Dublin Castle to goad the Irish people to resistance."

Tara Hill Quarry.

Under date 3rd September the following application was read from Mr John Lannen, Foreman, Tara Hill Quarry:-

"I would feel thankful if you would give me some increase on my present wage £1. 2. 6d. The quarrymen have been twice dealt with, got their own terms. The Smith's wages have been increased 8/- a week in about five years, mine has been increased 2/6 in ten years. £1. 2. 6d is very small now compared with the cost of living 10 years ago."

The Finance & Roads Committee made the following recommendation:-

"That the application of J.Lannen, foreman, for increase of wages be adjourned till next meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee, when the County Surveyor is to present a report dealing with the working of the quarry, and a new arrangement with the men there."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr Maddock, seconded by Mr O'Byrne."

The following recommendation was also made by the Finance & Roads Committee in connection with the working of the quarry:-

"That we agree to the continuance of arrangement made by Mr Barry, County Surveyor, with the men at tara Hill Quarry, that they should receive 6d per ton extra for quarrying material, up to Saturday 8th September 1917, and also as to continuance of arrangement made by the

County Surveyor, with P. Byrne, blacksmith at Tara Hill to same date. That the County Surveyor obtain from Mr Paddle, Assistant Surveyor, a special report as to the general working of this quarry, hours kept by men, supervision etc., to be presented to next meeting of Finance & Roads Committee.

That the County Surveyor be directed to ascertain if it be possible to have Tara hill Quarry worked in the same manner as obtains at Cherryorchard Quarry at present."

"The County Surveyor stated that a statement had appeared in the local Press that he had agreed to the men receiving an increase and that the County Council had gone back of the arrangement which he had made. He had distinctly informed the men at the quarry that the arrangement which he was making was subject to the approval of the County Council."

"The foregoing recommendation was adopted on the motion of Mr Maddock seconded by Mr O'Byrne."

The County Surveyor read report from Mr Paddle, Assistant Surveyor, as to the working of the quarry.

The following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was adopted on the motion of Mr Maddock, seconded by Mr O'Byrne:-

"That the County Surveyor be instructed to arrange for the working at Tara Hill Quarry of Rock Drill. In the meantime that the County Surveyor interview the men who are on strike and report to next meeting."

Kilmore Harbour Master.

Under date 31st August 1917, the following letter was read from Mr Walter Kehoe, Harbour Master, Kilmore:-

"I beg to bring under your notice that during the past eight weeks I have had to bury 39 bags and 344 pieces of meat which washed up on the beach here in my district.

I respectfully beg that you would bring this fact under the notice of the Council. According to the terms of my appointment I am bound to bury all carcasses that wash up, but this is different as I believe it is part of a cargo of frozen meat that was wrecked off here.

I would be glad to have the advice of the Council as to whom I am to apply for payment."

The following recommendation of Finance & Roads Committee was adopted on the motion of Mr Scallan, seconded by Mr Lynch:-

"That the application of the Harbour Master at Kilmore for remuneration for burial of 39 bags and 344 packages all containing frozen meat be adjourned for the present, and that the County Council be recommended to favourably consider later on the claim of Mr Kehoe for extra remuneration for this work, and when its volume has been ascertained."

Claim for Extra Constabulary.

A claim for payment of £191 half cost of extra police stationed in Enniscorthy from 1st October 1916 to 31st March 1917, was submitted:-

The following recommendation of Finance & Roads Committee was adopted on the motion of Mr Scallan seconded by Mr Maddock:-

"That the claim of £191 for extra police be adjourned. That the County Inspector, R. I. C., be requested to inform this Council what is the Constabulary free quota to which the County Wexford is entitled, and if this quota was in the County from the first October 1916 to 31st March 1917, if not by how many men was it short during this period."

Courtown Harbour Weighing Bridge.

Under date 1st September 1917, Messrs Pooley & Son, Ltd., Birmingham, wrote asking an increase of 8/- in the annual maintenance charge of £2 in connection with annual over-haul of the weigh bridge at Courtown Harbour.

On the motion of Mr Scallan, seconded by Mr Lynch, the following recommendation of Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed:-

"That our Secretary communicate with Mr P. J. Kenny, Enniscorthy, and the County Surveyor with Mr P. Craughwell, Gorey, and ask them if they would be prepared to take a contract for keeping Courtown Harbour Weighbridge in repair and at what price per annum. That the application of Messrs Pooley & Co., for an increase of 8/- per annum for maintenance of Courtown Harbour Weighbridge be refused."

County Wexford War Pensions Committee.

Under date 27th August 1917, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 40,225-1917 Wexford Co.,) approving of the estimate of £121. 10/- administrative expenses of the County Wexford War Pensions Committee for the period ending 31st March 1918.

The following recommendation was presented by the Finance & Roads

Committee:-

"That a sum of £60. 15/- being half the amount of estimate of County Wexford War Pensions Local Committee, be transferred at this meeting to the Treasurer of the War pensions Committee.6

"Recommendation confirmed on the motion of Mr Maddock, seconded by Mr J. Codd."

Allotments & Land Cultivation (Ireland) Act 1917.

Under date 1st September 1917, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 129 M. 1917 Miscellaneous) enclosing copy of the Local Government (Allotments & Land Cultivation) (Ireland) Act 1917. The Act authorised Urban District Councils to provide allotments for their residents, and Urban and Rural Councils to supply manures, seeds, and agricultural implements to the holders or tenants of allotments or labourers plots provided by the Council, and of small holdings situate within their district.

Marked "Read"

University Scholarships.

The Secretary submitted as follows, the list of marks obtained at recent Senior Grade Intermediate Examinations by applicants for award of University Scholarships:-

Anna Whelan, George Street Wexford.	1332
John Travers, MainStreet, Gorey.	940
Julia Doyle, Traceystown, Taghmon.	924
James E. K. Cosgrave, George St., Wexford.	886
Michael F. McGrath, George Street, Wexford.	848
Mary Walsh, Ashfield, Killinick,	705
John K. McGrath, George Street, Wexford.	420

The following recommendations were presented by Finance & Roads Committee:-

"That we recommend the County Council to award University Scholarships to Miss Anna Whelan, George Street, Wexford, John Travers, Main Street, Gorey, Julia Doyle, Traceystown, Taghmon, and James E. K. Cosgrave, George Street, Wexford, as these students have received the highest places of applicants for University Scholarships to Wexford Co. Council at the recent Intermediate Examinations, have proved that they are qualified to profit by University Education and are in need of

assistance."

"That as provided by the University Scholarship Scheme we recommend that Scholarship holders prior to the conclusion of the second year of their course specify the particular branch of study in which they desire to specialize, and shall continue the study of Irish up to the time of Specialization."

"That in view of the report of the Registrar of University College Dublin, that the attendance and conduct of students who hold continuing University Scholarships are satisfactory, we recommend that Scholarships be renewed for Session 1917-8, to the following:-

Marguerite Sears, Arthur J. Quirke, Joseph Busher, William Ryan, Clare Kavanagh, N. P. Corish, Johanna Fortune, Mary Kehoe, A. Bockey, and Thomas O'Rourke (discharged from Army owing to wounds.)

The Secretary stated that he had been furnished with particulars of the branches of study in which second year students were specializing.

"Recommendations confirmed on the motion of Mr Maddock, seconded by Mr Kehoe."

Under date 8th September 1917, the following letter was read from Rev M. J. Downey, Blackrock College, Dublin:-

"Would you kindly bring under the notice of your Council that during the continuance of the War the tariff in the Blackrock Hostel is 25/- per week."

The Finance & Roads Committee made the following recommendation:-

"that the Male students awarded University Scholarships be forwarded copy of letter from Rev M. J. Downey, Blackrock College, Dublin, for their information."

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

Under date 9th August 1917, Mr Arthur J. Quirke, Ballinamona, Campile, a University Scholar of the County Council, wrote asking the Finance Committee to reserve no balance for him out of his scholarship but to pay this balance along with first instalment to Father Finlay, University Hall, Dublin.

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

"That Mr Quirke be informed that no change can be made in connection with the details of the University Scholarship Scheme except by Notice of Motion, and no notice of motion has been given to have his request agreed to."

The above recommendation of Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed on the motion of Mr Kehoe, seconded by Mr Lynch.

Mr T. J. O'Rourke, St Peter's Sq., Wexford, wrote under date 18th September 1917, asking if he might live outside the University Hostel at Blackrock in recommended lodgings, owing to his wounds he thought the journey in and out to the Hostel would be too much.

The following recommendation of Finance & Roads Committee was adopted on the motion of Mr Scallan, seconded by Mr Lynch:-

"That Mr O'Rourke be informed that no change can be made in connection with the details of the University Scholarship Scheme except by notice of motion, and no notice of motion has been given to have his request agreed to. That Mr O'Rourke be informed that he can make arrangements to reside in University Hall, Dublin."

FINANCE & ROADS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS.

The following recommendations from Finance & Roads Committee were considered:-

War Bonus Road Contractors:- "That the County Surveyor be instructed to advertise that war bonus on road contracts is payable only in cases in which he states the Contract has been properly carried out, also that the fate of advertising for offers for the maintenance of roads for which war bonus has been applied does not invalidate existing contract in any way."

"That payment of War Bonus to Road Contractors begin as from 31st March 1917."

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

Duncannon Pier:- "That we approve of the payment of £21 the sum spent by the County Surveyor over and above the amount of his estimate for repair of Duncannon Pier."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr Maddock, seconded by Mr J. Codd."

Deeps Bridge:- "That the necessary wall at Deeps Bridge be erected

cost not to exceed £25, to include the repair and pointing of the parapet of the bridge and small repairs to the decking of the bascule. That the concrete posts at present at the bridge be retained as the property of the County Council."

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

Capitation Grant-Industrial School:- "That the Manager of the St., Joseph's Industrial School, Tralee, be informed that the County Council have adopted a resolution that no increase in capitation grant be given in the case of any reformatory or industrial school receiving a maintenance grant of 2/6 from the County Council, and nothing can be done in the way of increasing the capitation grant to schools receiving this amount until the aforesaid resolution has been rescinded."

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

Sparrowsland Siding:- "That in connection with the letter of Mr John Coghlan, General Manager, D. & S. E. Railway Co., to our Chairman (Mr John Bolger) we desire to state that so far as possible the County Council would endeavour to confine the traffic at Sparrowsland siding to carriage of stones, but we feel if a definite statement issued from the Co. Council that they would discountenance all general traffic there, the motives of the Council would be misunderstood. We suggest that the Railway Co., might allow the use of the proposed loading bank at Sparrowsland for agricultural produce on the distinct understanding that persons who utilize the siding will do so at their own risk and without any obligation on the part of the Railway Co. The Council will still be prepared to carry out the work estimated by the Railway Co., to cost £80 provided the Company are prepared to contribute £40 towards its cost."

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

Sheep Dipping:- "That our Secretary advertise the fact that sheep owners can utilize swim bath at Cherryorchard, Foulksmills, the property of Mr M. L. Hickey, at a cost of 2d per sheep during Autumn dipping."

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

Boiler at Tara Hill Quarry:- "That the insurance of Boiler at Tara Hill Quarry be increased from £500 to £1,500 and that the premium paid for same be £2. 10/- instead of £2 as in the past."

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

Books of Form 16 :- "That Messrs English & Co., be accepted as

Contractors for supply of books of Form 16, provided they accept a sum of £3. 5/- for same."

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

Contribution from Co. Insurance Committee:- "That Messrs Asple, of the Co Council, to meet the delegates Cowman, and Maddock, be appointed the delegates from the County Wexford Insurance Committee to consider the question of the amount of payment to be made by the County Wexford Insurance Committee for the past services of Tuberculosis Officer and Nurse. That if possible the meeting of delegates be not held until after harvest. That it be pointed out at the meeting of delegates that the contribution of one-fifth of salaries and expenses of Tuberculosis Officer and Nurse was to remain in force for one year only, as from 28th February 1916, in the absence of agreement. That in considering any recommendation to be arrived at as regards the basis of contribution to be made by the Insurance Committee as from 1st October 1917, the communication from the Local Government Board under date 15th March 1916, and No. 12,842-1916, Wexford County., be taken into consideration."

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

Rate Collection:- "That our Secretary inform Rate Collectors who are backward in their Collections, that at the conclusion of the present financial half-year the Finance & Roads Committee will press upon the Council the advisability of dispensing with the services of Collectors who despite frequent and prolonged warning have practically taken no steps to discharge their duties with the due amount of diligence required by their bond."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr O'Byrne, seconded by Mr Maddock."

Poisons & Pharmacy Act 1908

Under date 8th August 1917, letter No 52/17, was read from the Privy Council Office, Dublin Castle, forwarding copy of Orders made on 29th June 1917, by the Lord Lieutenant under the Poisons & Pharmacy Act 1908.

Marked "Read"

Sign Posts.

Under date 4th August 1917, a letter was read from the Ford Motor Company, stating that they would endeavour to meet the wishes of the Council and the Gaelic League, in the desire to have signposts in Irish

as well as in English. If any difficulties arose they would take no steps without consultation with the Council.

Under date 3rd August 1917, a letter was read from the General Secretary of the Gaelic League, thanking the Council for their action regarding bilingual name plates on sign posts.

"No Order"

Tuberculosis Committee Contract Beds Newcastle.

The following resolution of the Tuberculosis Committee adopted at meeting of above Committee on 14th August, was submitted for confirmation

"That we agree to take two extra beds in Newcastle Sanatorium."

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

RESOLUTIONS.

Cattle Prices.

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

"That this Council desires to enter its strongest protest against the prices fixed by the Food Controller for beef, which will result in the slaughter of immature cattle, the destruction of store and fat cattle industries of this country, and consequently a great decrease in the production of corn, potatoes, and other food stuffs, for the sustenance of the people, which the prices in question are meant to increase, and we call upon the Irish Members of Parliament of all political parties to take every means in their power to have the prices amended, as judgment and common sense would dictate."

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

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

"We demand that the producer gets representation in fixing the price of food and that the prices for stall fed beef should be in conformity with the existing prices of Oilcake., etc., and we demand that simultaneous with the fixing of the prices of food, that the cost of production be also adjusted."

We consider the withdrawal of the recent Food Order desirable."

"Adopted on the motion of Mr Maddock, seconded by Mr Lynch."

Prices of Butter.

Resolutions were read from the West Limerick Branch of the Irish

Creamery Managers' Association, and from the Irish Butter Price Committee protesting against the price of Irish Butter fixed by the Food Controller

"These resolutions were adopted on the motion of Mr Maddock, seconded by Mr Lynch."

Commercial & Industrial Policy for Ireland.

Under date 30th August 1917, the Hon Sec., to Advisory Committee of Dublin Chamber of Commerce, forwarded a copy of statement by the Committee as to Commercial and Industrial Policy of Ireland. The statement pointed out that in the event of self government resulting from the Irish Convention, if Ireland had no representation in the Control of the regulation of trade the industrial interests of the Country would derive no appreciable benefit from the change of Government. The control of internal and external Irish trade should be vested in a properly constituted Irish Authority, also the imposition and collection of taxes, as this would enable Ireland to foster her own Industries while maintaining commercial relations with Great Britain on just and equitable terms. An Irish legislature should have power to assist in the development of the manufactures of the country and progress would be made by the introduction into the new constitution of special representation of commercial and industrial interests."

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

"That we approve of the statement issued by the Dublin Chamber of Commerce issued under date 30th August 1917, as to a Commercial and Industrial policy for Ireland."

Hydro Electric Power.

The following resolution was read from the Dublin Local Section of the Institution of Electrical Engineers:-

"That this Meeting of the Committee of the Dublin Local Section of the Institution of Electrical Engineers request the Board of Trade Electrical Committee to take steps to ascertain the various places in Ireland where Hydro Electric Power is obtainable and the amount of power at each place, together with the data giving the volume of water at different times of the year and available head."

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

"That we approve of the resolution of the Committee of the Dublin Section of the Institution of Electrical Engineers as to procuring data of Hydro electric power for the purpose of developing Irish industries."

Wexford Harbour Board.

Under date 11th September 1917, the following resolution was forwarded by the Secretary to Wexford Harbour Commissioners, and which was adopted at a meeting of the latter on the 10th September:-

"That the Secretary write to the Wexford Corporation, and the Co. Council, and ask these bodies to co-operate with the Harbour Board with a view to approaching the Treasury or the Development Commissioners, in order to secure such a grant as will enable the Harbour Commissioners to dredge the berths at the Quayside."

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

"That Mr John Bolger, Chairman of the Council, Messrs Kehoe, Keating and Stafford, be appointed the delegates of the Co Council to act with the Harbour Board."

Analyst's Report.

The following report was read:-

City Laboratory, Chatham Row,
Dublin. 17th August 1917.

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 1917.

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

<u>Article</u>	<u>Number.</u>
Milk	67
Butter	57
Whiskey	29
Buttermilk	20
Margarine	15
Rum	12
Drugs	11
Cheese	5

Gin

5

Port Wine	5
Pepper	5
Brandy	4
Bread	4
Cornflour	4
Tea	3
Vinegar	2
Cocoa	3
Dripping	2
Lard	2
Beef Suét	2
Ginger Wine	1
Flour	1
Rice	1
Sugar	1
Mustard	1
Claret	1
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Total	263

One certificate was sent to Sergeant White, Wexford, for specimen of milk deficient of at least 30 per cent of its fats, one certificate for specimen of milk adulterated with at least 14 per cent of added water and was also deficient of at least 40 per cent of its fats, and one certificate for specimen of Whiskey which was 43 degrees under proof and was therefore adulterated with 24 per cent of water.

One certificate was sent to Sergeant Doyle, Enniscorthy, for specimen of milk adulterated with at least 18 per cent of added water.

One certificate was sent to Sergeant Ruane, Taghmon, for specimen of milk deficient of at least 40 per cent of its fats.

One certificate was sent to Sergeant Torsney, Newtownbarry, for specimen of milk deficient of at least 16 per cent of its fats.

One certificate was sent to Sergeant Flynn, Ballybrazil, Campile, for specimen of milk deficient of at least 53 per cent of its fats.

One certificate was sent to Sergeant Braheny, Killinick, for specimen of whiskey which was 27 degrees under proof, and was therefore adulterated with 2,67 per cent of water.

For the Guardians of Enniscorthy Union eighteen drugs were analysed and were correct.

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

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

Total analyses 293.

Adulterated & Defective Articles. 8

(Signed) C. A. Cameron.

(Signed)

John Bolger
Presiding Chairman.

Dated this 3 day of Oct 1917.

MEETING.-3rd OCTOBER 1917.

A Meeting of the County Council, was held in the County Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford, on 3rd October 1917.

Present:- Mr John Bolger (Chairman) presiding.

Also:- Messrs L. Barry, J. T. Mayler, J. Redmond, R. Scallan, James Codd, and Lord Courtown.

The Secretary, County Surveyor, and County Solicitor, were also 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 Lord Courtown, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the several Proposals for Payment dealing with fixed items of salaries, etc., as recommended by Finance & Roads Committee, be and are hereby approved."

Note of Condolence.

On the motion of the Chairman,

Seconded by Mr Scallan,

the following letter from Mr M. Cloney, M. C. C., in reply to vote of Condolence was ordered to be inserted on the Minutes of Meeting:-

"Your letter of 21st inst., duly received. Will you kindly convey to my brother members of Wexford County Council, my most sincere thanks for their kind vote of sympathy occasioned by the death of my Mother, R. I. P.,

And to you I am deeply grateful for your kind and sympathetic reference contained therein."

The remainder of the business was postponed in consequence of the small number of Members present.

(Signed)

John Bolger

Dated this 7th day of November 1917. Presiding Chairman

MEETING.-7th NOVEMBER 1917.

A Meeting of the County Council, was held in the County Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford, on Wednesday, 7th November 1917.

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

Also:- Messrs M. Doyle, P. Whelan, J. Lynch, W. Thorpe, J. J. Kehoe, J. A. Doyle, J. J. Stafford, T. Asple, N. J. Cowman, L. Barry, A. Kinsella, J. S. Hearn, Mark Codd, J. T. Mayler, R. Scallan, James Codd, J. Redmond, M. Maddock, and Lord Courtown.

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

Confirmation of Minutes.

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and confirmed.

Resignation of Assistant Surveyors.

The following was read from Mr Gerald Flood, Assistant Surveyor, No. 3 District:-

"As I have now been sanctioned by the Local Government Board for the position of Engineer to the Enniscorthy District Council and Guardians, and have the work of your Council well in hand, I beg to tender my resignation as Assistant Surveyor.

I take this opportunity of thanking the County Council for their unvarying kindness to me during my time of office, and to assure them that it was not without some feelings of regret I decided to sever my connection with them.

I also wish to thank the County Surveyor, Mr Frizelle, Mr Elgee, and their Staffs, for their courtesy and assistance without which it would have been almost impossible for me to carry out the duties of my office."

Mr Vincent R. Doyle, Assistant Surveyor wrote--

"In reply to the resolution of the County Council, directing that I should reside in my district or resign.

I regret that owing to existing circumstances I find myself unable to live in my district at present, and therefore beg to tender my resignation.

I do so with great regret and wish to express my sincere thanks

to the members of the County Council for the kindly manner they have always treated me.

At the same time I am prepared to place myself at the disposal of the County Council as far as the date of my resignation is concerned, so as to inconvenience them as little as possible."

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

"That we accept the resignation of Mr Flood and Mr Doyle, Assistant Surveyors. That we direct our Secretary to advertise these vacancies, salaries to be £100 per annum, with an increment of £5 per annum to a maximum of £120 per annum. The appointments to be determinable by two month's notice in writing on either side, and to be made on 7th November 1917, the successful candidates to take up duty on the 1st December 1917. That the officers appointed be obliged to reside within their districts."

In connection with the appointment of two Assistant Surveyors the following letter under date 30th October 1917, and No. 55308-1917, was read from the Local Government Board:-

"The Local Government Board for Ireland have had before them previous correspondence relative to the fixing of salaries for the positions of Assistant Surveyors in County Wexford.

With reference thereto, I am to state that the salaries proposed in these cases appear to be inadequate for the positions and the County Council would be well advised if they made inquiry regarding the salaries paid to Assistant Surveyors in other Counties. Such officers occupy an onerous and important position and upon their integrity and energy the value obtained for expenditure on roads mainly depends."

Under date 5th November 1917, the following letter was read from Mr V. R. Doyle, Assistant Surveyor:-

"With reference to my resignation as Assistant Surveyor I have reconsidered the matter, and wish to withdraw same with your consent, and will be prepared to live within my district as directed by your resolution.

Hoping that you will favourably consider my application."

The following recommendation was submitted from the Finance & Roads Committee and confirmed on the motion of Mr Cowman, seconded by

Mr Maddock:-

"That no action be taken on the Communication of the Local Government Board No. 53308-1917, under date 30th October 1917, as regards the salaries of Assistant Surveyors.

In connection with the request of Mr Vincent R. Doyle, Assistant Surveyor, to withdraw his resignation the following recommendation from the Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed on the motion of Mr M. Doyle seconded by Mr Cowman.:-

"That Mr Vincent R. Doyle be allowed to provisionally withdraw his resignation as Assistant Surveyor on the grounds that he has promised to reside in Wexford which is on the bounds of his district, and that he will attend more assiduously to his work in the future. That this resolution remain in force for a probationary period of six months at the end of which period the County Council will be recommended to allow Mr Doyle to continue in Office on the usual terms subject to a report of the County Surveyor that he has discharged his duties satisfactorily in the meantime."

Proposed by Mr Cowman, seconded by Mr Scallan and adopted:-

"That the recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee, as regard the resignation of Mr G. Flood, and the fixing of salary of incoming Surveyors at £100 per annum, rising by annual increments of £5 to £120 per annum, be agreed to. That in consequence of the decision of this meeting to allow Mr V. R. Doyle to withdraw his resignation, the recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee dealing with the acceptance of said resignation be not confirmed."

Applications for the positions were received and submitted to the meeting from Mr William Fortune, 9 Gladstone Street, Waterford, qualified Assistant Surveyor, Mr R. J. Ennis, A.R.C.Sc., I., (Engineering) Oulartard, Ferns, and Mr Wm J. Chadwick, Borrisoleigh, Thurles.

Mr Cowman proposed:- "That Mr R. J. Ennis, be appointed Assistant Surveyor for No. 3 district (formerly in charge of Mr Gerald Flood) on the terms and conditions of the advertisement governing the appointment and issued by the County Council."

Mr Kinsella seconded.

Mr Whelan proposed and Mr Maddock seconded the appointment of Mr William Fortune to the position.

A Poll was taken with the following result:-

For Mr Ennis:- Messrs M. Doyle, J. Codd, Barry, Scallan, Kinsella, Lord Courtown, Lynch, Thorpe, M. Codd, Redmond, J. A. Doyle Mayler, Asple, J.A. Doyle and the Chairman.- 15.

For Mr Fortune:- Messrs Maddock, Whelan, and Kehoe.- 3.

The Chairman declared Me Ennis elected.

The successful Candidate returned thanks.

Mr Ennis was recommended for the position by Rev J. Long P. P.,
Monageer,.

Increment of Salary.

Under date 4th November 1917, Mr Gerald Flood, Assistant Surveyor, wrote applying for annual increment of £5, as from June 1917, to the date of his resignation, viz:- 19th October."

On the motion of Mr Cowman, seconded by Mr Scallan, the following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed:-

"That increment of Mr Flood as from June 1917 to the date of his resignation be agreed to."

Resignation of Mr O'H. Walsh, Rate Collector.

Under date 31st October 1917, the following was read from Mr O'H. Walsh Rate Collector for No. 1 Collection District--

"Owing to ill-health I beg to tender my resignation as Rate Collector and I trust the Council having regard to my long service will see their way to grant me the maximum superannuation."

On the motion of Mr Scallan, seconded by Mr Maddock, the following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed:-

"That we accept the resignation of Mr O'H. Walsh, as rate Collector for No. 1 Collection District. That our Secretary be directed to issue advertisements for the appointment of Mr Walsh's successor, appointment to be made at a special Meeting of the Council to be held on 19th December 1917, poundage rate to be fixed at 7d in the £, other emoluments, statutory fees under Voters & Jurors Acts, the former to apply only when the work of preparing Parliamentary and Local Government Register of Electors is resumed.

Mr Cowman intimated his intention of serving Notice of Motion for Meeting on 19th December 1917, regarding superannuation allowance to be awarded to Mr Walsh."

Auditor's Report.

Under date 17th October 1917, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 50104-1917) forwarding report of their Auditor on his audit of the Accounts of the Enniscorthy Union, in respect of half-year ended 31st March 1917.

Under date 17th October 1917, the Local Government Board (letter No. 50105-1917) forwarded report of their Auditor, on his audit of the accounts of the Enniscorthy R.D. Council, in respect of half-year ended 31st March 1917.

Marked "Read"

Tuberculosis Scheme.

Under date 28th September 1917, the Local Government Board forwarded Circular 144M-1917, as to domiciliary treatment of tuberculosis persons.

The Circular pointed out that the Tuberculosis Officer should employ every feasible means for getting into touch with as large a number of cases and at as early stages as possible, and should induce the patients to attend the Tuberculosis Dispensaries regularly for advice and treatment. Where this could not be done, the co-operation of the local medical practitioners should be secured.

The Board considered a system of payment by fees as unsatisfactory and suggested the assignment of a specified amount for distribution among medical practitioners either by way of fixed yearly allowances or pro rate grants in proportion to the number of cases treated.

The Circular further pointed out that the Treasury could not contemplate the application of the Maintenance Grant to the provision of ordinary subsistence or money allowances for the expenditure of which there could be no adequate guarantee.

The Local Government Board considered relief should be carried out through the medium of existing Poor Law Authorities by Private Associations, but would not object to the provision of special foods to a limited extent. The Circular also pointed out that institutional accommodation would be required for the treatment of advanced cases, and the Local Government Board considered that the necessary accommodation might be obtained in the Union Infirmaries, and in some Counties in the County Infirmary, the cost of treatment being borne by means of a contribution from the County funds, by which means a reduction in the poor rate might be secured."

Proposed by Mr Whelan, seconded by Mr Scallan, and adopted:-

"That no action be taken on the Circular letter of the Local Government Board under date 28th September 1917, and no. 144M-1917, as to the treatment of persons suffering from Tuberculosis."

Treatment of Venereal Diseases.

The Local Government Board under date 22nd October 1917, (17518-1917, Miscellaneous Circular) forwarded copies of Circulars issued by them to Public Bodies, Regulations (County Boroughs) and Draft Regulations County Councils, with Memorandum of Instructions etc., (County Boroughs) all in connection with the treatment of Venereal diseases.

On the motion of Mr Cowman, seconded by Mr Scallan, the following resolution was adopted:- "That no action be taken on the Circular letter of the Local Government Board under date 22nd October 1917, No. 17518-1917, Miscellaneous Circular, regarding the treatment of Venereal Diseases."

Screen Water Supply.

Under date 26th September 1917, the Local Government Board forwarded Sealed Order No. 47,195. 1917, (Supply of Water at Screen) the area of charge for which has been fixed as Crossabeg Dispensary District.

Marked "Read".

Road Contractors.

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

"That we request the County Council to instruct the County Surveyor to deal as leniently as possible with Road Contractors who have, as far as the present abnormal circumstances permit, conscientiously carried out the terms of their contract."

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

"That we recommend the County Surveyor, as agreed to by the Finance & Roads Committee, to give effect to the resolution of Gorey R. D. Council as to dealing as leniently as possible with Road Contractors."

Application for Advance of £3000.

Under date 25th October 1917, the following was read from Mr R.

Greighton, Clerk R. D. Council, Gorey:-

"For the purpose of completing works under the Labourer's Acts, for which the loans have been stopped by the Government, the District Council are about negotiating a loan in the open market. However, pending the carrying through of these negotiations it will be necessary to obtain temporarily an advance of about £3,000, and for this purpose I am directed by the District Council to make application to your Council for such advance. The money is urgently needed to pay off contractors."

Lord Courtown mentioned that it would not be necessary to have any order made on this application as the Secretary to the Co Council had informed the Gorey R.D. Council that the Co Council could not afford owing to their present financial position to advance such a sum as £3,000."

Injury to Roads by Traction Engines, Etc.,

Under date 30th October 1917, the following was read from Mr John J. Rochford, Clerk, New Ross R. D Council:-

"I beg to inform you that at the half-yearly meeting of the New Ross Rural Council held on Monday 29th inst., it was unanimously resolved that the County Council be requested to take legal proceedings against the owners of traction Engines and Motor Lorries causing injury to the roads by excessive traffic, and you will please accept this letter as notice of the Council's resolution."

On the motion of Mr Thorpe, seconded by Mr Kehoe, the following recommendation of Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed--

"That the attention of the County Surveyor be called to the provision of the Public Bodies (Ireland) Act 1911, and that he be directed to furnish a return of the various roads in the County which have been injured by extraordinary traffic according to the definition set out in Sec 1 of said Act, this return to be submitted to next meeting of Finance & Roads Committee."

Improvement of Wexford Harbour.

At the Meeting of the County Council held on 19th September 1917, a resolution was adopted appointing Messrs J. Bolger, (Chairman) J. J. Kehoe, P. Keating, and J. J. Stafford, as delegates from the County Council to co-operate with the Wexford Harbour Commissioners in approaching the Treasury or the Development Commissioners for the purpose of securing a grant to enable the Harbour Commissioners to dredge the

berths at the quayside.

Under date 30th October 1917, Messrs Little & Elgee, Solicitors, Wexford, wrote forwarding copy of Memorial drawn up by the Joint Committee of the Local Bodies for presentation to the Treasury in the matter.

The Memorial set forth the loss of income sustained by the Commissioners consequent on the discontinuance of the steamship service between Wexford & Liverpool, owing to the S.S. Wexford Coast, which had been specially built for the service having been commandeered by the Admiralty. The owners were unable to replace the vessel. Owing to their financial position the Commissioners cannot have any dredging work carried out, and hence they are approaching the Treasury with a view to obtaining a grant for the purpose of having Gull Bar and the Quay berths dredged to a depth of 15 feet, so as to facilitate the export of food stuffs and pit props which were urgently required.

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

"That we are of opinion the Government should (owing to the manner in which War conditions have affected Wexford Harbour) financially assist the Wexford Harbour Commissioners as to the dredging of harbour and quay berths. That we promise the Wexford Harbour Commissioners to give them all assistance in our power towards the attainment of that object.

That a copy of this resolution be furnished the Members of parliament for the County of Wexford, and the Secretary to the Harbour Board."

Claim for Extra Police.

In connection with the claim of £191 cost of extra police at Enniscorthy, for period from 1st October 1916 to 31st March 1917, and which was submitted to the meeting of the County Council on 19th September 1917, and adjourned, pending the receipt of information as to the Constabulary free quota for the County, the following letter under date 1st November 1917, was read from the County Inspector, R. I. C., Wexford:-

"Referring to your letter of the 21st September last on above subject, I beg to inform you that Government has decided to make no charge for the 8 reserve men in question, and account is therefore withdrawn."

"No Order"

Application from Tomgarrow Quarrymen.

Under date 17th September 1917, the following application was read from the Quarrymen at Tomgarrow Quarry:-

"We the undersigned workers of the above quarry beg to make application for rise of wages from 20/- to 24/- with 5/- extra for working foreman, 8/- for man horse and cart. The present wage of 20/- is very inadequate as it very often falls far short of 20/- in broken weather.

We may add that in asking the above rise we are only asking what is paid in the neighbouring quarry of Ballinaboola."

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

"That the wages of the ordinary quarrymen at Tomgarrow quarry be fixed at 22/- per week, that the wages of the working foreman be fixed at 25/- and that the amount for man, horse and cart be fixed at 7/6 per day

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

Application Increased Capitation Grant-Industrial Schools.

Under date 21st September 1917, a Circular letter was read from Rev Br P. O'Ryan, Artane Industrial School, on behalf of the Managers of Industrial Schools, asking for an increase in the capitation grant from the County Council on one shilling per week.

Rev Br N. Ryan, Glencree Reformatory School, wrote under date 28th September 1917:- "In view of the abnormal times through which we are all now passing and the consequent abnormal change in the value of money and therefore terrible hardship imposed on all those whose incomes are fixed at normal rates, I appeal to the Co Wexford County Council to augment for the time being its pre-war grant of 2/6 per head per week by at least 1/- per head per week, with respect to the maintenance of County Wexford boys in Glencree Reformatory School, and to make that increase retrospective as from October 1st 1916.

You are aware that the Treasury has made a conditional grant of 6d per head per week where the County Councils made a similar grant. That however is utterly insufficient and the Treasury has been approached and it is expected that another 6d will be allowed on similar conditions.

There are now eight boys from County Wexford in Glencree School,

so that while the burden will be indeed light on the Co. Wexford, it will be no small relief to the School.

Trusting, Gentlemen, that you will view the matter in a reasonable, just, and generous light."

Applications of a similar kind were received from St Michael's Industrial School, Wexford, St Clonleth's Reformatory, Phillipstown, King's Co., and St Joseph's Industrial School, Letterfrack.

"Mr Hinsella stated he would, at the meeting of the Council on 5th December 1917, move a resolution that an extra 6d per head per week, be voted to the Industrial & Reformatory Schools in respect of Wexford Children maintained in these Institutions."

Burial of Frozen Meat Washed Ashore.

Under date 26th September 1917, the following application was read from Mr Walter Kehoe, Harbour Master, Kilmore:-

"I have buried from June 1917, 39 Bags and 344 pieces of Frozen Meat that came ashore on the beach at Kilmore, I am putting every 8 pieces to a bag, which would count 82 bags in all. I would claim at the rate of 2/- per bag, as what has been paid in Ross district, that would amount to £8. 4/-.

I would be so thankful if the Members would favourably consider my Claim as I have been under big expense."

The Finance & Roads Committee submitted the following recommendation:-

"That Mr W. Kehoe be requested to furnish further particulars as to burial of packages of frozen meat, viz-- How long was he engaged at the work, did he employ any assistance, and, if so, what did he pay for same."

Under date 9th October 1917, the following letter was read from Mr Kehoe, Harbour Master:-

"As the Members of the County Council are requesting me to furnish all particulars as to the burial of packages of frozen meat how long I was engaged at the work, did I employ any assistance, and if so what did I pay for same.

Well, to answer all these, I could not do so by letter, but I was engaged for 10 weeks late and early burying this meat. I buried it all myself, as I could not get any help. I did not spend a whole day

at one time burying it, as it was against nature to do so, but I buried the number of packages already mentioned, and by those I expect to be paid. I had a man three days burying the first of this meat, that came at 5/- per day, which I am not counting at all, that is all particulars I can give. I also had to drag it through rocks a considerable distance to find a suitable place to bury it, which was not very pleasant work to do, so I think the Members ought to consider what it was also, and kindly recompense me."

Under date 6th November 1917, Mr Kehoe wrote that 40 pieces of frozen meat had been washed ashore and asking for remuneration for the burial of same.

On the motion of Mr Kehoe, seconded by Mr Lynch, the following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed:-

"That Mr Walter Kehoe, Harbour Master, Kilmore, be allowed a sum of £8. 4/- for extra work in connection with the burial of packages of frozen meat washed ashore, that amount to cover the burial of all packages of meat including those referred to in letter of the Harbour Master under date 6th November 1917."

Application for Increase of Salary.

Under date 25th September 1917, an application was read from Mr T. A. Frizelle, Accountant to the County Council, applying for an increase in his salary of £100 per annum.

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

"That the salary of Mr T. A. Frizelle, Accountant, be fixed at £115 per annum from this date."

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

Proposed Contribution towards Salaries from Co. Insurance -----Committee.-----

The following report of Special Committee was presented to the Meeting:-

"At the Meeting of the Wexford County Council, on 19th September 1917, a letter was read from Miss O'Ryan, Clerk to County Wexford Insurance Committee, under date 26th July 1917, asking on behalf of her Committee that the Council would appoint three delegates to consider, with three delegates from her Committee, the question of

the amount of contribution to be made to the Council for the services of Tuberculosis Officer and Nurse.

The Council adopted the following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee:-

"That Messrs Asple, Cowman, and maddock, be appointed delegates of the County Council to meet the delegates from the County Wexford Insurance Committee to consider the question of the amount of payment to be made by the County Wexford Insurance Committee for the past services of Tuberculosis Officer and Nurse. That if possible the meeting of delegates be not held until after harvest. That it be pointed out at the meeting of delegates that the contribution of one-fifth of salaries and expenses of Tuberculosis Officer and Nurse was to remain in force for one year only, as from 28th February 1916, in the absence of agreement. That in considering any recommendation to be arrived at as regards the basis of contribution to be made by the Insurance Committee as from 1st October 1917, the communication of the Local Government Board, under date 15th March 1916, and No. 12842-1916, Wexford County, be taken into consideration."

The delegates present were Messrs T. Asple, and M. Maddock, on behalf of the County Council, and Messrs John J. Kehoe, and John J. Egan, on behalf of the Insurance Committee.

The Secretary to the County Council, the Clerk to the County Insurance Committee, and Dr O'Connor, Tuberculosis Officer, were in attendance.

A long discussion took place as to the amount of contribution to be paid. The Insurance Committee, as per instructions from Insurance Commission, offered £491. 14. 6d to clear off indebtedness from the initiation of the Scheme to 30th June 1917, being at the rate of one-fifth of the salaries and expenses of Tuberculosis Officer and Nurse.

The County Council demand was £682. 17. 2d being for a third of the salaries and expenses of Tuberculosis Officer and Nurse as from the commencement of the Scheme to the 28th February 1916, and one-fifth of salaries and expenses from 28th February 1916 to 30th June 1917.

No conclusion was arrived at in view of the proposal of the County Insurance Committee to furnish a counter claim as to the services of "part-time" Nurses. It was pointed out that a sum of £464 had been spent under this head by the County Insurance Committee, and according

to Dr O'Connor about 50% of the services of the "part-time" Nurses had been devoted to non-insured cases.

The delegates of the Insurance Committee suggested that a resolution should be adopted that the difference between the claim of the County Council and the offer of the County Insurance Committee should be regarded as cancelled by the services of part-time nurses in looking after non-insured patients.

The delegates of the County Council considered they had no mandate from the County Council to deal with this point as no account for services of Nurses had ever been rendered to, or discussed by the County Council.

It was decided that Miss O'Ryan furnish claim on the County Council for services of "part-time" Nurses.

Regarding the future contribution of the Insurance Committee to the County Council for the services of Tuberculosis Officer and Nurse, it was decided that the Insurance Committee be requested to consider the advisability of fixing their contribution on the number of their patients at Tuberculosis Dispensaries."

Under date 27th September 1917, the following letter was read from Miss O'Ryan, Clerk County Insurance Committee:-

"At yesterday's meeting of this Committee it was resolved that in view of the settlement about to be made between this Committee and yours, we should now make application to your Committee for sum due in respect of services rendered by the part-time nurses to the non-insured persons who attend dispensaries.

According to accounts of this Committee total sums paid to nurses would be £464. 13. 4d. If we only paid one-fifth of this sum, as we are to pay on the salaries of the Tuberculosis Officer and Nurse we should now be liable for only £92, 18. 8d of this or in other words you would owe us £371. 14. 8d.

According to the opinion laid down by the Tuberculosis Officer, work done for non-insured persons by our Nurses would be one-half. The Committee do not wish to press for this full sum, but, are prepared to accept in full settlement £191, which represents the difference between one-fifth of the salaries, etc., of your officers for period prior to the 1st March 1916, a sum which will be sanctioned by the Insurance Commissioners and, one-third, a sum your Council demand but will not be sanctioned by the Insurance Commissioners.

Will you kindly lay these proposals before your next meeting and let us know if a settlement can be brought about on these lines."

Under date 29th October 1917, Miss O'Ryan wrote that the Insurance Commission were prepared to advance £551. 14. 6d in full settlement of account for contribution to salaries of officers as from initiation of scheme to 31st December 1917. Also asking the Council to agree to a Conference between delegates from the County Insurance Committee and the Council with a view to entering into an Agreement, or at least to consider the advisability of taking such a step."

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

"That the report of Messrs Asple and Maddock, delegation from the County Council as regards settlement of amount to be paid by County Insurance Committee for the services of Tuberculosis Officer and Nurse be received."

"that the County Council be recommended to accept from the Insurance Committee a sum of £491. 14. 6d, as the contribution from the Committee towards the salaries of Tuberculosis Officer & Nurse, up to the 30th June 1917, and a contribution of one-fifth of said salaries as from 30th June 1917 to 30th September 1917. In accepting this sum of £491 odd the County Council are allowing a sum of £191. 2.8d as payment for services of "part-time" Nurses employed by the County Insurance Committee with non-insured patients."

"That as from 1st October 1917, the services of Tuberculosis Officer and Nurse be placed at the disposal of the County Insurance Committee on the understanding that the County Insurance Committee is prepared to pay for the services in question as per the number of patients treated."

Under date 3rd November 1917, Miss O'Ryan forwarded the following resolutions of the Wexford Insurance Committee, adopted at the meeting of 31st October 1917:-

"That the County Council be asked to accept payment of contribution towards the salaries and expenses of the Tuberculosis Officer and Nurse at the rate of one-fifth from the period these officers first rendered services to this Committee up to the 31st December 1917. That as this Committee is receiving a grant for the full amount to cover this period they would be at a loss of three months of this grant if the

County Council only agrees to accept payment up to the end of September. That this request is only for period up to the end of this year, as fresh arrangements can be made for the new year."

"That the County Council be asked to consider the following which appears in letter of the Commissioners of the 26th October 1917, No. 44263/17, I.C., Co. Wx.,

"It appears to the Commissioners that the Committee should at once take steps with a view to having an agreement executed between them and the County Council in connection with the treatment of tuberculosis, to come into operation as from 1st January next, and negotiations with the Council for that purpose should be entered into immediately. A Conference should be arranged for at an early date, and, on being notified of the date thereof, the Commission will cause a representative to attend.

That the Council agree to this conference and if necessary rescind resolution of earlier date declining to consider this agreement."

Under date 29th October 1917, the Local Government Board wrote, (letter No. 54181-1917, Wexford County) that the Insurance Commission informed them of the willingness to place a sum of £551. 14. 6d at the disposal of the Wexford County Insurance Committee for the purpose of defraying the liability of the Committee to the County Council in respect of the services of the Tuberculosis Officer and Nurse to 31st December 1917. The Board again represented to the County Council the advisability of entering into an Agreement with the Insurance Committee on the lines of the standard form.

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

"That the recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee approving of the report of Messrs Asple and Maddock, delegation of the County Council as regards settlement of amount to be paid by County Wexford Insurance Committee for the services of Tuberculosis Officer and Nurse be adopted.

That in view of the letter of the Clerk to the County Wexford Insurance Committee, under date 29th October 1917, the recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee as regards acceptance of £491. 14. 6d contribution from County Insurance Committee to 30th June 1917 be not Confirmed.

That the County Council approve of the acceptance of the sum of £551. 14. 6d, as contribution from the County Insurance Committee in respect of the services of the Tuberculosis Officer and Nurse up to 31st December 1917.

That, in view of the fact that the County Council have already decided by resolution not to enter into any agreement with the County Insurance Committee on the grounds that they would be in a worse financial position than under existing arrangements, the County Council are precluded from taking any further steps towards entering into an agreement so long as said resolution remains unrescinded."

Workmen's Compensation Act.- McBride v County Council.

Under date 13th October 1917, the following letter was read from Messrs Huggard & Brennan, Solicitors, Wexford:-

"We shall feel much obliged if you would kindly let us have cheque at once for £10. 5/- being 12 weeks compensation from the 23rd July last to Monday next the 15th inst., with five guineas costs and 10/- witnesses expenses payable to the applicant pursuant to the award of the County Court Judge made in the matter at New Ross on Friday last the 12th inst.,

The applicant is in need of the money and we would feel very much obliged if you give this application your prompt attention, and let us have cheque.

Thanking you in anticipation."

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Kinsella, it was decided that the letter of Messrs Huggard & Brennan, Solicitors, re McBride, be forwarded to the Insurance Brokers- Messrs Coyle & Co., 7 Anglesea Street, Dublin."

Coals for Courthouses.

Under date 29th October 1917, the following letter was read from Mr R. P. Corish, C. P. S., Taghmon:-

"Will you be good enough to obtain the usual order for supply of 3 tons Coal for Taghmon and Duncormack Courthouses in due course."

On the motion of Mr Lynch, seconded by the Chairman, the following recommendation of Finance & Roads Committee was adopted:-

"That the County Council agrees to the provision of three tons

Coal for Taghmon and Duncormack Courthouses, and will be responsible for the cost of same."

Ford Company & Sign Posts.

Resolutions were received from the Wexford, Gorey, and Riverchapel Branches of the Gaelic League, calling upon the County Council to refuse permission to the Ford Motor Co., to erect sign posts at the various crossroads in the County until such time as the Ford Motor Co., saw their way to comply with the request of the Gaelic League to have the information given on the proposed sign posts in Irish and English.

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

"That the attention of the Ford Motor Co., be called to the representations received from branches of the Gaelic League in County Wexford, as to the subject of having sign posts to be supplied by the Company lettered in Irish as well as English. We desire to point out to them that in view of the promise contained in their letter of 4th August 1917, that this would be carried out in the County, the County Council did not consider it necessary to make any order on the resolutions of the Gaelic League dealing with the matter."

Price of Gas.

Under date 24th September 1917, the New Ross Gas Co., Ltd., wrote stating that in consequence of the enormous freights now charged on Coal, and the continued increase in price of all other materials, they were compelled to increase the price of Gas by 1/3 per 1,000 cubic feet as from 1st October 1917.

"No Order."

University Scholarship Scheme.

Under date 25th October 1917, the following letter was read from University College, Dublin:-

"I beg to report as under on the following scholars from your County for Session 1916-17:-

John L. Bookey:- A good student. Though Third University Examination in Medicine not yet completed he can pursue course without prolongation of its period.

Nicholas P. Corish:- Passed First University Examination in Engineering.

Anna M. Murphy:- Passed B. A., Degree Examination with Second Honours in Irish and in French. "

Under date 11th October 1917, the following letter was read from Mr John Travers, holder of a University Scholarship under the Co Council:-

"I beg through you, to bring this application under the notice of your Council.

I won a County Scholarship of £50 a year to enable me to avail of University Education. The College fees will take £12 of this each year. I must procure books and paper which will come to about £5. There are other expenses.

Your regulation requires me to stay in a hostel. The one in Dublin charges over £50, - 16 guineas for each of the three terms. The one in Blackrock has raised its charge from £1 per week, to £1. 5/- or about £40 yearly, besides the expense of travelling to and from Dublin daily.

Under these circumstances I wish to request permission to remain in cheaper lodgings in Dublin, - which lodgings would be approved of by the Authorities charged with this matter - the College Authorities -.

I could live within what the Council grants by this plan. The Council has a just check on me by the result of the report of the University Authorities, and by success at examinations.. The scholarship could be withdrawn if I proved myself unworthy.

For one who cannot afford to pay £20 over and above the Scholarship there is no other alternative. One could not expect the Council, already generous, to pay it.

I trust my request will be considered reasonable. It would be a pleasure and an honour to stay in a College if one could pay."

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

"That Mr Travers be informed that no provision of the University Scholarship Scheme of the Council can be altered without consideration by notice of motion, and that applications of a similar character to his have been always refused by the Council, the members of which are not prepared to accept responsibility for pupils residing outside a recognised hostel."

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

Kilmore Harbour Master & Life Boat.

Under date 9th October 1917, the following letter was read from Rev H. L. Scott, Hon Sec., Kilmore Branch Lifeboat Institution:-

"On behalf of the Committee of the Kilmore Branch of the Lifeboat Institution, I am writing to you about Wat Kehoe, Harbour Master at Kilmore Quay.

He has been appointed Bowman in the Lifeboat at Kilmore Quay, and on accepting, he properly informed us that it must be subject to the approval of the County Council, as he was employed by them as Harbour Master.

He is an excellent seaman, and just the man for the Life Boat, and I hardly think his duties would be interfered with on the very rare occasion of a Lifeboat service.

I shall be glad to hear from you that your Council does not object to his undertaking this very meretorious work."

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

"That the County Council have no objection to Mr Walter Kehoe, Harbour Master, Kilmore, acting as bowman to the Kilmore lifeboat."

Maintenance of Lunatics.

Referring to the Conference of County Borough and County Councils in Ireland held on 30th April last, and to the proposal that a representative deputation should wait on the Prime Minister and the Chancellor of the Exchequer regarding grants for the maintenance of lunatics, Mr Henry Campbell, Town Clerk, Dublin, wrote under date 18th October 1917, that he had been in constant communication with the Prime Minister, the Chancellor of the Exchequer and the Chief Secretary for Ireland. The Prime Minister failed to see that any useful purpose could be served by his receiving the deputation, as he was of opinion that the matter was one entirely for the Chancellor of the Exchequer. The latter, through the Chief Secretary, likewise expressed the opinion that nothing was to be gained at present by receiving a deputation on the subject in view of the fact that the desired reform could only be brought about by a general revision of Local Taxation arrangements throughout the United Kingdom. While he had no doubt that this matter would have to be taken in hand after the War was over, he considered that

involve complicated and contentious legislation.

"No Order."

Appropriation of Foodstuffs.

Under date 20th September 1917, the following resolution was received from Limerick County Council:-

"That we view with genuine alarm the proposal of the Food Controller to take over butter at the maximum price of 20s/- a cwt., such price not giving farmers a reasonable price for their milk. Such a price works out at about 7d to 8d a gallon for new milk, whereas in England the price of new milk seems to be about a hundred per cent more than this. We maintain that dairy farming has always been a sweated industry, and the proposal of the Food Controller, if persisted in, will still keep it one, or in the alternative cause a great diminution of dairying. The further fixing of the price at 60/- a cwt for beef in January will still further react on the dairy farmer in the price he receives for his calves-so that this position will be practically unendurable."

"Adopted on the motion of Mr Maddock, seconded by Mr Whelan."

Purchase of Army Cattle.

The following resolution was read from the South of Ireland Cattle Trade Association:-

"We beg to call the attention of agricultural Ireland to the conduct of the Government in dealing with the cattle trade of this Country as a whole with reference to the purchase of 100,000 cattle for Army requirements. Early in June last the Government Department, through the Department of Agriculture, summoned the Members of the Trade to Dublin and asked them to take over the scheme of supplying aforesaid number of cattle. This was agreed to, and after a period of three months spent in arranging the programme the scheme was abandoned by the Government and an alternative offered. At a special meeting held at Westminster on the 24th August, which was presided over by Sir Henry Robinson, it was stated that if the alternative was accepted the matter could be there and then settled. This offer was immediately accepted, the terms being 6/- per head commission for buying, and the Government promised to confirm the arrangement at a subsequent meeting to be held in Dublin the following Tuesday. The alternative was again cancelled by the Government, and the whole scheme handed over to Sir Edward

Carson's nominees. The Committee and the Cattle Trade gave every facility to have the Scheme promoted, and we therefore take this opportunity of entering our most emphatic protest against such treatment and demand a full Parliamentary inquiry into all the circumstances in connection with the matter."

"No Order"

RECOMMENDATIONS-FINANCE & ROADS COMMITTEE.

War Bonus Road Contractors:-

"That the County Council having carefully considered the application of certain road contractors who have entered into their contracts on or before 30th June 1915, and who have applied for an increase on the annual amount being paid to them for the carrying out of their contracts by way of war bonus, and being satisfied that these contractors are entitled to such payment, do grant to these contractors the following increased payment, i.e., an increase of 20% on the whole amount to those contractors who supply material and labour themselves, an increase of 11.4% or 20% on 4/7ths of the amount to those contractors who obtain material from Co. Council quarries, no increased charge being made by the County Council for material, and an increase of 13.3% or 20% on 2/3rds of the amount to those contractors who use seagravel until the expiration of the contract or until one year from the end of the War, whichever event should first happen, but that such increased payment only be made as from 31st March 1917 and to contractors who in the opinion of the County Surveyor, have done their work efficiently, and further that procedure suggested by the Local Government Board be carried out, namely, that the County Council shall issue advertisements inviting tenders from outside persons for the contracts, taking this new amount in each case as the minimum price at which the contractor will be willing to carry on the work until the expiration of his contract, and if no tender at a lower amount is obtained that a fresh contract be entered into with each contractor concerned, at this new increased annual amount for the unexpired term of his contract, the increased percentage only to be paid for a period ending one year after the conclusion of the War."

"That as regards the tender submitted by Mr John Kehoe, Baylands, Camolin, for Road 14G for which Mrs Mary McDonald, Kilbore, Camolin, is the existing contractor, we instruct our Secretary, to inform Mrs

McDonald that a lower tender than the existing price has been offered to the Co Council. If she wishes to give up the work of maintaining the road it will be handed over to the new tenderer. If on the other hand she desires to continue as Contractor she must understand distinctly that the total amount which she can receive for this Contract from the County Council cannot exceed £80 per annum (her present price) and that no War Bonus can be paid on this contract. That Mrs McDonald must inform the County Council what she intends doing in the matter not later than 27th inst., (October 1917)."

"That as regards tender of John Kehoe, Baylands, Camolin, for Road No. 5E., for which Mr Bernard McDonald is existing Contractor, a similar order be made as in the case of Road No. 14G dealt with at the present meeting."

"That we approve of the sureties submitted by Mr Kehoe, as regards offers for maintenance of roads 14G and 5E."

Under date 25th October 1917, Mrs McDonald, Kilbora, Camolin, and Bernard McDonald, Kilbora, Contractors referred to in recommendation of Finance & Roads Committee, wrote that they were prepared to carry out their contracts for £80 per annum, and £44. 15/- per annum, respectively, the original amounts of contract in each case."

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

On the motion of Mr Kehoe, seconded by Mr Lynch, the following resolution was adopted:- "That application for War Bonus by Hugh Byrne, Kilmyshal, Contractor for Road No. 93E, be refused as the road in question had to be taken up by the County Surveyor under the 54th Sec of the Grand Jury Act from March 1916 to March 1917."

Tara Hill Quarry:- "That the County Surveyor be authorised to offer the quarrymen at Tara Hill Quarry 1/4 per ton for sledging making small blasts on boulders, and for preparing and putting material through stonebreaker, the County Council to supply tools and gelignite."

"That the application of Mr John Lannen, foreman Tara Hill Quarry, for increase in his weekly wages of £1. 2. 6d per week, be adjourned until Tara Hill Quarry is again in full working order."

On the motion of Mr Kinsella, seconded by the Chairman, the

following resolution was adopted:-

"That we disagree with the recommendation of Finance & Roads Committee as to allowance to men employed at Tara Hill Quarry for work of sledging making small blasts on boulders and preparing and putting material through breaker at 1/4 per ton, and fix the amount of work at 1/6 per ton.

That the application of Mr Lannen, Foreman Tara Hill Quarry, for increase of wages be considered at next Finance & Roads Committee, when it is anticipated that the work of the Quarry will be fully resumed."

Ryland Quarry:- "That the County Surveyor be empowered to reduce the Staff at Ryland Quarry in order to decrease the present cost of working expenses which, according to the statement of the County Surveyor, are considerably above the normal figure."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr Scallan, seconded by Mr Whelan."

Quarrymen attached to Living Van:- "That we recommend the County Council to agree to the payment of 4/2 per day for each working day to the men attached to the County Council's living van and engaged in quarry work."

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

Engine Driver and Attendant:- "That the salary of the County Council's engine driver be increased from 25/- to 30/- per week, and that no change be made in the wages of the attendant standing at 25/- per week."

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

Complaints as to Roads.

Under date 3rd November 1917, communications were received from the Enniscorthy Rural District Council, complaining of the following roads and asking that the Finance & Roads Committee of the County Council, inspect and report re same:-

- 1.- Road leading from Forrestalstown to Killegney.
- 2.- Road from Oylegate to Ballymurn.
- 3.- Kilmallock Bridge.
- 4.- Road from Enniscorthy Urban Boundary leading through the Moyne.
- 5.- Road from Scurloughbush to Redgate.
- 6.- Aughgar Lane.
- 7.- Road from Cloleourish Quarry to New Line.

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

"That the Enniscorthy Rural District Council be informed that the County Surveyor has admitted that the roads regarding which they have complained, are not in good condition, the main cause being the difficulty of obtaining metalling from Coolamain Quarry, and also the difficulty arising from the scarcity of labour. That unless Mr Philip Browne, owner of Coolamain Quarry makes some attempt to provide material as agreed to with the County Surveyor, the County Council will direct that a summons be served on him that the Council will enter the quarry on Magistrates' Order.

That the matters reported by the Enniscorthy R.D. Council be left in the hands of the County Surveyor to do what he possibly can to improve the present undesirable condition of affairs."

Payment Malicious Injury Claims.

Under date 23rd October 1917, Messrs W. Roche & Sons, Solicitors, 20 Stephen's Green North, Dublin, wrote applying for payment of half amount of decree on foot of separate charge No. 137 (Compensation for Criminal Injury) and pointing out that other Councils were adopting this course in view of the fact that one moiety of each separate charge had been collected up to 30th September last.

Mr Elgee, Solicitor to the Council, stated that in his opinion the Council were bound to comply with this request.

On the motion of Mr Lynch, seconded by Mr Kinsella, the following recommendation of Finance & Roads Committee was adopted:-

"That a sum of £176. 19. 6d moiety of amount due on foot of Separate Charge No. 137 (total amount £378. 19/-) be paid Messrs Roche & Sons., Solicitors, on behalf of the North British & Mercantile Insurance Co."

Road No. 2G.

On the motion of Mr Lynch, seconded by Mr Kehoe, the following recommendation of Finance & Roads Committee was adopted:-

"That the Contractor and Securities for maintenance of Road No. 2G., be proceeded against, and compelled to put out the full amount of specified tonnage."

Roads in Wexford District.

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

"That Richard O'Connor, Waddingtown, Contractor for Roads Nos. 20W., 110W., and 161W., and his Sureties, be prosecuted for neglect to have these roads in proper repair."

Screenings from Quarry.

Mr John Clancy, Brownstown, Newbawn, wrote applying for seven yards of screenings from Tinnecarrig Quarry.

On the motion of Mr Cowman, seconded by Mr Scallan, the following recommendation of Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed:-

"That Mr J. Clancy, Brownstown, be allowed to obtain seven yards of screenings from Tinnecarrig Quarry, provided that the County Surveyor is satisfied they will not be required in connection with Road maintenance."

Rate Collection.

On the motion of Mr Whelan, seconded by the Chairman, the following recommendation of Finance & Roads Committee was adopted:-

"That the County Council observe that up to the 31st October 1917, only three or four of the Rate Collectors have collected any rates. We direct our Secretary to inform the Collectors that they must proceed with their work without any further delay."

Confirmation of Minutes.

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

"That the Minutes of the Proposal Committee be and are hereby confirmed."

(Signed)

John Bolger

Presiding Chairman.

Dated this 5 day of

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1917

STATUTABLE HALF-YEARLY MEETING.- 5th DECEMBER 1917.

The Statutable Half-Yearly Meeting of the Wexford County Council, was held in the Co Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford, on Wednesday, 5th December 1917.

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

Also:- Messrs J. J. Stafford, J. J. Kehoe, M. Maddock, W. Thorpe, James Codd, J. J. O'Byrne, R. Scallan, A. Kinsella, Philip Keating.

The Secretary, County Surveyor, and Mr J. Elgee, Solicitor, were also in attendance.

Confirmation of Minutes.

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and confirmed.

Congratulations to new Bishop.

Proposed by the Chairman,

Seconded by Mr Scallan, and adopted:-

"That we offer Most Rev William Codd, D. D., our most respectful congratulations on his appointment to the bishopric of the Diocese of Ferns, and wish him the enjoyment of many years of life and happiness in the performance of the duties of his sacred and exalted office."

The late Mrs Cloney.

On the motion of the Chairman,

Seconded by Mr Keating, the following resolution submitted by Finance and Roads Committee, was adopted:-

"That the sympathy of the Wexford County Council be extended to our much esteemed Colleague- Mr Michael Cloney- in the loss sustained by him in the death of his beloved wife. That a copy of this resolution be furnished Mr Cloney."

On the motion of the Chairman,

Seconded by Mr Keating, the following letter from Mr M. Cloney, M. C. C., was ordered to be inserted on the Minutes:-

"I find that I shall not be present at Meeting of County Council on 5th inst, Therefore will you kindly convey to its Members my most sincere thanks for their kind sympathy expressed in their resolution to me in my recent bereavement.

And to you also I wish to express my heartfelt thanks for your kind words of sympathy contained therein on the great loss sustained by

Capitation Grant-Reformatory & Industrial Schools.

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

"That an extra 6d per head per week, be voted Industrial and Reformatory Schools in respect of Wexford Children maintained in these Institutions."

"Correspondence was submitted showing that the increase had been already given in nineteen Counties."

The following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was substituted for the Notice of Motion by Mr Kinsella, and was unanimously adopted on the motion of Mr Kinsella, seconded by Mr Kehoe:-

"That we recommend the County Council to grant an extra 6d per head per week to all Schools at present in receipt of 2/6 per head per week."

"That the increased rate of 3/- per head per week date as from 1st October 1917."

Tenders-Rural District Councils.

A number of tenders for Roads and Works were then considered and particulars entered on the appropriate forms 20.

A letter was read from Mr P. J. Fanning, J. P., Cullenogue, Gorey, that Michael Staunton, Clonroe, Tinahely, who had been accepted as Contractor for Road No. 56G at Gorey R. D. Council Meeting, had been blacklisted as an unsatisfactory contractor., etc.,

"In view of the statement of the County Surveyor that in his opinion no other person could be secured to perform the work in the event of the rejection of Staunton's tender, it was decided to allow the tender to stand."

Sealed Orders.

Sealed Order No. 45100-1917, and dated 19th November 1917, was read from the Local Government Board, fixing the Broadway Dispensary District as the area of charge for water supply at Ballycushlane.

Sealed Order No. 56894-1917, and dated 22nd November 1917, was read from the Local Government Board, fixing the Wexford Dispensary District as the area of charge for improvement of water supply at Maudlintown."

"No Order."

Auditors Reports.-Public Bodies.

Under date 6th November 1917, letter No. 53607-1917, was read from the Local Government Board forwarding copy of their Auditor's report on his audit of the Accounts of the County Wexford Tuberculosis Committee for the half-year ended the 30th September 1917.

Under date 6th November 1917, letter No. 53608-1917, was read from the Local Government Board forwarding copy of their Auditor's report on his audit of the accounts of the Co Wexford Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction for the half-year ended 30th September 1917.

Under date 21st November 1917, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 54597-1917) forwarding copy of their Auditor's report on his audit of the Accounts of the Wexford County Infirmary for the half-years ended 31st March and 30th September 1917.

"No Order"

Compensation-Parliament & Registration Act 1916.

Under date 23rd November 1917, letter No. 58123-1917, Wexford County, was read from the Local Government Board, stating that they had had under consideration the claims of the Local Officers in Wexford County for compensation for temporary loss of emoluments under the Parliament and Registration Act 1916. They had directed that such of the Local Officers to whom compensation was awarded in respect of the Registration Year 1916, and who still remained in office (and also Ex-Collector N. O'H Walsh) should in respect of the current registration year be paid by the County Council the same compensation as was awarded them in the year 1916 under Section 3 of the Act.

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

"That we approve of Mr Tobin, Rate Collector, receiving compensation under Parliament & Registration Act 1916, as in the case of other public officials as according to the terms of his appointment compensation was not to be paid him except by special sanction of the County Council."

Proposed Imprest Account.

Under date 3rd December 1917, the following letter from the Local Government Board (No. 47845-1917, Wexford County) was read:-

"The Local Government Board for Ireland have had before them the

proposals of the Wexford County Council relative to the making of payments in connection with the working of the quarries for road maintenance in Wexford County.

The Board desire to state that the suggestion to provide an imprest account on which the Assistant County Surveyor in charge of the quarries should be empowered to draw is one which the Local Government Board cannot approve. Payments out of the County funds can only be made by the direct authority of the County Council acting through the Finance Committee, and the Board have no doubt that it would be possible for the Finance Committee in County Wexford to meet at frequent intervals to authorise any necessary payments to be made. A small number could be fixed to constitute the quorum of the Finance Committee."

"Mr Barry explained that in existing circumstances he did not consider the proposed Imprest a/c., was required, and in consequence no order was made on the letter of the Local Government Board."

Applications for Increases of Salaries.

Under date 27th November 1917, an application for increase of salary was read from Mr T. Paddle, Assistant Surveyor:-

"In his application Mr Paddle, stated, that when appointed to the position of Assistant Surveyor over eleven years ago, the condition of the roads, as well as the system generally, was anything but satisfactory. He had lost no time in introducing improved materials, seeking out suitable quarries, weeding out bad contractors, getting increased prices passed and had done everything to improve the roads and the conditions of their upkeep. It had been admitted that there a general improvement in the condition of the roads and he had been complimented by the Council as having the greatest number of days to the work of the Council. Nevertheless, his first application for increase of salary had been refused. On the introduction of steamrolling his work had been increased and a further application made by him in conjunction with the other Assistant Surveyors, was also refused. He then applied for a War Bonus to compensate him for the abnormally increased cost of living but this was also refused by the Council. He had no other means of livelihood, and men in similar positions in adjoining Counties were getting from £150 to £200 per year, and were allowed to hold other positions."

Under date 1st December 1917, the Local Government Board

(letter No. 47845: 1917, Wexford Co.,) wrote approving of the proposal of the County Council to increase the salaries of Assistant Surveyors Jones, Kehoe, Paddle, and Doyle, by £5 per annum, with an annual increment of £5 to a maximum salary of £120 a year."

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

"That in consequence of the small attendance of Members present at meeting, the application of Mr Paddle, Assistant Surveyor, for an increase of salary be adjourned to next meeting of Finance & Roads Committee."

Sir C. Cameron, County Analyst, wrote under date 16th November 1917 applying for a temporary addition to his salary of £30 per annum, until the price of Chemicals, etc., became more moderate.

In Local Government Board Report (1906) lists of Analysts for County Boroughs and County Councils was printed. Sir C. Cameron was acting for 8 Boroughs and 25 Counties, besides being Medical Officer of Health for Dublin Corporation.

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

"That Sir C. Cameron be informed that the Wexford County Council cannot see their way to accede to his application for an increase of his salary."

Enniscorthy R. D. School Attendance Committee.

The following resolution adopted at the last meeting of Enniscorthy R. D. School Attendance Committee, was submitted to the Meeting:-

"That we respectfully request the County Council to grant a War Bonus of £5 a year to School Attendance Officers Fortune and Kelly, and £2. 10/- to Jasper Whitty, Secretary."

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

"That the resolution of Enniscorthy R. D. School Attendance Committee re granting War Bonus to their Officials be referred to the Enniscorthy R. D. Council for their observations, as any War Bonus which may be granted will constitute a charge on the Rural District."

Proposed Second County Surveyor.

Under date 3rd November 1917, the following resolution unanimously adopted at the meeting of the Enniscorthy R. D. Council, on 31st October 1917, was submitted:-

"That we are of the opinion that one County Surveyor is not sufficient for the County, and we request the County Council to appoint two Surveyors, one for North and one for South Wexford."

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

"That the resolution of the Enniscorthy R. D. Council, relative to appointment of second County Surveyor be adjourned until the Annual Meeting of the County Council to be held in June 1918, so as to allow of the new system for dealing with roads and quarries as recommended by Special Committee, receiving a fair trial."

Steamroller Enniscorthy Rural District

Under date 20th November 1917, the Clerk, Enniscorthy R. D. Council, forwarded the following resolution adopted at the previous meeting of his Council:-

"We request the County Council to purchase a steamroller for the use of the Enniscorthy Rural District."

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

"That the County Surveyor be instructed to issue advertisements in Trade papers for the purchase of a second hand steamroller as under existing conditions it is impossible to purchase a new roller."

St Brigid's Inebriate Home.

Under date 3rd December 1917, the following was read from Sister M. V. Keating, Superintendent of St Brigid's Inebriate Reformatory:-

"Owing to the small number of patients we have at present, and owing to the enormous increase in the price of food, clothing, etc., and owing also, to the fact that the capitation grant was considerably reduced about two years ago, we find it impossible to carry on the Inebriate's Home any longer, consequently we are compelled to give the Co. Council the six months notice agreed to, at the time of our opening this Reformatory.

expiration of the six months notice, owing to the enormous sum of money we spent remodelling it. Our intention at present is, to open a Home of Imbecile Children, provided we are able to secure a sufficient grant from the British Treasury.

In view of this we shall feel grateful if you ask the County Council, if they would allow us to hold this place, free of rent for one year from January 1st 1918, or a longer period if necessary, meanwhile we shall endeavour to secure the requisite grant and get the place into working order once more.

Thanking you in anticipation."

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

"That owing to War conditions we agree to the request of the Community of St John of God to hold the Co Wexford Inebriate Reformatory free of rent for one year as from the 3rd June 1918, the expiration of the six months' Notice provided by lease. That this resolution is adopted by the Council and is to be accepted by the Community of St John of God, as in no way interfering with the provisions of the existing lease of the premises."

Road Material from Doran's Hill Quarry.

Patrick Roche and other Ratepayers of Efferogue, Ferns, wrote applying for 40 yards of broken stones from Doran's Hill Quarry, to repair the roadway leading to their residences, as it was impossible to get material elsewhere.

Under date 3rd December 1917, Mr Edward Kavanagh, Rosemary Hill, Ferns, wrote, applying for five yards of stones from Doran's Hill Quarry to repair a lane leading from the public road to Ferns Chapel.

Under date 3rd December 1917, a joint application was read from Mr Aidan Walsh, Mr John Borthistle, Mrs Byrne, and Mrs Bridget Bolger, for 60 cubic yards of broken stones from Doran's Hill Quarry, to repair a public lane leading to their farms. They could not get material elsewhere, and were willing to pay full price.

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

"That the material applied for by Mr Patrick Roche, and other Ratepayers of Efferogue, Mr Edward Kavanagh, Rosemary Hill, Ferns, and Messrs Aidan Walsh, Mr John Borthistle, Mrs Byrne, and Mrs Bridget Bolger, of

Effernogue, be supplied by the County Surveyor, provided he does not require same for road maintenance."

Confirmation of Minutes.

Proposed by the Chairman,

Seconded by Mr Kehoe:-

"That the several Minutes of Proposal Committee, and Executive Committee under Diseases of Animals Acts, be and are hereby approved."

War Pensions Administrative Expenses.,

The Secretary submitted a supplementary estimate for War Pensions Committee amounting to £36. 8. 10d, the amount to be paid by the County Council being £12. 2. 11d.

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

"That the supplemental Estimate of Administrative expenses of War Pensions Local Committee and amounting to £36. 8. 10d be and is hereby adopted."

War Bonus for Road Contractors.

Proposed by Mr Kehoe,

Seconded by the Chairman:-

"That the following recommendation of Finance & Roads Committee be adopted:-

That the County Council having carefully considered the application of certain road contractors who have entered into their contracts on or before 30th June 1915, and who have applied for an increase on the annual amount being paid to them for the carrying out of their contracts by way of war bonus, and being satisfied that these contractors are entitled to such payment, do grant to these contractors the following increased payment, i.e., and increase of 20 % on the whole amount to those contractors who supply material and labour themselves, an increase of 11.4% or 20% on 4/7ths of the amount to those contractors who obtain material from County Council quarries, no increased charge being made by the County Council for material, and an increase of 13.3% or 20% on 2/3rds of the amount to those contractors who use seagravel, until the expiration of the contract or until one year from the end of the War, whichever event should first happen, but that such increased payment only be made as from 31st March 1917, and to contractors who in the

opinion of the County Surveyor, have done their work efficiently, and further that procedure suggested by the Local Government Board be carried out, namely, that the County Council shall issue advertisements inviting tenders from outside persons for the contracts, taking this new amount in each case as the minimum price at which the contractor will be willing to carry on the work until the expiration of his contract, and if no tender at a lower amount is obtained that a fresh contract be entered into with each contractor concerned, at the new increased annual amount for the unexpired terms of his contract, the increased percentage only to be paid for the period ending one year after the conclusion of the War.*

War Bonus.

In connection with proposed War Bonus to Road Contractors the Secretary submitted correspondence with Local Government Board.

Under date 17th November 1917, he wrote to the Board asking if it were essential that new contracts should be entered into with all contractors in whose cases payment of War Bonus had been agreed to. There were then 390 cases in which War Bonus had been passed, and according to letter of County Surveyor about 15 per cent of these would never get any bonus. In the circumstances the Local Government Board were asked if they considered it essential that new contracts should be entered into in all cases for War Bonus, or would it be sufficient if bonds were entered into with contractors to whom payment was certified by the County Surveyor to be duly executed in each case before payment was made.

The following reply under date 3rd December 1917, (No. 58,388/1917, Wexford Co.,) was read from the Local Government Board:-

"With reference to your letter of the 17th ultimo, relative to the grant of a war bonus to road contractors in County Wexford, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to state that it appears to them that the course suggested by the Council in these cases might lead to difficulties in the event of proceedings being subsequently found necessary by either party to enforce the new arrangement.

In so far as the County Council are concerned, the Council should be careful to be advised by their Solicitor as to their legal position if the new contract were not perfected in any case. The period for which any existing contract has yet to run might of itself render it desirable

that a new contract should be completed.

It should be remembered that the step which has been taken by the County Council is in the nature of a concession to the contractor, and it is not unreasonable to expect that he should be prepared to suffer some inconvenience to secure the advantage gained thereby."

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

"That for the present we consider it sufficient to take new contracts only in cases in which War Bonus is being actually paid. That our Secretary issue Pay Orders only in cases in which he has received such new contracts. That the letter of the Local Government Board under date 3rd December 1917, (No. 58388, Wexford County) be referred to our Solicitor for his advice as to whether he considers it necessary to enter into new contracts in all cases of War Bonus grants in view of the statement of the County Surveyor that at least 15 per cent of such Contractors will not receive any payment as War Bonus."

Division of Ranches.

Under date 17th October 1917, a letter was read from Mr J. T. Dolan, Ardee, stating that a number of large grazing farms mostly non-residential would be offered for sale by auction this season, under pressure of the Tillage Order, and inducement of the high prices of land. They would probably be bought in most cases, -by Capitalists, either graziers, who already owned other farms, or Shopkeepers, etc., and would be kept as grazing farms. The Ranching system and depopulation of the country would thus be perpetuated, and a rare opportunity of having the land divided into small tillage farms and a working population planted on it would be lost for a generation. If the Allotments Act were applied to Ireland, and County Councils enabled thereby to buy up lands for re-sale in small lots, and if the Estates Commissioners were empowered by Act of Parliament or Regulation to pre-empt at Market prices non-residential grazing farms subject to Land Commission Annuity and to sell them in small farm lots for cash, or, if necessary on Annuity to working farmers who had no other land and no other occupation, and who would be obliged to live on and till the farm, it would be a very practicable way of extending tillage, and of re-populating the Country, and could be done easily this season by Act of this Session of Parliament.

received and "Adopted", on the motion of Mr Kinsella, seconded by Mr Maddock."

Proposals for Payment.

Proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Mr Kehoe, and Passed--

"That the several proposals for payment submitted by the Proposal Committee and Rural District Councils as appearing on Forms 22, and for all matters dealing with general payments, as submitted by the Secretary, and Recommended by the Finance & Roads Committee, also transfers to Public Bodies, be and are hereby approved subject to the modifications and other orders noted thereon and initialled by the Chairman."

Proposals for Works.

Proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Mr Kehoe, and passed:-

"That the several proposals for Works as submitted by the Proposal Committee and the Rural District Councils, 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."

Form 22-New Ross.

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

"That in view of the statement of the County Surveyor, that the sum of £20 appearing in form 22 New Ross Rural District, as payable to John Whitty on Road 12R, be transferred to the deferred Column, as the County Surveyor has informed the Council that the amount which should have been deferred in the first instance was entered in the "Pay" Column through a clerical error."

Defaulting Road Contractors.

The County Surveyor submitted the names of the following Contractors whom he intended prosecuting:-

C. Molloy 64E, T. Dempsey 63E, P. Brennan 127E, P. Hayden 7R., E. O'Leary 333E, James Doyle 141E, Patrick Freeman 98R, 102R, M. Nolan 160R, John Floey 90R, Michael Cullen 52E, Matthew Brien 183E, James Nolan 220E, James Fenlon 322E, Patrick Kavanagh 337E, James Furlong 47E, Denis Dempsey 185E, Michael Dempsey 157E, 160E, Patrick Kinsella 221E, Walter Dooley 181E, Michael Fortune 6W, 7W, John Lacey 124, 125, Michael Browne 3W, William Murphy 88W, Daniel Connors 90W, 91W, Edward Browne 258W, Edward 131G, John Byrne

129G., Edward Staunton 8G., 55G, Michael O'Reilly 170G, Michael Lawless, 147G, Patrick Mordaunt 142G, S. O'Brien 18G, William Doyle 119G, Richard Doran 145G, J. Foley 189G, A. Dwyer, 174G, J. O'Brien 183G, 179G, P. Higgins, 120G, J. Woodbyrne 69G, James Murphy 72G.

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

"That the County Surveyor be empowered to institute legal proceedings against those contractors whose names appear on the list submitted by him to this meeting should the necessity arise for such a course."

Dates of Meetings.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Kehoe, the following dates of Meetings of Councils were agreed to:-

Enniscorthy R. D. Council.-	Wednesday-10th April 1918	at 11 a.m.,
Gorey	" "	Thursday 11th April 1918 at 11.30 a.m.,
New Ross	" "	Tuesday 9th April 1918, at 11.30 a.m.,
Wexford	" "	Saturday 6th April 1918, at 10.30 a.m.,
Proposal Committee (Quarterly)	Wednesday 3rd April 1918	at 10.30 a.m.,
" "	(Half-yearly) "	8th May 1918, at 10.30 a.m.,
Co Council Quarterly Meeting.-	Wednesday 6th February 1918	at 11 a.m.,
Co Council Half-Yearly Meeting.-	"	8th May 1918, at 11 a.m.,

Road Contractor Michael Browne.

The following report of the County Surveyor was referred from the Finance & Roads Committee to the Co Council for disposal:-

"Sometime ago I directed a Notice to be served on Mr Michael Browne, Contractor for Road No. 3W, and Mr Doyle, Assistant Surveyor, reported to me that the Contractor was not carrying out the work. I thereupon made arrangements with another man to undertake the job and notified Mr Browne. Mr Browne stated he was carrying out the work, and accordingly with Mr Doyle I inspected the road on the 27th inst., subsequently in my office I informed Mr Browne, that I was not satisfied with the way the work was being done and that I considered it was necessary to get another person to do it, and that if any payment were due to him on account of material I would adjust this. Mr Browne thereupon stated that he would not allow anyone to touch the material until he was paid and that he would shoot anyone who came on the road.

following resolution was adopted:-

"That Mr Michael Browne, Commercial Quay, Wexford, contractor for Road No 3W, be informed that if he interferes with any person employed by the County Surveyor or the County Council, to carry out any work on this road the County Council will direct legal proceedings be instituted against him."

Wages of Foreman-Tara Hill Quarry.

At the Meeting of the County Council on 3rd October 1917, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the application of Mr John Lannen, foreman, Tara Hill Quarry, for an increase in his salary of £1. 2. 6d be adjourned until Tara Hill Quarry is again in full working order."

The County Surveyor stated that the Quarry was not in full working order.

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

"That the wages of John Lannen, foreman Tara Hill Quarry, be fixed at £1. 7. 6d per week, being an increase of 5/- per week, as from the date of this meeting."

University Scholarship Scheme.

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

"That the balance of £8. 0. 6d standing to credit of Thomas J. O'Rourke on his first year's University Scholarship be paid, as he had joined H. M. Forces before the completion of his first year, and has been granted by the University Authorities his first year's Engineering Examination.

That Mr James O'Connor, who joined H. M. Forces, before completion of his first year's course be paid the balance of £8. 10/- standing to his credit in Scholarship fund for that year."

RECOMMENDATIONS FINANCE & ROADS COMMITTEE.

Tara Hill Quarry:- "That Mr McCabe, D. C., Inch, Gorey, be allowed to obtain from Tara Hill Quarry, ten tons of screenings and broken stones (mixed) provided the County Surveyor does not require these for road maintenance."

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

County Council Quarries:- "That Mr Treanor, Senior Assistant Surveyor, furnish to the meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee, to be held on 5th December 1917, a list of the County Council Quarries, and any others, which are at present worked under his control, with the amount of material required from each quarry for one year, with a statement of the expenditure on each quarry, and the working conditions pertaining to each, with his observations thereon."

"Postponed to the next meeting to allow of attendance of Mr Cowman."

Extraordinary Traffic:- On the motion of Mr Kehoe, seconded by the Chairman, the following recommendation was adopted:-

"That the question of proceeding against persons under the Public Bodies (Ireland) Act 1911, in respect of extraordinary traffic over and above ordinary commercial traffic be left in the hands of the County Surveyor."

Wexford Bridge Motor Traffic:- On the motion of Mr Kehoe, seconded by the Chairman, the following recommendation was confirmed:-

"That Mr Philip Duff (Duff Bros., Wexford) be informed that in view of the opinion of the County Surveyor, and owing to the fact of the existing by-laws it is impossible for the Finance Committee to recommend the County Council to accede to his request to allow a laden motor lorry to cross Wexford Bridge.

That a reprint of the By-laws be obtained by the County Surveyor and be posted at each end of the Bridge, and that same be advertised in the local papers."

Increases Salaries-Co Council Staff:- On the motion of Mr Stafford, seconded by Mr Kehoe, the following recommendation was adopted:-

"That the salary of Mr J. H. Cadogan, Assistant in County Council Office, be increased from £52 to £65 per annum, as from the date of this meeting."

"That the salary of Mr C. H. Richards, Co Council Staff, be increased from £104 to £117 per annum, as from the date of this meeting."

"That the salary of Mr M. J. O'Leary, Clerk to County Surveyor, be increased by 2/6 per week, as from date of present meeting, provided he commence work at 9 a.m., each morning, instead of at 10 a.m., as at present."

Wexford Bridge & Admiralty:- The following recommendation of the

Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed on the motion of Mr Kehoe, seconded by the Chairman:-

"That the Admiralty be allowed to use Draw Arch of Wexford Bridge but that they be informed that as it has been very infrequently opened it is not in proper order."

"That the Admiralty be also allowed to run water pipes along the Bridge as per their application to the County Surveyor."

Waterford & Duncannon Steamship Co. :- The following recommendation of Finance & Roads Committee, was confirmed on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Kehoe:-

"That Mr C. J. Furlong, Kileloggan, Fethard, and Mr M. Cloney M.C., C. Dungulph, be requested to state if there is any prospect of a new Company for provision of a Steamship service between Duncannon and Waterford being formed in the near future, otherwise the County Council would endeavour to avoid the risk of leaving the Hulk at her present station during the storms of the coming Winter."

"That the Waterford & Duncannon Steamship Co., be requested to inform this Council as to the position of the waterford & Duncannon Steamship service, and if they propose to continue said service. This Council has spent close on £2,000 in repairing the Hulk during the last few years to facilitate their trade, and consider the service should not have been discontinued without the Council being informed of such fact."

Storage of Gellignite:- The following recommendation of Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Kehoe:-

"That the County Surveyor be empowered to have a magazine for storing of explosives constructed at the premises of Mr G. B. Cooke, Main Street, Wexford, cost not to exceed £5."

Market Square, Gorey:- The following recommendation was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Kehoe:-

"That the County Surveyor be instructed to repair Market Square in Gorey."

New Stonebreaker-Claim against Makers:- The following recommendation was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Kehoe:-

"That the claim of the County Council for loss caused them by defect in Stonebreaker supplied by Messrs Goodwin Barsby & Co., be referred to

Mr Elgee, Solicitor, to report to next Finance & Roads Committee Meeting."

Mileage allowance-Mr Treanor:- The following recommendation was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Kehoe:-

"That Mr Treanor, Senior Assistant Surveyor, be paid a sum of £9. 0. 3d for mileage allowance to 30th September 1917."

Flooding at Ballybro:- The following recommendation was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Kehoe:-

"That Councillors Stafford, Kehoe, Keating, James Codd, and M. Doyle be appointed a Committee, with the County Surveyor and County Solicitor, to interview Mr T. Newenham, Manager of the Sloblands, as to the flooding of Ballybro, and point out to him that this flooding cannot be obviated unless the necessary drainage on the Slob be carried out, and that they endeavour to induce Mr Newenham to arrange to have this done."

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(Signed) _____

Presiding Chairman.

Dated this 6th day of February. 1918.

SPECIAL MEETING.- 19th DECEMBER 1917

A Special Meeting of the Wexford County Council, was held in the County Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford, on 19th December 1917.

Present:- Mr Michael Doyle (Vice-Chairman) presiding.

Also:- Messrs M. Maddock, L. Barry, R. Scallan, P. Keating, N. J. Cowman, W. Thorpe, J. J. O'Byrne, P. Whelan, P. O'Neill, J. J. Stafford, M. Lynch, J. T. Mayler, J. J. Kehoe, M. Cloney, J. A. Doyle, James Codd, T. Asple, A. Kinsella, J. Redmond, .

The Secretary, County Surveyor, and Mr J. Elgee, Solicitor, were also in attendance.

Mr N. O'H. Walsh, Rate Collector.

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

"That the question of considering the granting of a superannuation allowance to Mr O'H. Walsh, late Rate Collector, (who is over 65 years of age, and who has 30 years' service) be taken into consideration, and, in the event of the Council agreeing to the proposal to allow superannuation the amount be fixed, and that the Local Government Board be applied to for sanction to same."

Mr Kehoe seconded above resolution which was adopted.

The Secretary stated that the maximum superannuation to which Mr Walsh would be entitled was £75. 7. 5d.

The following recommendation of Finance & Roads Committee was adopted on the motion of Mr Kehoe, seconded by Mr Lynch:-

"That Mr O'H. Walsh be granted a superannuation allowance of £50 per annum, as from the date of his resignation."

Appointment of Rate Collector.

For the position of Rate Collector for No. 1 Collection District, rendered vacant by the resignation of Mr N. O'H. Walsh, applications were received from the following:-

Browne, Philip, Bleachlands, Enniscorthy.

Healy, Patrick- Castlebridge.

Nolan, T. J- 6 Clifford Street, Wexford.

O'Byrne, P. F- Commercial Quay, Wexford.

Quirke, James- Hayestown, Murrintown.

Ryan, John A- Ballygoman, Barntown.

All the Candidates were present except Mr Healy.

Mr Elgee stated that in his opinion as Mr Healy had not ceased to be a member of Wexford Rural District Council for a period of six months, he was ineligible for election.

It was decided that a poll be taken without any proposition.

The following was the result of the first Poll:-

For Browne:- Messrs Barry, Kinsella, Asple, and the Chairman.- 4.

For O'Byrne:- Messrs Thorpe, O'Byrne, Whelan, Stafford, Cloney, and J. A. Doyle.-5.

For Quirke:- Messrs Kehoe, J. Codd, Redmond, and Scallan.-4

For Ryan:- Messrs Maddock, Keating, Cowman, O'Neill, Lynch, and Mayler.-6.

A vote was then taken as between Browne and Quirke, as to which of them would remain in the running.

The following was the result:-

For Browne:- Messrs Barry, Keating, Cowman, Thorpe, O'Byrne, Whelan, Kinsella, Mayler, Cloney, J. A. Doyle, Asple, and the Chairman.-12.

For Quirke:- Messrs O'Neill, Stafford, Lynch, Kehoe, James Codd, ^{Redmond} and Scallan.- 7.

Mr Maddock did not vote.-

Mr Browne then remained in and a voting was taken as between Browne, O'Byrne, and Ryan.

The result was as follows:-

For Browne:- Messrs Barry, Redmond, Asple, Scallan, and the Chairman.-5.

For O'Byrne:- Messrs Thorpe, O'Byrne, Whelan, Stafford, Cloney, J.A. Doyle.- 6.

For Ryan:- Messrs Maddock, Keating, Cowman, Kinsella, O'Neill, Lynch, Mayler, Kehoe, and James Codd.-9.

Mr Browne then fell out and the final poll was taken between O'Byrne and Ryan, with the following result:-

For Ryan:- Messrs Maddock, Barry, Keating, Cowman, Kinsella, O'Neill, Lynch, Mayler, Kehoe, James Codd, Redmond, and Asple.-12.

For O'Byrne:- Messrs Thorpe, O'Byrne, Whelan, Stafford, Cloney, J. A. Doyle, Scallan, and the Chairman.- 8.

The Chairman declared Mr Ryan elected.

Mr Ryan returned thanks for his election.

Motor Car Act.

Mr Thorpe moved the following of which he had given previous Notice-

"That Mr C.H. Richards, be allowed his travelling expenses from the fines recovered under the Motor Car Acts."

Mr O'Byrne seconded.

Passed.

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

"That Mr C. H. Richards, Assistant in County Council Office, be allowed his locomotion expenses, viz:-Railway fare and Car hire in connection with prosecutions instituted by him on behalf of the Council under the Motor Car Acts."

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

Assistant Surveyor Paddle.

The adjourned application for increase of salary from Mr T. Paddle, Assistant Surveyor, Gorey, was considered.

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

"That the application of Mr Paddle, Assistant Surveyor, for increase in his salary be refused."

Application Increase of Salary-P. Byrne, Tara Hill Quarry.

The following application for increase of salary was read from Mr P. Byrne, blacksmith, Tara Hill Quarry:-

"I beg to lay before you my application again for an increase from my present rate of 28/- which I think you know yourself is very little now considering the enormous cost of living. I am in your employ for 10 years and always did my work independant of anyone, so now I leave it to your own kind consideration.

Thanking you in anticipation of a favourable reply."

On the motion of Mr Kehoe, seconded by Mr Stafford, the following recommendation of Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed--

"That the salary of Mr Byrne, blacksmith Tara Hill Quarry, be increased from 28/- to 32/- per week, from date of present meeting."

Application-Mr O'Leary, Clerk to County Surveyor.

Mr M. J. O'Leary, Clerk to County Surveyor, wrote under date 13th

December 1917, that he was asking the Finance Committee to re-consider his application for increase of salary, and to grant him the same increase as was given Messrs Richards and Cadogan. He stated, he was asking the Finance Committee to allow him to be present at the meeting to arrange the question of the hours of his attendance, etc.,

On the motion of Mr Stafford, seconded by Mr Kehoe, the following recommendation of Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed:-

"That we consider Mr O'Leary (Clerk in the Office of the County Surveyor) would be well advised to accept the salary granted to him at last meeting of the Council, and attend in his office at nine a.m., each morning. That he be not heard at the present Meeting."

Wexford Bridge.

The County Surveyor mentioned that Motor Lorries had been passing over this bridge and that it would not be able to stand the strain as some of the meeting rails had been shifted on account of this traffic. The bridge was perfectly safe for ordinary traffic, but would not take traffic of 3 or 4 tons such as these lorries.

"It was decided that the matter be left in the hands of the County Surveyor, and that no action be taken by the Council."

Caretaker-Duncannon Hulk.

The County Surveyor submitted an application from the Caretaker, Duncannon Hulk, for payment of £2. 16/- for cleaning the Slip at Duncannon for 14 months.

The County Surveyor mentioned that this was extra work, and was not included in the ordinary duties of the Caretaker. The cleaning was absolutely necessary and was carried out by the instructions of the Council, as otherwise people using the place would be likely to be thrown into the water. The lime for the purpose was supplied by the County Council.

The Finance & Roads Committee submitted the following recommendation

"That Laurence Monahan, Caretaker Duncannon Hulk, be allowed 1/- per week as from 1st July 1917, for cleaning slip at Duncannon, and so long as steamboat service to Waterford is continued."

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

The following letter from Mr A. J. Stephens, to the County

Surveyor was read:-

"I wired you this morning stating the Hulk had broken away and sunk at back of Pier, but find my Wire did not get through up to time of writing. I examined Hulk at low water to-day, and could only find about three places where water was getting in, and if I could get at her at once there is every chance of floating her into Dock. I wired Capt Farrell asking him if he could let me have a couple of pumps when I am sure I could get it fine I would be able to float her. The stage is smashed up and every chain parted except one which held her into back of pier, when grounding she holed herself, and then filled on the rising tide."

On the motion of Mr Cloney, seconded by Mr Thorpe, the following recommendation of Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed:-

"That the County Surveyor be instructed to have the Hulk at Duncannon lifted and secured in a place of safety at once."

Resignation-Sir C. Cameron.

Under date 10th December 1917, the following letter was read from Sir C. Cameron, County Analyst:-

"Since my last letter I have looked into my books and am amazed at the number of analyses which I make for you.

In the year ending 30th September 1917, it amounted to 567. As my salary is £30 a year the fee for each analysis was 1/1 to pay for chemical apparatus and reagents, stamps and stationery and skilled professional work.

The average fee for an analysis by a private analyst is a guinea. When in a legal case the analysis of a Public Analyst is disputed, the Magistrates sometimes direct a sample of Milk or butter to be sent to the Government Laboratory, London. The charge for analysis is a guinea.

When a public analyst has a salary, he is obliged to perform analyses for the Public at 10/6 per sample. In England the Public Analysts have between salary and fees about £1 per analysis.

Water is very often analysed for County Authorities, Rural Councils, and a chemical largely used in the analysis namely permanganate of potash, has increased in price to 300 per cent, 1/1 does not pay for the chemicals and apparatus used.

Under these circumstances I must ask you to get some Analyst if you can, who will accept a fee of thirteen pence per analyses. Until you make a new appointment I am willing to act pro tem."

On the motion of Mr Scallan, seconded by Mr Maddock, the following recommendation of Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed:—

"That the resignation of Sir Charles Cameron be accepted, and that the County Council be recommended to advertise for an analyst at a salary of £30."

Cherryorchard Quarry.

Under date 29th November 1917, Mr George Sharpe, wrote that having disposed of his farm and quarry at Cherryorchard, and having made a roadway into same at considerable expense, he applied for £40 for workmanship on same. It would have cost the Council considerably more if they had executed the work themselves.

Under date 1st December 1917, the following letter was also read from Mr George Sharpe:—

"Your County Council offered me an increase of 4d per cubic yard for the preparation of road material from Cherryorchard quarry. I offered to do it at 6d which price they could not see their way to give, and having prepared a considerable amount, I beg to make application for the fourpence allowed.

Kindly lay the matter before your County Council. Hoping it will receive their kind consideration."

The Finance & Roads Committee made the following recommendations--

"That the application by Mr Sharpe for £40 for roadway into Cherryorchard Quarry be refused."

"That the application from Mr Sharpe for payment for road material be adjourned for Mr Barry to ascertain the amount to which Mr Sharpe would be entitled at 4d extra per cubic yard."

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

Bonds for War Bonus-Road Contractors.

In connection with the question of obtaining bonds from Road Contractors who have been granted War Bonus the following letter under date 15th December 1917, was read from Mr R. W. Elgee, Solicitor to the Council:—

"I duly received your letter of the 6th inst., with Resolution of the County Council passed on the 5th inst., relative to the question as to whether it would be necessary to have New Contracts entered into in all cases of payment of War Bonus Grants to Road Contractors.

I have now considered the correspondence with the Local Government Board on the matter, which you sent me, and I am of opinion, that, having regard to the fact that the Bonus will only be payable to contractors who have carried out their work to the entire satisfaction of the County Surveyor, and on his Certificate, it will only be necessary for the Co. Council, to enter into New Contracts, in such cases as the County Surveyor has certified that the work has been completed to his satisfaction.

These New Contracts must however be completed before the Council make any payments to Contractors who become entitled to the Bonus.

As to the Legal position of the Council with regard to those Contractors, who do not become entitled to the Bonus, I consider that the Council are amply protected by the existing Contracts, because if proceedings have to be taken against any Contractor, this implies, that he has not carried out his work to the satisfaction of the County Surveyor, and consequently is not entitled to the Bonus, and the existing contract and bond will still be in full force and effect."

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

"That the Secretary be instructed to have Mr Elgee's advice regarding preparation of bonds in connection with War Bonus for road contractors carried out."

Rate Collection.

The Secretary submitted the state of the Rate Collection.

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

That our Secretary call the attention of any Collector who has not lodged at least 10% of his collection to the fact that he is not in the opinion of the Committee performing his duties satisfactorily.

That Collectors Doyle and Mullett be informed that unless they see their way in the future to apply the resolution adopted as regards lodgments of the first moiety, viz:- 20% in the first month, and 40% in the first three months, to the second moiety, the County Council will be recommended to dispense with their services.

That Collector Doyle be informed that unless he shows considerable improvement in his Collection by next meeting the Council will be recommended to call for his resignation."

Postal Arrangements-South Wexford.

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

"That we the Members of the Wexford County Council protest against the proposed withdrawal of the afternoon postal service which leaves Waterford by the 2.35 p.m., train for Wexford for those portions of Wexford in Waterford postal area including Campile, Ballycullane, Fethard, Arthurstown etc., We consider such withdrawal injurious to the interests of the various classes in the district and will seriously hamper the successful carrying on of the agricultural industry-so important at this crisis. We request the Postmaster General to continue the afternoon postal service.

That copies be sent to Postmaster General etc.,"

Xmas Holidays.

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

"That the County Staff be granted Xmas holidays for week ended 29th December 1917."

Prosecution-Road Contractor.

The following under date 14th December 1917, was read from Mr R. W. Elgee, Solicitor to the County Council, relative to prosecution of Mr Richard O'Connor, Waddingtown, Taghmon, Contractor for Roads 20W, 110W, and 161W:-

"I beg to report, that as directed by the County Surveyor pursuant to instructions from the County Council, I had Summonses served in the above cases for neglect and inattention to the above roads by Richard O'Connor the Contractor.

The Summonses were heard at Taghmon Petty Sessions yesterday, when same were dismissed by the Magistrates with 15/- Costs in each case on the ground, that as the deficiency in the Material placed on the Roads was caused by the fact, that the County Council did not supply the Contractor with the Material out of Ballyconnick Quarry (which was the Quarry mentioned in the Specification) and he could not be held responsible for the shortage.

I may add that the Magistrates expressed the opinion, that under the circumstances the Summonses should not have been brought."

Enniscorthy R. D. School Attendance Committee.

At the meeting of the County Council on 5th December 1917, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the resolution of Enniscorthy R. D. School Attendance Committee re granting War Bonus to their Officials be referred to the Enniscorthy R. D. Council for their observations, as any War Bonus which may be granted will constitute a charge on the Rural District."

"Adjourned pending receipt of recommendations of the Enniscorthy Rural District Council."

Maintenance of Live Stock (Ireland) Order of 1917.

The Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction under date 15th October 1917, forwarded above Order prohibiting the slaughter or exportation of any in-calf animals from 18th October 1917.

"No Order"

Application for Material from Quarries.

Messrs David Bolger & Sons, wrote applying for about 15 or 20 loads of road metalling for their yard from Doran's Hill or Carrigeen Quarry.

Mr Barry Walker, Latimerstown, Wexford, wrote applying for 20 cubic yards of material from Kerlogue Quarry.

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

"That applications for material from County Council Quarries be dealt with by the County Surveyor."

Waterford & Duncannon Steamboat Service.

Under date 11th December 1917, the following letter was read from the Secretary, Waterford & Duncannon Steamboat Co.:-

"I beg to inform you that your letters of the 6th and 8th inst., were placed before my Directors at a Board Meeting held to-day when the question of the Steamboat Service was before them for consideration. The Directors, however, came to no decision, the matter having been adjourned till the next Board Meeting which will be held early in January.

I have been requested to inform you that at the present time the Service is being maintained at a heavy loss to this Company."

The following letter under date 7th December 1917, from Mr C. Furlong, Killogan Castle, Fethard-on-Sea, was read:-

"Your letter of the 6th inst., with reference to Duncannon Steamship Service to hand, I am not in a position at present to give you a definite reply. Negotiations are on foot with a view to keeping the Steamer on the station. If these are successful the steamer will be retained if not, she will I believe be sold. When I know the result of the negotiations I will let you know, but in the meantime I hope your Council will not take any steps to remove the Hulk from Duncannon."

"No Order"

Motor Traffic on Public Roads.

The following resolution was read from Adamstown Farmers Society:-

"That we consider that the increasing traffic on the public roads by the use of Motor lorries and Steam tractors for drawing timber, corn, coal, etc., is causing serious damage both to the roads and bridges of our County, and is consequently a severe burden to the Ratepayers and road contractors, we therefore believe that steps should be taken to impose a reasonable sum on the owners of these machines by way of compensation."

"No Order"

De-afforestation.

The following resolution was read from Adamstown Farmers Society:-

"In consequence of the large number of Estates in the County Wexford off which the timber has been sold with the consequent result that the property has very much deterioration in value the following resolution was unanimously passed at the last meeting of Adamstown Farmers' Society:- That we view with alarm the action of certain tenants on Estates throughout the County in selling the timber in huge quantities off their farms thus reducing its value and in view of the fact that all Estates purchased under the Land Acts where deficiencies occur in payments to the Commissioners the remaining tenants will be obliged to make good such deficiencies to their own annual payments, we consider some action should be taken by the Estates Commissioners to have such destruction as already exists to our groves and plantations stopped both as a matter of justice to the other tenants on such estates and to retain the picturesque scenery which our woods and plantations afford."

"Adopted on the motion of Mr Maddock, seconded by Mr Whelan."

Treatment of Insured Etc., Persons.

A series of resolutions was received from Co. Waterford

Insurance Committee, and Waterford County Tuberculosis Committee, as to provision of special nourishment for Insured and Exempt persons, and as to the Local Government Board coming to an agreement with the Medical Profession as to the services which they should render and remuneration they should receive in connection with the working of the Tuberculosis Act.

"No Order".

Agricultural & Technical Instruction Schemes.

The following resolution was read from Co. Cavan Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction:-

"That in view of the fact that the Educational Schemes of this Committee are in great danger of being seriously hampered through lack of funds, our credit balance under the present arrangement with the Department, being rapidly consumed. We demand from the Treasury equal comparative treatment to that extended to similar educational work in England, by, immediate financial relief to the Department and County Committees of Agriculture towards the conduct and extension of their joint work, which under the present outlook, is of most vital consequence to this Country."

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

Advanced Cases of Tuberculosis.

A resolution was read from Kerry Co Insurance Committee requesting the Government to provide a grant for the provision of suitable Institutions for the treatment of advanced cases of tuberculosis, and also to take effective steps to improve housing conditions of the working classes, so as to give the efforts which were being made in the fight against Tuberculosis a fair chance."

"No Order".

Housing Accommodation for Working Classes.

A resolution was read from the Limerick City Housing Committee calling upon the Government to provide a sufficient sum of money free of Interest to finance the necessary building schemes for the housing of the ~~Irish~~ working classes also to prevent inflation of the price of land in the vicinity of Cities. Also, that all Public Bodies concerned should devise plans, and estimates covering probable cost of dealing with the housing problem in their area on the lines abovementioned."

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

(Signed)

John Bolger
Presiding Chairman.

Dated this 6th day of February 1918.

STATUTABLE QUARTERLY MEETING.-6th FEBRUARY 1918.

The Statutable Quarterly Meeting of the Wexford County Council, was held in the County Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford, on 6th February 1918.

Present:- Mr John Balger (Chairman) and subsequently Mr John J. Kehoe, Presided.

Also:- Messrs Louis Barry, M. Maddock, J.J.Stafford, M. Cloney, W. Thorpe, James Lynch, P. Keating, A. Kinsella, James Codd, M. Codd, R. Scallan.

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.

Estimate of Rate.

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

"That we hereby adopt the Estimate of Rate for General and Separate Charges for financial year 1918-19, also for the Administrative Expenses of County Wexford Local War Pensions Committee, and for Seed Supply Order 1917, and agree that the rates in the £ to be levied off the several Rural Districts of the County in respect of the General Rate be as follows:-

District.	Land.	Other Hereditaments.
Enniscorthy	5/1	6/10
Gorey	4/5	5/9
New Ross	5/-	6/9
Wexford	4/6	6/-

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

District	General Charges.	Separate Charges	Total.
Enniscorthy	£1363. 2. 4	8. 15. 1	£1371. 17. 5
New Ross	1678.11.11	26. 11. 3	1705. 3. 2
Wexford	3043. 13. 11	18. 8. 3	3062. 2. 2

On the motion of Mr Stafford, seconded by Mr Scallan, the following recommendation of Finance & Roads Committee was adopted:-

"That our Secretary communicate with County Wexford War Pensions Local Committee and ask them on what grounds they considered it necessary to employ two Secretaries at £100 per annum, when up to a recent date one Secretary whose salary was £60 was found sufficient to discharge the duties.

"That in consequence of the inadequacy of the Asylum Capitation Grant viz:- £4790 to meet -as was originally intended- half cost of maintenance of patients in the District Asylum (the demand of which for the coming year is £22680) the County Council be recommended to request the Asylum Committee to take every possible step to secure some payment at least on behalf of patients whose relatives are in a position to make a contribution towards their maintenance."

Approval of Appointment of Mr J. A. Ryan.

The Local Government Board wrote under date 19th January 1918, (2649-1918, Wexford Co.,) approving of the appointment of Mr J. A. Ryan, as Rate Collector for No. 1 Collection District for the completion of the current collection, on the terms and conditions set out in query form relative to appointment. At the close of the year the permanent appointment of Mr Ryan would be considered. The Board considered that the bond of Mr Ryan should be £1,000.

The Secretary stated that on receipt of this letter he had informed the Local Government Board that the Council had decided that the bond for Mr Ryan should be for £900 as was the case with the previous Collector for the district, and asking them if they would agree to allow the amount of the bond for the temporary appointment to remain at £900.

The Local Government Board replied under date 1st February 1918, (3581-1918, Wexford County) that pending permanent appointment, the security of this Collector might stand at £900.

The Secretary stated he had forwarded copy of this letter to Mr Ryan, but in the meantime Mr Ryan had arranged that his bond should be for £1,000, so that it was unnecessary for the Council to make any order in the matter."

No Order

Appointment of Mr Ennis, as Assistant Surveyor.

Under date 5th January 1918, the Local Government Board wrote (No. 63,774-1917, Wexford Co.,) approving of the appointment of Mr Robert J. Ennis, as Assistant Surveyor in the County Wexford, at a salary of £100 per annum, rising by annual increments of £5 to £120 per annum.

Marked "Read".

Co. Council Accounts-Auditor's Report.

Under date 19th December 1917, (No. 59,803-1917 Wexford County) the Local Government Board forwarded the following report of their Auditor as to his audit of the Accounts of the County Council for half-year ended 30th September 1917:-

"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".

Members of Council of Agriculture.

Under date 18th January 1918, the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction wrote (SG.-514-18) pointing out that the term of office of the present Council of Agriculture would expire on 31st March 1918, and enclosing copy of regulations for appointment of members of new Council.

The two persons appointed need not necessarily be Members of the County Council, would hold office for three years, and could be re-appointed at the end of that period.

The Secretary stated that as provided by Regulation under sec 11 of the Agricultural & Technical Instruction (Ireland) Act 1889, a copy of the Regulations for the appointment of Members of the Council of Agriculture had been transmitted to each member of the Council with the Agenda Paper for the present meeting of the Council.

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

"That Messrs John Bolger, and Michael Doyle, Chairman and

Vice-Chairman respectively of the Wexford County Council be appointed as the delegates of the County Council of Wexford for the three years as from 1st April 1918."

Exportation of Heifers, Etc.,

Under date 26th January 1918, the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction, wrote that they had extended the Maintenance of Live Stock (Ireland) (Temporary) Order of 1917, which forbade the exportation of certain classes of animals necessary for stock purposes to 31st March 1919.

Under date 24th January 1918, the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction forwarded Maintenance of Live Stock (Breeding of Ewes) (Ireland) Order of 1918, prohibiting the slaughter of inlamb ewes after the 27th day of January 1918.

Marked "Read"

Extension of Road Limits.

Under date 23rd January 1918, the Clerk Gorey Rural District Council, forwarded the following resolution of his Council:-

"That as the limit sanctioned by the L. G. Board, viz:- £7500 to be expended on Roads in Gorey district has now to be exceeded on account of War Bonus, etc., we ask the County Council to petition the L. G. Board to sanction the present estimate of £7727. 16. 7d."

Under date 16th January 1918, the Clerk to Wexford R.D. Council forwarded copy of the following resolution, which had been adopted by his Council:-

"That the Local Government Board be requested to extend the limit of Road Expenditure for one year ending the 31st March 1919, from £7935. 10/- to £8500."

On the motion of Mr Maddock, seconded by Mr Kehoe, the following recommendation of Finance & Roads Committee was adopted:-

"That the Local Government Board be requested to extend the Road Limits of Expenditure in the Rural Districts of Gorey and Wexford in accordance with the requests of these District Councils as appearing on the Minutes of this day's meeting."

War Bonus to Road Contractors.

The Secretary brought before the Meeting the application of several Road Contractors for War Bonus on their Contracts and which

had been received since last Meeting of the County Council. He mentioned that the County Council had adopted a resolution that no applications for War Bonus would be considered after 31st October 1917.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Lynch, the following recommendation of Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed:-

"That as only a small number of Road Contractors entitled to War Bonus have failed to make application for same on or before 31st October 1917, as originally fixed we hereby extend the period of application to the 1st March 1918, but in no case will any applications be considered after that date."

Applications Increases of Salary, Etc.,

Under date 28th December 1917, the following joint application for increase of salary was received from Messrs John Kehoe, and W. H. Jones, Assistant Surveyors:-

"We beg again respectfully to apply for an increase in our present salaries which, in view of prevailing conditions, are absolutely inadequate to meet our expenses and the increased cost of living and the performance of our duties.

We believe you can understand our dissatisfaction with the method adopted by the Council when recently revising the salaries of men so long in its service as we are, and our failure to rest content with the outcome resulting from that decision.

We trust you will be good enough to reconsider this matter at your next Meeting."

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

"That in view of the long services of Messrs John Kehoe, and W. H. Jones, we recommend the County Council to increase the salaries of these officials to £120 per annum in each case, increase to date from next meeting of the County Council."

Mr Kehoe, proposed, Mr Stafford Seconded:-

"That the recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee recommending increase of salary of £15 per annum in the cases of Assistant Surveyors Kehoe and Jones (making the salaries in these cases £120) be agreed to, increase of salary to date as from present meeting of County Council."

Mr Maddock proposed, and Mr Cloney seconded the following amendment:

"That the recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee be not confirmed."

On a show of hands the amendment was lost by 8 to 4.

Mr Maddock demanded a poll which resulted as follows:-

For confirming the recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee:-

Messrs J. Codd, Kinsella, Stafford, Scallan, M. Codd, Kehoe, Thorpe and the Chairman.-8.

Against:- Messrs Barry, Maddock, Lynch, and Cloney.-4

Mr Keating did not vote.

The Chairman declared the amendment lost and the resolution was then put and passed nem con.

Mr William Murphy, Irish Street, Enniscorthy, Machinery Overseer, applied under date 27th December 1917, for an increase of salary.

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

"That Mr W. Murphy, Machinery Overseer, be granted an increase of 10/- per week, thus fixing his future salary at £2. 10/- per week, and in the event of the County Council agreeing to this recommendation that increase commence as from the date of the present meeting of Finance & Roads Committee."

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

Under date 24th December 1917, Mr John J. O'Gorman, foreman, Steamrolling work, wrote applying for an increase in his salary of 30/- per week.

The following recommendation was submitted from Finance and Roads Committee:-

"That we recommend the County Council to grant an increase of 5/- per week to the salary of Mr John J. O'Gorman, steamrolling foreman, making his future salary 35/- per week, increase to date from present meeting of Finance & Roads Committee, if sanctioned by the County Council."

"Recommendation confirmed on the motion of Mr Stafford, seconded by Mr Lynch."

Under date 30th January 1918, Mr Myles Hyland, Borelia, Kilcotty,

Rockdrill Operator, applied for an increase in his salary of 35/- per week, as his present pay was hardly enough to keep him and pay all his travelling expenses owing to increased prices. He had been employed for the past two years travelling round the County.

The Finance & Roads Committee made the following recommendation:-

"That the salary of Mr Myles Hyland, Rockdrill Operator, be increased to £2 per week, as from date of this meeting."

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

Dog Licences.

Attention was called to paragraph appearing in the Irish Newspapers of 6th December 1917 relative to the request of the deputation from the Associated Petty Sessions Clerks of Ireland, when waiting on the Chief Secretary for Ireland that the portion of the balance of dog tax paid to County and Urban Authorities in Ireland (£22,425) should be appropriated as War Bonus for Petty Sessions Clerks.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Maddock, seconded by Mr Stafford:-

"That we protest against any portion of dog tax now paid to County and Urban Councils being employed as War Bonus for petty sessions Clerks as proposed by the Associated Petty Sessions Clerks of Ireland."

Appointment of Analyst.

In connection with the appointment of Analyst vice Sir C. Cameron, resigned, the Secretary mentioned that the Council had fixed a salary of £30 per annum to cover all analyses required.

Sir C. Cameron, late Analyst, wrote as follows:-

"In response to your advertisement. I offer my services as Public Analyst on the following terms:- A retaining salary of £30 per annum. No charge for the first 100 analyses, 4/- for every one in excess of 100. A fee of 2/6 per analysis of artificial fertilizers and feeding stuffs, instead of the commercial fee of £1. 1/- and upwards. In the interests of the Public Health and the Poor, free analysis of Water used by the general public and of food sent from the Workhouses. 10/6 for analysis of water for private persons-usual fee £1. 1/- Analysis in suspected case of poisoning of animals £1. 1/- (The Government pay £5. 5/- for analysis in case of suspected poisoning of man).

would be free except those of fertilizers and food stuffs, water for private persons and in poison cases. In these cases fees to be as stated."

Mr B. G. Fagan, B. A., B. Sc., F. I. C., A.R.S., So., I., Analyst, wrote that he would be prepared to analyse 70 samples for £30 and 6/- per sample above that number, under Food and Drugs Act. Water £1. 1/- per sample Fertilizers & Feeding Staffs 2/6 per sample, providing he was allowed a retaining fee of £10 per annum, milk, ordinary test for quality 2/6 per sample, and for complete analyses 10/6 per sample.

Mr John Hawthorne, B. A., Ph., D. F. I. C., 16 Donegall Sq South, Belfast, wrote that he could not accept the terms set out in the conditions governing the appointment, but was prepared to act on the following terms:-

- 1.- For the first 100 samples received in any one year, 7/6 per sample.
- 2.- For each sample in excess of the said 100 samples per annum 6/- per sample.
- 3.- If my attendance is required at a prosecution a fee of £3. 3/- per day and travelling expenses.
- 4.- Fees to be paid quarterly on receipt of the quarterly report.

If appointed, I will analyse samples of milk, fertilizers and feeding stuffs for residents in the county at a flat rate of 7/6 per sample, if the sample is accompanied by the fee and a certificate from the Clerk to the Council stating that the sender is a ratepayer in the county, and requires the analysis for his own information, and not for the purposes of trade.

Mr D. J. O'Mahony, F.C.S., Eglinton Street, Cork, wrote:-

- 1.- Under the Food & Drugs Act I would undertake for a minimum salary of £30 a year to do 80 samples and to supply the four quarterly reports and for all samples over the first 80 to require a fee of 6/- per sample
- 2.- Under the Fertilizers and Feeding Staffs Act, to analyse samples of Fertilizers and Feeding Staffs for bona fide farmers for 2/6 per sample on receiving a salary of £10 a year for the appointment under this Act."

Under date 1st February 1918, Mr Walter Thorp, F.I.C., 1 & 2 Poolbeg Street, Dublin, wrote:-

"I beg to apply for the position of analyst to the Co Council.

I am prepared to analyse Eighty Samples for the sum of £30 and to analyse any further samples above that number at a uniform fee of five shillings per sample.

I am Analyst to the Wexford Union."

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

"That Sir Charles Cameron be appointed County Analyst at £50 per annum as per the terms of his letter of the 14th January 1918, and that a month's notice in writing on either side determine the appointment at the end of twelve months as from 1st January 1918, and, also, on condition that he analyses, for all residents of the County, fertilizers and feeding stuffs at 2/6 per sample, water for private persons at 10/6 per sample, and poison cases at £1. 1/- per sample."

Naval War Pensions &c., (Committee) Act 1917.

Under date 17th January 1918, the Secretary, Ministry of Pensions, wrote (7763) that under above Act every Scheme regulating the constitution of a Local or District Committee under Sec 2 of the Naval and Military War Pensions etc., Act 1915, should provide for the inclusion of at least two disabled men who had been discharged from Naval or Military service during the present War, and of a Woman who is in receipt of a pension as a Widow or other dependant of a man of the Naval and Military service, who had died from causes arising out of actual service.

To meet this it was necessary for the Council to frame a supplemental scheme and in order to facilitate its preparation a model Scheme (of which copies were enclosed) had been drawn up.

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

"That the following supplemental scheme framed by the Wexford Co. Council revising the Scheme framed by the Council on 8th day of April 1916 regulating the Constitution of the Local Committee for the Wexford Co Council under the Naval & Military War Pensions Etc., Act 1915, and hereinafter referred to as the "Original Scheme" be adopted:-

1.- Article 1 of the original scheme shall be revised so as to provide that the total number of members of the Local Committee should be 33

and that this number shall include at least two disabled men who have been discharged from the naval or military service of His Majesty during the present War and also a woman who is in receipt of a pension as the widow or other dependant of a man in the said naval or military service who has died from causes arising out of his service during the present War. In all other respects the said article shall remain unaltered.

2.- This Supplemental Scheme shall be construed as one with the original Scheme."

Sheep Dipping Fine.

Under date 7th January 1918, the following was read from Mr E. J. Browne, Creacon, New Ross:-

"I was fined at New Ross P. S., 30/- for having 30 sheep on the fair without declaration form B11. The other two sheep dipping forms were filled and left at the police barracks some five or six weeks before. I told the Constable at the fair that I forgot to bring the form B11 and that I thought it was out of date on 1st November, but when he told me that it was not out of date until 15th of November, I went to the barracks and got another form B11 and filled it and left it at the Barracks for him, and went back to the fair, and had to send the sheep home, as I could not get what I refused for them that morning, and sold them at home a few days afterwards at 2/6 a head less than I could get for them on the fair in the morning.

I could do no more than I did to comply with the Sheep Dipping Order and had no right to be summoned or fined, and I could not attend at Petty Sessions as I was threshing that day.

I spoke to Mr McLean, D. I., about it afterwards and he said he would have stopped the summonses if I had spoken to him at first, Mr McLean also told me to tell you that if you wanted any information and you wrote him, he would tell you it was a case that had no right to be brought against me."

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

"That Mr McLean, D.I., R. I. C., New Ross, be asked to furnish the County Council with particulars of the case in which Mr Edward Browne, Creacon, New Ross, was fined £1. 10/- for an offence under the Sheep Dipping Order."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr Scallan seconded by Mr Stafford."

Rates on Bantry Commons.

Under date 18th December 1917, the following was read from Mr E. J. Murphy, Rate Collector:-

"I beg respectfully to apply to your Council for a refund of £60. 17, 7d being the amount of uncollected rates lodged by me in respect of Bantry Commons for the half years ending 30th September 1913, 31st March 1914, 30th September 1914, 31st March 1915, 30th September 1915, 31st March 1916, 30th September 1916, and 31st March 1917, the particulars of which I have already furnished to you, and I base my application on the following grounds:-

In June 1913, I made a seizure for the rates of that year and sold the cattle seized but I was sued by the parties for doing so, and a decree was pronounced against me for the amount claimed, on the ground that the rate for which I seized was bad in law.

The rate for the half-year ended 31st March 1914, 30th September 1914 and 31st March 1915, was struck in precisely the same way and were therefore also bad. The rate for the half-years ended 30th September 1915 and 31st March 1916 was made in the name of Thomas Cody and others, but during this year I failed to find any Cattle grazing on the part of the Commons which is in my district, although I visited the Mountain many times, with the object of seizing any cattle I might find there, and I could not proceed against Thomas Cody as he did not reside in my district. The rate for the half-year ended 29th September 1916 and 31st March 1917 was made in the names of Edward Rossiter and Henry King but in this case also I could not proceed against those parties as they did not reside in my district, and I could find no cattle to seize.

I have on all occasions used my utmost efforts to collect the rates for this Bantry Commons, but the difficulties of doing so are very great, and the legal rights of the collector appear to be in many instances extremely doubtful.

I therefore respectfully ask the County Council to petition the Local Government Board for their sanction to the recoupment of the abovementioned sum to me.

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

"That the letter of Mr E. J. Murphy, Rate Collector, in connection with refund of arrears of rate on Bantry Commons and amounting to

£60. 17. 7d be submitted to the New Ross Rural District Council for their observations."

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

War Bonus-Officers Enniscorthy R.D.School Attendance
Committee.

At the meeting of the County Council on 5th December 1917, the following resolution was read from the Enniscorthy R. D. School Attendance Committee:-

"That we respectfully request the Co Council to grant a War Bonus of £5 a year to School Attendance Officers Fortune and Kelly, and £2. 10/- to Mr Jasper Whitty."

The Council adopted the following resolution:-

"That the resolution of Enniscorthy R. D. School Attendance Committee re granting War Bonus to their Officials be referred to the Enniscorthy R. D. Council for their observations as any War Bonus which may be granted will constitute a charge on the Rural District."

Under date 18th January 1918, the Clerk Enniscorthy R. D. Council wrote that his Council had approved of the proposal to grant War Bonus of £5 per annum each to Mr Fortune, and Miss Kelly, (School Attendance Officers). The application of Mr Whitty, Clerk to the Committee was withdrawn."

On the motion of Mr Lynch, seconded by Mr Cloney:-

"That we approve of the proposal of Enniscorthy R.D.School Attendance Committee to grant War Bonus of £5 per annum to School Attendance Officers Mr Fortune and Miss Kelly to date £s from 1st January 1918."

"Passed"

Proposed Limitation Speed Motor Vehicles.

Under date 5th January 1918, the following letter was read from the Clerk, Enniscorthy Urban Council:-

"The following recommendation of a Committee of the Council was unanimously adopted at the meeting of the Council held on the 2nd inst., (January)

"Requesting the County Council to promote a Bye-Law regulating the speed of Motor Cars and Motor Cycles in Towns and Villages."

In connection with this matter the following letter was read from

Mr R. W. Elgee, Solicitor to the County Council:-

"I am in receipt of yours of the 7th inst., enclosing copy of a letter from Mr P.J.Shaw, Clerk Enniscorthy Urban Council, as to the Co. Council promulgating Bye laws for the regulation of Motor Traffic in Towns and Villages of this County.

It appears to me on reading Sec 9 of the Motor Car Act of 1903, (2 Vanston 1212) that the Local Authority (in this case the County Council) should apply to the Local Government Board to make such Regulations as might be required.

However I think before the Local Government Board would make such Regulations they would have to hold an Inquiry as to whether they were necessary or not, and of course it rests with the Council to decide if they would ask the Local Government Board to hold such an inquiry or not."

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

"That in view of the letter of Mr R. W. Elgee, Solicitor to the Council, the Local Government Board be requested to inform the County Council of the approximate cost of a local inquiry in connection with limitation of speed of motor vehicles in towns and villages, and in relation to the resolution adopted by the Enniscorthy Urban District Council."

National Teachers Salaries, Etc.,

Under date 22nd January 1918, Mr J. Breen, Bree, Enniscorthy, Hon. Sec., Wexford National Teachers Association, wrote calling attention to the fact that the Lord Mayor of Dublin, was convening a deputation of Public Bodies to wait on the Chief Secretary for Ireland to press upon him the urgency of meeting the demands of the Irish National Teachers. He asked the Wexford County Council to appoint a delegate to attend on the deputation.

Under date 1st January 1918, the following resolution was read from Cork County Council:-

"We the Members of the Cork County Council demand that a Committee similar to the Craig Committee be immediately set up in Ireland to advise the Irish Government on questions arising in connection with the augmentation of the National Teachers' salaries, and to consider the general question of their remuneration, with a view to recommending suitable scales of salaries for different classes of teachers,

having regard to the character and length of training necessary, the qualifications obtained, the nature of the duties to be performed and other relevant considerations. We further demand that after setting apart for junior assistant mistresses, convent and monastery schools, junior inspectors and organisers, the money allocated to them in the White Paper recently issued by the Government, plus the sum of £10,000 to augment the pensions of retired National Teachers, the residue of the Grant voted by Parliament for Irish National Education, be equally divided immediately as a bonus for the year ending March 31st 1918, among old certificated National Teachers.

That a delegate be appointed from this Council to act in conjunction with the delegates from other Councils to wait on the Chief Secretary for Ireland, and that the Lord Mayor and Corporation of Dublin be asked to accompany the deputation to be fixed in connection with the Grant."

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

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

"That Mr John J. Kehoe be appointed delegate to represent the County Council on the deputation to the Chief Secretary in connection with the demands of Irish National Teachers."

Afforestation.

Mr Joseph T. Dolan, Ardee, Co. Louth, wrote as follows:-

"In view of the great injury to the wealth, climate, and natural beauty of the Country, which is being done by the removal of so many plantations and hedge trees without any replacement of them, would your Council think well to urge on the Government the issue of an order under the Defence of the Realm Act empowering the Department of Agriculture to require all who cut down trees to plant as many saplings in their stead."

"The above from Mr Dolan was adopted as a resolution, on the motion of Mr Lynch, seconded by Mr Cloney."

RECOMMENDATIONS FINANCE & ROADS COMMITTEE.

Kerlogue Quarry:- "That Mr Moses Power be paid £12 to enable him to carry on the work at Kerlogue Quarry."

Store Licence for Explosives:- That we approve of the action of the

County Surveyor in making application to the Wexford Urban Council for a store licence for Explosives at the premises of Mr G. B. Cooke, Main Street, Wexford."

Insurance of Engine Boiler:- "That we recommend payment of additional premium of 10/- in respect of insurance of Boiler to cover additional insurance of £500."

Cherryorchard Quarry:- "That the application of Mr Sharpe, late owner of Cherryorchard Quarry, for a sum of £13. 18. 2d for quarrying Road Metalling at Cherryorchard Quarry be not acceded to as Mr Sharpe would not accept the offer of the County Council to provide the material at 3/10 per cubic yard."

Duncannon Hulk:- "That no repairs be executed at the Duncannon Hulk, for the present, but that the moorings be brought ashore and secured."

Wexford Bridge:- "That the County Surveyor be instructed to bring in a proposal at the meeting of the Proposal Committee of 6th February for repairs of bascule of Wexford Bridge."

Timber Clohamon Bridge:- "That the County Surveyor be instructed to store (for future use) the timber left over from repairs of Clohamon Bridge in the Machinery Yard of the County Council in Enniscorthy."

New Ross Courthouse:- "That the County Council be recommended to agree to payment of 5/4 for wood blocks for fuel for New Ross Courthouse owing to the present high prices of coal."

Gorey Courthouse:- "That the application of Mr Valentine, Courthouse, Gorey, for an additional supply of coal be adjourned to next meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee. That in the meantime our Secretary communicate with Mr Valentine and ascertain from him how he disposes of the Coal purchased for the £9 annual allowance by the Council."

Increased Insurances:- "That in view of increased rate of compensation to workmen under Workmen's Compensation Act, we agree to pay an extra 10 per cent on our insurances under this Act."

Fidelity Guarantee Bonds Rate Collectors:- "That the Rate Collectors insured under fidelity guarantee bond with the Gresham Fire & Accident

Insurance Co. be instructed to furnish to the County Council the name

of an approved Insurance Society with which they propose taking out fidelity guarantee bonds as from 1st April 1918."

Courtown Harbour Weighbridge:- "That the County Council be recommended to agree to a payment of an extra £1 per annum to Messrs Henry Pooley & Son, Ltd., for maintenance of weighbridge at Courtown Harbour."

Rent-St Brigid's Inebriate Home:- "That the County Council be recommended to agree to allow the Community of St John's of God to hold the premises of St Brigid's Inebriate Reformatory, Wexford, for the nominal rent of 1/- per annum as from 1st July 1918."

Temporary Clerical Assistance:- "That our Secretary be empowered to employ temporary clerical staff for writing up rate books and receipt and demand notes of rate collectors."

Resignation County Surveyor's Clerk:- "That the resignation of Mr M. J. O'Leary as Clerk in County Surveyor's Office be accepted as from 19th January 1918, and that Mr Barry, County Surveyor, be empowered to employ temporary Assistant, should he consider this course necessary at a salary not exceeding 30/- per week."

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

"That permanent Clerk at 30/- per week be appointed and that the Finance & Roads Committee at Meeting of 20th February 1918 be empowered to make the appointment."

Assistant Surveyor Doyle:- "That Mr V. R. Doyle, Assistant Surveyor, be requested to furnish an explanation as to why he has not forwarded usual weekly report to the County Surveyor for the last couple of weeks."

"The County Surveyor read an explanation from Mr Doyle that in consequence of a cycle accident he was unable to furnish his reports in proper time."

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

"That the explanation of Assistant Surveyor Doyle as to failure to supply his weekly reports within the prescribed time to the County Surveyor be accepted as satisfactory."

Rate Collection:- "That the Secretary call the attention of the meeting

meeting of the County Council on the 6th February to the case of any Rate Collector who is not carrying out his duties with due diligence as provided by the terms of his bond, notwithstanding the repeated requests of the Finance & Roads Committee."

"The above Recommendations were adopted on the motion of Mr Stafford, seconded by Mr Scallan."

The late John Lannen, Foreman, Tara Hill Quarry.

Under date 22nd January 1918, the following was read from Messrs O'Connor & Co., Solicitors, Wexford, on behalf of Martin Lannen, Poulpeasty, Clonroche, brother of the late John Lannen, foreman, Tara Hill Quarry:-

"On the 22nd December last, the above deceased who was a foreman for the County Council in the Tara Hill Quarries, was killed in the course of his employment as the result of an accident. The evidence at the Inquest showed that probably while handling a cartridge-which was used for blasting rocks at the quarry- the charge went off and blew portion of his head away and some fingers off the left hand. He was forty eight years of age and unmarried. Both his parents are dead, and his one relation is our client, Mr Martin Lannen, Poulpeasty, Clonroche, Enniscorthy. The deceased used to give money from time to time to his brother, who was to some extent a dependant upon him .

As the deceased was such a faithful employee of the County Council having worked with them for over 15 years, perhaps the County Council would make an allowance to the brother? Might we suggest for their consideration that they would allow him, say £20, because the brother used to give him 10/- every month and sometimes £1 a month, amounting to between £7 and £8 a year.

Please submit this letter to next meeting of the Council for their kind consideration."

Under date 23rd January 1918, Messrs O'Connor & Co., Solicitors, wrote, pointing out that John Lannen was killed on 22nd December. His wages were £1. 2. 6d and he used to contribute occasionally to his brother-Martin Lannen- The funeral expenses cost £15 and vouchers amounting to £12. 13/- were enclosed. Messrs O'Connor considered that this amount should be refunded by the Wexford Co Council to Mr Martin

Under date 1st February 1918, Messrs O'Connor & Co., Solicitors, wrote enclosing account from Mrs A. Browne, Tara Hill, for £8. 18. 6d balance due by the late John Lannen, Tara Hill Quarry, for Board and Lodging.

In connection with the correspondence of Messrs O'Connor & Co., Solicitors, Wexford, Messrs Coyle & Co., Insurance Brokers, 7 Anglesea Street, Dublin, wrote that the matter could be looked at only from the legal aspect, so far as they could see the law provided only for responsibility as regards funeral expenses, and it should be conveyed to the Solicitors acting for the next of kin that the Council would be agreeable to pay the exact amount of funeral expenses on production of receipts.

In connection with Tara Hill Quarry, the Secretary stated at the meeting of Finance & Roads Committee that, the County Council in July 1907 advanced to the late foreman £50 to finance the working of the Quarry, viz:- to pay wages of men etc., This was not found sufficient and a further sum of £70 was advanced on August 1907, making a total of £120. Out of this Mr Lannen paid £43. 16. 3d which left the balance in his hands £76. 3. 9d. Since the audit of the Accounts of the County Council for September 1913, the Tara Hill Quarry Accounts had been dealt with by the County Surveyor, the Finance & Roads Committee at each meeting reinstated the balance of £76. 3. 9d, which was always what Mr Lannen should have had in his hands, less what he paid out between the date of receipt of Pay Order and the period to which his account was previously made up.

The Secretary further stated that he knew Mr Lannen had paid out £40 and £50 more than he had in hands, but Mr Lannen when questioned stated he had advanced this sum from his own private resources.

On the last visit to the quarry the Secretary stated, he had instructed Mr Lannen that after next settlement the imprest account should be dealt with through one of the local banks so that the Co. Council could at all times ascertain how the account stood. Mr Lannen promised that this would be done. He (Sec) was aware that the County Surveyor was constantly requesting Mr Lannen to submit his payments oftener.

Under date 8th January 1918, the following letter was read from Mr Robert Connors, Esmonde Street, Gorey:-

"I enclose you statement of account due me by Lannen that I advanced him to pay Men at tara Hill Quarry, you can lay it before your Council Meeting next time they meet, I have no receipts but just took a note of it as I gave it to him, The following is the amount:-
1917.

27th October	£10.
3rd November	14
10th November	10
17th "	15
24th "	10
1st December	12
8th "	15
14th "	<u>15</u>
Total	<u>£101.</u>

The County Surveyor at the Finance & Roads Committee Meeting submitted a detailed statement as to the amount due the late John Lannen. Deducting therefrom cost of Insurance Stamps which had been paid for by the Council to Lannen and which were not affixed to Insurance Cards, and also a sum of £17. 12. 6d which the late John Lannen had received from a Mr Cherrick for worn-out stonebreaker Jaws the amount due to Lannen at his disease was £83. 14. 1d.

As against this was of course the amount due to the Co. Council, viz:- £76. 3. 9d on foot of imprest a/c.,

Mr Elgee advised that for the present it would be better withhold payment of any portion of the £83. 14. 1d.

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

"That no payment be made for the present from the sum of £83. 14. 1d standing to the credit of the late John Lannen, foreman Tara Hill Quarry, less £76. 3. 9d amount of Imprest a/c., due County Council. That Mr Robert Connors, Esmonde Street, Gorey, be informed as to debits and credits of the late John Lannen's a/c.,"

That a sum of £25 be placed in the hands of Mr Thomas Paddle, Assistant Surveyor, Gorey, to enable payments for wages to be made the

workmen engaged at Tara Hill Quarry, said payments being made as per directions of the County Surveyor.

That the Local Government Board be requested to sanction this arrangement as there is no ^{other} satisfactory method of working Tara Hill Quarry.

That we confirm the action of the County Surveyor in appointing Mr P. Byrne, Blacksmith, Tara Hill Quarry, temporary foreman there, and that Mr Byrne be allowed a sum of 2/6 per week for this extra work as from the date of his appointment by the County Surveyor, and until a permanent foreman has been appointed.

That the Constabulary be requested to recognise Mr P. Byrne as the authorised person in charge of gelignite for any small blasting operations which are necessary at the Quarry."

That the Coal in hut at Tara Hill Quarry and in which the late John Lannen met his death, be placed outside the quarry and that, as the County Surveyor had decided on constructing a small office at the quarry for the use of foreman there before the recent fatal accident, the old hut be no longer used.

That the Workmen at Tara Hill Quarry be paid for the 22nd, 24th 26th and 27th December 1917, as during these days the quarry was in charge of the Constabulary Authorities in connection with the inquest on the late foreman, and the men were deprived of the opportunity of carrying on work."

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

"That the various recommendations of the Finance & Roads Committee as presented to this meeting in the matter of Tara Hill Quarry be and are hereby adopted."

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

"That Mr Patrick Byrne be appointed as temporary foreman at Tara Hill Quarry on the same terms and conditions as obtain at present, the County Surveyor to report to the April meeting of the County Council as to whether the arrangement is satisfactory for the proper working of the Quarry."

On the motion of Mr Cloney, seconded by Mr Thorpe, the following

recommendation of Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed:-

"That the correspondence from Messrs M. J. O'Connor & Co., Solicitors, as regards claim on behalf of the brother of the late John Lannen, former foreman of Tara Hill Quarry, be referred to Messrs Coyle & Co., Insurance Brokers, Dublin, representing the Insurance Co., guaranteeing the County Council under the Workman's Compensation Act."

Under date 29th January 1918, a letter was read from Messrs Coyle & Co., stating that in their opinion there was no liability on the County Council except for the funeral expenses."

Chair Scientific Agriculture in University College, Dublin.

The following resolution was forwarded by the Executive Committee of the Irish County Councils General Council:-

"That it be a request from this Council to the Governing Body of University College, Dublin, to take into early consideration the desirability of the establishment of a Chair of Scientific Agriculture and in the event of the Governing Body favourably considering this proposal that they prepare a scheme by which effect may be given to it, and take such steps as may be necessary to secure the assent of the Senate of the National University thereto."

The Executive Committee pointed out the funds at the disposal of the College would be inadequate to establish the proposed Chair unless the affiliated Councils would make an annual grant of £20 for the purpose. County Councils under Sec 10 (2) of the Irish Universities Act of 1908, had full power to make the contribution suggested and the Executive Committee considered it most appropriate that County Councils of Ireland should be associated in the foundation of a Chair of Scientific Agriculture in connection with the National University."

Another most important matter was the desirability of offering extra inducements to Co Council Scholars to take the University Course in Scientific Agriculture and thus make their career of greater utility in the furtherance of our National Industry."

On the motion of Mr Scallan, seconded by Mr Thorpe, the following recommendation of Finance & Roads Committee was adopted:-

"That in the event of the establishment of a Chair of Scientific Agriculture being established in University College Dublin, we hereby agree to contribute a sum of £20 per annum for the purpose to be applied from the University Scholarship fund of the Co Council.

That the question of offering further inducements to County Council Scholars to take the University Course in Scientific Agriculture be considered at the Annual Meeting of the County Council."

Waterford Shipping Disaster Fund.

A Circular was read from Alderman J. J. O'Sullivan, Waterford, on behalf of the Waterford Shipping Disaster Fund Committee of which he was Chairman, calling attention of the fact that early in Christmas Week a most appalling disaster occurred at sea to two vessels trading with Waterford City, and resulting in the loss of 83 lives. Upwards of 400 dependants among whom were many small children were left.

The Committee which was formed at a public meeting called to raise funds earnestly appealed to the Wexford Co. Council for a contribution to this most deserving object. The money would be applied in first instance to immediate relief pending payment of compensation, and secondly to supplement amount of compensation in cases in which additional help was needed.

"No Order".

Preference for Co Council University Scholars in Appointments

The following resolution was received from the County Council of Kings' Co:-

"That we the County Council of King's County, strongly urge that Scholars of the Irish Universities should get preference in all public appointments under the various Boards, Departments, and Public Bodies in the Counties. In this connection we direct the special attention of the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction which hitherto so largely imported Englishmen and Scotchmen to fill the positions in their gift.

We also direct attention to the fact that the Department refuse to recognise Degrees in the Agricultural Faculty of the National University and at the same time, decline to provide adequate facilities through the medium of the Agricultural Colleges under their control, for the attainment of such Degrees."

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

Agricultural Wages.-Value of Weekly Benefits.

The following resolution was received from Louth County Council:-

"That we emphatically disagree with the Proposal of the Agricultural Wages Board for Ireland, dated 14th January 1918, defining the value

of weekly "benefits" and wages of agricultural labourers, and demand its suspension, pending the appointment of district Wages Boards to examine and determine if it be generally applicable to the different modes of farming practised in the various Counties of Ireland."

"Adopted on the motion of Mr Lynch, seconded by Mr Cloney."

Pig Industry.

A Resolution was read from Clones Board of Guardians denouncing the action of the Government in trying to impose an indirect tax upon the Pig Industry. They called upon the Government to leave the sale of Pork in the Market open and to fix the retail price of pigs.

The Secretary stated that the Food Controller was about to carry out the suggestion in the resolution from Clones Union.

"No Order".

Irish Civil Servants.

A resolution was read from Dublin Corporation relative to alleged victimisation of Irish Civil Servants, and demanding that the Officers concerned should be given a fair opportunity of meeting the charges upon which they had been penalised.

"Adopted on the motion of Mr Cloney, seconded by Mr Mark Codd."

Food Supply.

The Cookstown Urban District forwarded a resolution as to the necessity of encouraging farmers and ploholders to grow greater quantities of potatoes oats and wheat in view of the grave shortage of food in the Country. The failure of the Government to carry out their promise as regards the £2 per ton subsidy for the potato crop of 1917 would have a disastrous effect on the acreage of the crop of 1918, unless the Government would at once announce their intention of fulfilling their promise and restoring public confidence.

The Thomas Wafer, Sinn Fein Club, Enniscorthy, forwarded copy of resolution adopted by them asking the County and District Councils to pledge the local rates for the purchase of food, the rates to be recouped when the food was sold.

A similar resolution from Boolavogue Sinn Fein Club, had been before the Finance & Roads Committee, but no action was taken in connection with it.

The Dublin Corporation asking for particulars of quantities of food viz:- Wheat, Oats, etc., in the County.

"No Order"

Proposals for Works.

Proposed by Mr Stafford, seconded by Mr Scallan:-

"That the several Proposals for Works, 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."

"Passed"

Proposals for Payment.

Proposed by Mr Stafford, seconded by Mr Scallan:-

"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"

Superannuation-N.O'H. Walsh.

Under date 4th February 1918, Sealed Order No. 3773-1918, County of Wexford, was read from the Local Government Board consenting to a superannuation allowance of £50 per annum being paid to Mr N. O'H. Walsh, late Rate Collector, Wexford County.

War Bonus for Road Contractors-Application for Remuneration.

Mr J. J. Rochford, Clerk New Ross R. D. Council wrote forwarding an remuneration for application made to his Council for/extra work in connection with preparation of War Bonus Road Contracts.

His Council had referred the matter to the County Council.

"adjourned to next Meeting."

Quarries & Machinery.

Mr Thorpe intimated his intention of giving Notice of Motion for consideration of next Meeting of Finance Committee as regards having Quarry Expenditure and Machinery Expenditure a Rural District Charge so that each district would be responsible for its own expenditure.

That a special report in connection with this matter be prepared

by the Finance & Roads Committee for presentation to the Co. Council."

Crory Quarry.

On the motion of Mr Stafford, seconded by Mr Scallan, the Seal of the County Council was affixed to indenture with Mr Samuel Hawkins, Crory, as to the leasing of Crory Quarry to the Co. Council, subject to the approval of Mr R. W. Elgee, Solicitor to the Co. Council."

Rate Collection.

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

"That the Rate Collectors be informed that the Finance & Roads Committee at their meeting of 20th February 1918, will consider specially the state of the Rate Collection in view of what lodgments have been made by each Rate Collector, up to 16th February."

Proposed Purchase of Steam Roller.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Thorpe, the following recommendation of Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed:-

"That the County Surveyor obtain full particulars of second hand steamrollers offered for sale by Messrs Grainger, Bros., Hollywood, Co. Down. That he be empowered to inspect these machines, and that he be accompanied by Mr W. Murphy, Machinery Overseer, And that we empower him to make the best bargain he can as regards the purchase of the most suitable Roller."

Hire of Rock Drill.

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

"That we approve of the action of the County Surveyor in hiring Rock Drill to Mr Gerald Flood, at the rate of 10/- per day for work under the Admiralty."

(Signed)

Presiding Chairman.

Dated this 3rd day of April 1918.

MEETING.- 3rd APRIL 1918.

A Meeting of the Wexford County Council was held in the Co. Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford, on 3rd April 1918.

Mr Michael Doyle, (Vice-Chairman) presiding.

Also:-Messrs Maddock, Barry, Cloney, Whelan, O'Byrne, Cowman, Stafford, O'Neill, Scallan, James Codd, Mark Codd, J. A. Doyle, Thorpe, Redmond, T. Asple, A. Kinsella, J. J. Kehoe.

The County Secretary, County Surveyor, Mr Treanor, Senior Assistant 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 Mr Mayler, County Councillor.

Under date 6th March 1918, the following letter was read from Mr Philip E. Mayler, and on the motion of Mr Cowman, seconded by Mr Scallan, it was decided that the letter should be inserted on the Minutes of the Meeting:-

"My Sister brother and myself, are most grateful for the resolution of sympathy to us in our bereavement of our brother John, which the Finance & Roads Committee passed last week, and also for your own kind words which accompanied it."

Striking of Rate.

Proposed by Mr O'Neill,

Seconded by Mr Cowman.

"That we hereby strike the Rate for General and Separate Charges for financial year 1918-19, as agreed to at Meeting of the County Council on 6th February 1918, 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 County Council on the Urban Councils of

Enniscorthy, New Ross, and Wexford, be duly signed and sealed, the amount demanded from said Urban Councils after allowing for credit items being:-

District	Co. Charges	Union Charges	Separate Charges.	Total.
Enniscorthy	661. 14. 8	701. 7. 8	8. 15. 1	1371. 17. 5
New Ross	649. 17. 5	1028. 14. 6	26. 11. 3	1705. 3. 2
Wexford	1417. 9. 9	1626. 4. 2	18. 8. 3	3062. 2. 2

Chargeability of Machinery & Quarries.

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

"That a Scheme be devised by which each Rural District of the County will contribute to Quarry Expenditure in proportion to the amount of material prepared in the several quarries for each District, and as regards Machinery Account, that each Rural District be debited with the cost of the working of machinery in proportion to the utilisation of said machinery in each Rural District."

"That capital expenditure for Quarries and Machinery be treated as a County-at-Large Charge and that in order to carry out the recommendation of debiting each Rural District with the cost of the working expenses of Quarries and Machinery in proportion to the actual benefit derived by each district, the Co. Surveyor furnish at the end of each half-year, a statement of the allocation of the amount of expenditure and receipts on quarries and machinery applicable to each Rural District of the County in respect of the said half-year. That the County Surveyor and Secretary submit to next meeting of the Council particulars of any items of expenditure paid within the financial year ended 30th September 1917, but in respect of other periods the amount of money due by the Road Board, and how much of this amount has been actually earned, the approximate value of material on hand in the quarries at the end of September 1917, and any other particulars which they consider it advisable should be brought to the knowledge of the Council, in explanation of the amount of deficit on the working of quarries and machinery."

Mr Thorpe moved the recommendation of Finance & Roads Committee

be confirmed.

Mr Cowman seconded.

A Poll was taken with the following result:-

For:- Messrs Maddock, Cloney, O'Byrne, Thorpe, Cowman, Stafford, James Codd, J. A. Doyle, and the Chairman.- 9.

Against:- Messrs Barry, Whelan, Asple, O'Neill, Scallan, Redmond, Mark Codd.- 7.

The Chairman declared the recommendation of Finance & Roads Committee confirmed.

Mr Thorpe proposed, Mr Cowman seconded, and it was passed:-

"That the system as outlined in the above resolution regarding the chargeability of quarries and Machinery commence as from 1st April 1918."

Resignation of Mr T. Paddle, Assistant Surveyor.

Under date 14th March 1918, the following was read from Mr T. Paddle, Assistant Surveyor:-

"I beg to tender my resignation as Assistant Surveyor to your Council."

The Finance & Roads Committee submitted the following recommendation

That the resignation of Mr T. Paddle, be accepted as from 31st March 1918. That advertisement be issued by our Secretary for Assistant Surveyor for Gorey Rural District, at a salary of £100 per annum, rising by annual increments of £5 to £120 (conditional on satisfactory service) and with a further £5 per annum for work in connection with Tara Hill Quarry, two months' notice on either side to determine the appointment which is to be made on 3rd April 1918."

"The above recommendation was confirmed on the motion of Mr Scallan, seconded by Mr Cowman."

Appointment of Assistant Surveyor.

Applications for the position of Assistant Surveyor vacant through the resignation of Mr T. Paddle, were received from:-

- 1.- Mr William Fortune, 5 Slaney Street, Enniscorthy.
- 2.- Mr James Kirby, B. E., Tipperary.
- 3.- Mr Matthew J. Byrne, Assistant Surveyor, Co. Carlow.

Mr William Fortune wrote, under date 1st April 1918, withdrawing his candidature.

The following resolution was then adopted on the motion of Mr Cowman, seconded by Mr Thorpe:-

"That Mr James Kirby B. E., be appointed Assistant Surveyor for No.1 District (Gorey Rural District) at a salary of £100 per annum, (to cover travelling and out-of-pocket expenses, except postage) rising by annual increments of £5 (conditional upon satisfactory service) to £120 per annum, a further sum of £5 per annum to be allowed for work in connection with Tara Hill Quarry. The appointment is subject to the sanction of

the Local Government Board, and carries the right of the County Council to transfer the successful candidate to another District of the County.

That appointment be determined by two months' notice in writing on either side."

The successful Candidate submitted testimonials from the following:-

Rev Arthur Ryan P. P., V. G., Tipperary, Pierce F. Purcell, M. A. M. A. I., Assoc. M. Inst., C. E., Professor of Civil Engineering National University, and John B. Kirby, Assistant Surveyor, Tipperary.

Representation of the People Act 1918.

Letters under date 20th February, and 26th February 1918, (No. 9515-1918) was read from the Local Government Board, dealing with the provisions in the Representation of the People Act 1918, as to the power of County Councils etc., in connection with the division of parliamentary constituencies into polling districts, and the appointment of polling places. In Wexford County the portion of Rosbercon Urban (included in Urban District of New Ross for local government purposes) was now transferred to the Parliamentary division of South Wexford.

The Local Government Board held it was necessary that the County Council should hold a meeting not later than 6th March for the purpose of considering the effect which the alteration in South Wexford division would have upon the existing polling districts of that Constituency.

The Secretary stated that the question of the appointment of new polling places for North and South Wexford divisions had been fully considered by the Council in 1910 and 1911, and at the Meeting of 3rd May 1911, the Council had adopted a Scheme for the alteration and constitution of County polling districts, which the Clerk of the Crown & Peace considered would meet all requirements under the

Representation of the People Act 1918. The Scheme had in fact been originally drafted to meet extended franchise.

Proposed by Mr O'Neill, seconded by Mr Scallan:-

"That the Scheme adopted by the Wexford County Council at the Quarterly Meeting held on 3rd May 1911, for alteration and constitution of Polling Districts be hereny confirmed as in respect of "The Representation of the People Act 1918". That the Voters of Rosbercon Urban area formerly included in New Ross Urban District for local government purposes, and now included by Representation of the People Act 1918 in South Wexford Parliamentary Constituency, poll in New Ross Courthouse."

The Finance & Roads Committee submitted the following recommendation

"That we recommend the Council to direct that the Register to be made out under the Representation of the People Act 1918, be prepared as for the Registration Units in Rural Districts in Alphabetical lists of townlands and Alphabetical order of names in said townlands, and for Regsitration Units in Urban Districts in Streets, the names of Voters to be set out in Alphabetical order in such streets."

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

In connection with the printing of Register under the Representation of the People Act 1918, the Local Government Board wrote under date 28th March 1918 (Printing Arrangements) that half the expenditure in respect of the required printing would be defrayed by the State, all tenders for printing would have to be examined and approved by H. M. Stationery Office, which would consider any recommendations submitted by the Council as regards acceptance of tender. All tenders should be sent to Superintendent H. M. Stationery Office on or before 30th April 1918.

On the motion of Mr O'Neill,

Seconded by Mr Scallan, and adopted:-

"That the consideration of tenders for printing Parliamentary and Local Government Register be referred to the Finance & Roads Committee, which is hereby empowered to submit recommendations as to tenders for printing of said Register to the Superintendent H. M. Stationery Office Dublin. That a special meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee be held on 24th April 1918, at 2.30 p.m., to deal with this matter. That

April, and as there is no contract existing with the local papers, that he consult with the Chairman as to advertising in a daily newspaper circulating in the district, should any cause arise in connection with the insertion of the advertisement in the local papers, which in their opinion would make it inadvisable to so advertise."

Postponement of Appointment of Committees.

The Local Government Board forwarded Sealed Order No. 163M : 1917, under date 14th February 1918, made under Section 2 of the Parliamentary and Local Elections (No. 2) Act 1917, and postponing the appointment of Asylum Committee, County Infirmary Committee, and Tuberculosis Committee for one year.

Marked "Read"

Assistant Surveyors Jones & Kehoe.

Under date 4th March 1918, the Local Government Board wrote (No. 6570 : 1918 Wexford Co.,) approving of the increase in the salaries of Messrs Kehoe & Jones. Assistant Surveyors, from £105 to £120 each per annum.

Marked "Read"

Road Expenditure Limits.

Under date 14th March 1918, the Local Government Board wrote, (10216-1918, Wexford County) stating they had given instructions for the preparation of Orders assenting to extensions of the limit of expenditure on roads for the year ending the 30th March 1919 as follows:-

Gorey Rural District.- to £7727. 16. 7d

Wexford Rural District.-to £8500.

Marked "Read"

Security of Rate Collectors.

The following extract from Minutes of Finance & Roads Committee of Meeting of 20th March was submitted:-

"In connection with fidelity guarantee bonds for Rate Collectors Messrs J. Sinnott, J. Cummins, and P. Codd, Collectors, appeared before the Meeting and pointed out that the Rate Collectors had written to 31 Insurance Companies, and could not receive any better terms for fidelity guarantee bonds than £1 per cent and counter security.

The Collectors, the deputation stated, were in the past charged 7/6

per cent, and they now proposed either that the County Council should accept personal security, or pay 12/6 per cent to the Guarantee Society accepted, and which represents the difference between the usual charge to the present, and the new proposal of Insurance Companies.

The Secretary explained that if the Council agreed to pay for the fourteen Rate Collectors a sum of 12/6 per cent, the annual charge on the Council would be £76. 11. 3d.

The Finance & Roads Committee had referred the above matter to the County Council.

Under date 12th March 1918, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 35M. 1918 Miscellaneous) asking what arrangements had been made respecting the security of Rate Collectors for the financial year commencing the 1st April 1918.

On the motion of Mr Cloney, seconded by Mr Cowman, the following resolution was adopted:- "That no action be taken as regards the application of the Rate Collectors for a change in the method of their suretyship.

That they be directed to furnish without delay the usual Fidelity Guarantee Bonds to the Secretary so as to enable them to commence their collection.

That they be also informed that if they put before the Council any alternative Scheme by which they would be financially benefited as regards security the County Council will give it their most earnest consideration."

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

"That the General Council of Irish County Councils be requested to formulate a comprehensive scheme of Insurance to cover all Insurance effected by County Councils and other Public Bodies,"

Speed of Motor Vehicles.

Under date 4th March 1918, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 6570-1918, Wexford Co.,) forwarding letters which they had addressed to the Newcastle Urban Council on the subject of limitation of the speed of motor vehicles in towns and villages.

The Co Council might make representations to the Police

Authorities as to the strict enforcement of the provisions of the Motor Car Act 1903.

In the letters addressed to the Newcastle Urban Council under date 16th February 1910 (15802-1910 Newcastle Urban District) and 24th March 1916, (No. 1051-1916 Newcastle Urban District) the Local Government Board pointed out that under Section 8 of Motor Car Act 1903, the Local Government Board are empowered to make regulations to restrict the driving of any motor car on any road on which ordinary motor car traffic would, in the Board's opinion, be specially dangerous. Section 2 of the same Act gave power to a police constable to apprehend without warrant the driver of any car who drives recklessly or negligently on a public highway or at a speed or in a manner dangerous to the public.

Section 9 (1) of the Act provides that a person shall not drive a motor car on a public highway at a speed exceeding 20 miles an hour, and within areas regarding which restrictions of speed have been made by order of the Local Government Board at a speed exceeding ten miles an hour.

The Board would require full evidence to show that the exercise of the police powers does not adequately meet the circumstances prevailing, and in any case, the reduction of motor traffic owing to scarcity of petrol, and other causes, rendered it doubtful whether the expense of holding an inquiry could be justified at the present juncture. If the remedy suggested did not prove adequate it was open to the District Council at a later and more appropriate time to renew their application to the Board."

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

"That a copy of the correspondence received from the Local Government Board as regards the proposal to limit the speed of Motor Vehicles in towns and villages, be furnished to the Enniscorthy Urban Council on whose behalf the matter was submitted to the Local Government Board."

The County Council consider the present an inopportune time to ask for the holding of a local inquiry."

Proposed Treatment of Venereal Disease.

Under date 14th February 1918, the Local Government Board wrote

(letter No. 6831 : 1918, Wexford Co.,) that they were of opinion that the County Council could make the principal arrangements necessary for carrying out the Scheme for the treatment of venereal diseases indicated in their Circular letters with two institutions- (1) the County Infirmary and (2) a pathological laboratory. With the first named they might arrange for (a) special treatment, (b) skilled assistance to Medical practitioners in very exceptional circumstances, and (c) distribution of salversan and its substitute free to medical men qualified to administer them.

With a laboratory such as that at a University or Medical School the Council might further arrange for the examination of blood and other materials submitted when necessary by the Medical Officer at the County Infirmary and by Medical Practitioners in the County generally.

The Finance & Roads Committee Meeting of 20th February 1918, submitted the following recommendation:-

"That we recommend the County Council to take no action as to the proposal of the Local Government Board to adopt a scheme for the treatment of venereal disease."

Under date 28th March 1918, the following letter (No. 9057-1918, Wexford County) was read from Local Government Board:-

"I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to advert to your letter of the 21st ultimo, forwarding a copy of a recommendation made to the Wexford County Council by the Finance & Roads Committee in regard to the question of providing County arrangements for the diagnosis and treatment of venereal diseases. With reference thereto, the Board desire me to call attention to their Circular Letters of the 22nd October last, and the 7th ultimo, which indicate the dangers of an infectious spread of these diseases at the present time and the urgent need of action in the matter.

Corporations and County Councils in different parts of the Country are taking measures to combat these diseases.

The cost of a County Scheme on the local rates should be comparatively small as 75% of the approved expenditure will be repaid by the Board. It is anticipated that this Grant will materially aid the work of the large Hospitals and Laboratories of the Country and that County Councils' close association with such institutions in the interests of the Public Health will be of general advantage to the

The Board trust that the County Council will take these circumstances into consideration at an early date and make arrangements for the adoption of a scheme for the County for the diagnosis, treatment and prevention of these diseases."

On the motion of Mr Cowman, seconded by Mr Scallan, the following resolution was adopted:- "That the recommendation of Finance & Roads Committee be confirmed notwithstanding the communication of the Local Government Board of 28th March 1918, (No. 9057-1918, Wexford County)."

War Pensions Committee Estimate.

Under date 15th February 1918, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 6666-1918, Wexford Co.,) approving of the estimate of £234. 4/- for administrative expenses of the County Wexford Local War Pensions Committee for year ending 31st March 1919.

At a special meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee of 25th January 1918, the following recommendation was adopted:-

"That our Secretary communicate with the County Wexford War Pensions Local Committee and ask them on what grounds they considered it necessary to employ two Secretaries at £100 per annum, when, up to a recent date, one Secretary whose salary was £60 was found sufficient to discharge the duties."

Under date 20th March 1918, the following letter was read from Mr P. Horgan, Secretary War Pensions Local Committee:-

"The following resolution was passed at a meeting of the Local War Pensions Committee held on Wednesday the 6th inst:-

That the Secretary inform the County Council that owing to the great increase in the work the appointment of two Secretaries was absolutely necessary.

I may add that this resolution had the approval of Mr C. A. Pim, Inspector Ministry of Pensions for Ireland, who was present at the meeting."

"No Order"

Auditors Reports.

The Local Government Boards forwarded reports of their Auditors on audit of the Accounts of Waterford Bridge Joint Committee of Management, year ending 31st March 1917, Gorey Union and Gorey Rural District Council, for half-year ended 30th September 1917.

Government Grants-Deficiency in Local Taxation Account.

The Local Government Board wrote under date 22nd March 1918, forwarding Pay Order for £76. 4. 2d for salaries of Sanitary Officers and £891. 3. 3d Medical & Educational Grant for Unions for year ended 30th September 1917. In both instances the Local Government Board pointed out that an abatement was made in amount of the Grant owing to the insufficiency of the fund.

"No Order".

Land Commission Annuities.

Under date 25th February 1918, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 8908-1918 Miscellaneous) that the sum withdrawn from Land Acts Guarantee Fund were less than the repayments made to the Fund by £359. 6. 5d and consequently this amount would be added to the share of the County in the Death Duty Grant payable to the Council in March.

The Secretary, Irish Land Commission, forwarded under date 8th March 1918 a list of defaulting Land Purchase Annuitants in the Co. Wexford, against whom legal proceedings had been directed for the recovery of the instalments due on the 1st November and 1st December 1917, in respect of advances made under the various Land Acts.

"No. Order"

Co-option of Member.

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

"That co-option of Member of County Council vice late Mr John T. Mayler, representative of Bannow County Division be dealt with at the meeting of the Council on 8th May 1918."

Weeds & Seeds (Ireland) Act 1909.

Under date 12th March 1918, the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction wrote asking the Council to put into force in County Wexford the provisions of Part 1 of the Weeds & Agricultural Seeds (Ireland) Act 1909.

Mr P. J. O'Connor, Agricultural Instructor, appeared before the Meeting and explained the provisions of the Act, and the necessity for its adoption.

On the motion of Mr Scallan, seconded by Mr Thorpe, the following

resolution was adopted:-

"That the Weeds & Seeds Act be not put into force by the County Council."

Maintenance Live Stock Order of 1918 (No. 2)

Under date 12th February 1918, the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction forwarded Maintenance of Live Stock Order No. 2 under which no bull or bullock which has temporary incisor teeth only, can be slaughtered.

The Department of Agriculture forwarded "Maintenance of Live Stock (Ireland) (Cattle) Order, consolidating the provisions of the several Orders which they had made in connection with the conserving the cattle stocks of the Country."

"No Order"

Taking of Wild Birds Eggs.

Under date 15th March 1918 the Under Secretary, Dublin Castle, wrote that in view to augmenting the supply of staple foods it was proposed to rescind as from 1st June 1918 the Order prohibiting the taking of the eggs of any species of Wild Birds between the 1st March and 1st August throughout the Saltee and Keeragh Islands, but before making the Order, the Lord Lieutenant asked for the views of the Co. Council on the matter.

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

"That the County Council have no objection to the proposal contained in the letter of the Under Secretary, Dublin Castle, as to the taking of Wild Birds Eggs from the Saltee & Keeragh Islands."

Soldiers Dependants in Rate Aided Institutions.

Under date 12th March 1918, the Local Government Board called attention to Army Orders by which the Authorities of Rate Aided Institutions are to notify the Local War Pensions Committee as to the admission of soldiers' wives or widows.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Cowman, the following resolution was adopted:- "That no order be made on the communication received from the Local Government Board and Ministry of Pensions regarding the admission of Soldiers wives and widows to Rate Aided Institutions."

Application Artane Industrial School-Increase Capitation
-----Grant-----

Under date 4th March 1918, Rev Br O'Ryan, Artane Industrial School, wrote applying for an increase of 6d in the Capitation Grant for the 13 boys of the County Wexford in the Institution, and pointing out that with one or two exceptions all the Borough and County Councils had agreed to the increase which should be granted to secure a similar increase from the Treasury.

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

"That no action be taken regarding the application of Artane Industrial School for increase in Capitation Grant."

Ballybrennan Quarry.

Under date 15th March 1918, an application was received from the Ballybrennan Quarrymen, asking for advance in wages, viz:- breaking to be paid for at 30/- per week, and quarrying 3d per yard.

The carter-Thomas Hickey- applied for 9/- per day.

On the motion of Mr Cowman, seconded by Mr Maddock, the following recommendation of Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed:-

"That the application of the Ballybrennan Quarrymen for increase of wages be refused."

"That we recommend the Co Council to give these men 25/- per week when engaged at Breaking."

Irish Education Act 1892.-Gorey S. A. Committee.

Under date 8th March 1918, the Secretary, National Education Board, wrote asking for names, etc., of the five representatives of the County Council as Local Authority on Gorey R. D. School Attendance Committee as from 1st June 1918.

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

"That as recommended by Gorey Rural District Council the following be appointed as the representatives of the Co Council on Gorey R. D. School Attendance Committee:- Messrs James Kavanagh, Garrynew, Killenagh, Patrick Doyle, Ballytegan, Gorey, Nicholas J. Fowler, Camolin, Robert Spencer, Kildermot, Gorey, John Sheehan, Ballynes-tragh, Gorey."

New Ross R. D. School Attendance Committee.

Under date 6th February 1918, the Secretary, National Education Board, wrote asking to be furnished with the names of the five members representing the County Council as Local Authority on New Ross Rural District School Attendance Committee as from 1st May 1918.

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

"That in accordance with the recommendation of New Ross Rural District Council the following be appointed as the representatives of the Wexford County Council on New Rural District School Attendance Committee, viz:- Messrs William Thorpe, Knockroe, New Ross, Denis Cummins, Raheenduff, Adamstown, Michael Doyle, Terrerath, New Ross, Philip Kehoe, Lacken, New Ross, Martin J. Kenny, Campile, Via Waterford."

Enniscorthy R. D. Council & Complaints re Roads.

Under date 8th February 1918, the following resolution was read from Enniscorthy R. D. Council:-

"That the attention of the County Council be drawn to the condition of the road from Poulpeasty to the cross of Aughnagopple and that they be requested to have it put in a passable condition at once."

The following extract from Minutes of Finance & Roads Committee was submitted:-

"The County Surveyor stated that the material for this road had been quarried but he found it impossible to obtain an engine to work breaker until now. He expected to have material ready immediately as an engine had been secured to work the breaker."

"That a copy of observations of the County Surveyor in connection with the Road from Poulpeasty to Cross of Aughnagopple be furnished the Clerk of the Enniscorthy R. D. Council for the information of his Council."

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

Burial of Bacon washed Ashore.

Under date 25th March 1918, the following letter was read

from Mr Walter Kehoe, Harbour Master, Kilmore:-

"I would be pleased if you would bring before the Members of the County Council at next meeting my claim for 25/- for the burial of 100 Sides of Bacon, that washed ashore on Ballyteigue Strand during the month of February 1918."

On the motion of Mr Cowman, seconded by Mr Maddock, the following recommendation of Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed:-

"That the application of Walter Kehoe, be adjourned to next meeting of Finance & Roads Committee, Mr Elgee in the meantime to look into the question of the liability of the Co. Council as to the burial of carcasses washed ashore."

Stationery for Magistrates-Wexford Petty Sessions.

An account for £1. 14. 1d for stationery etc., for Magistrates of Wexford Petty Sessions Court was submitted by Mr Kavanagh, Clerk Petty Sessions.

Mr R. W. Elgee, Solicitor to the Council, wrote that if the Local Government Board consider that the supply of stationery was necessary and proper for the due transaction of the business of the Justices at Petty Sessions, the County Council are bound to supply them.

Under date 13th March 1918, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 11,048-1918, Wexford Co.,) that they approved of these payments being made by the County Council.

On the motion of Mr Cowman, seconded by Mr Whelan, the following recommendation of Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed:-

"That the application of Mr M. Kavanagh, for payment of £1. 14. 1d for stationery for Wexford petty sessions Court be refused."

Poisons & Pharmacy Act.

James Codd, Abbey Quay, Enniscorthy, and J. B. Wallis, Arthurstown, applied for licences under Poisons & Pharmacy Act, and John Butler, The Creamery Stores, Taghmon, applied for renewal of licence under same Act.

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

"That licences under Poisons & Pharmacy Act be issued to James Codd, Abbey Quay, Enniscorthy, and J. B. Wallis, Arthurstown,

and renewal of licence to John Butler, The Creamery Stores, Taghmon."

Food & Drugs Act.

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

"That Sergeant John Bourke, R. I. C., New Ross, be appointed Ex-officio Inspector under the Food & Drugs Acts, and Ex-officio Inspector under Weights & Measures Acts, 1878 to 1904, for the petty sessions district of New Ross. That he also be empowered as said Inspector to prosecute before Courts of Summary Jurisdiction of Justices any information, complaint, or proceeding, arising under the Weights & Measures Acts, or in the discharge of his duties as such Inspector."

Rural Development.

Under date 19th March 1918, Mr Vaughan Nash, of the Ministry of Reconstruction, wrote asking for suggestions as to:-

- (a) the provision and extension of Small Holdings.
- (b) improved methods of Agricultural Organisation and Credit for Small Holders.
- (c) Land Settlement Colonies,
- (d) the provision and improvement of Rural Housing.
- (e) the extension and improvement of Rural Transport (by road light railway or water)
- (f) areas available for Afforestation,
- (g) Reclamation of Waste Land,
- (h) the drainage of Land, and
- (i) the development of existing forms of Rural Industry, or the encouragement of new forms.

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

"That the Ministry of Reconstruction be requested to inform the Council how the proposed Scheme for Rural Development is to be financed. That a copy of the Circular from Mr Vaughan Nash of the Ministry of Reconstruction under date 19th March, be furnished the various farmers' Associations in the County."

Explosives Act.

On the motion of Mr Scallan, seconded by Mr J. Codd, the following resolution was adopted:- "That Store Licence under Explosives Act

be granted to Robert Murphy for Tara Hill Quarry."

Proposals for Payment.

Proposed by Mr Scallan, Seconded by Mr James Codd, and passed:-

"That the several proposals for payment for fixed items of salaries, etc., and quarterly instalments to the public bodies financed by the County Council, and as recommended by the Finance & Roads Committee and the Proposal Committee, be, and are hereby adopted."

RECOMMENDATIONS.- FINANCE & ROADS COMMITTEE.

Tincurry Quarry:- "That the application of Mr John Kehoe, for £40 compensation in connection with dumping ground and trespass at Tincurry Quarry be adjourned to next meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee.

That Messrs John Bolger, P. O'Neill and James Lynch, be appointed a Committee to see the Quarry and endeavour to come to some arrangement with Mr Kehoe in the matter. That this Committee be asked to report to next meeting of Finance & Roads Committee."

The Committee met at the Quarry on 29th March, Messrs Bolger, P. O'Neill, and James Lynch being present. The County Surveyor and Mr Treanor, Senior Assistant Surveyor, were in attendance.

The following decision was arrived at by the Committee:-

"That the County Council be recommended to pay £40 to Mr John Kehoe, as surface damage to his fields for roadway to quarry. Mr Kehoe agreeing to strip surface and prepare roadway which is to be metalled by the Council. That Mr Kehoe enter into agreement regarding the lease of the Quarry providing a sufficient area for expansion of work to be mapped on the agreement, Mr Kehoe to be paid at the rate of 4d per cubic yard for amount of material taken from quarry."

"On the motion of Mr Cloney, seconded by Mr Whelan, the recommendation of Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed, and report of Committee adopted."

Application re Rates:- "That we consider the full amount of Rate for half-year ended 31st March 1918, should be paid by the estate of the late Hon Mrs Jane O'Grady (Gorey District-Collector M. J. Sheehan)."

"Recommendation confirmed on the motion of Mr Kinsella, seconded by Mr Cowman."

Application Remuneration-War Bonus Bonds:- "That the Co Council be

recommended to refuse the application of Mr J. J. Rochford, Clerk, New Ross R. D. Council, for remuneration in connection with War Bonus Contracts for Road Contracts, as we consider the work in connection with these bonds to be included in the ordinary duty of the Clerk of a Rural District Council."

"Recommendation confirmed on the motion of Mr Seallan, seconded by Mr Maddock."

Arrears Rates Bantry Commons:- "That we recommend the Co Council to furnish the Local Government Board with copy of letter from Clerk New Ross R. D. Council, as to refund of arrears of rates on Bantry Commons to Mr E. J. Murphy, Rate Collector, with a statement of the amount of same, and that the Local Government Board, in view of the decision of the New Ross R. D. Council in this matter, be requested to sanction refund to Mr Murphy."

"Recommendation confirmed on the motion of Mr Cloney, seconded by Mr Seallan."

Material taken from Ryland Quarry:- "That Patrick Murphy, Cloneybyrne, Newtownbarry, Road Contractor, be called on to furnish a written apology to the Council for having taken material from his road depot for the metalling of yard of Miss Murphy, and that he be directed to pay to sum of £3 which, in the opinion of the County Surveyor, represents the loss sustained by the road being deprived of this amount of material. The Committee recommend this lenient view to be taken of the action of Mr Murphy from the fact that he has been a satisfactory contractor up to the present. That Miss Murphy, Cromogue, be asked to explain how she came to state that the road metalling found in her yard by Mr Treanor, Senior Assistant Surveyor, was hand broken and was taken from a bog, whereas as a matter of fact it had been procured from Ryland Quarry, and was machine broken."

Under date 28th March 1918, the following letter was read from Mr Patrick Murphy, Cloneybyrne:-

"I am sorry for taking stones from Ryland depot for metalling of yard of Miss Murphy, and hereby tender you every apology. I enclose you Postal Order for £3 which, in the opinion of the County Surveyor, is the value of the metalling taken."

Under date 28th March 1918, the following letter was read from

Miss Murphy, Cromogue House, Clohamon:-

"I hereby apologise for having stated that road material found in my yard was broken by hand and taken from a bog, when it was really from Ryland Quarry, and I wish to say in explanation that I was so flustered and taken-a-back by the questions of Mr Treanor, and so fearful of getting Pat Murphy into trouble, that I did not like to admit that the stones were taken from Ryland."

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

The late John Lannen:- "That the communication of Messrs O'Connor & Co Solicitors, Gorey, on behalf of the representatives of the late John Lannen, foreman Tara Hill Quarry, and under date 5th March 1918, be referred to Mr Elgee, Solicitor, for report to next meeting of Finance & Roads Committee."

Under date 23rd March 1918, the following letter was read from Mr R. W. Elgee, Solicitor:-

"As I take the amount due by the County Council to the Reps of Lannen would be £83. 14. 1d and as against that there is £76. 3. 9d amount of Imprest Account due by him to the County Council leaving £7. 10. 4d due to Lannen's Estate, legally the Council are only bound to pay this to Lannen's Administrator, but as the sum is so small it is hardly worth while putting him to this expense, and that therefore I think the Council would be safe in paying same to Lannen's brother, he of course satisfying the Council that he is Lannen's sole next of kin, and also indemnifying them against any claims which might be brought by any person against them hereafter for any monies due by Lannen."

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Cowman, the following recommendation was adopted:-

"That as recommended by Mr Elgee the sum of £7. 10. 4d due to the Estate of the late John Lannen be paid Martin Lannen on the condition that the instructions contained in Mr Elgee's letter of 23rd March are observed."

Kilmore Harbour:- "That as provided for by the Specification for Work at Kilmore Pier a sum of £25 be paid Mr Denis Hughes, Contractor for Work at Kilmore Pier, for supplying 13 tons 16 cwt of concrete blocks over and above the specified quantity."

"Recommendation confirmed on the motion of Mr Stafford, seconded by Mr Cowman."

Increase Wages-Ryland Quarry:- "That the wages of John and Laurence Doyle, and Owen McCann, employees of the County Council at Ryland Quarry be fixed at 22/6 per week, as from Saturday 23rd March, provided this recommendation receives the confirmation of the County Council."

"Recommendation confirmed on the motion of Mr Cowman, seconded by Mr Scallan."

Glonhasten Quarry:- "That the County Council be recommended to pay Peter Carty, Drumgoold, 4/- per cubic yard for breaking and quarrying all broken stone to be taken from the quarry from this date, and 2/- per cubic yard for quarrying only."

"Recommendation confirmed on the motion of Mr James Codd, seconded by Mr Scallan."

A. Nolan, Rockdrill Operator:- "That the weekly wage of A. Nolan, Rockdrill Operator, be fixed at 32/6 per week, as from 23rd March 1918, provided this recommendation meets with the approval of the County Council."

"Recommendation confirmed on the motion of Mr Cowman, seconded by Mr Scallan."

Tuberculosis Committee:- "That we recommend the County Council to adopt the resolution of the Co. Wexford Tuberculosis Committee asking for a contribution of one-fifth of the salaries of Tuberculosis Officer and Nurse from the County Insurance Committee for year 1918."

The following is copy of Resolution submitted by Tuberculosis Committee:-

"That in view of the fact that the income of the County Insurance Committee has fallen considerably below the normal figure owing to War conditions, we agree (in order to assist the County Insurance Committee in their financial difficulties) to accept for the year 1918 only, from the County Insurance Committee, a sum of one-fifth of the salaries of the Tuberculosis Officer and Chief Tuberculosis Nurse as their contribution to the salaries of these officers. That the question of contribution for 1919 be considered before the close of the present year."

The Finance & Roads Committee submitted the following

recommendation:-

"We recommend the County Council in the event of the County Insurance Committee not accepting offer of Tuberculosis Committee as to the terms upon which the services of Tuberculosis Officer and Nurse are placed at the services of the Co Insurance Committee, -to withdraw the services of these officers from the Co Insurance Committee."

"The above recommendations were adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Cowman."

Fuel Gorey Courthouse:- "That the question of the utilisation of fuel supplied Gorey Courthouse, be considered at the second meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee in September 1918."

"Recommendation confirmed on the motion of Mr Maddock, seconded by Mr Scallan."

Malicious Injury Appeals:- "That Mr R. W. Elgee, Solicitor, be empowered to prosecute appeals against the decision of the County Court Judge in any claims for compensation for criminal injury in which he considers this course advisable."

Under date 4th March 1918, the following letter was read from Mr R. W. Elgee:-

John Nolan v Co Council.

In this case I have to report that the Lord Chief Justice at the Assizes affirmed the decree £338, in above case with Costs, same to be a County-at-Large Charge in place of a Rural District Charge."

Johanna Doyle v Co Council

Edward Somers v Co. Council.

"In these two cases the decrees of the County Court Judge were reversed."

"Recommendation confirmed on the motion of Mr Cowman, seconded by Mr James Codd."

County Surveyor's Clerk:- "That Thomas Cullen, Ballylucas, Screen, be elected Clerk to County Surveyor. Carried by 6 to 4."

"Recommendation confirmed on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Scallan."

Sheep Dipping Fine:- "That a copy of letter of Mr McLean, D. I., R. I. C., New Ross, as to prosecution against Mr E. Browne, Creacon, New Ross, for a breach of the Sheep Dipping Order, be furnished Mr

Browne, and that he be informed that as the fines under this Order are paid into the General Cattle Diseases Fund which is administered by the Crown, he should apply to the Crown for any refund of fine to which he considers he is entitled."

"Recommendation confirmed on the motion of Mr Scallan, seconded by Mr Cloney."

Blasting at Ryland Quarry:- "That copy of the recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee of the 6th March 1918, be furnished to the Chairman of the Council, for his signature, and that our Secretary explain to Mr Bolger the necessity of having this carried out as Mr Fry declines to recognise the recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee unless countersigned by the Chairman of the Council."

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

Proposed Purchase of Steam Roller:- The following Minute of Finance & Roads Committee was submitted:-

"The County Surveyor stated that with Mr William Murphy, Machiner Overseer, he had seen the steamrollers offered for sale by Messrs Grainger Bros., Hollywood, Co. Down. The only machine likely to be satisfactory was that working for the Kildare Co Council, but when they saw it they could not make an examination when the engine was cold. The gearing was a bit gone but he (Co. Surveyor) would not have rejected the machine on that account. He then arranged with Mr Murphy to bring Mr Davis's mechanic to see the engine when cold. The latter estimated that it would be necessary to spend in the first instance £50 to put the engine into repair and he (County Surveyor) believed they would have to spend another £50 within the next few years in replating the wheels, and besides the fire box was very small. Mr Murphy and he (Co. Surveyor) had come to the conclusion that it would not be satisfactory to purchase this second-hand machine at the price offered, viz:- £480."

Damage to Roads:- "That Mr Barry, County Surveyor, be instructed to attend the Meeting in London of County Surveyors of the United Kingdom, to be convened by the War Office, and at which the measures which have been decided upon by the Treasury as to compensation for damage to public roads by timber traffic will be considered."

Under date 26th March 1918, a letter No. 8/818 (D.L.2) was read from the War Office fixing the meeting of Surveyors for Tuesday 9th April at 2.30 at Middlesex Guildhall, Westminster, London.

"Recommendation confirmed on the motion of Mr Scallan, seconded by Mr James Codd."

Address to Most Rev Dr Codd D. D.,:- "That an address of congratulation on his appointment as Lord Bishop of Ferns, be presented to Most Rev Dr Codd, D. D., "

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

Advertising:- "That the County Council be recommended to reject the proposal of the three local papers to carry out the advertising of the County Council as per specification for £150 each for financial year 1918-19 and on condition that the tender of each paper be accepted. That we recommend the County Council to offer one local paper a sum of £225 for the specified advertising for the year, the paper to be selected by the County Council.

That in the event of the Council being unable to carry out this suggestion, we recommend that other steps be taken to secure the publicity of the advertising of the Council than through the medium of the local papers."

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Scallan, the following resolution was adopted:- "That in view of the agreement arrived at by the Finance & Roads Committee at the meeting held this date, 3rd April 1918, the above recommendation be not adopted."

Road No. 33E :- "That Mr Vincent R. Doyle, Assistant Surveyor, be summoned to attend next meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee to explain what steps he had taken to have Road No. 33E put into proper repair and also gullett which was broken down at the Ballagh."

"That Mr Vincent R. Doyle, Assistant Surveyor, furnish a written statement as to the various dates on which he inspected Road No. 33E., and his observations as regards each inspection for the year ended 31st March 1917, and also the dates on which he measured material for this Road."

"Recommendations confirmed on the motion of Mr Maddock, seconded by Mr Scallan."

Rate Collection:- "That our Secretary inform the Rate Collectors

who have not collected up to the 16th instant at least 55 per cent of the amount of their current warrants that in the opinion of the Finance & Roads Committee they are not carrying out their duties according to the terms of their bonds and the County Council will be asked to take drastic measures against them unless a considerable improvement be apparent by next meeting of Finance & Roads Committee."

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

Road No. 307E:- "That Michael Stafford, Bridgetown, Davidstown, contractor for road No. 307E be called upon for a written apology in connection with material taken from Road No. 307E, and put upon the lane leading to Mr Stafford's house, also for payment of 30/- amount of loss sustained by the Council by said material having been taken from the road unlawfully."

"That Mr R. W. Elgee, be instructed to call the attention of Mr Michael Stafford, Bridgetown, Davidstown, to the fact that he has not complied with the terms of the recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee of the 6th March 1918, and to report to next meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee as to what reply he may receive from Mr Stafford in connection with this matter."

"Mr Elgee stated he had received no reply from Mr Stafford, and on the motion of Mr Scallan, seconded by Mr Cowman, it was decided to leave the matter in Mr Elgee's hands."

Ferryarrig Wall & Footpath:- "That the County Surveyor be instructed to have the work of repair at Ferryarrig Wall and Footpath carried out as soon as possible."

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

Tara Hill Quarry.

Under date 6th February 1918, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 3205-1918) that the weekly payment of the wages of the workmen at Tara Hill Quarry can readily be secured by the County Council arranging for the attendance of a quorum of the Finance & Roads Committee once a week to authorise the necessary payments to be made for this purpose.

"No Order, as the County Surveyor considered the present method of financing the quarry would meet the situation."

Grant Tuberculosis Treatment.

Under date 28th February 1918, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 8853-1918, Wexford Co.,) that they had given directions for the issue of a Paying Order for £383 from the Exchequer Maintenance Grant on account of the current financial year.

"No Order"

Coal Consumption in Ireland.

Under date 28th March 1918, Circular letter No. T.M. 990/32/30, was read from Mr H. G. Burgess, Director of Cross Channel Transportation 19 Westmoreland St., Dublin., as to economising Coal consumption in Ireland.

"No Order"

RESOLUTIONS.Afforestation.

A resolution was read from the Irish Forestry Society, requesting the Government to immediately pass a regulation that, in all cases where trees in a wood or plantation were cut down exceeding £30 in value, an amount sufficient for replanting be paid over to the Department of Agriculture to be invested and held in trust for the Owner of the plantation until such time as he has replanted the felled area, or planted an equivalent area to the satisfaction of the Department's Forestry Officer.

A resolution was read from the Bray Urban District Council, asking their Representatives in Parliament to bring in a short Bill making it obligatory on people felling trees in Ireland to plant at least two trees for every one cut down, as they considered that no Afforestation Movement would be successful until compulsory planting was enforced by the Government.

"The above Resolutions were adopted on the motion of Mr J. Codd, seconded by Mr Redmond."

Slaughter of Cattle.

The following resolution was read from the South of Ireland Cattle Traders Association::

"That we again call on all the Public Boards of the Country to urge the Government to order that the slaughter of all Cattle of both sexes under two years old be immediately stopped, the order not to

apply to the limited number of animals specially fed for veal purposes."

"No Order"

Tullamore Guardians and the Pope.

A resolution was read from the Tullamore Board of Guardians, tendering sympathy to The Pope in the unscrupulous conspiracy entered into by secret treaty between Russia, France, Italy, and England, in opposing any and every diplomatic step on the part of the representatives of the Holy See for the conclusion of peace or in regard to questions arising out of the present War.

"Adopted on the motion of Mr Cloney, seconded by Mr Scallan."

Proposed Increase Dog Tax.

Under date 21st February 1918, a letter was read from the Irish Game Protection Association, forwarding copy of resolution adopted by the Food Control Committee for Ireland, expressing the opinion that the dog tax in Ireland should be raised from 2/6 to 7/6, and suggesting that the County Council should ask the County Parliamentary Representatives to support the matter of the increased dog tax in the House of Commons.

"No Order"

Grants for Irish Secondary Education.

The following resolution was sent from the Limerick Corporation:-

"We are of opinion that the Exchequer Grants for Irish Secondary Education should be increased by at least £100,000 per annum, as Ireland has up to the present received nothing like her proper equivalent of the Exchequer Grants made for Secondary Education in Great Britain, and that the Grants should be increased automatically with the needs of Secondary Education.

That the salaries and pensions of the Secondary Teachers should be a first charge on the funds of Irish Secondary Education.

That lay Secondary Teachers are entitled to the same security of Tenure as primary Teachers.

That a similar system of free places to that existing in Great Britain should be introduced to enable talented boys and girls to attend Secondary Schools."

"Adopted on the motion of Mr Cowman, seconded by Mr Scallan."

Prices of Small Farm Seeds.

The following resolution was read from the Letterkenny Rural

District Council:-

"That the Food Controller be requested to fix the retail prices of small farm-seeds, including Turnip, Clover, Grass, and Seed Oats in order that farmers be enabled to lay down their lands when in proper order, at a reasonable cost, and thereby comply with the order in force as regards Tillage of lands, seeing that the prices of all Farm produce are now fixed."

"No Order"

Price of Pigs.

The following was read from the Cavan Urban District Council:-

"That we protest against the action of the Food Controller in fixing the controlled price of pigs bought dead at 133/- per cwt and 140/- for pigs bought alive and killed in public abattoirs, in face of the fact that the Bacon Curers of Great Britain and Ireland are prepared to pay 153/- per cwt., and still enable the consumer to obtain bacon at the present controlled price. That we regard this as a most deliberate attempt to destroy one of Ireland's chief Industries, that we demand that the price be fixed at 153/- per cwt, as agreed by all parties connected with the trade and industry, and that the weight of stores be increased from 50 lbs as at present to 112 lbs."

"That we call upon the farmers to secure that a sufficient supply of pigs be retained in this country for home consumption and not to sell all to government controlled factories who are sending the bacon out of the Country at a controlled price 20/- per cwt less than the Irish buyers are willing to pay."

"No Order, in view of the recent re-adjustment of prices by Food Controller."

National Health Insurance.

A resolution was read from Kerry County Council, expressing the opinion that the time had arrived when that Council and all other Public Bodies in Ireland should discontinue paying contributions in respect of Insurance under the National Health Insurance Act-an oppressive measure passed by a foreign legislature and unsuited to the needs of the people of Ireland."

"Adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Kinsella

Messrs James Codd, and J. A. Doyle dissented.

Asylum Capitation Grant.

A Statement was read from the Waterford District Asylum Committee showing the diminution of the Capitation Grant in respect of the Pauper and Partly Paying Patients for the seven years ended 31st March 1916, and expressing the opinion, in view of increased estimates, that another effort should be made to stir the Government into action as regards increasing the capitation grant for asylums.

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

"That the Committee of Waterford Asylum be informed that the Wexford County Council will give all the assistance in their power to have the capitation grant to Asylums increased."

Cherryorchard Quarry.

On the motion of Mr Cowman, seconded by Mr Scallan, the following recommendation of Finance & Roads Committee was adopted:-

"That the County Council be recommended to take over the office and store at Cherryorchard Quarry, from the new owner, provided he enters into an agreement to hand over same to the Council."

Advertising.

On the motion of Mr Scallan, seconded by Mr Cowman, the following recommendation of Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed:-

"That we agree to the proposal of The People, Free Press, and Echo, to insert the advertisements of the County Council and its Committees (except the County Infirmary and District Asylum Committees) also the advertisements of the Clerk of the Crown & Peace at £150 per annum, and as per the conditions obtaining in previous years."

Steamrolling, Etc.,

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr O'Neill, the following recommendation of Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed:-

"That the County Surveyor be instructed to direct the Assistant Surveyors to pay special and particular attention to any stonebreaking or steamrolling in their districts."

Confirmation Minutes Proposal Committee.

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

"That the Minutes of the Proposal Committee Meeting of this date be adopted and that the various works considered thereat be placed in charge of the Co. Surveyor."

War Bonus for Road Contractors.

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

adjusted on 20 April 1918

"That as the following Road Contractors, viz:- Peter Whitty, (121G) Patrick Redmond, (152G & 169G) James Darcy (65G) Richard O'Connor (161W & 110W) Patrick Flynn (68R) ^{Richd O'Connor} ~~James Whitty~~ (20W) John Connors (83G) ^{Pete Byrne (139G).} Michael Brennan (157G) Patrick Kane (148G & 151G), who entered into contracts on or before June 1915, have applied to the County Council for an increase on the annual amount being paid to them for the carrying out of their contracts by way of war bonus, and being satisfied that these contractors are entitled to such payment, do grant to these contractors the following increased payment, i. e., an increase of 20% on the whole amount to those contractors who supply material and labour themselves, an increase of 11.4% or 20% on 4/7ths of the amount to those contractors who obtain material from County Council quarries no increased charge being made by the County Council for material, and an increase of 13.3% or 20% on 2/3rds of the amount to those contractors who use seagravel, until the expiration of the contract or until one year from the end of the War, whichever event should first happen, but that such increased payment only be made as from 31st March 1918, and to such contractors who in the opinion of the County Surveyor have done their work efficiently and further that procedure suggested by the Local Government Board be carried out, namely that the County Council shall issue advertisements inviting tenders from outside persons for the contracts, taking this new amount in each case as the minimum price at which the contractor will be willing to carry out the work until the expiration of his contract, and if no tender at a lower amount is obtained, that a fresh contract be entered into with each contractor concerned, at the new increased annual amount for the unexpired term of his contract, the increased percentage only to be paid for the period ending one year after the conclusion of the War."

Analyst's Reports.

City Laboratory,
Chatham Row, Dublin.

21st March 1918.

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 1917.

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

<u>Article.</u>	<u>Number.</u>
Butter	30
Whiskey	20
Milk	18
Rum	10
Buttermilk	9
Gin	7
Brandy	7
Margarine	7
Pepper	5
Drugs	5
Lard	4
Beef suet	4
Port Wine	3
Vinegar	2
Flour	1
Ginger Wine	1
Baking Powder	1
Mustard	1
Cheese	1
Total	<u>136</u>

On certificate was sent to Sergeant White, Wexford, for specimen of milk adulterated with at least 8.9 per cent of added water.

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

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

One specimen of water analysed for the Town Clerk, Wexford, had the following composition.

One imperial gallon contained in grains.

Total solid matter	12,600
Including	
Albuminoid Ammonia	0.016
Saline Ammonia	0.002

Nitric Acid Trace.
 Chlorine 1.480
 Colour light yellow.

An inferior water.

For Shillelagh Union, which is partly situated in the County of Wexford, three drugs and a specimen of water^{were} analysed.

The drugs were correct. The specimen of water had the following composition.

One imperial gallon contained in grains.

Total solid matter	6.300
Including	
Albuminoid Ammonia	0.004
Saline Ammonia	0.000
Nitric Acid	Trace
Chlorine	0.890
Colour	Clear.

A very pure water.

In the original reports on the waters referred to, full details, chemical and microscopical, were given, but in the foregoing only the more important points are given.

Total analyses..... 162

Charles A. Cameron.

Report of Sir Charles Cameron, C. B., M. D., Public Analyst for the County Wexford on articles submitted to him for analysis during the quarter ended 31st December 1917.

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

<u>Article.</u>	<u>Number.</u>
Milk	58
Butter	44
Whiskey	23
Buttermilk	19
Margarine	30
Cocoa	7
Rum	3
Ginger Wine	3
Flake Meal	1

<u>Article</u>	<u>Number.</u>
Sherry Wine	1
Mustard	3
Bread	8
Drugs	11
Cheese	5
Lard	5
Beef suet	2
Port Wine	10
Relish	3
Cornflour	4
Rice	3
Tea	6
Brandy	2
Coffee	1
Gin	3
Cream of Tartar	1
Bread Soda	1
Baking Powder	1
Sugar	3
Vinegar	1
Oatmeal	1
Suet	2
Pepper	2
Flour	2
Claret	1
Ale	2
Jam	4
Stout	1
Dripping	1
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Total	279

One certificate was sent to Sergeant White, Wexford, for specimen of Whiskey which was 28 degrees under proof and was therefore adulterated with 4 per cent of water, two certificates for specimens of buttermilk adulterated with at least 25 and 32 per cent of added water respectively exclusive of 25 per cent allowed for churning

purposes, one certificate for specimen of milk adulterated with at least 14 per cent of added water and one certificate for specimen of Guinness's stout (in bottle) which was not up to the standard in original gravity.

One certificate was sent to Sergeant Doyle, Enniscorthy., for specimen of buttermilk adulterated with at least 27 per cent of added water exclusive of 25 per cent allowed of churning purposes.

One certificate was sent to Sergeant Tucky, Gorey, for specimen of milk deficient of at least 40 per cent of its fats.

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

One certificate was sent to Sergeant Flynn, Ballybrazil, for specimen of milk adulterated with at least 11 per cent of added water and one certificate for specimen of cream of tartar which was impure.

For the Guardians of Enniscorthy Union seventeen drugs were analysed and were correct.

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

For the Co-operative Society, Enniscorthy, two fertilizers were analysed.

For Shillelagh Union, which is partly situated in the County Wexford, six drugs were analysed. One was incorrect.

Total analyses.....307

Adulterated & defective articles.....11

Charles A. Cameron.

(Signed)

John Bolger

Presiding Chairman.

Dated this

7 day of

May

1918.

SPECIAL MEETING.- 20th APRIL 1918.

A Special Meeting of the Wexford County Council, called by the Chairman, to protest against the application of the Military Service Act to Ireland, was held in the County Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford, on 20th April 1918.

Present:- Mr John Bolger (Chairman) presiding.

Also:- Messrs Michael Doyle, J. J. O'Byrne, P. Whelan, M. Maddock, J. J. Stafford, P. O'Neill, N. J. Cowman, James Lynch, J. J. Kehoe, Joseph Redmond, Mark Codd, J. A. Doyle, R. Scallan, T. Asple, James Codd, W. Thorpe.

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

Protest against Compulsory Military Service.

The Chairman having addressed the meeting the following resolution was adopted on his motion, the seconder being Mr Stafford:-

"That we protest with all the strength of our minds and souls against the enactment of Compulsory Military Service in Ireland. To translate this protest to action, we hereby make and sign the following declaration, which has been recommended for adoption by our spiritual and temporal leaders:-

'Denying the right of the British Government to enforce military service in this Country, we pledge ourselves solemnly one to another to resist Conscription by the most effective means at our disposal.'

"That we pledge ourselves to abide by the terms of this declaration in all circumstances whatsoever."

All the members present signed the resolution.

Political Union.

Mr Stafford proposed:- "That we appeal to the leaders of all Irish Nationalist opinions to unite, not only for the purpose of resisting conscription, but to advance the interests of our Country in the future."

Mr Kehoe seconded the resolution which was unanimously adopted.

The New Train Arrangements.

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

"That in order to facilitate the business communities of New Ross and Wexford, we request the directors of the Dublin & South Eastern Railway Co., to arrange for the arrival of the Mail Train from Dublin in Wexford at 11.30 a.m., instead of 12 noon, the advertised time, and for the departure of the mail train from Wexford to Dublin at 3.30 p.m., instead of 3 p.m., as advertised.

That a copy of this resolution be furnished to Mr James McMahon Secretary General Post Office, Dublin."

Larceny of Gelignite

The County Surveyor reported that on 18th April, while on his way to Ryland Quarry to carry out blasting operations there, four men with revolvers held up Mr Treanor, Senior Assistant Surveyor, William Murphy, and himself, and two of them marched the County Council Staff into Tombrick Wood and at the point of their revolvers held them prisoners while the others drove away their motor car, taking therefrom 250 lbs of gelignite, detonators, and an electric firer, all value for about £45.

Having been in custody for about an hour and a half they were released and informed they would find their motor car at Ballinahallen which was about three miles from Tombrick. The men had handkerchiefs over their faces to prevent their identity being disclosed.

The following resolutions were adopted:-

Proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Mr Whelan::

"That we emphatically condemn the action of the persons who on the 18th April on the public road at Tombrick between Enniscorthy and Newtownbarry, committed an outrage upon the County Surveyor and other members of the County Council Staff, and stole explosives etc., the property of the County Council. Such occurrences, upsetting the work of the Council, the maintenance of roads, and interfering with the livelihood of quarrymen are deplorable more especially in view of the present outlook before the Country."

Proposed by Mr Cowman, seconded by Mr Kehoe, and adopted nem con:

"That the Co. Surveyor be directed not to carry out any further blasting operations in Co Council Quarries until he is assured of the safety of explosives and fittings."

(Signed)

John Boyer
Presiding Chairman.

STATUTABLE HALF-YEARLY MEETING.- 8th MAY 1918.

The Statutable Half-Yearly Meeting of the Wexford County Council, was held in the Co. Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford, on 8th May 1918.

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

Also:- Messrs W. Thorpe, M. Doyle, N. J. Cowman, M. Codd, A. Kinsella, P. Keating, P. O'Neill, J. J. Stafford, R. Scallan, J. Redmond, J. J. O'Byrne, James Codd, M. Cloney, J. A. Doyle, J. J. Kehoe.

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

Confirmation of Minutes.

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and confirmed.

The late Mr J. E. Redmond M. P.,

In connection with the vote of condolence to the family of the late Mr J. E. Redmond M. P., Mrs John Redmond and family wrote desiring to return their sincere thanks for the kind expression of sympathy submitted on behalf of the County Council.

Bannow County Division Co-option.

Under date 1st May 1918, the Clerk New Ross R. D. Council, wrote that his Council at their meeting on 27th ult., recommended Mr Patrick Quigley J. P., Faree, Foulksmills, for co-option for Bannow County Division in the room of the late Mr J. T. Mayler.

A largely signed Memorial from the Ratepayers of the County Division in favour of the co-option of Mr Quigley, was submitted to the Meeting.

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

"That Mr Patrick Quigley J. P., Faree, Foulksmills, be co-opted a member of this Council for Bannow County Division, vice Mr J. T. Mayler deceased."

Midwives (Ireland) Act 1918.

The following Circular letter under date 3rd May 1918, was read

from the Local Government Board:-

"I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to state that under the Midwives (Ireland) Act, 1918, a Central Midwives Board for Ireland is to be formed, two of the Members of which are to be persons appointed by the Local Government Board after consultation with the county councils and borough councils to represent those bodies respectively on the new board.

I am, therefore, to state that the Local Government Board will be glad to be favoured with any views or suggestions which the Council may desire to offer as to who are fit and proper persons to be appointed for the purpose.

As it is necessary that the formation of the new Board should be proceeded with at once, I am to request that a special meeting of the Council may be convened to consider the matter, unless the Council have already fixed a meeting to be held during the present or early in the coming month."

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

"That in the opinion of this Council the local supervising authority under the Midwives (Ireland) Act should have been Boards of Guardians, and we consider that the Local Government Board should arrange that the powers of the Council in this matter be delegated to the various Boards of Guardians in County Wexford."

Mail Trains.

The following letter under date 30th April 1918, was read from the Secretary, General Post Office, Dublin:-

"With reference to your letter of the 20th instant, respecting the working of the Day Mail Trains on the Dublin & South Eastern Railway, I have to inform you that the Company have furnished the Department with a copy of the letter which they sent you in regard to the matter. In view of the reasons given therein it is regretted that the Post Office is not in a position to press for the earlier departure of the morning Trains from Dublin or the acceleration of the evening Train to Dublin, and I may state for the information of the Wexford County Council that the postal arrangements in the districts served by the Dublin & South Eastern Railway have been less disturbed

in connection with the recent train restrictions than in very many other parts of the Country."

Under date 25th April 1918, the following letter was read from the General Manager, D. & S. E. Railway Co:-

"In reply to your letter of the 20th inst., enclosing copy of resolution passed by the Wexford County Council, I beg to inform you that the reduced train service between Dublin and Wexford, as well as on other portions of the Line, has been rendered necessary in consequence of an Order issued by the Board of Trade that the Coal consumption should be materially reduced.

In order to put an engine at Wexford out of steam the Company were obliged to run one train from Wexford to Dublin in the mornings instead of the 6.40 a.m., and the 10. 15 a.m., trains, and an intermediate time for starting was selected. It was after much deliberation and consultation with the Post Office that the Company decided upon 8 a.m., as the most suitable time for departure from Westland Row having regard to (a) the working arrangements between Westland Row and Kingstown pier (b) the conveyance of Mails, and (c) the conveyance of the large number of passengers who formerly patronised the 10.15 a.m., train, and found the 6.40 train too early.

The Company has already re-considered the question of an earlier arrival of the train in Wexford, but an earlier arrival would mean a correspondingly earlier departure from Westland Row, and this would have the effect of rendering the train unsuitable for business purposes for passengers from Dublin and intermediate stations along the line. There would also be the further complications with regard to sending off the train to Kingstown Pier and the providing of a shunting engine to assist in hauling it from that place.

With regard to the 3 p.m., train from Wexford, owing to the earlier departure of the Mail Packet from Kingstown to Hollyhead, and the revised times of departure of the night Mails from Dublin, it is essential that the Wexford train be brought into Dublin correspondingly early. The present timing of the trains also provides for deceleration on the journey which is urged by the Railway Executive Committee and by which means a substantial saving in coal is effected.

I regret the inconvenience caused to the business communities of Wexford and New Ross, but cannot hold out any hope of the suggested

alterations being brought into operation in the existing circumstances."

"The Chairman said he had gone very fully into the question with Mr McMahon, Secretary to the Post Office, and Mr Coghlan, The Traffic Manager of the D. & S. E. Railway, and it was found impossible to modify the present service."

Wild Birds Eggs-Saltee and Keeragh Islands.

The following letter under date 30th April 1918, was read from the Under Secretary, Dublin Castle:-

"With reference to your letter of the 4th instant, intimating that the Wexford County Council had no objection to the proposed rescinding of the Order of the 22nd December 1915, as to the taking or destroying of the Eggs of Wild Birds in the Saltee and Keeragh Islands, I am directed by the Lords Justices to request you to inform the County Council that it is not proposed to proceed any further in the matter."

"No Order"

Bantry Commons Rating.

The following letter under date 9th April 1918 (No. 15760 : 1918, Wexford County) was read from the Local Government Board:-

"With reference to your letter of the 4th instant and enclosure relative to the proposed refund of £60. 17. 7d to Collector E. J. Murphy by the County Council of Wexford of certain arrears of rate for the half-years ended 30th September 1913 to 31st March 1917, on Bantry Commons, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland, to state that with the information at present before them, they do not feel themselves to be in a position to concur in the County Council's recommendations in this case.

The Board desire to remind you that on the 6th December 1916, the County Council refused to refund to this Collector the sum of £45. 8. 2d arrears of rates on Bantry Commons, and on the 2nd May 1917, the Council again declined to refund to this Collector the amount claimed by him as irrecoverable on the Bantry Commons on the grounds that "he should have been able to collect said rates", a decision with which the Board concurred.

The Board observe that in the Minutes of Proceedings of the Co Council on the 6th February 1918, a letter was read from Collector Murphy applying for a refund of £60. 17. 7d being the amount of

uncollected rates lodged by him in respect of the above named Commons. The Collector alleged in this letter that he "could not proceed against the parties as they did not reside in my district and could find no cattle to sieze" an excuse, the former part of which, cannot be accepted as valid.

The Collector's letter was submitted by the County Council to the New Ross Rural District Council for their observations which were furnished in the Rural District Council's Clerk's letter of the 6th March 1918, and enclosed with your communication of the 4th instant, and were to the effect that the "Rate Collector is not to blame in this matter and it was unanimously decided to recommend the County Council to refund to him the amount in question.

The Board are unable to concur with the decision arrived at by the Rural District Council absolving the Collector from blame as the Collector's own statement, quoted above, that he could not proceed against the parties as they did not reside in his district would go to show that this officer does not possess a sufficient knowledge of, or was not prepared to exercise his powers of recovery as a Poor Rate Collector.

The Board have further had under review the report from Mr Elgee, Solicitor to the County Council, as contained in the Minutes of Proceedings of the County Council of the 2nd August 1916, of the appeal before the Right Honourable Mr Justice Kenny, in which it was stated that "as to Mr E. J. Murphy's part of the Commons he was unable or unwilling to swear who was in occupation of same and accordingly that part of the claim was struck out."

The above letter was considered by the Finance & Roads Committee which submitted the following recommendation:-

"That Mr E. J. Murphy, Rate Collector, New Ross, be furnished with copy of the letter of the Local Government Board under date 9th April 1918, refusing to agree to refund to him of arrears of Rate on Bantry Commons."

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

"That the recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee be confirmed, and that this matter be further postponed pending the receipt of any further representations to be made by Mr E.J.Murphy.

Proposals for Payment.

Proposed by Mr Scallan,

Seconded by the Chairman:-

"That the several Proposals for payment submitted by the Proposal Committee and Rural District Councils as appearing on Forms 22, and for all matters dealing with general payments as submitted by the Secretary and recommended by the Finance & Roads Committee, also transfers to Public Bodies, be and are hereby approved subject to the modifications and other orders noted thereon and initialled by the Chairman."

"Passed"

Proposals for Works.

Proposed by Mr Scallan,

Seconded by the Chairman:-

"That the several Proposals for Works submitted by the Proposal Committee and the Rural District Councils of Enniscorthy, Gorey, and Wexford, 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."

"Passed"

Tenders for Roads.

The County Surveyor reported that out of 173 roads put up for tender at the recent District Council Meetings tenders had only been accepted for 21 in consequence of the absence of tenderers.

Mr John A. Ryan, Rate Collector.

Under date 2nd May 1918, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 9003-1918, Wexford County) approving of the permanent appointment of Mr John A. Ryan as Rate Collector for No. 1 Collection District.

Parliamentary Registration.

Under date 2nd May 1918, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 15560 : 1918) that they noted that the County Council had resolved to make no change in the existing polling districts and polling places for the Parliamentary County of Wexford. The Board have approved of the inclusion of Rosbercon Urban District Electoral Division in New Ross Polling District as proposed by the County Council in pursuance of section 8 of the Redistribution of Seats (Ireland) Act 1918.

Road Limit of Expenditure.

The Local Government Board forwarded Sealed Orders No. 10216-1918, ^{23rd April 1918} extending the limit of Road Expenditure in Gorey Rural District to £7727. 16. 7d, for year ending March 1919, and in Wexford Rural District to £8500 for same period.

New Ross Rural District.-Roads & Works.

The following letter under date 7th May 1918, was read from Mr Elgee, Solicitor to the County Council:-

"With reference to your letter stating the District Council of the above had passed a Resolution declining to consider the Proposals for Road Maintenance and adjourning same. This state of affairs raises a very serious question to be considered and that is what is now to be done with the Roads that are out of Tender and for which no proposals were formulated and for which the County Council owing to the action of the District Council cannot now accept Tenders for same.

This now throws an onus on the Council which seems to me to raise great difficulties in discharging. Section 82 of the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898 states it shall be the duty of every County and District Council according to their respective powers to keep all Public Works maintainable at the cost of their County or District in good condition and repair and to take all steps necessary for the purpose.

The District Council have in this instance refused to accept Proposals for such Maintenance and having done so the County Council have no machinery to work on except in my opinion a Sudden Damage Order and such Damage Orders are governed by Sec 11 of the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898 or by Direct Labour Scheme.

The question of what remedy the general Public would have in this state of affairs also requires careful consideration. Even in a case where there is an existing Contract a County or District Council is bound to see that the Roads are kept in proper repair, and if allowed to go into disrepair while in contract the Council or district Council are liable to a Writ of Mandamus to do so.

See Rex (Westropp) v The County Council of Clare in the foot note of Vanston (2) Page 1336 especially the portion of the Judgment of Chief Baron Pallis therein set out.

If the Council is liable to a Writ of Mandamus where there is an existing Contract they would be a great deal more liable in a case where there is no contract taken and the roads are practically left derelict on their hands or those of the District Council.

I have gone very carefully through Mr Vanston's two Volumes on the Local Government Act and I can find nothing to show how a deadlock such as has now happened can be got over except as I stated before, that if the Roads got into a really dangerous state they could be repaired by Sudden Damage Order or else by adopting a Direct Labour Scheme.

There is also the question to be considered as to the liability of the Council for Damages in case of Accidents occurring and I am of opinion that the Council would be liable for any accident which would happen owing to the roads being in a dangerous state for the Public use."

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

"Under date 16th April 1918, a letter was read from the Clerk, New Ross Rural District Council, stating that he had called a special meeting for 13th April, to deal with proposals for roads and works. "The Council merely sanctioned County Surveyor's recommendations on form 22, but refused to renew contracts for roads and works as a protest against Conscription and consequently did not look at Form 20."

The County Surveyor mentioned that all the roads which he had brought forward for the abortive meeting in New Ross were from 30th June 1918.

The following recommendation was adopted:-

"That the Clerk of the New Ross R. D. Council be informed that the Finance & Roads Committee of the County Council having heard a statement from the County Surveyor as to the position of roads and works undealt with by New Ross R. D. Council at their meeting of 13th April would urge the R. D. Council to reconsider their action and adopt the various proposals for roads and works as otherwise these must remain derelict to the great injury of all their users and to the deterioration of the surface. If repaired under Sudden Damage Orders the cost will certainly be 50 per cent above the normal."

Under date 1st May 1918, the Clerk New Ross R. D. Council wrote

that in connection with above resolution the R. D. Council had adopted the following resolution:-

"That the consideration of the renewal of Road Contracts be adjourned."

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

"That a copy of Mr Elgee's letter under date 7th May 1918 relative to the position of the County Council and the New Ross R. D. Council as to the failure of the latter to formulate proposals for roads and works to the present, be furnished to the Clerk of the New Ross R. D. Council."

Wexford Bridge.-Strengthening of Same.

Mr H. A. Russell, Sec to the Commander in Chief Coast of Ireland wrote that the Commander in Chief was willing to propose to the Admiralty Civil Engineer that the improvement of the Wexford Bridge so as to carry 6 ton loads should be effected at the joint cost of the Council and the Admiralty. It was estimated that the cost of the whole project would be £2,500. Information was requested as to whether the County Council were willing to share in the expense and to allow the work to be put in hand.

Mr J. A. Doyle proposed, Mr Scallan seconded and it was passed:-

"That as recommended by the Finance & Roads Committee, the County Council inform the Secretary to the Commander in chief, Coast of Ireland, that the Council would be pleased to appoint a Committee to meet the authorities and go fully into the question of the condition of the Bridge.

That should the Authorities see their way to receive the Committee the following be appointed to act on behalf of the Council and report to next meeting of the Council:- Messrs Stafford, Keating, Kehoe, Scallan, and the Chairman. The County Surveyor was directed to act with the Committee."

Irrecoverable Rates.

Under date 29th April 1918, the Local Government Board wrote, (letter No. 19296-1918, Wexford County) calling attention to the irregularities in the submission of claims for refund of arrears of rate, and asking the County Council to give such instructions in the matter as will ensure that hence forward the lists are submitted in

a proper manner.

On the motion of Mr O'Neill, seconded by Mr Scallan, :-

"That the Rate Collectors be directed to submit in future their claims for refunds of irrecoverable rates in the manner required by the Local Government Board."

"Passed"

The following recommendation of Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed on the motion of Mr O'Neill, seconded by Mr Scallan: -

"That the claims for refunds of irrecoverable rates as furnished by the various Rate Collectors and submitted to this meeting, be approved and reported to the Local Government Board for sanction to payment."

Mr M. Tobin, Rate Collector.

Under date 30th April 1918, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 19279-1918, Wexford County) approving of the permanent appointment of Mr Matthew Tobin as Rate Collector for No. 12 Collection District.

Poisons & Pharmacy Act 1908.

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

"That licence under Poisons & Pharmacy Act 1908 be issued to Mr Richard Breen, Commercial Quay, Wexford."

"The Secretary stated that Mr Breen had a licence under this Act but had forgotten to have it renewed within the stipulated period."

Waterford Joint Bridge Committee.

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

"Under date 2nd April a letter was read from Mr William Friel, Chamber of Commerce Buildings, Waterford, Sec., Waterford Joint Bridge Committee, asking for payment of £37. 10/- being 15 per cent of £250, the estimated sum required to complete the erection of the Waterford Bridge in pursuance of the Contract and Specification.

The following recommendation was adopted: -

That the claim of Waterford Joint Bridge Committee for payment of £37. 10/- in connection with the maintenance of

Waterford Bridge be adjourned to allow Mr Elgee, Solicitor to the Council, to look into the liability of the County Council."

The following letter under date 30th April, was read from Mr Elgee:-

"I have now got the copy of the specification of the above from Mr P. A. Murphy, Solicitor, Waterford, and by Clause 10 of same, the Contractor was for two years from the completion of the work to maintain the Bridge in perfect condition to the satisfaction of the Engineer without any charge for such maintenance.

The Clause goes on then to state that the Contractor shall be bound at the option of the Committee to be exercised at least two months before the expiration of the period of two years free maintenance to maintain the whole structure in perfect order to the satisfaction of the Engineer for a further period of Four years in consideration of a payment to him for such maintenance of a definite sum per annum set out in his Tender.

The Contract was not to be considered fulfilled until the entire completion of all works and until the expiration of the time during which all works are to be maintained and kept in repair.

The funds in the hands of the Committee being inadequate to meet the cost of this maintenance for the Four years and for incidental expenses it is now proposed to levy from the contributing Counties the sum of £250 to make up such deficiency the proportion of which is payable by this County would be 15% or £37. 10/- outside the money paid

This sum includes all incidental expenses outside the money paid to the Contractors for maintenance, and under the circumstances the Wexford County Council would be liable for the £37. 10/- which sum will clear all their liabilities for the Bridge."

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

"That Pay Order for £37. 10/- the portion of contribution of the County Wexford towards erection of Waterford Bridge be issued to the Joint Secretaries of said Bridge Committee."

Mountgarrett-New Ross Road.

Under date 7th May 1918, the following letter was read from Dr

Hearn, Solicitor, New Ross:-

"I desire to call your attention to the present state of road surface between New Ross and entrance to Mountgarrett Bridge and have to add that the County Surveyor admits that it is in urgent need of material which of the proper kind and properly broken can be spread on it even at this Season. As I am constantly using this road I am bound to inform you that if the needed work be not at once done or an assurance given that it will receive attention at once, I will apply to the Court for an Order of Mandamus.

You will pardon me for making a suggestion that will meet the situation. Stones properly broken and of the best material can be obtained at the Parnell Quarry at 5/8 per ton F.O.R. freight 4/- making cost of 9/8 per ton at New Ross Railway Station which is close to the Road in question. The distance to be covered with stones is 2540 yards and to put a strip of 3 yards wide in the centre of the road, would represent about 630 tons subject to a deduction for a non-continuous spread. The cost would be £315 at 10/- per ton, plus the cartage which can be arranged locally at a reasonable sum.

Therefore, it is fully within the power of the Council through their County Surveyor to have the work done.

Awaiting your reply."

On the motion of Mr Kinsella, seconded by Mr Stafford, the following recommendation of Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed:-

"That Dr Hearn, Solicitor, New Ross, be informed that in view of the failure of the New Ross R. D. Council to adopt proposals for Roads and Works, the County Council are not in a position to deal with the Mountgarrett-New Ross Road of which he complains.

That a copy of the letter of Dr Hearn be furnished New Ross R.D. Council."

Printing Parliamentary Register.

The Finance & Roads Committee submitted the following for confirmation:-

"That the tenders of Messrs W. Hanrahan, John English & Co., The Free Press, and the People, all of Wexford, be submitted to The Superintendent, H. M. Stationery Office, Custom House, Dublin, and that he be recommended to divide the work amongst the tenderers as per the figures of their tenders.

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

Diseases of Animals-Liability of County Council.

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

"With reference to claim of Mr Walter Kehoe, Harbour Master, Kilmore, for payment of 25/- for burial of 100 parcels of bacon washed ashore, and the liability of the County Council for same, a question referred to Mr Elgee, Solicitor to the Council, the latter wrote pointing out that the Council was liable for payment of cost of burial of carcases under Sec 46 of the Act of 1894, but the Council could recover the expense from the owner of the vessel from which the carcase was thrown or washed over. In the present case it was not possible to identify the vessel from which the parcel of meat had been washed."

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

"That payment for 25/- be made to Mr W. Kehoe, Harbour Master, Kilmore, for burial of 100 parcels of bacon."

Rate Collectors Fidelity Guarantee Bonds.

The following Minute was submitted from Finance & Roads Committee:-

"Under date 20th April 1918, the fourteen Rate Collectors of the County Council who provide security through Guarantee Society, wrote pointing out that the premium had been increased from 7/6 to £1 per cent, and asking the County Council to be responsible for 10/- per cent, half cost of present rate."

"The application of the Collectors was referred to the Meeting of the County Council to be held on 8th May 1918."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Scallan, seconded by Mr Cowman:-

"That the application of the Rate Collectors supplying security through Guarantee Societies for a payment towards cost of guarantee fidelity bond be refused."

New Ross R.D.School Attendance Committee.

A letter under date 26th April 1918, was read from the Commissioners of National Education, that the following constituted

the New Ross R. D. School Attendance Committee to serve for three years from 1st May 1918:-

Appointed by Local Authority (County Council):-

Messrs Thorpe, Denis Cummins, Michael Doyle, Philip Kehoe, and M. J. Kenny.

Appointed by Commissioners of National Education:-

Rev M. Hickey P. P., Rev James Redmond P. P., Rev Thomas Cloney P. P., Rev E. Doyle C. C., Rev J. O'Connor C. C.,"

Application for Building Stones.

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

"The Finance & Roads Committee regret they are not in a position to comply with the application of Mr P. Hughes, Clonsilla, Gorey, for building Stones as they have no legal power to supply any material from County Council Quarries, except what will be utilised for the purpose of repair of roads and other public works."

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

Kerlogue Quarry.

An application for increase in rate of 3/- per cubic yard for supply of material from Kerlogue Quarry was received from Mr Moses Power, Kerlogue, Contractor.

The Finance & Roads Committee submitted the following recommendation:- "Referred to County Council."

Mr O'Neill proposed, Mr Kinsella seconded, :- "That the present Contract with Moses Power for supply of material from Kerlogue be determined as from this date, on condition that he enters into a new contract to supply at 4/6 per cubic yard 2000 cubic yards of material."

As an amendment, Mr J. A. Doyle proposed:- "That the contract of Moses Power for supply of material from Kerlogue Quarry be determined as from this date, and that advertisements issue for new contract."

Mr James Codd seconded.

On a show of hands 4 voted in favour of the amendment and 7 against.

The amendment was declared lost, and the resolution was then put and carried nem con.

Weights & Measures and Food & Drugs Acts.

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

"That Sergeant John Bourke, R. I. C., be appointed Ex-officio Inspector under Food & Drugs Act for the petty sessions district of New Ross; and Sergeant Michael Flynn, R. I. C., as Ex-officio Inspector under Weights & Measures Acts also for the petty sessions district of New Ross. That they be empowered to prosecute before Courts of Summary Jurisdiction of Justices any information complaint or proceeding arising under the Food & Drugs and Weights & Measures Acts, or in the discharge of their duties as such Inspectors."

Official Checkers.- Rate Collectors' Accounts.

On the motion of Mr Cowman, seconded by Mr Scallan, 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 1919, 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 1919."

Dates of Meetings of Councils.

On the motion of Mr Kehoe, seconded by Mr Scallan, the following dates of meetings of Councils were agreed to:-

Enniscorthy R. D. Council.-	Wednesday 30th October 1918.-	11 0'C.,
Gorey	" Monday 4th November 1918.-	11.30 0'C.,
New Ross	" Monday, 28th October 1918.-	11.30 0'C.,
Wexford	" Saturday, 2nd November 1918.-	11 0'C.,
Proposal Committee,-	Wednesday, 7th August 1918,-	12.30 0'C.,
Co Council Meeting (Quarterly)	"	One 0'C.,
Proposal Committee, -	Wednesday, 6th November 1918-	12.30 p.m.,
Co Council Meeting,	"	One 0'C.,
Proposal Committee Adjourned Meeting,-	Wednesday, 4th Decr 1918,-	12.30
Co Council Meeting (Half-yearly).-	"	One 0'C.

RESOLUTIONS.

Venereal Diseases.

The following resolution was received from the Kerry County Council

"That we protest against the proposed use of Poor Law Infirmeries and Union Hospitals now, or at the end of the War, as Institutions for the treatment of Soldiers suffering from venereal disease, and that we further protest against the proposed taxing of Irish ratepayers for the upkeep of Institutions for such purposes."

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

Protest against Conscription.

A resolution was read from the Tralee Rural District Council, protesting against the application of Conscription to Ireland without the consent of her people, calling upon Magistrates to resign their positions, the Irish M. P's to return in a body and take their place in Ireland with their people, advising the farmers to decline to pay any further annuities to the Government, and calling on every public body in Ireland to cease to administer Local Government until the Conscription Bill was withdrawn.

A resolution was read from the Tralee Board of Guardians refusing to transact any business-urgent or otherwise- as a protest against the application of the Conscription Bill to Ireland.

"No Order."

The following resolution was read from the Dunshanghlin Board of Guardians:-

"That we abstain from attending meetings of either the Board of Guardians or District Councils of this Union until the menace of Conscription of Irishmen is abandoned by the Government, and that each member of the Board and Council be notified of this decision."

"No Order"

Supply of Explosives for Quarries.

The following is an extract from the report of the Co. Surveyor to the Finance & Roads Committee:-

"I have already reported to you regarding the gelignite which was taken from my custody on the way to Ryland Quarry and since then the Police Authorities have taken up all the Co Council gelignite from the County

Magazine in Wexford and also from the Magazine in Tara Hill. I have interviewed the Police Authorities in regard to further blasting work, but as their action in taking up the gelignite is by Orders from Headquarters no local arrangement can be made. I suggest that the Co. Council make direct application to the Police and Military headquarters that some arrangement may be made so as not to hold up the whole quarry work of the County."

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

"That the police and military headquarters be requested to make such arrangements with regard to explosives as will allow blasting work in quarries necessary for road maintenance. The County Council wish to bring under the notice of these authorities that the withholding of explosives at the present time is holding up the whole work of road maintenance. Therefore we request that the County Surveyor be provided with what gelignite is necessary for the purpose."

Working of Rock Drills.

The following is an extract from the report of the County Surveyor to the Finance & Roads Committee:-

"Pending some arrangement regarding blasting I ask for direction as to the employment of the Rock Drills, I do not consider it would be advisable to continue working these to any large extent unless there is some prospect of being enabled to blast within a reasonable period of time."

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Scallan, the following recommendation of Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed:-

"That in the event of being unable to procure explosives for blasting, no further Rock Drill work be carried out in County Council Quarries."

Foreman-Tara Hill Quarry.

Mr P. Byrne, temporary foreman Tara Hill Quarry, applied for permanent sanction as foreman. At present he was in receipt of an extra 2/6 per week for the increased work, but of course would require a helper at blacksmiths work during the busy season.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Scallan, the following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was adopted:-

"That the question of appointment of permanent foreman at Tara Hill Quarry be adjourned pending the reply of Military and Constabulary headquarters as to application for explosives."

Application-Weekly Payments to Workmen on Roads.

"In his report to the Finance & Roads Committee the County Surveyor mentioned that the road gang working on Road Board Work had already asked to have their payments made weekly and there was an increasing tendency on the part of the workmen to require very prompt payment."

On the motion of Mr M. Doyle, seconded by Mr Scallan, the following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed:

"That no steps be taken as regards the application of steam rolling gang at Ballycarney road for weekly payments, until the County Council are in a position to ascertain if they can obtain gelignite for road maintenance."

Ballyconnick & Ballingly Quarries.

"In his report to the Finance & Roads Committee, the County Surveyor mentioned that Mr Richard O'Connor, the Contractor who had been working the two quarries at Ballyconnick and Ballingly had informed him that he could not continue the work this year at the same rate as formerly. His agreement terminated some time ago but he had continued working at the old rate to the present.

"The above application was adjourned pending the success of the application of the County Council to the Authorities for permission to secure a supply of explosives."

Duncannon Hulk.

In his report to the Finance & Roads Committee the County Surveyor mentioned that he had been informed by Mr Jones, Assistant Surveyor, that the Waterford-Duncannon Steamer had been removed, and accordingly it would appear that for the present there would be no necessity for the Hulk at Duncannon.

The following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Scallan--

"That the matter of withdrawing the Hulk from Duncannon station

be adjourned pending the return of steamer to Duncannon."

Application Courtkeeper, New Ross.

The Secretary presented a bill from Mr W. Fretton, Courtkeeper New Ross, for 4/6 for blocks obtained by him for fuel.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Scallan, the following recommendation was confirmed:-

"That the County Council be recommended to refuse payment of 4/6 for blocks obtained as fuel by Mr Fretton, Courtkeeper, New Ross, as we consider his allowance for Coal is ample for the needs of the Courthouse."

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(Signed)

John Bolger
Presiding Chairman.

Dated this

17

day of

June

1918.

SPECIAL MEETING.- 27th MAY 1918.

By directions of the Chairman of the County Council, a special meeting was held on Monday 27th May 1918, for the purpose of considering the Reports of the Wexford Bridge Committee.

Present:- Mr John Bolger (Chairman) presiding.

Also:- Messrs M. Doyle, J. J. Stafford, J. J. Kehoe, N. J. Cowman, M. Maddock, Mark Codd, James Codd, J. Redmond, R. Scallan.

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

Wexford Bridge.

The following Reports were submitted:-

"At the meeting of the Wexford County Council on 8th May 1918, a Committee, consisting of Messrs J. J. Stafford, P. Keating, John J. Kehoe, R. Scallan, and the Chairman (Mr John Bolger), were appointed to meet the Naval Authorities in connection with their proposal to strengthen Wexford Bridge and also to go fully, with the Authorities, into the condition of the Bridge.

The Committee met on Tuesday, 21st May 1918, Mr J. Bolger, (Chairman) presiding; also present:- Messrs John J. Kehoe, Philip Keating, and R. Scallan.

The County Surveyor and the Secretary were also in attendance.

Mr Stafford was absent owing to being from home.

Commander Herbester, U.S. Navy; Mr Morgan of the Admiralty; and Mr Hildebrand, Engineer's Representative at Seaplane Construction Station, were also in attendance.

Commander Herbester stated that he wished to have the bridge strengthened so as to take six-ton loads.

Mr Morgan pointed out that the tie-rods were originally designed for 6.5 ton loads, and they were now no more than half that, in view of the tie-rods being so reduced in strength, the bridge was not safe. He considered that 25 per cent of the timber would have to be renewed. There would be great difficulty in getting tie-rods now, but, with first class priority certificate, it might be arranged.

Commander Herbester said that the proposal he had in his mind was to fix up the draw-bridge and pay up to 25 per cent of the cost of the rest of the bridge repairs.

The Chairman said he would be prepared to recommend the County Council to pay 50 per cent of the entire cost.

After some discussion, Commander Herbester stated he would recommend his Authorities to close with this offer.

It was then decided that Mr Morgan of the Admiralty, Mr Copeland, Board of Works Officer, U. S., Mr W. F. Barry, County Surveyor, and Mr Hildebrand, arrange to draft specification and estimate on 25th May 1918.

It was also the opinion of the members that the work should be carried out on a percentage basis as it is feared no contract could be taken by tender at a satisfactory price.

The specification and estimate will be considered at a special meeting of the County Council to be held at One O'Clock, p.m., on Monday 27th May 1918, the Bridge Committee to meet at 12 noon, on same day.

An approximate figure of £10,000 was taken as the basis for the cost of the repairs."

The following recommendation from the Finance & Roads Committee meeting of 22nd May, was submitted:-

"That the report of Wexford Bridge Committee be received and it be ordered that said report be submitted to the Special Meeting of the County Council to be held on 27th May 1918."

The second meeting of the Committee was held on 27th May 1918.

Mr John Bolger (Chairman) presiding. Also:- Messrs J. J. Kehoe, James J. Stafford, and R. Scallan.

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

Commander Herbester, U. S. Flying Station, Ferrybank, and Mr Hildebrand, Engineer's Representative at Flying Station, were also present.

Capt Herbester stated that he had received a telegram from the United States Government that as the Bridge would take such a large amount of money to repair in order to bring motor lorries of 6 tons his Government were unwilling to contribute anything towards the cost

of repair.

The County Surveyor stated that as the cost of strengthening the bridge to bear a six ton lorry was found to be considerably over £10,000 Mr Stitt of the United States Air Service and he, (County Surveyor) had confined their attentions to the proposal to strengthen the bridge to carry two ton motor lorries and in order to do this effectively it would be necessary to spend £3865.

In reply to the Chairman, Commander Herbester stated that he had asked his Government to contribute 50 per cent of the cost of such repairs but they could not see their way to agree as the amount of such traffic would be limited and unless the bridge would bear six ton loads he would be compelled to try transport by water and stop using the bridge and the railroad.

In order to get the Station into Commission he had had an investigation made as to the cost of transport and figured out that water transport from Queenstown and Dublin would be more economical than contributing towards the cost of the repairs to the Wexford Bridge.

The Committee then decided to refer their Reports to the Council Meeting.

At the Meeting of the County Council the following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Scallan:-

"That the reports of the Wexford Bridge Committee be received and considered at this meeting, also the recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee in this matter be confirmed."

A long discussion took place as to what steps should be taken in regard to the County Council having to carry out the entire repairs from their own funds.

The County Surveyor considered that some of the £3685 would have to be spent at once, and all of it within a very short period, probably three years.

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

"That the County Surveyor be instructed to expend amount he has on hands for repair of the bascule of Wexford Bridge for that purpose, as

soon as possible, and that he bring in a proposal for the sum necessary to replace any defective beams in order to make the structure safe for ordinary traffic. That owing to the condition of the bridge steps be taken to strictly enforce the by-laws of the Council as regards the use of the bridge by motor lorry traffic in the future, and that the speed of all motor vehicles using the bridge be limited to eight miles per hour."

Proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Mr Scallan, and adopted:-

"That in view of the necessity of having the Wexford Bridge repaired in order to ensure to safety of the travelling public, the Co. Surveyor be directed to apply to the Ministry of Munitions for a priority certificate in order to procure the necessary timber for the purposes of repair."

Coal Consumption.

Under date 11th May 1918, Mr H. G. Burgess, Director of Cross-Channel Transportation etc., 19 Westmoreland Street, Dublin, wrote asking what steps the Council had taken to effect economies in the use of coal and to bring this matter prominently under the notice of the public, and to reduce to the absolute minimum the consumption of any Coal over which they have any direct control. Since his previous letter the position had been extremely acute in consequence of reduced output at the Collieries, and he could not too strongly emphasise the urgent and vital necessity of economising the use of Coal to the utmost limit.

Under date 22nd May 1918, Mr Burgess wrote that three Committees of Coal Merchants and others interested in the Coal business have been appointed for Ireland, and at a Meeting held in Dublin on 16th May, a resolution was adopted asking the County Councils to have meetings called at once for the purpose of formulating schemes whereby the labour employed by the County Councils could be made available for the purpose of procuring an adequate supply of turf which it was hoped could be arranged to be distributed by the County Councils during the Winter. Mr Burgess suggested that this resolution should be considered at the next meeting of the Council as the meeting in Dublin strongly felt that the action suggested by them would be most effective and that if prompt steps were taken the use of coal could be largely replaced

by the use of turf, and in this way the public, and particularly the poor, would not be deprived of fuel during the coming winter.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Kehoe:—

"That no order be made on the second communication received from Mr Burgess, Director of Cross-Channel Transportation, as no turf is raised in this County. In connection with the general question of the Coal supply we would point out to the public that it has been announced that the supply for next winter will be only 60 per cent of what was received in 1917, and as a consequence it will be absolutely necessary to have the greatest economy exercised in coal usage from now on, as otherwise grave hardship will be inflicted in the poor of all Irish Cities and towns."

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(Signed)

John Bolger

Presiding Chairman.

Dated this 17 day of

June 1918.

ANNUAL MEETING.- 17th JUNE 1918.

The Annual Meeting of the Wexford County Council, was held in the County Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford, on 17th June 1918.

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

Also:- Messrs J. Redmond, T. Asple, M. Doyle, Sir T.H.G. Esmonde, Bart., J. J. Kehoe, P. Keating, J. J. Stafford, J. A. Doyle, W. Thorpe, P. O'Neill, P. Whelan, A. Kinsella, R. Scallan, James Codd, P. Quigley, and N. J. Fowler.

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.

Representatives of Rural District Councils.

Communications were read from the Clerks R. D. Councils, that the following would represent the Councils on County Council for year:-

Enniscorthy.-Mr James Lynch, Gorey.- Mr N. J. Fowler,
New Ross.- Mr William Thorpe, Wexford.- Mr N.J. Cowman.

Messrs Thorpe and Fowler attended and subscribed the usual declaration of office.

Election of Chairman.

On the motion of Mr P. O'Neill, seconded by Mr Kehoe, the following resolution was adopted nem con:-

"That Mr John Bolger be appointed Chairman of this Council for year 1918-19."

Mr Bolger returned thanks for his election.

Election of Vice-Chairman.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted on the motion of Mr Stafford, seconded by Sir T. H. G. Esmonde:-

"That Mr Michael Doyle be appointed Vice-Chairman of this Council for year 1918-19."

Mr Doyle returned thanks for his election.

Proposals and Finance & Roads Committees.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Stafford, the

following resolution was adopted:-

"That the Proposal and Finance & Roads Committees be composed of Committees of the "whole house".

Re-appointment Co Committee of Agriculture & Technical

-----Instruction.-----

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

"That the County Wexford Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction be hereby formally re-appointed to hold office for such time as the present County Council remains in power."

Gorey R. D. School Attendance Committee.

Under date 30th May 1918, the Commissioners of National Education forwarded names of new School Attendance Committee for Gorey Rural District, to serve for three years as from 1st June 1918:-

Appointed by County Council:- Messrs Patrick Doyle, Ballytegan, Gorey, N.J.Fowler, Camolin, James Kavanagh, Garrynew, Killenagh, John Sheehan, Ballynestragh, Gorey, Robert Spencer, Kildermot, Gorey.

Appointed by Commissioners of National Education:- Rev N. Mernagh, P.P., Ballyoughter, Ballycanew, Gorey, Rev J. Ashton, Hollyfort, Gorey, Rev J.N.Clarke, Inch, Gorey, Rev J. O'Grady, C. C., Riverchapel, Gorey, Rev P. Browne, C.C., Askamore, Carnew."

Financial Relations Co Council & Wexford Urban District.

Under date 27th May 1918, the following was read from Mr R. W. Elgee Solicitor to the County Council:-

"In reply to your letter of the 24th inst., I have read the Provisional Order of 1903, and also Section 71 of the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898, and it would appear to me, that from Sub Section (1) of said Section, that at the end of fifteen years, either Council may if they allege that the relations are inequitable and satisfy the Local Government Board that there is reasonable ground for that allegation, the Board may inquire into the circumstances and if they think it just so to do may by Order alter the financial relations, but such Order where it alters the provisions of any Local Act or Provisional Order shall be a Provisional Order.

The Section does not say anything as to what is to be done if neither party apply to have the relations varied and such being the case

in my opinion the existing arrangements would continue for another fifteen years."

"No Order"

University Scholarship Scheme.

In connection with Syllabus of University Scholarship Scheme, the following recommendation of Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed on the motion of Mr Fowler, seconded by Sir Thomas Esmonde:-

"That Latin, Greek, or approved modern language be an optional and not a compulsory subject in the syllabus for award of University Scholarships, in order to meet the cases of Engineering and other students who are not obliged to take Latin as a Compulsory subject for matriculation."

The following applied for award of University Scholarships:-

- 1.- Carty, James- North Main Street, Wexford.
- 2.- Cunningham, John M- Latimerstown, Wexford.
- 3.- Kehoe, Ellen Teresa- Moor, Mulrankin.
- 4.- McGrath, J. K- George Street, Wexford.
- 5.- O'Neill, Patrick- John Street, Gorey.
- 6.- Sinnott, Peter James- Newtown, Clonevan.
- 7.- Sullivan, Gerard- 40 Selskar Street, Wexford.

Proposed by Mr Fowler, Seconded by Sir Thomas Esmonde, and adopted:-

"That the foregoing applicants be allowed to compete for University Scholarships as we believe they comply with the provisions of section 10 (2) of the Irish University Act 1908."

Audits of Accounts.

Under date 30th May 1918, (No. 24233-1918) the Local Government Board forwarded the following report of their Auditor-Mr C.D.Barry, B.L., on his audit of the accounts of the Wexford County Council for half-year ended 31st March 1918:-

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

The accounts were prepared and submitted for audit in a most satisfactory manner and no item of expenditure calls for any remark on my part. The Books of account, especially the ledger with explanatory tables, were prepared and written up in an exceptional manner by the

Accountant, Mr T. A. Frizelle."

Copies of reports of their Auditor, Mr Cyril E. Browne, were forwarded by the Local Government Board, as to his audit of the Accounts of the following bodies for the half-year ended September 1917:-

Enniscorthy District Asylum, Wexford Union and R. D. Council, New Ross Union and R. D. Council, Enniscorthy Union and R. D. Council."

"No Order"

Sanction Mr James Kirby, Assistant Surveyor.

Under date 8th May 1918, the Local Government Board wrote (20006-1918, Wexford County) approving of the appointment of Mr James Kirby, as Assistant Surveyor, at a salary of £100 per annum, rising by annual increments of £5 to £120.

Under date 16th May 1918, the Local Government Board wrote (No. 21, 999-1918, Wexford County) that they would raise no objection to the proposal of the County Council to allow Mr Kirby a sum of £5 a year for his work in connection with Tara Hill Quarry.

"No Order"

Midwives (Ireland) Act 1918.

Under date 14th May 1918, the following letter (21869-1918, Wexford County) was read from the Local Government Board:-

"The Local Government Board for Ireland have had before them the resolution of the Wexford County Council of the 8th instant, in which they express the opinion that the Boards of Guardians should be the local supervising authority under the Midwives (Ireland) Act 1918, and that the Local Government Board should arrange that the powers of the County Council should be delegated to them accordingly.

In reply the Board desire to state that they have no power to alter the provisions of an Act of Parliament. They would call the attention of the Council to the last paragraph of Section 16 of the Act which enables them to delegate any powers or duties conferred or imposed on them by or in pursuance of the Act to a Committee appointed by them and consisting wholly or to the extent of two thirds or more of members of the authority and including at least two women.

The Board desire to add that in no other portion of the United Kingdom are Boards of Guardians the local supervising authority over midwives."

The following recommendation of Finance & Roads Committee was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Kehoe:-

"That no order be made on the letter of the Local Government Board (No. 21869-1918, Wexford County) in connection with the administration of the Midwives (Ireland) Act 1918."

Finance & Roads Committee.-Dates of Meetings.

On the motion of Mr Scallan, seconded by Sir T. Esmonde,:-

"That the Meetings of Finance & Roads Committee be held on first and third Tuesdays of each month, for the ensuing twelve months."

"Passed"

Sealed Orders.

Under date 8th May 1918, the Local Government Board forwarded Sealed Order No. 7,768-1918, for improving the sewerage system and maintaining same at Courtown Harbour, Gorey Dispensary District to be the area of charge.

Under date 30th May 1918, the Local Government Board forwarded Sealed Order No. 21499-1918, for improving sewerage system at Coolgreany and maintaining same, Coolgreany Dispensary District to be area of charge.

"No Order"

Printing Parliamentary Etc., Register.

Under date 6th May 1918, Mr H.E.Pitman, Superintendent H. M. Stationery Office, Custom House, Dublin, wrote that tenders of Messrs English & Co., Walter Hanrahan and Free Press, Wexford, had been accepted for printing of the Voters' Lists and Registers for the County Wexford.

Roads & Works.-New Ross Rural District.

Under date 22nd May 1918, the following letter No. 22587-1918, Wexford County., to the County Surveyor, was read from the Local Government Board:-

"With reference to your letter of the 13th inst., relative to the action of the New Ross Rural District Council in deciding not to consider or approve of any of your recommendations for proposals for the renewal of contracts expiring on the 30th June next, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to suggest that the Rural District Council might be requested to hold a special meeting to deal with the matter.

In the event of the Rural District Council failing to take the

necessary steps, the County Council can appeal to the Local Government Board to exercise their powers under Section 82 of the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898."

"The Secretary explained that the New Ross R. D. Council had held a meeting on 25th May 1918, at which they had agreed to proposals etc.,"

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Kehoe:-

"That the several proposals for Roads appearing on Form 20 from New Ross R. D. Council and as submitted to this meeting be and are hereby adopted."

Appointment Inspectors Sheep Dipping.

Applications for the positions of Inspectors under the Sheep Dipping Order of the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction, were received from Mr James Murphy, Coolbawn, Ferns, (for Rural Districts of Gorey and Enniscorthy) and Mr George Brett, Tannerhill, Ballycogley, (for Rural District of New Ross & Wexford).

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

"That Mr James Murphy, Coolbawn, Ferns, and Mr George Brett, Tannerhill, Ballycogley, be appointed Inspectors under the Sheep Dipping Order of the Department for the year 1918, the former to deal with the Rural Districts of Gorey & Enniscorthy, and the latter with the Rural Districts of New Ross & Wexford, at an exclusive salary of £26 each to cover Summer and Autumn Dipping, and also all travelling and out-of-pocket expenses, appointment to be determinable by a fortnight's notice in writing on either side."

In connection with Sheep Dipping Order Mr Joseph Deacon, Camross, Foulks mills, wrote stating that he intended charging 2^d per head for Summer dipping and 3^d per head for Autumn dipping.

On the motion of Mr O'Neill, seconded by Mr Stafford, a resolution was adopted approving of the use of Mr Deacon's dipping bath at the prices named in his letter of 17th June 1918."

Resignation Assistant Surveyor V. R. Doyle, &

----- Appointment of Successor.-----

The following extract from the Minutes of Finance & Roads Committee of 5th June 1918, was submitted to the Meeting:-

"The County Surveyor Reported:: - (As directed by the Council I beg to report on the manner in which Mr Doyle, Assistant Surveyor, has been carrying out his duties since his re-appointment. I am sorry I cannot give a satisfactory report. At the early period Mr Doyle sent in his weekly reports regularly and attended promptly to my instructions. He also appeared to be making a systematic effort to get contractors to attend to their roads. Recently, however, he has failed to send in his reports regularly, and has been careless in attending to my instructions. I have asked him to be in attendance at your meeting and give a personal explanation.)

"Under date 3rd June 1918, Mr V. R. Doyle, wrote:-

(I herewith beg to tender my resignation as Assistant Surveyor to your Council).

On the motion of Mr Kehoe, seconded by Lord Courtown, the following resolution was adopted:- "That we accept resignation of Mr V. R. Doyle, as Assistant Surveyor. That our Secretary be directed to advertise for Assistant Surveyor for No. 2 District (Wexford-Enniscorthy) at a salary of £100 rising by annual increments of £5 to £120, appointment to be made at the meeting of the County Council on 17th June 1918."

On the motion of Mr Whelan, seconded by Mr Scallan, the recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee accepting the resignation of Mr V. R. Doyle, and advertising for a successor were approved."

A telegram was read from Mr Curran, Ballinamuck, Dungarvan, that he had applied on Saturday (15th) for the position of Assistant Surveyor.

The Secretary stated that no application had been received from Mr Curran to the present.

Applications were read from Mathew J. Byrne, Tullow, Co. Carlow, Thomas Millar, 2 Allen Street, Wexford, and John J. Murphy, A. M.I.C.E., Watercourse, Mill Road, Cork.

Messrs Byrne and Murphy were in attendance.

A poll was taken with the following result:-

For Murphy:- Messrs Fowler, Kinsella, M. Doyle, Keating, Kehoe, Thorpe, Redmond, J. Codd, J. A. Doyle, Asple and Sir T. Esmonde.-11

For Byrne: Messrs Whelan, Stafford, O'Neill, Scallan, Quigley, and the Chairman.- 6.

The Chairman declared Mr Murphy elected and it was arranged for Mr Murphy to take up duty immediately on the determination of Mr V. R. Doyle's appointment.

Proposed Appointment Second County Surveyor.

At the meeting of the County Council on 5th December 1917, the following resolution was received from the Enniscorthy Rural District Council:-

"That we are of opinion that one County Surveyor is not sufficient for the County, and we request the County Council to appoint two Surveyors-one for North and one for South Wexford."

It was decided at December meeting of the Council, that this resolution be adjourned to the Annual Meeting in June 1918, so as to allow the new system of dealing with roads and quarries as recommended by special Committee receiving a fair trial.

The following resolution adopted by New Ross Rural District Council on 5th January 1918, was read:-

"That we decline to approve of the resolution of the Enniscorthy Rural District Council recommending the appointment of a second County Surveyor, as we do not consider such appointment necessary, nor any additional County Surveyors, and we request the Wexford County Council to insist on their present staff on the roads giving more attention to the duties which they were appointed for."

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

"That the resolution from Enniscorthy R. D. Council relative to appointment of second County Surveyor be adjourned for a further six months."

Poisons & Pharmacy Act.

Mr Matthew Harpur, 23 North Main Street, Wexford, applied for a licence under Poisons & Pharmacy Act. Mr Harpur held a licence to this year, but forgot to effect renewal within the stipulated period.

The following applied for renewal of their licences:-

Mrs Kate Colfer, Ballymitt, Mr Henry Hill, Ballycanew, Gorey, and Mr Edward Brennan, Taghmon.

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

"That new licence under Poisons & Pharmacy Act be issued to Mr Matthew Harpur, 23 North Main Street, Wexford, and renewals of same to Mr Henry Hill, Ballycanew, Mrs Kate Colfer, Ballymitt, and Mr Edward Brennan, Taghmon."

Revisions of Valuations.

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

"That the various applications for revisions of valuations be referred to the Finance & Roads Committee, which is hereby empowered by this Meeting to deal with same."

Recommendations Finance & Roads Committee.

Grouped Roads:+ The County Surveyor submitted for the confirmation of Finance & Roads Committee meeting grouping of a number of roads which are in his charge:- The following recommendation was adopted:-

"That we approve of the manner in which the County Surveyor proposes to group, for the more efficient working, a number of the roads which has been placed in his hands."

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

Ballybrennan Quarry:- Under date 20th May 1918, a letter was read from Mr R. F. King, General Secretary, Trade & Labour Union, Enniscorthy, stating that the men engaged at Ballybrennan Quarry had agreed to accept 25/- per week while engaged at day work, on the understanding that they received 3d per cubic yard of an increase bringing the rate from 1/9 per cubic yard to 2/-. The men stated that the County Council officials now refused to comply with the agreement.

The Secretary stated that Mr Treanor, Senior Assistant Surveyor, informed him that no promise had been made to the men that the rate while on piece work would be increased by 3d per cubic yard. They were told they should make application to the County Council for the increase.

The following letter under date 3rd June, was read from Mr R. F.

King, General Secretary, Trade & Labour Union, Enniscorthy:-

"With reference to yours of May 23rd, I am instructed to apply to you to have the Ballybrennan Quarrymen's wages increased by 3d per cubic yard.

The men engaged were told to apply to the Council for this amount and the Trades Union have taken up the matter for the men.

I trust this matter will be arranged."

"Adjourned to next meeting of Finance & Roads Committee."

Tincurry Quarry:-Under date 14th May 1918, Mr R. F. King, General Secretary, Trade & Labour Union, Enniscorthy, wrote that the men engaged at Tincurry Quarry had no van to sleep in, and were in consequence obliged to walk five miles every morning and evening to and from their work. It takes one and three quarters hours to cover the journey each way. In most cases of this kind "walking money" was allowed."

The following report was read from Mr Treanor, Senior Assistant Surveyor, under date 31st May 1918:-

"As directed by Finance Committee at Meeting held on 22nd inst., I visited above Quarry 24th inst., in connection with claim made by men for "walking money", when they informed me that as they have to leave their homes an hour and a half before time for starting work and the same time in returning home in the evenings, they should be paid for this time.

I may point out this claim is only made by some of the men, others who have much farther to walk making no claim.

As an alternative to compensation for above claim they desire an increase in weekly wages.

Formerly these men had living van to remain in, but van is now out with Roller at Ferns."

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

"That the application of Tincurry Quarrymen for "walking money" or in lieu for increase of wages be refused."

Application-War Bonus-Temporary Clerical Staff:- Eight members of temporary clerical Staff employed at writing up Rate Books and Receipt & Demand Note Books, wrote applying for a War Bonus of 25 per cent on their earnings during the Session. They stated they were paid on the

same scale as in pre-war times, and all public bodies had granted War Bonus to their employees.

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

"That as the work on which temporary clerical staff was engaged has concluded the Finance & Roads Committee are precluded according to the advice of their Solicitor, from considering a question of War Bonus of a retrospective character."

"Recommendation of Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Kehoe."

Extraordinary Traffic On Roads:- As regards extraordinary traffic on roads caused by timber traffic, the following recommendation was submitted from Finance & Roads Committee:-

"That the County Surveyor be directed to communicate with Road Contractors whose roads are being injured by timber traffic and ascertain from them names of persons responsible for timber haulage."

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

Holidays for Staff:- The following recommendation was submitted from Finance & Roads Committee:-

"That the usual Summer holidays be granted to the Staff of the County Council engaged in County Council Office and County Surveyor's office, the Secretary and County Surveyor to arrange the holidays so as to suit the working conditions of each office. That a month's holidays be granted to the County Secretary and County Surveyor to be taken at intervals and as conditions of their Offices will allow."

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

Stationery for Petty Sessions Courts:- Under date 22nd May 1918, Messrs M. J. O'Connor & Co., Solicitors, Wexford, wrote that they had been instructed by Mr Michael Kavanagh, Clerk of Petty Sessions Wexford, to issue a process against the Wexford County Council for £1. 14. 1d being the amount of his claim for stationery, pens, ink, and other materials, for use of the Magistrates at Wexford and Killinick Petty Sessions Courts, the County Council having refused payment.

"The Secretary stated he had since the date of the above letter been served with a Civil Bill process for the amount."

The following recommendation was submitted by the Finance & Roads

Committee:-

"That Mr Michael Kavanagh, C. P. S., be offered £1. 7. 1d in settlement of his claim for supply of stationery, pens, and ink, for Wexford and Killinick Magistrates' Courts, as 7/- of the amount is statute barred according to the Local Government code."

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

Explosives for Quarries:- In connection with explosives for Quarry work the following recommendation was submitted by Finance & Roads Committee:-

"That we approve of the arrangements suggested by the County Surveyor as regards explosives at Tara Hill Quarry. That in connection with the use of explosives by Road Contractors who provide their own material, and, who require explosives in very limited quantities only for this purpose, we suggest the County Surveyor should interview the County Inspector, R. I. C., with a view to having explosives up to 5lbs stored in local police barracks, and which can be released to the Contractor to be used under Police supervision."

"The County Surveyor stated that he had seen the County Inspector R. I. C., on that day and the latter informed him that he had been authorised to make arrangements by which a small amount of explosives could be kept at the local police barracks and used under police supervision."

The Recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Kehoe."

Tara Hill Workmen:- The following recommendation was submitted by Finance & Roads Committee:-

"That we approve of the proposal of the County Surveyor to employ the men working at Tara Hill Quarry at 6d per hour when engaged in clearing quarry face in preparation for work with Rock Drill."

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

Application Reduced Tonnage on Roads.

A letter was read from Terence Hinch, and six other Road Contractors from Gorey Rural District asking the Council to allow a reduction of 20 Cubic yards in the 100 yards off their contracts which they have to get from Cloogue Quarry on account of no blasting

material being got. It is impossible to get the material owing to the hardness of the rock. The Council should make some concessions to cover the extra hardship, labour and expense."

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Stafford, the following recommendation of Finance & Roads Committee was adopted:-

"That Mr Hinch be informed that as the Authorities are arranging to allow small quantities of explosives to be kept at local police barracks the contractors will not be put to any inconvenience or expense in this matter."

Payment of Weekly Wages to Employees.

Under date 23rd May 1918, Mr R. F. King, General Secretary, National Trade & Labour Union, Enniscorthy, wrote stating he had been requested by the members of his Union in the employment of the County Council to ask the Council to pay their wages weekly in future as the fortnightly arrangement was not at all suitable.

The following recommendation of Finance & Roads Committee was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Kehoe:-

"That a sum of £200 be placed in the hands of the County Surveyor to be used by him as an imprest account for payment to men in quarries etc., failing the adoption of this procedure to provide for weekly payments, the services of skilled quarrymen and road surface men will be lost to the Council."

A. Nolan, Rockdrill Operator.

The County Surveyor brought before the meeting an application from Mr A. Nolan, Rock Drill Operator, for an increase in his wages of £1. 12. 6d per week.

"Postponed to next meeting of Finance & Roads Committee."

Steamrolling Gang.

An application under date 30th May 1918, for increase in wages from 25/- to 30/- per week, was read from steamrolling gang employed by the County Council.

"Adjourned to next meeting of Finance & Roads Committee."

Arrears Rate Bantry Commons.

A long communication was received from Mr E. J. Murphy, Rate Collector, New Ross, under date 21st May, relative to his position in

regard to refund of arrears of Rate on Bantry Commons. The letter appears in full on Minutes of Meeting of Finance & Roads Committee of 5th June, and at which meeting the Committee adopted the following recommendation:-

"That copy of letter of Mr E. J. Murphy, Rate Collector, under date 21st May, be furnished the Local Government Board, and that they be asked to re-consider their decision refusing to allow of arrears of Rates on Bantry Commons being made Mr Murphy in view of the circumstances explained in his communication."

"Recommendation confirmed on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Kehoe."

Coal Consumption in Ireland.

The following letter under date 14th June 1918, was read from Mr H. G. Burgess, Director of Cross Channel Transportation & Coal Controller Department, 19 Westmoreland Street, Dublin:-

"With reference to my Circular letter T.M. 990/32/20, regarding the very serious shortage of Coal.

I shall be much obliged if you will let me have, as early as possible, particulars of the total amount of coal and coke, separately used by your Council, for Public utility during the year 1917, specifying the nature of the work, the weight used under each heading, the percentage it is estimated that such consumption can be reduced by, and the Stock on hands at date.

If the Coal be received per rail, please furnish particulars of the station or stations to which consigned for you and the number of tons received at each station separately, and if you import direct, the same particulars are required for each Port, also state name of firm or colliery from which your supplies are obtained.

The matter being very urgent it is desirable you should bring it under the notice of your Council at once, so that the essential information will be furnished to me as early as feasible, I am sure that in view of the critical position, you will appreciate the object of my enquiry is to get information which will enable me to provide, in the best way possible, supplies of coal for Public utility purposes, Industrial concerns, etc.,"

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Kehoe, the following

resolution was adopted:- "That the County Surveyor and Secretary furnish (so far as they possibly can) the particulars of the Coal Consumption etc., of the Council."

War Pensions Committee.

Under date 13th June 1918, the following was read from Mr P. Horan, Secretary Co. Wexford War Pensions Ebb., Committee:-

"At the meeting of the above Committee held on the 12th inst., the following resolution was unanimously adopted:-

"That the Secretary report to the meeting of the County Council to be held on the 17th instant, the proposal of the War Pensions Committee to appoint a Secretary at £150 per annum."

Will you kindly bring this resolution before your Council meeting on Monday next."

The Finance & Roads Committee adopted the following recommendation

"That County Wexford War Pensions Local Committee be recommended to advertise for a Secretary to carry out all the work of the Committee at a salary of £100 per annum."

This recommendation was confirmed on the motion of the Chairman, Seconded by Mr Kehoe.

Deported Irishmen.

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

"That we protest against the attempts of the English Government to blacken the cause of Ireland in the United States of America and Neutral Countries by a "Bogus" German plot, and we call upon the Government to bring the deported Irish leaders to trial at once, or otherwise to issue orders for their release."

Stonebreaker.

The following under date 17th June 1918, was read from Mr Alfred Haughton, Røckspring, Ferns:-

"Would you kindly allow the County Council Breaker to break stones on my hill before it leaves us. I want those stones and clippings.

I have given already about 80 cubic yards to the road contractors in our district.

I'll pay the Council for the use of the Breaker."

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Kehoe, the following recommendation of Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed:-

"That the request of Mr A. Haughton for use of Breaker be acceded to and that the County Surveyor arrange for use of same."

(Signed) Michael Doyle
Presiding Chairman.

Dated this 7th day of August 1918.

Statutable Quarterly Meeting.- 7th August 1918.

The Statutable Quarterly Meeting of the Wexford County Council, was held in the Co. Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford, on Wednesday 7th August 1918.

Present:- Mr M. Doyle (Vice-Chairman) presiding.
Also present:- Messrs Louis Barry, R. Scallan, J. J. O'Byrne, N. J., Cowman, N. J. Fowler, T. Asple, and J. J. Kehoe.

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.

Weekly Payments-Quarrymen.

Under date 31st July 1918, the following letter No. 29146-1918, Wexford County, was read from the Local Government Board:-

"The Local Government Board for Ireland have had before them the Resolution of the Finance & Roads Committee of the Wexford County Council, proposing to place a sum of £200 in the hands of the County Surveyor as an imprest account for making weekly payments to men working in the quarries "under the Direct Labour Scheme", and, in reply, I am to point out that the method proposed in this recommendation has already been decided as being illegal, and in this connection they would refer to their letter of the 28th January 1915, in which it was stated that it had been decided by the Lord Chief Baron in the Tipperary Presentment (1898, 2 I. R. 508) "that such advances on a prospective estimate of expenses are illegal".

The Board have further suggested to the County Council that the weekly payment of the wages of the workmen could readily be secured by the County Council arranging for the attendance of a quorum of the Finance Committee once a week to authorise the necessary payments to be made for this purpose.

In the circumstances, and having regard to the fact that the Council have several times been notified of the illegality of this proposal, the Board request me to state that if the proposal is persisted in it is obvious that a surcharge of the amounts paid

must follow.

I am further to add that no trouble of this kind exists in the other Counties where direct Labour has been adopted."

"No Order"

Sanction of Appointment of Mr J. J. Murphy, Assistant
Surveyor.

Under date 26th July 1918, the Local Government Board wrote letter No. 34324-1918, Wexford County, approving of the appointment of Mr J. J. Murphy, as Assistant County Surveyor, at a salary of £100 a year rising by annual increments of £5 to £120 per annum.

"No Order"

Treatment of Venereal Disease.

Under date 18th July 1918, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 29400-1918, Wicklow County) forwarding regulations made in accordance with the provisions of the Public Health (Prevention and Treatment of Disease) (Ireland) Act 1917, for Wicklow County as regards the treatment etc., of venereal disease and in view of the advisability of joint action by the authorities of adjacent areas.

No. 21869-1918 Wexford County) forwarding copy letter addressed by them to the Kerry County Council as to providing arrangements for the treatment of venereal disease, and which were solely for the Civil population, and particularly for the prevention of innocent suffering and pain.

The letter addressed by the Local Government Board to the Kerry County Council was under date 8th May 1918, and No. 17299: 1918 Kerry County. In their communication the Local Government Board pointed out that the Kerry County Council seemed to be under misapprehension as regards the objects of the Scheme suggested by the Local Government Board. It was not the intention of the Local Government Board that the Council should make provision for the treatment of Military patients who are already adequately provided for by the Military Authorities. The Schemes put forward by the Board are intended for the Civil population amongst whom the disease is known to exist to a considerable extent, and the danger of the spread of the disease is accentuated by the fact that it may be

often innocently contracted and may exist unknown to the sufferers or even to their medical attendants especially as the arrangements for detention and treatment are so inadequate. The Board in bringing the matter before the County Council had in view the interests of suffering humanity and were particularly anxious to prevent innocent suffering and pain. It is in the interests of the ratepayers that the Council should take steps in the matter as considerable amounts were being spent out of the local rates in the maintenance of persons affected with paralysis, mental diseases, diseases of the heart and blood vessels and other ailments that result from venereal disease inefficiently treated in its early stages. The Local Government Board trusted that when the County Council considered these circumstances they will proceed to make County arrangements for the treatment of these diseases. As 75% of the cost of an approved County Scheme would be repaid by the Board the balance to be paid out of the local rates should be comparatively small.

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

"That the Local Government Board be informed that the decision of the Wexford County Council declining to formulate any Scheme for the treatment of venereal disease was arrived at without regard to the Class of patients proposed to be treated under such Scheme. The Co. Council, in view of the fact that venereal disease is almost unknown in our Rural Districts, object to the creation of a new department involving expense on the rates."

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

Fruit Stones.

Under date 20th July 1918, the Local Government Board wrote an urgent memorandum as to the collection of all fruit stones including date stones and hard nut shells which were immediately required for an urgent War purpose.

"No Order"

Audits of Accounts.

The Local Government Board forwarded copies of reports of

their Auditors in respect of the following public bodies:-

Gorey Union and Rural District Council, New Ross Union and Rural District Council, County Wexford Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction, County Wexford Tuberculosis Committee, Enniscorthy District Lunatic Asylum.

"No Order"

Poisons & Pharmacy Act.

Applications for licences under Poisons & Pharmacy Act were submitted from Patrick Healy, North Main Street, Wexford, Joseph J. Haughton, Ferns,

Applications for renewals of licences under Poisons & Pharmacy Act were submitted from Luke Dwyer, North Street, New Ross, P. McMenamin Co-operative Stores, Ballycanew, John Purcell, Broadway, Alexander Kinsella, Main Street, Gorey, Patrick Redmond, The Harrow, Ferns, Laurence Codd, Main Street, Enniscorthy, George Stafford, John Street, Wexford.

"On the motion of Mr Scallan, seconded by Mr Cowman, Licences and renewals were granted in the above cases."

Rates on Bantry Commons.

Under date 2nd July 1918, the Local Government Board wrote (No. 30451 : 1918, Wexford County) as follows:-

"With reference to your letter of the 25th ultimo, and previous correspondence relative to arrears or rates on Bantry Commons in the County Wexford for the period ended the 31st March 1917, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to state that they have reconsidered this matter in view of the explanation furnished by the collector, dated the 21st May last.

Though still dissatisfied with the manner in which he professed to discharge his duties in connection with the collection of the rates in question, the Local Government Board, in view of the appeals made by the Rural and County Councils and as a special concession, will not raise any further objection to a refund being made to the collector of a sum of £29. 10. 4d, being the arrears in respect of the half-years September 1913 to March 1915 inclusive, which he states he was unable to collect owing to imperfections in the method of rating the occupiers, but the Board decline to entertain

his claim in respect of the half-years following and down to March 1917.

The Board desire me to add that this action is not to be regarded as forming in anyway a precedent and the Council and the Collector must treat the Board's decision as final and conclusive."

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

"That copy of letter of Local Government Board be furnished Mr E. J. Murphy, Rate Collector."

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

Assistant Surveyor Kirby.

Under date 3rd July 1918, Mr James Kirby, Assistant Co Surveyor, wrote asking from what date his salary was to be paid. He stated he was elected to the position of Assistant Surveyor on 3rd April 1918, and was sanctioned by the Local Government Board on 8th May 1918. He took up duty on 17th May 1918, and though not employed on the work of the Wexford County Council until the last named date he was in honour bound to them from 3rd April and consequently debarred from taking up any other employment.

Under date 5th July 1918, Mr Elgee, Solicitor to the Council, wrote, that in his opinion, Mr Kirby was only entitled to his salary from the date of the sanction of his appointment by the Local Government Board, viz:- 8th May, and not from date of his election, especially as pending the sanction he was not even temporarily employed by the County Council.

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

"That the salary of Mr Kirby, Assistant Surveyor, be paid from the date he took up duty, viz:- 17th May."

Maintenance of Live Stock (Ireland) (Cattle) Order of 1918.

The above Order under date 11th July 1918, from the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction, withdrawing prohibition for exportation of milch cows (other than an incalf cow) was read.

"No Order"

Worrying of Sheep by Dogs.

Under date 4th July 1918, the department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction wrote (letter V. B. -1703-18) stating that strong representations had reached the Department as to losses inflicted on stock owners by dogs worrying sheep and lambs. At the meeting of the Council of Agriculture on 18th May 1918, a resolution was adopted calling upon local authorities to put into operation the powers granted them by the Dogs Act 1906. The powers in question gave power to local authorities to have dogs wear collars with name and address of owner inscribed thereon, or on a plate or badge attached thereto, also to prevent dogs straying during all or any of the hours between sunset and sunrise. The Department considered that the adoption of such regulations would considerably abate the evils of sheep worrying and they would be happy to facilitate the Local Authority in bringing these powers into operation.

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

"That no Order be made on the letter from the Department as to collars being placed on dogs, as we consider same unnecessary, in view of the fact that no complaints have been received as to worrying of sheep."

Sheep Dipping Inspectors.

Under date 20th June 1918, the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction wrote (No. V.B, 1738-18) approving of the appointments of Mr James Murphy, Coolbawn, and Mr George Brett, Tahnerhill, as temporary Inspectors of sheep dipping in the current year.

Sheep Dipping Act.

Under date 20th June 1918, the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction-Veterinary Branch- wrote, that there was no truth in the rumour that the Department have abandoned the requirements as to the double dipping of sheep in Autumn period, the provisions of the Order remain in force unaltered.

Foot Rot in Sheep.

Under date 1st August 1918, letter No. V. B., 1658-18, was read from the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction

regarding the necessity for the adoption of measures to prevent sheep suffering from foot rot and especially breeding sheep being exposed for sale at markets, fairs, or sale yards, throughout Ireland.

On the motion of Mr Asple, seconded by Mr Scallan, it was decided that the circular from the Department No. 1658-18, V. B., be referred to the County Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction."

RECOMMENDATIONS FINANCE & ROADS COMMITTEE.

Wexford Bridge:- "That the County Surveyor be directed to formulate a proposal to the Proposal Committee Meeting of 7th August 1918, to cover repairs to bascule of Wexford Bridge amount £300."

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

Ballingly & Ballyconnick Quarries:- "That Mr E. O'Connor, Waddingtown, be offered 4/6 per cubic yard for the working of Ballingly and Ballyconnick Quarries."

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

Kiltealy Quarry:- "That the question of the Civil Bill proceedings by Thomas McCarthy, Kiltealy v. Martin Morrissey and Wexford County Council, and proposed payment of decree re same be specially referred to next meeting of the County Council."

"At the meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee on the 7th inst., a Report was submitted from the County Surveyor and a statement made by Mr R. J. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, and the following recommendation adopted:-

"That no further steps be taken in the matter of Kiltealy Quarry."

"Recommendation confirmed on the motion of the Chairman."

Screenings from Quarries:- "That until the adoption of an amending resolution by the County Council no screenings be sold in future from any County Council Quarry."

"Recommendation confirmed on the motion of Mr Cowman, seconded by Mr Scallan."

Offer from Labourers:- "It was decided that the offer of Oylegate labourers be left in the hands of the County Surveyor as to

employing what labour from the district he can efficiently employ."

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

A. Nolan, Rock Drill Operator:- "That the wages of A. Nolan, Rock drill Operator, be fixed at 35/- per week, as from this date, (3rd July 1918) provided this proposal receives the sanction of next meeting of the County Council."

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

Ballybrennan Quarry:- "The Finance & Roads Committee having gone very carefully into the conditions of working at Ballybrennan Quarry find that if the men spend a reasonable time in the quarry they can earn good wages at the piece rate of 1/9 per cubic yard."

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

Steamrolling Gang-Application Increase Wages:- "That the application for an increase of wages be adjourned to next meeting to which we instruct the County Surveyor to submit estimate of (a) cost of steamrolling road from Ferns to Crory, (b) cost of material which was already at road prior to steamrolling, (c) exact time paid for on hire of engine, (d) comparison of cost with other work of steamrolling carried out by the County Council."

"A letter was read from Mr Bolger, Chairman of the County Council under date 6th August, explaining that he could not attend meeting and asking that the application for increase of wages from Steamrolling gang be postponed to next meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee, when he expected to be present."

"It was decided that the matter be postponed for the attendance of the Chairman (Mr Bolger)."

Application for Payment-University Scholarship:- "That Mr Connolly be informed that the County Council have no legal power to pay amount of University Scholarship in any case in which actual attendance at the University was not made."

"Recommendation confirmed on the motion of Mr Cowman, seconded by Mr Scallan."

Courtown Aeridheacht:- "That Miss Comerford be informed the Co. Council will raise no objection to Gaelic League Committee collecting

money on the bridges over the Ounavarra river at Courtown on the 14th July 1918, on behalf of local Aeridheacht."

"Recommendation confirmed on the motion of Mr Cowman, seconded by Mr Scallan."

Swim Baths-Sheep Dipping:- "That we approve of the use of swim baths under Sheep Dipping Order, at the premises of J. O'Gorman, Camross, Foulksmills, and Nicholas Breen, Carrig-on-Bannow, prices to be:-2d per head for Sheep and 1¹/₂d for lambs, for Summer dipping, and 2¹/₂d per head for sheep, and 2d per head for lambs for Autumn dipping."

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

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

"We consider that the following should be fixed prices for Autumn dipping to be charged by those who have Swim baths approved by the Council, viz:- 2¹/₂d per head for sheep, and 2d per head for lambs."

Roads Nos 146R & 147R.

The following Report was read from New Ross R. D. Council:-

"The following appointed by New Ross Rural District Council to inspect Road No. 146R (460 perches from Adamstown to Foulksmills between the turn at Cullenstown Catholic Church and the turn in Horetown, via Rockview)-Messrs W. Thorpe, P. Quigley, M. Murphy, D. Cummins, and Martin Culleton, met at 3 p.m., on 14th June 1918, and inspected the road with Mr Barry, County Surveyor, and Mr Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor.

The Committee desire to report as follows:- They find the road in an impassable condition, it could not possible be used even for light traffic. Up to twelve months ago, it was one of the best thoroughfares of its class in the County, but, about that time, Messrs Kelly & Co., New Ross, began to utilise it for timber traffic the haulage being effected by steam engine. As the road was never constructed to withstand traffic of this description, it soon cut up badly, and after about four months, was in an appalling condition. The contract, which was for £12 per annum, (36 cubic yards-Carrigbyrne), expired in March last, but it is evident to the Committee that, under the new conditions of traffic, the road could not have

been kept in repair by even ten times the specified amount of tonnage.

We consider that Mr Barry, County Surveyor, should prepare and furnish to the New Ross Rural District Council an estimate (a) giving cost of putting the road in a passable condition, (b) giving amount of cost of restoring road to its original condition previous to timber traffic, that copies of said estimate be forwarded to Messrs Kelly & Co., New Ross, (which firm according to the information obtained by the Committee, are entirely responsible for the damage to this road), and that Messrs Kelly & Co., be requested to put the road in repair forthwith. Should they refuse, or neglect to do so, we recommend the District Council to take any legal remedy which they may have to compel Messrs Kelly & Co., to carry out the repairs specified by the County Surveyor, and, in the event of legal action becoming necessary, we believe the District Council should ask the County Council to move in the matter on behalf of the District Council.

The Committee are of opinion that the attention of the Rural District Council should have been called to the state of this road long before it had reached a condition of being useless to the public.

We further recommend that a detailed report of the condition of the roads of this district injured by timber traffic, the names of the firms responsible for the damage, and the cost of restoring the roads to their original condition should be furnished by the County Surveyor to the New Ross Rural District Council."

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

"That the County Surveyor be instructed to have Roads 146R and 147R put into proper repair without delay, and that he be directed to have proceedings taken against Messrs Kelly & Co., New Ross, Timber Merchants, for the recovery of cost of same."

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

"The County Surveyor submitted the following letter under date 22nd July 1918, from Dr W. F. Hearn, Solicitor, New Ross:-

"Your letter of 17th inst., addressed to Messrs Kelly & Co., New Ross, has been handed to me for reply. I am instructed to say that liability is not admitted, and any proceedings you desire

to take can be sent to me for acceptance of service."

County Wexford War Pensions Etc., Local Committee.

The following letter under date 5th August 1918, from Mr John Merriman, Secretary, War Pensions Committee, was read:-

"I beg to bring under your notice the names of the eight members of the County Council, who have resigned their seats, my Committee request that you will be good enough to have your Council nominate members in their stead, the names are:- Messrs J. J. O'Byrne, M.C.C., James Codd, M. C. C., A. Kinsella, M. C. C., P. O'Neill, M.C.C., J. A. Doyle M. C. C., Joe Brewer, Sir Thomas Esmonde, J. Murphy D. C.,

Mr Brewer has recommended that Mr James Connolly, 5 Mary Street, New Ross, be appointed in his stead."

"Referred, on the motion of Mr Scallan, seconded by Mr Kahoe, to the Finance & Roads Committee, who were authorised to make the necessary appointments."

Clonhasten Quarry.

Under date 5th July 1918, the following letter was read from Mr P. J. Shaw, Town Clerk, Enniscorthy:-

"Mr George Walsh, owner of the quarry at Clonhasten, Enniscorthy, has drawn my Council's attention to the fact that the paling enclosing Quarry is broken down and loose, and I am also directed to call your attention to the fact that the roadway has not received any attention for 2½ years."

It is now 2½ years since my Council drew any stones from this Quarry, and the material which we are now getting we only started drawing on the 10th ultimo.

My Council consider that it is the business of the County Council to put this paling and roadway in proper condition."

On the motion of Mr Cowman, seconded by Mr Asple, it was decided that no order be made as the County Surveyor stated that the work referred to in the letter of Mr Shaw, had already been carried out."

Weights & Measures Etc.,

Under date 27th June 1918, the following was read from the

County Inspector, R. I. C., Wexford:-

"In or about October 1914, your Council very kindly consented to the purchase of nine handbags for the use of Food & Drugs Inspectors in the taking of samples. None was then demanded for the Food & Drugs Inspector in New Ross because he had then in his possession a handbag left there by some of his predecessors and not regarded as public property. This bag is now not available, and in the circumstances I shall thank you for permission to purchase a new bag at an expense not exceeding £1. 4/-"

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

"That the County Inspector, R. I. C., be informed that he may purchase new bag for the purpose of holding samples under the Food & Drugs Act in New Ross District, at a cost not exceeding £1. 4/-"

Proposals for Payment.

Proposed by Mr Cowman,

Seconded by Mr Scallan:-

"That the several proposals for payment submitted from the proposal Committee and recommended for payment by the Finance and Roads Committee be and are hereby approved."

Proposals for Works.

Proposed by Mr Kehoe,

Seconded by Mr O'Byrne,

"That the several Proposals for Works submitted from the Proposal Committee be and are hereby approved subject to the modifications and other Orders noted thereon and initialled by the Chairman."

RESOLUTIONS.

Pottery Industry.

The following resolution adopted by New Ross R. D. Council on 6th July, was submitted:-

"Considering that Ireland- especially the South-eastern part of it- is so abundantly supplied by nature with clay deposits used in the manufacture of earthenware of every kind, we the New Ross Rural District Council are convinced that an earnest and united

effort should be made to resume this highly essential industry so native to the soil of Ireland.

Now that Coal-the key to all industrial effort is being once mined in our midst, and that Cross-Channel pottery supplies are running so low as to necessitate a rationing system in the near future we consider that a golden opportunity presents itself to exploit just a little of our own mineral wealth. To this end we would recommend the instant formation of Industrial and Research Societies throughout Wexford and Kilkenny having for their purpose the industrial awakening of our people-stilled by legislation in this country in the past.

We also desire to thank Johnson Pasha our County Wexford pottery expert for his invaluable experimental spadework in this direction already."

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

Cooper's Sheep Dip.

A resolution was received from Westmeath County Council stating that as Sir Richard Cooper, M. P., the proprietor of Cooper's Sheep Dip, had stated if the Irish people resisted Military Conscription they should be shot. No County Council in Ireland should use this dip.

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

"That in view of the statement made by Sir Richard Cooper to shoot the Irish people should they resist conscription, we recommend the farmers of the County Wexford to use some suitable sheep dip other than Cooper's."

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

Analyst's Report.

The following Report was read:-

City Laboratory,

Chatham Row, Dublin.

16th July 1918.

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 1918.

137 articles were received from the Food Inspectors, R.I.C.,

as follows:-

<u>Article.</u>	<u>Number,</u>
Milk	36
Margarine	17
Whiskey	13
Buttermilk	5
Drugs	5
Bread	5
Cocoa	5
Lard	5
Stout	6
Butter	4
Mustard	3
Pepper	3
Cornflour	3
Brandy	2
Rice	3
Tea	2
Port Wine	2
Ale	3
Oatmeal	2
Golden Syrup	1
Porter	3
Cheese	1
Corned Beef	1
Cream of tartar	1
Rum	1
Coffee	1
Bread Soda	1
Gin	1
Ginger Wine	1
Flour	<u>1</u>
Total	<u>137</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 one certificate for specimen of milk deprived of at least 23 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, and two certificates for specimens of Bass's Ale whose original gravity were 1031.7 and 1037.1 respectively.

One certificate was sent to Sergeant Tuohy, Gorey, for specimen of butter composed almost entirely of fats foreign to butter and one certificate for specimen of coffee adulterated with at least 70 per cent of chicory.

For the Guardians of Gorey Union six drugs were analysed. One was incorrect.

For the Guardians of Enniscorthy Union six drugs were analysed and were correct.

Specimens of beet were examined for T. Newenham Esq, The Sloblands Wexford.

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

Total analyses.....	159
Adulterated & defective articles.....	11

C. A. Cameron.

Marked "Read"

Rules for Quarries.

The Co' Surveyor reported as follows to the Finance & Roads Committee:-

"Recently I have had an interview with a representative of the Inspector of Mines in regard to the working of our Quarries, and subsequently I have received from the Home Office a set of special rules which you are asked to adopt. There is nothing in any of these rules that can be objected to, and they are practically the regulations we have been following. I recommend their adoption."

The Finance & Roads Committee made the following recommendation

"That the special rules under the Quarries Act 1894, as furnished by the Home Office to the County Surveyor be and are hereby adopted as regards all quarries owned by the County Council."

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

Tara Hill Quarry.

The County Surveyor reported as follows to the Finance & Roads Committee:-

"Recently owing to the difficulty about explosives I have had to send the Rock Drill to Tara Hill Quarry and have had a large blast there. The workmen employed objected to the terms on which they worked after the former blast and demand 2/- per ton instead of 1/6 under threat to strike. I have arranged for this week to pay at the rate of 2/- pending your decision to continue this rate or otherwise, and ask for your instructions."

The Finance & Roads Committee made the following recommendation--

"That 2/- per ton be paid to the men engaged at Tara Hill Quarry for the coming six months, provided that they agree to accept fortnightly payments."

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

Conveyance of Gelignite.

The County Surveyor read a communication from the County Inspector, R. I. C., pointing out that the letter did not consider the escort of two police travelling by train from Arklow to Wexford for the protection of gelignite, was sufficient owing to the circumstances in which their duty were carried out, because the gelignite and detonators had to be placed in separate wagons and as the train shunted at all stations the escort had to leave the Guard's Van and watch the wagons being shunted up and down the line.

In the circumstances he suggested that gelignite should in future be conveyed by Motor Car or Motor Lorry."

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

"That the County Surveyor interview the County Inspector, R. I. C., and explain to him that only one more consignment of gelignite will be required for County work for the present season, and, in the circumstances, the County Inspector would probably allow the present arrangement to obtain for this season's supply."

Food & Drugs Act-Sample of Vinegar.

Under date 6th August 1918, Sergeant White, R. I. C., Wexford,

wrote asking for instructions with regard to instituting a prosecution under the Food & Drugs Act against Mrs Shortle, Castlebridge, from whom he had obtained a sample of vinegar found deficient in acetic acid. The bottle from which the sample was taken was sealed, capsuled, etc., intact, when he obtained said sample. In the circumstances he did not think that any useful purpose would be served by a prosecution. He also mentioned that a similar case was dismissed about a year ago.

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

"That in view of the report of Sergeant White R. I. C., Wexford, under date 6th August 1918, we consider that no prosecution should be instituted against Mrs Shortle, Castlebridge, in regard of sample of vinegar taken by Sergeant White."

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

Garrylough Quarry.

Rev J. Furlong, C. C., Screen, wrote asking for permission to draw a quantity of stones from the County Council Quarry at Garrylough Screen. He stated that when the Co Council took over Kerlogue Quarry he was entitled to a quantity of stones at that quarry which he had never taken away.

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

"That, subject to the County Surveyor's supervision, and in view of his undertaking to satisfy any demand made by the owner of the quarry at Garrylough, no objection be made to the application of Rev J. Furlong C. C., Screen, to obtain a sufficient quantity of stones from Garrylough Quarry, for the purpose of building an entrance to the parochial house at Screen."

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

Account from Goodwin Barsby & Co.,-for Stonebreaker.

The Co Surveyor stated that there was a sum of £105 odd, due on foot of cost of Stonebreaker purchased from Messrs Goodwin Barsby & Co., Leicester. They had also furnished a bill for £35 odd for services of their fitter.

When the machine was set up it was found defective and in consequence a good deal of time had been lost by the Council's Employees for which the Co Council had made a counter claim to Messrs Goodwin Barsby & Co., of over £100.

He wished to have the advice of the Council in regard to the matter.

On the motion of Mr Cowman, seconded by Mr Scallan, the following recommendation of Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed:-

"That the claim of Messrs Goodwin Barsby & Co., and counter claim of the County Council, be left in the hands of Mr Elgee, Solicitor, and that he be directed to communicate with this Firm."

Application Increased Capitation Grant - Industrial Schools,

Under date 17th July Rev Brother P. J. Ryan, Artane Industrial School, wrote on behalf of Industrial and Reformatory Schools, asking the Co Council to agree to grant an increase of 1/- per head to these schools, as the Treasury would not grant such increase unless the Co. Councils gave their moiety. Every Council and Borough Council in Ireland had agreed to this contribution except Limerick, Leitrim, and Wexford.

"In reply to the Chairman the Secretary stated, that the increase of 6d per head would mean a payment of £341. 16/- from the rates. the number of Children in those schools from Co Wexford was 263."

After a lengthy discussion it was decided to adjourn the application to next meeting of Finance & Roads Committee.

Accountant's Application-Increase of Salary.

Mr T. A. Frizelle, Accountant, applied for an increase in his salary of £115 per annum.

The following recommendation which had been unanimously passed by the Finance & Roads Committee was read:-

"That the salary of Mr T. A. Frizelle, be increased by £35 per annum, as from date of present meeting."

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

(Signed)

Presiding Chairman.

Dated this 8th day of October

1918.

MEETING.- 8th OCTOBER 1918.

A Meeting of the County Council, was held in the County Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford, on 8th October 1918.

Present:- Mr M. Doyle, (Vice-Chairman) presiding.

Also:- Messrs P. Keating, M. Cloney, J. J. Kehoe, M. Maddock, N. J. Fowler, and M. Codd.

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.

Ballybrennan Quarry.

Under date 22nd September 1918, Mr R. F. King, General Secretary, Trade & Labour Union, wrote that the men working in Ballybrennan Quarry demanded 3/- per yard for breaking and quarrying road material there, viz:- 2/- for quarrying and 1/- for breaking. With Winter period coming on Mr King pointed out that the men could not on an average, work more than four days per week, and at the present rate, a living wage was impossible. He hoped the County Council would take this into consideration and also the fact that Ballybrennan Quarry is one of the most difficult to be worked.

The following extracts from the Minutes of the Finance & Roads Committee were submitted:-

"On the motion of Mr Cloney, seconded by Mr Fowler, the following recommendation was adopted:- That Messrs Murphy and King, Representatives of the Trade & Labour Union, Enniscorthy, be received and heard.

Messrs Murphy and King pointed out that the men engaged at Ballybrennan Quarry could not during the winter period earn a living wage, and if the County Council were so good as to grant an increase, an adjustment of the rate paid as wages could be made after six months.

The following recommendation was adopted on the motion of Mr Maddock, seconded by Mr Fowler:- That the men engaged at Ballybrennan Quarry be paid 2/- per yard for quarrying and 10d per yard for breaking for a period of six months as from this

date."

"The above recommendation was confirmed on the motion of Mr Kehoe, seconded by Mr Cloney."

Requisition County Council Engine.

Under date 26th September 1918, Lieutenant W. J. Banks, A.S.C., for Area Administrative Officer, wrote that owing to an urgent demand made on his department for overseas baled hay, and also owing to all steam engines being engaged on important threshing work, it was necessary for him to requisition the engine of the Wexford County Council for the purpose of baling, on or about 22nd October.

"No Order"

Foreman-Cherryorchard Quarry.

Under date 26th September 1918, Mr J. Doyle, foreman, Cherryorchard Quarry, applied for an increase of 5/- in his present wages of 25/- per week.

On the motion of Mr Kehoe, seconded by Mr Cloney, the following recommendation of Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed:-

"That the wages paid to Mr J. Doyle, foreman Cherryorchard Quarry, be increased to 30/- per week as from this date."

Application Rock Drill Operators.

Under date 1st October 1918, Myles Hyland, Borelia, Kilcotty, and Aidan Nolan, Glasslacken, Newtownbarry, Rock Drill Operators, applied for an increase of 10/- per week in their wages of £2 and £1. 15/- per week, respectively.

On the motion of Mr Kehoe, seconded by Mr Cloney, the following recommendation of Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed:-

"That the wages of Myles Hyland, and Aidan Nolan, Rockdrill Operators, be increased by the sum of 5/- per week in each case, as from this date."

Wexford-Enniscorthy Road.

Under date 21st September 1918, Mr T. L. Esmonde, Ballycoursey, Enniscorthy, wrote calling attention to the state of the road running past his residence, especially to the bridge, the wall of which was down, and the road scrapings for the past two years are heaped along its sides. The watertables were completely filled up and he had

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otherwise the road resembled a river which flowed alternatively through his entrance gate and into gate lodge.

On the motion of Mr Cloney, seconded by Mr Kehoe, the following recommendation of Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed:-

"That the County Surveyor be instructed to interview Mr T. L. Esmond as to the condition of the road near his residence at Ballycoursey, with a view to devising some remedy to prevent his gate lodge being flooded."

Orders-Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction.

Under date 27th September 1918, the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction forwarded Importation (Sheep from Scotland) Order of 1916, (No.3) Suspension Order of 1918; and under same date the Hay & Straw (Movement from Great Britain to Ireland) Order of 1918, prohibiting the landing of hay and straw from Great Britain, without a permit.

Under date 24th September 1918, the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction forwarded Maintenance of Live Stock (Ireland) (Milch Cows) Temporary Order of 1918, re-enacting the provisions of Order prohibiting the slaughter or export of Milch Cows from Ireland unless under licence.

Under date 11th September 1918, the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction forwarded the Importation of Dogs (Ireland) Order of 1902 Amendment Order of 1918, prohibiting for a period of four months as from the 12th September 1918, the importation of dogs from Great Britain.

"No Order"

Sealed Orders-Water Supplies- New Ross Rural District.

Sealed Order No. 33032-1918, and dated 23rd August 1918, was read from the Local Government Board fixing New Ross Rural District as the area of charge for improving and maintaining supplies of water at Adamstown, Aughclare, Ballyhack, Baillestown, Ballycullane, Cassagh, in the townland of Nash, Campile, in the townland of Ballyvelig, Clongeen, Donard, Duncannon, Fethard, Foulksmills, in the townland of Polldoon, Horeswood, Kilmokea, in the townland of Great Island, Maudlins, Newbawn, Ramsgrange, Rathgaregue, Saltmills, in the District Electoral Division of Tintern, St Leonard's, Shelbaggin, Slade, and Templeudigan."

No Order.

Financial Relations.-Wexford Co Council & Wexford Urban District.

Under date 27th August 1918, the Local Government Board wrote, (letter No. 40099 : 1918, Wexford County) that until a varying Order had been made and confirmed the Order of 1903 adjusting the financial relations between the County Council and the Wexford District continued in force.

"No Order"

Payment of Stonebreaker.

In connection with the dispute between the County Council and Messrs Goodwin Barsby & Co., as to payment for stonebreaker supplied by the latter, Mr Elgee, Solicitor to the County Council, forwarded copy letter which he had received from Messrs Goodwin, Barsby & Co., agreeing to accept £100 in full settlement of claims on both sides in regard to the Stonebreaker. The amount in question was offered by Mr Elgee, by directions of the Finance & Roads Committee.

On the motion of Mr Kehoe, Seconded by Mr Cloney, the following recommendation of Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed:-

"That having further considered the correspondence with Messrs Goodwin Barsby & Co., relative to claim re stonebreaker, we authorise our Solicitor-Mr R. W. Elgee- to offer this firm, without prejudice, the sum of £100 in settlement of their claim."

War Bonus to School Attendance Officials.

The following resolution of Gorey Rural District School Attendance Committee adopted at the meeting of 10th August 1918, was forwarded for confirmation:-

"That the School Attendance Officers and Secretary be given £2. 10/- per annum as War Bonus as from 1st July 1918."

"It was decided that the consideration of the foregoing resolution be postponed to next meeting, the Secretary observing that the School Attendance Committee were to meet on 9th October, to further consider the period from which War Bonus was proposed to start."

University Scholarships.

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

"That continuing University Scholarships be awarded to Messrs ^{Misses} Annie J. Bookey, Johanna Fortune, Mary I. Kehoe, Anna Whelan, Messrs James E.K. Cosgrave, Thomas J. O'Rourke, and John Travers."

On the motion of Mr Kehoe, seconded by Mr Keating, the following recommendation of Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed:-

"That we recommend award of University Scholarships to Miss Ellen Teresa Kehoe, Moor, Mulrankin, Messrs Patrick O'Neill, John Street Gorey, James Carty, North Main Street, Wexford, and Peter Sinnott, Newtown, Clonevan, these four Candidates having secured the highest number of Marks at the recent Intermediate Examination in the subjects prescribed in the County Council Syllabus for University Scholarships, the Marks obtained by each candidate being set out as follows:-

<u>Names of Student</u>	<u>Marks.</u>
1.- Ellen Teresa Kehoe	1168
2.- Patrick O'Neill	848
3.- James Carty	841
4.- Peter J. Sinnott	805
5.- John K. McGrath	739
6.- Gerald Sullivan	719
7.- John M. Cunningham	646

The County Council have already satisfied themselves that the parents of the four Candidates in question are in need of assistance to provide for University training."

Under date 5th October 1918, the following letter was read from Mr Joseph Busher, Henrietta Street, Wexford:-

"I would be thankful if you would put before the next meeting of the County Council an application for an extension of my Scholarship from 3 years to 5 years.

As under the Scholarship Scheme of 1914-15, it was decided that Scholarships in the Faculties of Agriculture and Commerce might, at the discretion of the County Council, be extended from 3 years to 5 years, provided the holders of such Scholarships had shown evidence of progress during their initial 3 years. My results would seem to justify such an extension, being as follows:-

October 1915- Entered University. June 1916- 1st Commerce Exam with Honours. June 1917- 2nd Commerce Exam with Honours. October 1918- B. Comm Degree Exam with Honours.

I am now considering the advisability of continuing my studies in the University with a view to securing the Master degree in Commerce (M.Comm) and an extension of my Scholarship from 3 years to

5 years would enable me to obtain same.

Trusting that my application will meet the favourable consideration of the County Council."

Mr Keating proposed:- "That the application of Mr Joseph Busher, for an extension of his University Scholarship from 3 to 5 years be acceded to."

Mr Cloney seconded.

After a long discussion a poll was taken with the following result-
For the resolution:- Messrs Fowler, Keating, Kehoe, and Cloney.-4.
Against:- Messrs Maddock, Mark Codd, and the Chairman.-3.

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Chair of Scientific Agriculture.

Under date 4th September 1918, Mr A. Keogh Nolan, Secretary to Irish County Councils' General Council, wrote that the Governing Body of University College, Dublin, had accepted the offer made by the Irish County Councils' General Council, on behalf of its constituent Councils to contribute one-half the cost of maintenance of a Chair of Scientific Agriculture, and that steps were being taken for the establishment of the Chair. It was therefore necessary that a Paying Order for £20 the amount of contribution already approved by the Wexford County Council should be forwarded the Governing Body, University College, Dublin.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Kehoe, Seconded by Mr Cloney:-

"That Pay Order for £20 amount of contribution by the Wexford County Council to University College, Dublin, towards establishment of a Chair of Scientific Agriculture in University College, Dublin, be issued at next finance meeting of this County Council in favour of the Governing Body, University College, Dublin."

Food & Drugs Acts.

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

"That Sergeant Michael Moore, be appointed ex-officio Inspector under the Food & Drugs Acts for the petty sessions district of Clonroche, and that he be empowered to prosecute before courts of Summary Jurisdiction of Justices any information, complaint, or proceeding arising under the Food & Drugs Acts, or in the discharge

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

"That Sergeant Christopher Breadon, R. I. C., be appointed ex-officio Inspector under the Food & Drugs Acts for the Petty Session District of New Ross, and that he be empowered to prosecute before courts of Summary Jurisdiction of Justices any information complaint or proceeding arising under the Food & Drugs Acts, or in the discharge of his duty as such Inspector."

Under date 16th August 1918, the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction wrote (No. G.6530-1918) that two samples of butter taken for analysis by an officer of the Department on 9th July 1918, at Enniscorthy Market, were found on analysis to be pure.

Application Increased Capitation Grant-Industrial Schools.

Under date 17th July 1918, Rev Brother P. Ryan, Artane Industrial School, wrote on behalf of the Industrial and Reformatory Schools asking the County Council to agree to grant an increase of one shilling per head to these schools as the Treasury would not grant such increase unless County Councils gave their moiety. Every County and Borough Council in Ireland agreed to contribute except Limerick, Leitrim, and Wexford.

"At the meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee on 4th August 1918, it was decided that this application should be considered at the meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee immediately preceding next County Council Meeting."

On the motion of Mr Kehoe, seconded by Mr Cloney, the following recommendation of Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed:-

"That the application of Rev Brother Ryan on behalf of Industrial and Reformatory Schools for an increase in County Council Capitation Grant be refused."

Poisons & Pharmacy Act 1908.

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

"That licence under Poisons & Pharmacy Act 1908, be issued to Mr Alexander Kinsella, 24 Main Street, Gorey."

"The Secretary stated that Mr Kinsella had held a licence previously but had forgotten to renew it within the stipulated time."

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

"That licence under Poisons & Pharmacy Act be issued to Mrs Margaret Roche, Ballyanne, New Ross."

Auditors Reports.

The Local Government Board forwarded under date 3rd October 1918 (letter No. 44909 : 1918, Wexford Rural District) copy of Report of their Auditor on his audit of the Accounts of Wexford Rural District for half-year ended 31st March 1918, and under same date (letter No. 44910 : 1918 Wexford Union) copy of report of Auditor on his audit of the Accounts of Wexford Union for same period.

The Local Government Board, under date 4th October 1918, (letter No. 45386-1918) Enniscorthy Rural District,- copy of report of their auditor on his audit of the Accounts of Enniscorthy Rural District Council for half-year ended 31st March 1918, and under same date (letter No. 45385-1918 Enniscorthy Union) copy of report of Auditor on his audit of the accounts of Enniscorthy Union for same period.

The Local Government Board under date 4th October 1918, (letter No. 45053-1918, Wexford County Infirmary) forwarded copy of report of their Auditor on his audit of the Accounts of the Wexford County Infirmary for the half-year ended 31st March 1918.

"No Order"

Road at Ferrybank.

Under date 16th September 1918, the following was read from Mr W. A. Browne, Town Clerk, Wexford :-

"At the last meeting of the Corporation attention was called to the work of constructing a Naval Seaplane Station at Ferrybank.

This structure is being put up for the United States Navy, and certain public rights have been taken away.

As you are aware, there has been, from time immemorial, a right, by the public, of access to and user of the road and pier, which latter forms the abutment of the old demolished Wexford Bridge.

It appears that at present it is not permissible for any civilian to approach the place without being possessed of an Authorization.

The right of user of Ferrybank, as you know, was a great

residents to resort to it as a recreation ground.

Ferrybank being under the control of the County Council, it is their duty, in the opinion of the Corporation, to see that the public rights are secured, or that at least such rights will be restored at the conclusion of the War, and I am directed to submit that the County Council should take the needful action in this matter."

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

"That a copy of the letter from Mr W. A. Browne, Town Clerk, Wexford, under date 16th September, be furnished the Commander of the U. S. Naval Seaplane Station at Ferrybank, for his observations."

Steamrolling Gang-Application for Increase of Wages.

Under date 30th May 1918, John Doyle, Andrew Clear, Robert Armstrong, James Gaynor, and James Finn, wrote applying for increase in wages from 25/- to 30/- per week. They pointed out that every week the price of provisions was increasing, and men could not work when they were unable to procure decent food. One could carry on his arm amount of food stuffs purchased for £1 or £1. 5/-.

This application was postponed from previous meetings pending consideration as to cost of steamrolling, which the Chairman of the Council asked the County Surveyor to supply.

"No Order, as Mr Treanor, Senior Assistant Surveyor, stated that the Steamrolling Gang were not employed at present."

Engine Driver and Attendant.

Under date 2nd July 1918, the following was read from Mr R.F. King, General Secretary, Trade & Labour Union, Enniscorthy, as to wages of J. Breen and John Dwyer, Engine driver and Attendant respectively:-

"I am instructed by the Committee of the Trade & Labour Union to demand an increase of 7/6 per week on the wages of J. Breen, and John Dwyer, the driver and attendant of the Co Council engine.

The rest of the Council employees are on piece work and the earning is according to the work done. This does not apply to the engine men as their wage is fixed with no chance of improvement.

Doubtless the Council will give an increase as per your letter of 18th June, viz:- that such an advance be given out of the imprest

account."

The Secretary stated that Breen was in receipt of 30/- per week and Dwyer of 25/- per week.

On the motion of Mr Cloney, seconded by Mr Kehoe, the following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed:-

"That an increase of 5/- per week, be granted J. Breen, Engine driver as from the date of this Meeting, making his wages £1. 15/- per week."

"That no order be made as regards application from John Dwyer, Assistant Engine Driver, as he is not now in the employment of the County Council."

Application Increase Salary.

Under date 30th September 1918, Mr T. Cullen, Clerk in County Surveyor's Office, wrote applying for an increase in his salary of 30/- per week, which he stated was inadequate to meet present day requirements.

On the motion of Mr Kehoe, seconded by Mr Cloney, the following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed:-

"That the application of Mr T. Cullen, Clerk in County Surveyor's Office, for increase in his salary be refused."

Tara Hill Quarry.

Under date 30th September 1918, Mr P. Byrne, Tara Hill Quarry, wrote applying for appointment as permanent foreman of the Quarry. He was prepared to accept the appointment and keep the accounts of the Quarry for a wage of £2. 5/- per week.

On the motion of Mr Cloney, seconded by Mr Kehoe, the following recommendation of Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed:-

"That Mr Patrick Byrne be appointed permanent foreman at Tara Hill Quarry, at a wage of £2 per week on condition that, besides acting as Foreman, he keeps the Accounts of the Quarry, performs all the Smith work, and carries out the general work of repairs to Machinery in the quarry as he has been doing up to the present."

Examination for Candidates for Assistant Surveyors.

The Local Government Board wrote under date 1st October 1918, (letter No. 105M : 1918) that an examination of Candidates for qualification as Assistant Surveyors would be held at the Custom

House, Dublin, at 10 a.m., on 29th & 30th October.

"No Order"

Motor Drivers & Statutory Age Limit.

Under date 15th August 1918, the Local Government Board wrote forwarding copy of New Defence of the Realm Regulations & D.D., made by Order in Council dated 19th July 1918, which enables licences for the driving of certain kind of motor cars to be granted under the Motor Car Act 1903, to certain male persons between the age of 16 and 17 provided the authority granting the licence are satisfied that the youth to whom it is granted is competent to drive such a motor car.

"No Order"

RECOMMENDATIONS FINANCE & ROADS COMMITTEE.

Assistant Surveyor Murphy:- "That Mr J. J. Murphy, Assistant Surveyor, be allowed to reside in Wexford town pending his obtaining a suitable residence in his district."

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

Road Gorey to Arklow:- Under date 2nd September 1918, the following resolution unanimously adopted by the Gorey Rural District Council was received from the Clerk to that Council:-

"That we desire to draw the special attention of the County Council to the deplorable condition of the Arklow Road leading from Gorey. It is at present absolutely dangerous for any kind of traffic being full of holes and the surface is very rough. We recommend the County Council to have this road from Gorey to the County boundary and the road from Inch to Borleagh Bridge steamrolled at once as this is one of the principal thoroughfares in the County."

The following recommendation was confirmed on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Kehoe:-

"That the County Surveyor be requested to furnish a special report to the Gorey Rural District Council as to the condition of the Gorey-Arklow Road, and as to the probable cost of having it steamrolled."

State of Rate Collection:- The following recommendation was confirmed on the motion of Mr Kehoe, seconded by Mr Cloney:-

"That our Secretary communicate with Rate Collectors (with the exception of Collector Redmond whose collection is backward owing

to the death of his wife) who up to the 31st August last have not yet collected 50 per cent of the amounts of their warrants for the current half-year, and inform them that the Finance & Roads Committee are surprised that they have not made more progress with their work, and also in no circumstances will the Finance & Roads Committee recommend the County Council to apply to the Local Government Board for an extension of time to close his collection on behalf of any of these Collectors."

"The Secretary stated that all the Collectors had closed and the full amount of warrant was lodged in each case."

Wexford Bridge:- The following is an extract from the report of the County Surveyor to the Finance & Roads Committee:-

"I have now closed down the work on Wexford Bridge for the present season. The repairs to the bascule proved satisfactory and it is now in good condition. The remainder of the bridge is, as far as I can judge, fairly safe, but of course unsuitable for anything but ordinary traffic. I have to report that one night while the repair work was proceeding, a tractor and lorry heavily laden passed on the bridge, but was turned back by the night watchman. It has however passed on some one hundred yards of the structure. I understand it was taking portion of a seaplane to the station at Ferrybank."

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

"That the attention of the Commander at the U.S.N. Seaplane Station at Ferrybank, Wexford, be called to the report of the Co. Surveyor as to motor vehicles in connection with the station crossing Wexford Bridge. The Finance & Roads Committee desire to state that it was only recently the Commander's attention was drawn to the fact that only motor vehicles in an unladen condition and then only when under two tons in weight, were allowed to pass over this structure. They trust he will instruct his Motor drivers to observe this by-law of the County Council in future."

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

Wages of Men employed on Roads:- The following is an extract from the report of the Co. Surveyor to the Meeting of the Finance

& Roads Committee of 8th inst:-

"With regard to working of roads by direct labour I find that usually the men ask to be paid in full regardless of stoppage due to weather, and I ask for instructions in dealing with this matter."

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

"That the men engaged in direct labour on roads be paid at the rate of 25/- per week."

Proposed Purchase of Stonebreaker:- The following extract from the Co. Surveyor's Report to the meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee on this date was submitted:-

"I consider it would be advisable if the Council would purchase Stonebreaker belonging to Mr Edward Kavanagh, St John's Enniscorthy, which could then be left at Tara Hill Quarry and the other breaker could travel to the various Co Council Quarries requiring a large machine."

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

"That the County Surveyor be authorised to negotiate the purchase of stonebreaker from Mr Edward Kavanagh at a price not exceeding £300."

The above recommendation was confirmed on the motion of Mr Kehoe, seconded by Mr Cloney."

Duncannon Hulk:- The County Surveyor submitted to the Finance & Roads Committee the following in reference to Duncannon Hulk:-

"I wish to draw the attention of the Council to the payment at present being made to Laurence Monaghan for caretaking the Duncannon Hulk and lighting lamps. As you are aware the hulk is now beached in the inner harbour and the portion of the work in connection with it is of course in abeyance."

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

"That the question of remuneration to be paid to Laurence Monaghan as regards lighting of lamps etc., at Duncannon, be postponed, and that in the meantime the Co Surveyor be directed to advertise the hulk for sale."

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

Misappropriation of Material from Ballymurray Quarry:- The County Surveyor submitted to the Finance & Roads Committee the following:-

"Some time ago the matter of disposal of material from Ballymurray Quarry by Michael Cullen was under discussion, and I submit particulars. Mr Cullen admits having disposed of material and states he is satisfied to pay whatever damage the County Council consider necessary."

The following recommendation was submitted from the Finance & Roads Committee and confirmed on the motion of Mr Kehoe, seconded by Mr Cloney:-

"That Michael Cullen, The Crush, Ballaghkeene, be directed to lodge to the credit of the County Council a sum of £2. 5/- being the value of material taken by him from Ballymurray Quarry, according to the valuation of the County Surveyor."

Proposals for Payment.

Proposed by the Chairman,

Seconded by Mr Kehoe:-

"That the several proposals for payment for salaries and other fixed items of expenditure as recommended by the Finance & Roads Committee be and are hereby adopted."

Analyst's Report.

City Laboratory,

Chatham Row Dublin.

23rd August 1918.

Report of Sir Charles Cameron, C. B., M. D., Public Analyst for County Wexford, on articles submitted to him for analysis during quarter ended 30th June 1918.

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

<u>Article</u>	<u>Number.</u>
Butter	37
Milk	26
Buttermilk	13
Margarine	8
Lard	7

<u>Article</u>	<u>Number</u>
Whiskey	5
Mustard	5
Cornflour	5
Rice	4
Bread	4
Ale	8
Cream of tartar	3
Tea	2
Brandy	2
Stout	2
Pepper	2
Port Wine	2
Coffee	2
Sugar	2
Baking Powder	2
Bread Soda	2
Rum	3
Porter	1
Guinness XX Stout	1
Sherry Wine	1
Gin	1
Beef suet	1
Honey	1
Drug	1
Oatmeal	1
Total	<u>161</u>

One certificate was sent to Sergeant Tuohy, Gorey, for specimen of whiskey which was 30 degrees under proof and was therefore adulterated with 6.67 per cent of water.

One certificate was sent to Sergeant White, Wexford, 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 Ruane, Taghmon, for specimen of milk deprived of at least 26 per cent of its fats.

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

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

One imperial gallon contained in grains.

Total solid matter	23.100
Including	
Albuminoid Ammonia	0.012
Saline Ammonia	0.014
Nitric Acid	0.870
Chlorine	2.180
Colour	yellow

An inferior water.

For the Guardians of Gorey Union nine drugs were analysed. One was incorrect.

One specimen of barley was analysed for Messrs S. & A. G. Davis Ltd., Enniscorthy.

For the Guardians of Shillelagh Union three drugs were analysed. One was incorrect.

Two specimens of water analysed for the Commanding Officer, U.S. Naval Air Station, Wexford, had the following compositions.

One imperial gallon contained in grains.

	<u>No. 1.</u>	<u>No. 2.</u>
Total solid matter	70.000	49.000
Including		
Albuminoid Ammonia	0.006	0.005
Saline Ammonia	0.005	0.001
Nitric Acid	1.000	Trace
Chlorine	20. 000	6.180
Colour	almost colourless	colourless.

Both good waters.

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
Adulterated & defective articles.....	6.

Cs A. Cameron .

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(Signed) Michael Doyle
Presiding Chairman.

MEETING.- 6th NOVEMBER 1918.

A Meeting of the County Council, was held in the County Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford, on Wednesday, 6th November 1918.

Present:- Mr M. Doyle (Vice-Chairman) presiding.

Also:- Messrs M. Maddock, N. J. Fowler, J. J. Stafford, J. J. Kehoe, P. Quigley, T. Asple, P. Whelan, M. Codd, J. Redmond.

The Secretary, County Surveyor, and County Solicitor, were also present.

Mr J. Bolger, Chairman of the Council, wrote regretting his inability to attend the meeting, as he had to be present at a meeting of the Department of Agriculture in connection with next year's tillage Scheme.

Confirmation of Minutes.

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and confirmed.

The late Mr J. S. Hearn and Mr T. L. Esmonde.

The following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Cowman:-

"That we express our heartfelt regret at the tragic deaths of our able and esteemed colleague Mr John S Hearn, and also of Mr Thomas L. Esmonde, Chairman of the County Wexford Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction, and former member of our County Council. We offer to their Widows and relatives our condolence in their bereavement. The public and industrial life of Wexford will suffer grave loss by the demise of two of its prominent leaders, both so closely and honourably identified with movements which made for the upbuilding of our Country. From personal touch and close contact with the deceased we desire to place on record our appreciation of their kindness, courtesy, and tact in the conduct of public business and of their anxiety to develop and improve the agriculture and other industries of Ireland.

That our Secretary be instructed to forward copy of this resolution to Mrs Hearn, and Mrs Esmonde.

That we further desire to offer our sympathies with the families of other residents of our County who perished in the disaster."

The following acknowledgment was read from Mrs Esmonde, under date

26th October 1918:-

"I wish you to convey to the Members of your County Council my sincere thanks for their vote of condolence in my great loss. I also wish to thank you personally for the sympathy you offer me. I have always heard Mr Esmonde speak of you as a friend and official he trusted in every work you met on. No words can express what I have lost."

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Cowman, a resolution was adopted that the letter of Mrs Esmonde should be recorded on the Minutes of this day's meeting."

The following addressed to the Chairman, Members, and Staff of the County Council, was read from Mrs J. S. Hearn:-

"Mrs Hearn returns heartfelt thanks for all the kind sympathy shown to her and to her son in their great sorrow and loss."

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Cowman, a resolution was adopted that the letter of Mrs Hearn be recorded on the Minutes of this day's meeting."

Co-option Member of County Council.

With reference to the loss of Mr J. S. Hearn, County Councillor, in the disaster to S. S. Lenister, the following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr M. Codd:-

"That the New Ross Urban Council be requested to recommend a successor on the County Council to the late Mr J. S. Hearn, deceased."

New Member-Co Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction.

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

"That Mr Edward Condren, Castletown, Inch, be appointed a member of the County Wexford Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction vice Mr T. L. Esmonde, deceased."

Coal Saving.

Under date 18th October 1918, the Local Government Board wrote calling attention to the vital need of a great national effort to meet the serious position which has arisen as to the coal supply. They felt sure that all local authorities would render the Government all possible assistance in the matter, and set an example of economy by reducing consumption of coal, gas, etc. The Board also forwarded

a leaflet setting forth the reasons for conservation of the coal supply.

"No Order."

Rate Collection.

The following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Asple:-

"That we call on the Rate Collectors who up to the 31st October last have not made any lodgment of Rates to proceed with their collections without further delay."

Enniscorthy R. D. School Attendance Committee.

The following Minute was submitted by the Enniscorthy R. D. Council:-

"At a Meeting of the Enniscorthy Rural District School Attendance Committee on 18th September, the following Members were disqualified for non-attendance:- Messrs T. Hayes, P. J. Bowe, T. Cleary, and L. Harte. Would the Council kindly recommend some Members to the Co Council for co-option? On the motion of Mr Murphy, seconded by Mr Lynch, it was decided to recommend the County Council to co-opt the Members abovenamed."

On the motion of Mr Asple, seconded by Mr Maddock, the above recommendation of Enniscorthy Rural District Council was adopted.

County Wexford War Pensions Committee.

Under date 5th August 1918, the following was read from the Secretary, Co. Wexford War Pensions Local Committee:-

"I beg to bring under your notice the names of the nine representatives appointed by the County Council, who have resigned their seats, my Committee request that you will be good enough to have your Council nominate members in their stead, the names are:- Messrs J. J. O'Byrne, M. C. C., James Codd, M. C. C., A. Kinsella, M. C. C., P. O'Neill, M. C. C., J. A. Doyle M. C. C., Sir Thomas Esmonde, N. J. Cowman M. C. C., also, Mr J. Murphy D. C., Mr Joe Brewer. Mr Brewer has recommended that Mr James Connolly, 5 Mary Street, New Ross, be appointed in his stead."

Under date 21st August 1918, a letter was read from Mr Thomas McCarthy, Irish National Trade & Labour Insurance Society, recommending the appointment of Mr Michael Ryan, Ballinroade, Oulart, as a

Member of the War Pensions Local Committee vice Mr James Murphy, Ballynamuddagh, The Ballagh, resigned.

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

"That Mr James Connolly, Mary Street, New Ross, and Mr Michael Ryan, Ballinroade, Oulart, be appointed Members of County Wexford War Pensions Committee, vice Mr Joseph Brewer, and Mr James Murphy, respectively, resigned."

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

"That the appointment of representatives of the County Council on War Pensions Local Committee be adjourned to next meeting and that our Secretary ask the Members of the Council to put themselves in a position to submit names of said representatives before said Meeting."

University Scholarship.

Mr Joseph Busher, Henrietta Street, Wexford, wrote under date 6th November 1918, that in order to fulfil the conditions of the Wexford County Council Scholarship Scheme it was necessary for scholarship holders to reside in a hostel approved of by the Council. He now found it impossible to comply with this condition as both University Hall and Blackrock College were full.

On the motion of Mr Cowman, seconded by Mr Fowler, the following recommendation of Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed:-

"That Mr Joseph Busher be allowed to reside in lodgings approved by the Dean of Residence of University College, pending his obtaining a vacancy in a recognised hostel."

Motor Traffic from U.S. Naval Station over Wexford Bridge.

Under date 19th October 1918, the following was read from Commander Herbester, U.S. Air Station, re Motor traffic Wexford Bridge:-

"Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of October 9th relative to motor vehicle crossing over your bridge. The only trucks belonging to this station passing over this bridge are trucks known as the Ranier type, which are 3/4 ton trucks.

An investigation of the Tractor and lorry mentioned in your letter has disclosed that said tractor and said lorry came from another station and did not belong to this station at all.

weight belonging to this station have crossed the Wexford Bridge during the past two or three months.

It is requested that a sign be made so that drivers from other places not knowing the regulations concerning your bridge may be informed."

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

"That the County Surveyor be instructed to have a notice dealing especially with Motor traffic exhibited at each end of Wexford Bridge."

Ferrybank Road.

In connection with the resolution of Wexford Corporation as to closing of Ferrybank Road, etc., to the public, the following was read from the Secretary to the Commander-in-Chief, Coast of Ireland:-

"With reference to your letter of the 19th October 1918, and the copies of correspondence attached thereto, the Commander-in-Chief desires me to inform you that, after careful enquiry into the matter he is unable to give permission to anyone to use the road leading to Ferrybank and the pier which are now included in the area occupied by the Seaplane Station.

The Commander-in-Chief much regrets the inconvenience caused to the public, but the necessities of war make this unavoidable."

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

"That copy of letter from Commander -in-Chief, Coast of Ireland, re Ferrybank Road be furnished the Wexford Corporation for their information."

Application Co. Surveyor-Increase of Salary.

The following is an extract for the report of the County Surveyor to the Finance & Roads Committee:-

"I beg to apply to the Council for an increase in my present salary. I have already written to the several members of the Council on this matter dealing with the points of my claim, and if the Committee will take up the matter I shall be prepared to deal further with it."

The Finance & Roads Committee submitted the following Minute:-

"Mr Cowman proposed:- That the application of Mr Barry, County Surveyor, for increase of salary, as such, be refused."

Mr Maddock seconded.

Mr Stafford moved:- That Mr Barry, County Surveyor, be granted an increase of £100 per annum in his salary, to date as from the present meeting."

Mr Kehoe seconded.

A poll was taken with the following result:-

For the amendment:- Mr Stafford:- Messrs Fowler, Stafford, and Kehoe.-3.

Against:- Messrs Whelan, Cowman, Maddock, Asple, Quigley M. Codd, Redmond, and the Chairman.-8.

The Chairman declared the amendment lost.

Mr Quigley proposed:- That Mr Barry, County Surveyor be granted for one year as from this date, a sum not to exceed £50 as a mileage allowance to meet his travelling expenses."

Mr Fowler seconded this amendment.

On a poll the following was the result:-

For the amendment:- Messrs Whelan, Fowler, Cowman, Stafford, Asple, Quigley, M. Codd, Redmond, and Kehoe.-9

Against:- Messrs Maddock and the Chairman.-2.

The Chairman declared the amendment carried.

The resolution of Mr Cowman was then put and passed Mem con.

"The action of the Finance & Roads Committee agreeing to the proposal to allow the County Surveyor £50 for one year as travelling expenses was confirmed on the motion of Mr Fowler seconded by Mr Asple."

United Irish League.

A letter was read from the Hon Secretary, South Wexford Executive United Irish League, asking the County Council to nominate six delegates to attend a Convention of Nationalists in the Town Hall Wexford, on 20th November, to select a Candidate to contest South Wexford at the approaching General Election in the Constitutional Nationalist Interest.

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

"That we appoint delegates to the forthcoming Convention of Nationalists to select a Candidate in the Constitutional National Interest to contest South Wexford at the approaching General Election."

On the motion of Mr Cowman, seconded by Mr Fowler, the following Delegates were appointed:- Messrs P. Quigley, M. Cloney, W. Thorpe, James Codd, Louis Barry, and Michael Maddock."

Cherryorchard Quarry.

Under date October 17th 1918, Maurice O'Neill, Thomas Fenelon, Joseph Glennon, John Kehoe, Michael Kehoe, Michael Carney, and Dan Connors, employed at Cherryorchard Quarry, wrote asking to be paid at the rate of 2/- per yard for quarrying, and 10d per yard for breaking stones.

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

"That the application of the men working in Cherryorchard Quarry for an increase of wages be referred to the following Committee:- Messrs Asple, O'Neill, and N. J. Cowman, with the County Surveyor and Senior Assistant Surveyor. That Alderman Corish, and Mr James Murphy, Ballynamuddagh, Representatives of Transport Workers Union, and Trade & Labour Union, be invited to attend the meeting of the Committee. That the Committee report to next meeting of Finance & Roads Committee."

Ballybrennan Quarry.

Under date 18th October 1918, Myles Hendrick, foreman Ballybrennan Quarry, applied for increase of wages. He pointed out that an increase had been conceded to the other employees of the quarry, and he was now the worst paid man working there. His present weekly wage was £1. 5/-

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

"That as from this date the wages of Mr Hendrick foreman Ballybrennan Quarry, be fixed at 30/- per week."

Ryland Wood Quarry.

Under date 30th October 1918, the following letter was read from Owen Doyle, working foreman, Ryland Wood Quarry:-

"I beg to inform your Council I want an increase of five

shillings per week in my wages, owing to the increased cost of living and cost of postage. My upkeep is 19/- per week."

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

"That the wages of Owen Doyle, Glasslacken, employed in Ryland Wood Quarry, be fixed at 30/- per week, as from this date."

Application from Engine Man.

Under date 30th October 1918, the following was read from John Dempsey, Engineman, Middletown, Kilcotty, Enniscorthy:-

"I beg to apply for increase of my present wage as I find it very difficult to subsist. At present my wage is 25/- per week, as second engine man. My duties I may say is arduous in so far as the hours I have to work is invariably from 12 to 13 each day. I find it very difficult even to be able to support myself on the present wage. I was led to believe when I took up duty I would receive an increase in the course of a month. Up to the present I have received no increase whatever. I may say that unless you consent to give me an increase, it will not be possible for me to continue in my present employment. Trusting that your Council will give due consideration to my case."

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

"That no action be taken on application of John Dempsey, Engine man, for increase in wages, as the Engine is at present in Military custody."

Gorey R. D. School Attendance Committee.-War Bonus.

Under date 12th October 1918, a letter was read from the Secretary, Gorey R. D. School Attendance Committee, that at the meeting of that day, it was unanimously decided to grant War Bonus of £2. 10/- per annum to the Secretary and the two School Attendance Officers of the Committee, as from 1st January 1918.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Maddock, seconded by Mr Fowler:-

"That the resolution of Gorey R.D.School Attendance Committee granting War Bonus of £2. 10/- per annum each to their Officials as

Application Increased Grant County Wexford Infirmary.

Under date 24th October 1918, Mr N. J. Cosgrave, Registrar, Co. Wexford Infirmary, forwarded the following resolution, which was passed at a Meeting of the Management Committee held on 14th October 1918:-

"That the County Council be asked to give the Wexford County Infirmary the maximum grant of £1400 per year."

The following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Cowman--

"That the application of the Committee of Management of County Wexford Infirmary for the increase of their annual grant by £100 be refused for the present, so as to allow the new management of the Institution an opportunity to effect improvement in its finances."

Coal-Taghmon and Duncormack Courthouses.

Under date 4th October 1918, the following was read from Mr R. P. Corish, C. P.S., Taghmon:-

"Will you kindly arrange for the usual supply of Coals for Taghmon and Duncormack Courthouses (Three Tons) in due course and much oblige."

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

"That 2½ tons of Coal be allowed Mr R. P. Corish, C. P. S., Taghmon, for the heating of Taghmon and Duncormack Courthouses."

Irrecoverable Rates.

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

"That the lists of Irrecoverable Rates presented to this meeting by our Secretary from the several Rate Collectors, in respect of half-year ended 30th September 1918, be and are hereby allowed and reported to the Local Government Board for approval."

Confirmation of Minutes.

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

"That the minutes of meetings of Finance & Roads Committee and of Proposal Committee Meetings, which have been held since last meeting of the County Council be and are hereby confirmed."

Burial of Carcasses.

The Secretary pointed out that at the meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee on 4th April, 1918, Mr W. Kehoe, Harbour Master, Kilmore, had applied for 25/- for burial of 100 sides of bacon washed ashore. A resolution was then adopted adjourning the application to next meeting, Mr Elgee, Solicitor to the County Council, in the meantime to look into the question of the liability of the County Council as to the burial of Carcasses washed ashore.

At the meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee on 24th April 1918 Mr Elgee reported that the Council were liable for payment of cost of burial of carcasses washed ashore, under Sec 46 of the Act of 1894, but they could recover the expense from the owner of the vessel from which the carcass was thrown or washed over. In the present instance it was not possible to identify the vessel.

No order was made on the letter of Mr Elgee.

The Secretary pointed out that if the Council wished to pay Mr Kehoe for this work, it would be necessary to pass a resolution to that effect.

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

"That a sum of 25/- be paid Mr Walter Kehoe, Harbour Master, Kilmore, for burial of 100 sides of bacon washed ashore in the vicinity of Kilmore."

Roads Nos. 146R & 147R.

The following certificate was submitted by the County Surveyor relative to above Roads--

"I, pursuant to Section 1 of the 1st George V Cap 45, The Public Roads (Ireland) Act 1911, Hereby Certify that having regard to the average expense of repairing Roads 146R and 147R in the Rural District of New Ross said Roads being Public Roads for the repair and maintenance of which the County Council of the County of Wexford are liable and have undertaken to repair, Extraordinary expenses have become necessary for the repairing of said Roads by reason of the damage caused by excessive weight passing along same or extraordinary traffic thereon by reason of the transport and haulage of Timber.

And I further certify that in my opinion it will require the sum

of £500 to put said road into proper state of repair and that I have estimated for said sum for such purpose."

Proposed by Mr Cowman.

Seconded by Mr Redmond,

"The County Surveyor having pursuant to Section 1 of the 1st George V Cap 45, The Public Roads (Ireland) Act 1911, Certified that Roads No. 146R and 147R were damaged by excessive weight and extraordinary traffic owing to the haulage of timber thereon and having estimated that it would require the sum of £500 to put said roads into repair it is ordered that our Solicitor take such proceedings pursuant to said Act of Parliament as he may be advised against the parties that caused such excessive weight and extraordinary traffic to be hauled on said roads."

Charge of Taking Co Council Material from Quarry.

The following is an extract from the County Surveyor's Report to the Finance & Roads Committee:-

"At your meeting of the 8th October you considered the charge against Mr Michael Cullen of disposing of material from Ballymurray Quarry, and in the interval Mr Murphy, Assistant Surveyor, reported to me that further material had been disposed of. I wrote Mr Cullen on the matter, and he denies the charge. I submit correspondence."

The County Surveyor stated that he wrote the following letter to Cullen, under date 24th October 1918:-

"Mr Murphy, Assistant Surveyor, reports to me that you are again disposing of stuff from Ballymurray Quarry, and I must point out to you that if this be so you are rendering yourself liable to prosecution and severe penalties. I shall report the matter to the next meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee."

In reply to this letter Cullen denied that he had disposed of any material and stated he would make Mr Murphy prove the charge against him. It was a curious thing for Mr Murphy or any other to blaguard him and he would get his Solicitor to see the end of it.

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

"That the County Surveyor be instructed to take up all roads

provided Mr Barry be advised by our Solicitor that this step can legally be taken."

Clonhasten Quarry.

The County Surveyor reported as follows, to the Finance & Roads Committee:-

"On the 17th Ult., I visited Clonhasten Quarry, and there met the Enniscorthy Town Surveyor, and our Contractor, in regard to the working of the quarry, and made arrangements so that both the Urban District and County Council could carry on work there. The Contractor-Mr Peter Carty- asks to have the use of the Co. Council Rock Drill in preparing material for the Urban District work, and as the drill is at present idle I am satisfied that it might be loaned to him on terms similar to those under which Mr Flood hired it before. The Contractor would have to supply his own engine power etc.,"

On the motion of Mr Maddock, seconded by Mr Codd, the following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed:-

"That Mr Peter Carty, Contractor Clonhasten Quarry, be allowed to use the Rock Drill of the County Council at the rate of 10/- per day, provided he supplies engine and everything else necessary for the working of said drill. That he be responsible for the drill while in his custody."

Proposed Purchase Stonebreaker.

The County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"On the 30th Ult., I met Mr Edward Kavanagh, St John's and discussed with him the purchase of his stonebreaker at present working in Tara Hill. By resolution of the Council I am authorised to negotiate for the purchase at a price not exceeding £300, but Mr Kavanagh is not prepared to accept less than £325."

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

"That the County Surveyor be instructed to purchase stonebreaker of Mr E. Kavanagh, St John's Enniscorthy, for £325, no payment to be made in respect of hireage of this Stonebreaker from Mr Kavanagh for present working period."

Kilrush Gullet.

The County Surveyor submitted the following report to the Finance & Roads Committee:-

"On the 19th Ult., I received a letter from Messrs O'Flaherty & Son, Solicitors, in regard to a gullet recently constructed at Kilrush crossroads, near Ferns. Messrs O'Flaherty threatened legal proceedings unless work was done to satisfy their client-Mr R. Codd-. I wrote Messrs O'Flaherty explaining the circumstances and have heard nothing further, and I now recommend that the matter be placed in the hands of the Council's Solicitor for his report."

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

"That the County Surveyor be instructed to endeavour to settle the dispute re gullet at Kilrush crossroads so as to avoid legal proceedings."

Proposals for Works.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Cowman, seconded by Mr Fowler:-

"That the several Proposals for Public Works made by the County Surveyor and adopted at this day's meeting of the Proposal Committee, be placed in charge of the County Surveyor."

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(Signed)

John Bolger

Presiding Chairman.

Dated this 3rd day of December 1918.

Statutable Half-Yearly Meeting.-3rd December 1918.

The Statutable Half-Yearly Meeting of the County Council, was held in the County Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford, on 3rd December 1918.

Present:- Mr John Bolger (Chairman) Presiding.

Also:- Messrs James Codd, M. Cloney, N. J. Cowman, M. Maddock, J.J. Fowler, James Lynch, R. Scallan, Mark Codd, P. Whelan, W. Thorpe.

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

Confirmation of Minutes.

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and confirmed.

Co-option of County Councillor.

Under date 13th November 1918, the following resolution was received from New Ross Urban Council:-

"That Mr Peter N. O'Gorman, J. P., Chairman of this Council, be recommended to the Wexford County Council as a successor to the late Mr J. S. Hearn, deceased."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Thorpe, seconded by Mr Cloney:-

"That Mr P. N. O'Gorman, be co-opted a member of this County Council, as representative of New Ross Urban District, vice Mr J. S. Hearn, deceased, to serve for unexpired period of office of Mr Hearn's Councillorship."

War Pensions Committee.

Under date 25th November 1918, Mr Merriman, Secretary, County Wexford War Pensions Committee, wrote forwarding supplementary estimate for administrative expenses for year ended March 1919, made up as follows:-

Postage, Supplementary Estimate	£40
Honorium to late Secretary for services rendered.	8. 6. 8
Organisation expenses, travelling etc., and giving lectures and forming Sub-Committees.	25.
Secretary's salary, increase by-owing to the enormous increase in the work.-	100. 0. 0

Under date 14th October 1918, the Local Government Board wrote

(letter No. 47391-1918, Wexford Co.,) that as regards the application of the County Wexford War Pensions Committee for recoupment of two-thirds of the amount of the Administrative Expenses paid by the Committee for period ended 31st March 1918, if a supplementary estimate in respect of the excess expenditure incurred viz:- £26. 14. 9d under heading "Office expenses of Local Committee" was submitted the Board would be prepared to consider the matter.

Under date 28th November 1918, the Secretary War Pensions Committee, wrote as follows:-

"Replying to your letter in reference to administrative expenses for year ended March 1918, I have to inform you that so far as I can trace the expenses which constituted this amount were, Office Rent and Office Requisites. Unless I forwarded you a complete statement of the administrative expenses, which I will do if necessary, I do not think I could give you the information otherwise."

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

"That the County Council agree to supplementary estimate for £26. 14. 9d for additional office expenses of County Wexford War Pensions for period ended March 1918, but refuse to agree to supplementary estimate of £173. 6. 8d in respect of period ending March 1919"

The Secretary stated the following County Councillors had resigned Membership of the War Pensions Committee:- Messrs J. J. O'Byrne, James Codd, A. Kinsella, P. O'Neill, J. A. Doyle, N. J. Cowman, and Sir T. H. G. Esmonde. It was necessary that their places should be filled, tho' it was not essential that the new representatives should be members of the County Council."

"It was decided to adjourn appointments until next meeting of the County Council."

Representative of Co. Council on Co. Wexford

-----Insurance Society-----

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

"That Mr Maddock be appointed representative of the Wexford Co. Council on Co. Wexford Insurance Society, vice Mr C.H. Peacocke, deceased."

Proposals for Payments.

Proposed by the Chairman, Seconded by Mr James Codd, :-

"That the several Proposals for payment submitted by the Proposal Committee and Rural District Councils as appearing on Forms 22, and for all matters dealing with general payments as submitted by the Secretary and recommended by the Finance & Roads Committee, also transfers to Public Bodies, be and are hereby approved subject to the modifications and other orders noted thereon and initialled by the Chairman."

"Passed"

Proposals for Works.

Proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Mr James Codd--

"That the several Proposals for Works submitted by the Proposal Committee and the Rural District Councils of Enniscorthy, Gorey, New Ross, and Wexford, 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."

"Passed"

County Wexford Infirmary.

The following was read from Mr N. J. Cosgrave, Temporary Registrar, County Wexford Infirmary, under date 25th November 1918, :-

"I am instructed by the Management Committee of the County Wexford Infirmary to inform you that the payments to Dr S. V. O'Connor, Surgeon, terminates on the 16th November 1918, and from that date payments are to be made to Dr R. Hickey."

The Secretary stated he wishes for instructions as regards this letter, as there appeared to be some dispute between Dr O'Connor, and the Infirmary Committee.

The following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was adopted on the motion of Mr Cowman, seconded by Mr Maddock:-

"That copy of letter from the Temporary Registrar of the County Wexford Infirmary as to payment to be made to Dr S.V. O'Connor, in respect of salary be furnished Dr O'Connor."

Defaulting Road Contractors.

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

"That the County Surveyor be authorised to proceed against the following Defaulting Road Contractors should it be considered necessary:-

55E Patrick Mangan, Ballyconnigar, 6W & 7W Michael Fortune, Kereight,
23W Patrick Conboy, Moorfields, 33W Michael Cullen, The Crush."

Application for leave -Mr J.J.Murphy Assistant
-----Surveyor.-----

Under date 18th November 1918, the following letter was received from Mr J. J. Murphy, Assistant Surveyor:-

"I beg to ask leave of absence for a few weeks. I am required on urgent business at home. I have had all my measurements completed. I asked Mr Barry for leave but he referred me to you, yet another Assistant Surveyor got three weeks' leave and had not to apply to the Council."

This communication was considered at the meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee on 19th November, when the following was read from the County Surveyor:-

"I beg to report that on Mr Murphy applying to me for extended leave at this busy time I referred him to the Council. I have to report that Mr Murphy did not attend the Adjourned Meeting of the Enniscorthy Rural District Council on Wednesday last the 13th inst., though I had previously pointed out to him that it was an order of the Council that Assistants should attend such meetings. Again, on Saturday last the 16th inst., Mr Murphy did not attend the Wexford Rural District Council Adjourned Meeting, and I believe he left town and his duties as assistant without waiting for your decision in regard to granting his leave."

The following recommendation was adopted by the Finance and Roads Committee:-

"That our Secretary Wire Mr J. J. Murphy, Assistant Surveyor, for an explanation as to why he is absent from duty without leave. That reply from Mr Murphy be presented to next meeting of Finance & Roads Committee."

The Secretary stated he had telegraphed Mr Murphy, and had also written him. The following was received from Mr Murphy on 26th November:-

"I am in receipt of yours of the 19th inst., Please inform the Finance & Roads Committee that I was required in Cork on important business, and that I asked the County Surveyor for

leave, and he referred me to the Council and I then left to the County Surveyor an application for leave to bring forward at the Finance & Roads Committee, but as the business I was required on was urgent, I had to leave before the Committee met.

I will be pleased to appear at the Committee meeting, should they desire any further explanation."

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

"That we accept Mr Murphy's explanation as to his absence from duty without obtaining proper leave on the present occasion. That he be directed that in future he is not to leave the service of the Council without the permission of the Council or the County Surveyor, and that he is to be specially careful in attending the half-yearly and Adjourned half-yearly meetings of the District Councils with which he is concerned."

The Question of Road Maintenance.

Under date 2nd November 1918, the following was read from Dr Hearn, Solicitor, New Ross:-

"At present time I am most loth to write complaining of the terrible display on the part of the County Surveyor either of indifference, or positive neglect, or some other quality I cannot exactly define.

It will be within your recollection and also within the actual knowledge of the County Surveyor, that at a Meeting of the County Council, the opinion of the Council that seemed to obtain general assent, was that to make good roads two conditions were necessary, viz-

1.-That the material should be good.

2.- That the stones should be broken to a small gauge.

Now let us see how the mind of the County Surveyor was impressed by those views.

Take Ballinaboela Quarry as a source of good material.

For years in this district, the stones were broken on the large size. Result, bad surface and continued series of ruts. After much pressure by complaints I succeeded in having the stones in this quarry broken small. Result, good surface established.

What is the position this Season. The breaker was started in the quarry, and all stones broken on an oversize, and none small.

These stones are now being spread in this district with disastrous results.

Accordingly, my conclusion is that Mr Barry pays no attention either to the requirements of the road, nor the views of the Council. I can say from experience all his steam-rolling is a most ghastly failure.

I am aware that the County Council have asked him to formulate a direct labour scheme. I know not how far this has progressed. If there should be a difficulty in obtaining labour, it is no answer to the request for the sketch of a scheme. It is in operation in adjoining Counties, and what can be done elsewhere ought not to be beyond the capacity of the County Wexford.

Again, I have frequently called Mr Barry's attention to absence of any stones being placed on certain sections of the Wexford Road for two years. This complaint still stands, and I can supply the information. As you are aware I travel over the road (New Ross to Wexford) 2 or 3 days a week or six single journeys per week. I am certainly in the best position to say how much this road is neglected, which in my opinion is nothing short of a public scandal, and points to the conclusion, there is something radically wrong in the administration of the office of the County Surveyor."

Under date 15th November 1918, Dr Hearn wrote as follows:-

"I have written many letters to the County Surveyor calling his attention to the needed requirements to the Wexford and New Ross Road. So far nothing has been done except in parts the cutting of grass and briars along the fence.

Surely stones ought to be spread at this Season, and not coming on in the Spring when they will not consolidate, and later have to be raked off.

There are long stretches sorely in need of stones, and none spread for over two years."

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

"That Dr Hearn, Solicitor, New Ross, be informed that in the opinion of the County Surveyor the New Ross Road between Ballinaboola and New Ross has been very much improved except where it has been cut up by engine traffic. The County Surveyor made no change in the size of material this year, as compared with last year, and holds that

the road would be in very fair condition if it were not for extraordinary traffic."

Second County Surveyor.

The following resolution from Enniscorthy R. D. Council Meeting under date 3rd November 1917, was before the Council on a couple of occasions and postponed to the present meeting:-

"That we are of the opinion that one County Surveyor is not sufficient for the County, and we request the County Council to appoint two Surveyors, one for North and one for South Wexford."

In connection with above resolution the following resolution was received from New Ross R. D. Council:-

"That we decline to approve of the Resolution of the Enniscorthy Rural District Council recommending the appointment of a second County Surveyor, as we do not consider such appointment necessary nor any additional County Surveyors, and we request the County Council to insist on their present Staff on the roads giving more attention to the duties which they were appointed for."

"No expression of opinion had been received from Gorey or Wexford Rural District Councils."

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Lynch, the following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was adopted:-

"That the resolutions from Enniscorthy and New Ross R. D. Councils as to proposed appointment of second County Surveyor be considered at the meeting of the County Council in February next."

University Scholarship Scheme.

The Registrar of University College, Dublin, submitted a report as to the progress etc., of Holders of University Scholarships.

"No Order"

Tomgarrow Quarry

P. A. Roche, Tomgarrow, Adamstown, forwarded Bill for £10. 10/- for quarrying at Tomgarrow Quarry. He contended that under an agreement which he had made with Mr Treanor, Senior Assistant Surveyor, this was due. He was not now working in quarry.

On the motion of Mr Lynch, seconded by Mr Cowman, the following recommendation of the Finance and Roads Committee was confirmed:-

That, having heard the explanation of Mr T. Treanor, Senior

Assistant Surveyor, as to the terms of agreement which he made with Mr P. A. Roche, Tomgarrow, we refuse to entertain claim of Mr Roche for payment of £10. 10/-."

Charge of taking Material from Ballymurray Quarry.

Under date 14th November 1918, Mr M. Cullen, The Crush, Ballaghkeene, wrote that he disputed the charge made against him by Mr Murphy, Assistant Surveyor, as to taking material from Ballymurray Quarry. He was prepared to go before the Finance & Roads Committee and make Mr Murphy prove the charge.

"The County Surveyor stated he had had an interview with Mr Cullen, as a result of which he proposed to visit Ballymurray Quarry and make further investigation."

"It was decided to postpone the consideration of the matter until next monthly meeting of Finance & Roads Committee."

Application L. Doyle, Quarryman- Increase Wages.

Under date 13th November 1918, the following was read from L. Doyle, Quarryman, Ryland Weed Quarry:-

"I beg to inform your Council that I want Five Shillings increase in my wages owing to cost of living. My upkeep is 19/- per week."

On the motion of Mr Cowman, seconded by Mr Lynch, the following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was adopted:-

"That Mr Doyle be informed that his case is covered by the new rates of wages which have been recommended by the Wages Committee and adopted by the County Council."

Alleged Obstruction at Courtown Harbour.

The following resolution adopted at meeting of 4th November 1918, was submitted by Gorey R.D. Council:-

"That the County Council be requested to take steps to make Mr Anthony Williams, Courtown Harbour, take down the obstruction on the footpath outside his house."

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

"That the County Surveyor submit report to next meeting of Finance & Roads Committee as to alleged obstruction caused by Mr Anthony

Steamroller Gorey District.

The following resolution adopted by Gorey Rural District Council on 4th November 1918, was submitted:-

"That we, the District Council of Gorey, call upon the County Council to provide a Steam Roller for use in the Gorey Rural District, with as little delay as possible."

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

"That the County Council agree to the resolution of the Gorey R. D. Council to procure a steam-roller for the district. That the County Surveyor be instructed to make enquiries as to the cost of roller."

School Attendance Officer-Enniscorthy R.D.S.A. Committee.

Under date 22nd November 1918, Mr J. Whitty, Secretary Enniscorthy R. D. School Attendance Committee, reported that Mr John Fox, Blackwater, had been appointed School Attendance Officer (vice Mr Fortune resigned) at a salary of £27. 10/- per annum, the same amount of remuneration as was paid Mr Fortune.

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

"That we approve of the appointment of School Attendance Officer Enniscorthy, at a salary of £27. 10/- per annum."

Maternity & Child Welfare.

The Local Government Board under date 25th November 1918, (No. 46043-1918) forwarded Circular explanatory of the working of Schemes for Maternity and Child Welfare. They pointed out that in view of the functions devolving on County Councils as the local supervising Authorities under the Midwives (Ireland) Act 1918, and of the fact that the Exchequer Grant is now available for defraying half the salaries and expenses of Inspectors of Midwives employed in the administration of the Act, the Board would suggest that County Councils would take advantage of their powers as Local Authorities under the Notification of Births Acts of 1907 and 1915, and proceed to organise Schemes for Maternity and Child Welfare, thus securing the unification of home visiting for a number of different purposes. The adoption of the Act was optional in Rural Districts,

but the Board would point out that the Act can be adopted either by the Rural District Council itself, or by the County Council for the County Districts therein.

Midwives (Ireland) Act 1918.

Under date 2nd December 1918, the Local Government Board forwarded Circular letter as to the duties etc., of the Co. Council as Local Supervising Authority. The Circular in question dealt with form of notice to be issued by the Council, delegation of powers and duties, supervision of Midwives, Inspection of Midwives, powers of entry, Medical assistance in cases of emergency, contribution to the training of Midwives, supply of books and forms and annual report by Medical Officer who is in charge of the work of supervision of Midwives.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr James Codd, the following recommendation of Finance & Roads Committee was adopted:

"That the Circular from Local Government Board as to Maternity and Child Welfare, and the letter from the Local Government Board under date 2nd December 1918, as to the duties etc., of the Council as Local Supervising Authority under Midwives (Ireland) Act 1918, be referred to next meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee and that in the meantime our Secretary endeavour to ascertain what would be the cost of administration of the Schemes in question."

Prosecutions Road Contractors.

The County Surveyor submitted the following list of defaulting Road Contractors to the meeting:-

234W Richard Gaul, 105W Patrick Doyle, 199W, 200W, 203W, 201W, Patrick Boyse, 113W Thomas Kehoe, 167W Thomas Kehoe, 157W John White, 37W Michael Kehoe, 4W Edward Reid, 7E Patrick Dillon, 127E Patrick Brennan, 11E Christopher Molloy, 12E Charles Cullen, 59E Michael Redmond, 81E Daniel Carton, 121E Edward Kavanagh, 71W George Byrne, 37R James Hayes, 25E, 26E James Brien.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Lynch, seconded by Mr James Codd:-

"That the County Surveyor be empowered to prosecute any of the Road Contractors whose names he has reported to this meeting should the necessity arise."

Dates of Meetings.

On the motion of the Chairman, Seconded by Mr James Codd, the following dates of Meetings were adopted:-

Enniscorthy R. D. Council.-	9th April 1919 at 11 a.m.,
Gorey	" 10th April 1919, at 11.30. a.m.,
New Ross	" 3rd April 1919 at 11.30 a.m.,
Wexford	" 5th April 1919, at 11 a.m.,
Proposal Committee	8th April 1919, at 12 Noon.
County Council Meeting.	6th May 1919, at 12 Noon.

Report Wages Committee.

The following Report was laid before the Meeting:-

"In compliance with the Resolution of the County Council, adopted at the meeting on the 6th November last, a meeting of the Committee was held in Enniscorthy Courthouse at 3.30 p.m., on the 14th November. There were present at the Meeting- Messrs O'Neill, and Asple, M. C. C., and Mr James Murphy C. P. L. G., Representative of the Workmen's Union. The County Surveyor and Senior Assistant Surveyor were also in attendance. Mr Cowman, who was also nominated on the Committee, wired the Secretary of the County Council that he could not attend owing to illness. Alderman Corish did not attend.

The County Surveyor submitted schedule showing the scale of wages at present payable to a large number of the County Council Quarrymen, and also a list of the wages payable to the permanent machinery employees and Overseers, etc., the Committee went carefully into the whole matter and eventually adopted the following recommendations as standard rates of pay for the present:-

"For men engaged in County Council Quarries on day work, 7d per hour to end of February, and 6d per hour from February to November.

"For piece work in quarries where the whole quarrying is done by the workmen 2/- per cubic yard, and where blasting operations are carried out by the County Council 1/2 per cubic yard.

"For attendance on the Stonebreaker while preparing material 10d per cubic yard and the Co Council to supply the machinery.

In regard to wages of the permanent machinery employees, etc., the following rates are recommended:-

"William Murphy, General Machinery Overseer, £3 per week, to

include all travelling expenses and overtime.

Engine Driver £2 per week, and attendant, who would probably only be a boy £1. 5/- per week.

Reck Drill Operators- Hyland £2. 10/- and Nolan £2. 5/- per week.

Tara Hill Overseer £2 per week.

Road Overseers- O'Gorman £1. 15/-, Kelly £1. 10/-, Fortune £1. 10/-

Other labourers on roads should receive a minimum of £1. 6/- per week."

The Finance & Roads Committee submitted the following recommendation:-

"That the Report of Special Wages Committee held on 14th November 1918 be adopted. New Scales of wages to come into force as from this date."

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

Duncannon Hulk.

In his Report to the Finance & Roads Committee, the County Surveyor stated:-

"In regard to the disposal of Duncannon Hulk I have been in correspondence with Mr Friel, Harbour Engineer, Waterford, and on the 26th November, he called to my office to discuss the matter, but unfortunately I was away in Gorey. I had a conversation with Mr Friel over the phone on the 27th November when he informed me he would recommend his Board to offer £70 for the Hulk as it stands. This is a very small sum in view of the heavy expenditure already paid by the Council, and if there is any possibility of restoring the Hulk to its former position it might be more advisable to retain it."

The Finance & Roads Committee made the following recommendation:-

"That the County Council be recommended to refuse the offer of Waterford Harbour Board for purchase of Duncannon Hulk at £70."

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

The Drainage of Roads.

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

"That we instruct the County Surveyor and his Assistants to

pay special attention to the drainage of the roads of the County generally."

Firewood-Gorey Courthouse.

The Secretary stated that John Valentine, Courthouse Keeper, Gorey, was claiming 7/6 for firewood. No allowance of this kind had been previously made.

The following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Lynch:-

"That the item of 7/6 be struck out of account for fuel presented by J. Valentine, Courthouse Keeper, Gorey."

Coals for County Courthouse.

Mr George Stafford, Custom House Quay, Wexford, tendered to supply best Newport Red Ash Coal (delivered) to the County Courthouse for year 1919, at £3. 12/- per ton, and the tender was accepted on the motion of Mr Therpe, seconded by Mr Cowman.

Bond of Mr E. J. Murphy, Rate Collector.

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

"That Mr E. J. Murphy, Rate Collector, be instructed to provide fidelity guarantee bond without further delay, and that unless said bond has been entered into before next meeting of Finance & Roads Committee, we instruct our Secretary to obtain the surrender of Mr Murphy's Collecting Books."

Read 23W.

Under date 3rd November 1918, Messrs Huggard & Brennan, Solicitors Wexford, wrote on behalf of the Contractor for Road No. 23W (Contractor P. Conboy) that the latter had been unable to obtain his full quantity of material from Kerlogue Quarry, which was worked by the County Council, and he was unable to fulfil his side of the agreement and wished to be released from his contract.

The County Surveyor complained that the Contractor was not spreading any of the material which was in the depot or paying any attention to the cleaning of the road.

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

"That the County Surveyor, Mr Brennan, Solicitor for Mr Conboy,

and Mr Elgee, Solicitor to the County Council, consult as to the conditions of contract for Road No. 23W, and endeavour to arrive at an amicable arrangement to enable the contract to be carried out."

Analyst's Report.

City Laboratory,

Chatham Row, Dublin.

25th November 1918.

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 1918.

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

<u>Article.</u>	<u>Number.</u>
Milk	27
Butter	21
Whiskey	11
Buttermilk	9
Margarine	7
Drugs	7
Port Wine	4
Mustard	4
Tea	3
Cocoa	3
Gin	3
Cornflour	3
Cheese	3
Rum	3
Bass Ale	3
Vinegar	2
Lard	2
Stout	2
Cream of tartar	2
Rice	2
Shell cocoa	1
Ginger Wine	1
Pepper	1
Bread Soda	1
Baking Powder	1

<u>Article.</u>	<u>Number.</u>
Bread	1
Coffee & Chicory	1
Dripping	1
Sugar	1
Separated Milk	1
Total	<u>130</u>

One certificate was sent to Sergeant White, Wexford, for specimen of buttermilk adulterated with at least 13 per cent of added water, exclusive of 25 per cent allowed for churning purposes, and one certificate for specimen of vinegar, which contained only 2.13 per cent of absolute acetic acid instead of 4 per cent.

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

For the Guardians of Enniscorthy Union twenty one drugs were analysed and were correct.

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

One imperial gallon contained in grains.

Total solid matter	27.300
Including	
Albuminoid Ammonia	0.060
Saline Ammonia	0.175
Nitric Acid	Trace
Chlorine	5.890
Coleur	light yellow

A polluted water.

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

There were two specimens of butter analysed by directions from the Department of Agriculture, Upper Merrion Street, Dublin, which were taken up in the County Wexford and were pure.

One specimen of water analysed for R. Dormer Esq, Newtownbarry, had the following composition.

One imperial gallon contained in grains.

Total solid matter	18.200
Including	

Saline Ammonia	0.0005
Nitric Acid	Trace
Chlorine	1.190
Colour	light yellow

A good water.

One specimen of water analysed for Mrs S. Boxwell, Little Glenard, had the following composition.

One imperial gallon contained in grains.

Total solid matters	49.000
Including	
Albuminoid Ammonia	0.005
Saline Ammonia	0.001
Nitric Acid	Trace
Chlorine	6.262
Colour	light yellow

A good water.

One specimen of barley was examined for Messrs S. & A.G. Davis Ltd Enniscorthy.

For Shillelagh Union, which is partly situated in the County Wexford, two 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 162.

C. A. Cameron.

Marked "Read"

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(Signed)

John Butler
Presiding Chairman.

SPECIAL MEETING.-7th JANUARY 1919.

A Special Meeting of the Wexford County Council was held in the Co. Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford, on 7th January 1919.

Present:- Mr M. Doyle, (Vice-Chairman) presiding.

Also:- Messrs R. Scallan, M. Cloney, J. J. Stafford, J. A. Doyle, P. Quigley, J. J. O'Byrne, Mark Codd, N. J. Fowler, M. Maddeck, T. Asple, L. Barry, and W. Thorpe. Also Mr P. N. O'Gorman, (New Member) who subscribed the usual declaration of office.

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

Resignation of Mr J. J. Murphy, Assistant Surveyor.

Under date 4th December 1918, the following was read from Mr John J. Murphy, Assistant Surveyor:-

"Gentlemen,

I beg to resign my position as Assistant Co. Surveyor."

"The Secretary stated that according to the terms of his appointment, Mr Murphy was to give two months notice in writing of the determination of his appointment, but instead of that he vacated office on the day he handed in his resignation."

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

"That as Mr J. J. Murphy, Assistant Co. Surveyor, left the services of the Wexford Co Council without fulfilling the conditions governing his appointment, viz:- by determining the appointment by two months' notice in writing, we recommend the Co Council to decline to pay him any salary due to the present."

Under date 26th December 1918, the following was read from Mr Murphy:-

"I duly received copy of resolution of the Finance Committee d/d 19th inst. I am surprised to think that the Finance Committee of the Wexford County Council could conceive any such drastic action as the recommendation to the County Council mentioned, viz:- not to pay for work performed by a servant of the Board, more especially considering the fact that it cost me twice the amount.

I did my work conscientiously as no doubt Mr Barry will concur.

I let word for Mr Barry that I would continue to do duty until a successor would be obtained, and again wrote him to the same effect when I enclosed Maps to him, but to neither did I receive a reply.

I would be very sorry to treat the County Council other than respectably, and if they now desire me to do duty until some one be obtained, so I will."

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

"That the letter of Mr Murphy, late Assistant Surveyor, under date 26th December 1918, and in reference to payment of his salary be referred to the Solicitor to the Council for his advice."

Appointment of Assistant Surveyor.

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

"That advertisements for position of Assistant Surveyor to the Wexford County Council be inserted in the three local papers and the "Freeman's Journal" "Irish Independent" and "Irish Times" salary £100 per annum (to cover travelling and out-of-pocket expenses) rising by annual increments of £5 (conditional upon good work and satisfactory service) to £120 per annum. Appointment to be made at special meeting of the Council to be held on 7th January 1919."

Application for the position of Assistant Surveyor, vice Mr J. J. Murphy resigned, were received from:-

Matthew J. Byrne, Tullow, Co. Carlow.

P. J. Cercannon, B. E., Curragh Lodge, Ballinasloe.

C. P. Curran, B. E., Ballinamuck House, Dungarvan.

F. A. Gregson, 28 Albion Street, Chester.

M. O'Carroll, Cadamstown, Birr.

John O'Dwyer, Ballinavasa, Co. Tipperary.

The only Candidates in attendance were Messrs C. P. Curran, and M. O'Carroll.

A Poll was taken with the following result:-

For Curran:- Messrs Maddock, Stafford, Cloney, Quigley, J. A. Doyle,

O'Gorman, and Aspaë.-7

For O'Carroll:- Mr J. J. O'Byrne.-1

Did not Vote:- Mr R. Scallan and the Chairman.-2.

The other Members of the Council were not present during the Poll.

The Chairman declared Mr Curran elected.

Mr Curran returned thanks for his appointment and stated he would take up duty on the 13th January.

Road Programme of Road Board for 1919-20.

The Secretary of the Road Board wrote under date 21st December 1918, that the Board were now prepared to deal with applications for advances from the Road Improvement Fund, and which should be made only in respect of important roads subjected to an increased amount of heavy motor traffic. No application would be entertained unless the Council could show they were arranging to execute out of their own resources as large a programme of the road work as they carried out for year to March 1914, or on the average of three years ended 31st March 1914 for special cases. The Board had a balance of £236,000 available for grants and loans.

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

"That the County Surveyor be instructed to communicate with the four Rural District Councils of the County as to the proposed Road Board Grants for County Wexford."

Maternity & Child Welfare and Midwives Act.

The Local Government Board under date 25th November 1918, (No. 46043-1918) forwarded Circular explanatory of the working of Schemes of Maternity and Child Welfare. They pointed out that "in view of the functions devolving on County Councils as the local supervising Authorities under the Midwives (Ireland) Act 1918, and of the fact that the Exchequer Grant is now available for defraying half the salaries and expenses of Inspectors of Midwives employed in the Administration of the Act, the Board would suggest that County Councils should take advantage of their powers as Local Authorities under the Notification of Berths Acts of 1907 and 1915, and proceed to organise Schemes for Maternity and Child Welfare, thus securing a unification of home visiting for a number of different purposes.

The adoption of the Act was optional in Rural Districts, but the Board would point out that the Act can be adopted either by the Rural District Council itself or by the County Council for the County districts therein."

Correspondence was submitted from the Local Government Board as to the County Council making arrangements for the carrying out of their duties under Section 16 of the Midwives (Ireland) Act 1918, the first step being to give due notice of the effect of the Act so far as practicable to persons who at the commencement of the Act were using the title of Midwife within their County. The Board enclosed a suggested form of Notice for this purpose.

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

"That the correspondence from the Local Government Board as to Maternity & Child Welfare, and also as to Midwives (Ireland) Act, be adjourned to next meeting of the Council."

Courtown Harbour.

On the motion of Mr Scallan, seconded by Mr Cloney, the following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was adopted:-

"That the County Surveyor be instructed to inspect breach in dam blocking the old course of river at Courtown Harbour, and report to next meeting of Finance & Roads Committee."

The County Surveyor stated he would bring in a proposal for carrying out the necessary work to the Proposal Committee Meeting of February next."

Allowance to County Surveyor.

Under date 3rd December 1918, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 53532/1918) stating they would not raise any objection to the proposal of the Wexford County Council to allow the County Surveyor a sum of £50 for one year as travelling expenses.

Marked "Read"

Dr Hearn, Solicitor and the County Surveyor.

Under date 5th December 1918, the following letter was read from Dr Hearn, Solicitor, New Ross:-

"I thank for yours of the 4th inst., transmitting Resolution

passed by the Roads Committee.

My answer is that as that Resolution raises an important point whether Mr Barry or I am misleading your Committee I would ask you to obtain from such Committee an opportunity for Mr Barry and myself to answer that question.

I have already experience of Mr Barry positively denying the existence of a complaint made by me, and on that occasion I offered to forthwith bring out one of the Committee in a motor and show him the cause complained of, and this was declined.

I really think the Committee should show a desire to obtain the truth and then with same accordingly."

The following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was adopted on the motion of Mr Cloney, seconded by Mr Quigley:-

"That Dr Hearn be informed if he wishes to come before the Finance & Roads Committee with reference to the condition of New Ross-Wexford Road, that the next meeting of the Committee will be held on Tuesday, 7th January 1919, at 11.30 a.m.,"

As Dr Hearn was unable to attend owing to illness the matter of the condition of New Ross-Wexford Road was adjourned to next meeting of Finance & Roads Committee.

Defaulting Road Contractors.

The County Surveyor submitted the following list of defaulting Road Contractors to the meeting:-

204R Thomas Browne, 205R Martin Walsh, 46R John Hayes, 188R James Rensiter, 160R Martin Nolan, 98R Patrick Freeman, 88R Thomas Ryan, 41R, 45R, Patrick Murphy, 136W Thomas Kehoe, 208W John Furlong, 2G, 27G, 66G Morgan McDonald, 3G, 4G, 47G, 62G, 75G, Thomas Clince, 71G John Nolan, 5G Luke Mordaunt, 9G Edward Savage, 10G Michael Byrne, 11G, 52G, 89G James Tyghs, 12G John Flaherty, 86G, 91G Morgan Flaherty, 15G, 138G Terence Hinch, 16G, 140G John Duffy, 21G Stephen Wafer, 28G, 68G, 97G John Owley, 30G, 130G Patrick Nolan, 31G Patrick Fox, 72G James Murphy, 73G William Kavanagh, 84G James Somers, 88G, 116G, 193G William Kinsella, 92G John Maher, 93G Henry O'Neill, 101G, Thomas Byrne, 102G Michael Sunderland, 110G Joseph Deegan, 111G Edward Deran, 119G William Doyle, 126G 128G William Murphy, 132G Thomas Kehoe, 47E James Furlong, 52E Michael Cullen."

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Cloney, the following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was adopted:-

"That the County Surveyor be empowered to prosecute any of the Contractors whose names appear on list submitted by him to this day's meeting should the necessity for taking such a course arise."

Camelin Streets.

Mr Fowler moved the following of which he had given previous Notice:-

"That the attention of the Board of Trade or other Department responsible be called to the state of road leading from Main Street, Camelin to Saw Mills, Camelin Park, and that the County Council request Government Department to put the road in condition for traffic."

Mr Cloney seconded the resolution which was adopted.

Refund Motor Licence Duty.

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

"That the County Council be recommended to agree to application for refund of £6. 6/- Motor Tax paid on Motor Car M. I.-479 the property of Major Harman, as the Car has not been in use for the past year."

Rate Collection.

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

"That the Rate Collectors be informed that the current collection of Rate is generally very backward, and it is expected that substantial amounts will be lodged by 21st January, that the meeting to be held on that day be requested to take drastic action as regards Messrs Mullett, and J. A. Doyle, unless a very decided improvement in the collections of these Collectors is apparent by then.

That the Secretary be instructed to take up Collecting Books of Mr E. J. Murphy, Rate Collector, New Ross, by the 15th January, unless in the meantime he has furnished fidelity guarantee bond."

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(Signed)

John Butler

Presiding Chairman.

Dated this 4th day of February. 1919.

MEETING.-4th February 1919.

A Meeting of the Wexford County Council, was held in the County Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford, on 4th February 1919.

Present:- Mr John Folger (Chairman) presiding.

Also:- Messrs N. J. Fowler, J. J. Kehoe, M. Cloney, Mark Codd, R. Scallan, P.N. O'Gorman, J. J. Stafford.

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

Confirmation of Minutes.

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and confirmed.

The late Mr Philip Keating.

On the motion of the Chairman,

Seconded by Mr O'Gorman, the following vote of condolence adopted by the Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed:-

"That we offer our deepest sympathy to Mrs Keating in the loss she has sustained through the death of her husband, Mr Philip Keating, and our esteemed Colleague. Deceased was held in the highest regard by the Members of the Wexford County Council and its Officials, and by his demise we mourn the loss of a capable, straightforward, and painstaking public man, who, at all times, strove to advance the interests of Ireland and those of his native County."

The following reply to vote of condolence was received from Mrs Keating, and on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr O'Gorman, it was decided that this letter should be inserted on the Minutes of Meeting:-

"Please convey to the Members of the Finance & Roads Committee of the County Council, my gratitude for their kind vote of sympathy with me in my great sorrow. The loss of my beloved husband has been a great blow to me, yet it is some consolation to know that he was held in high esteem by his Colleagues. I wish to thank you, personally, Mr Frizelle, for your kind remarks and would ask you to convey to the Staff my sincere thanks for their sympathy."

Adoption of Estimate of Rates.

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

"That we hereby adopt the Estimate of Rate for General and Separate Charges for financial year 1919-20, as recommended by the Finance & Roads Committee, and agree that the Rates in the £ to be levied off the several Rural District Councils in respect of General Rate be as follows:-

District	Land.	Other Hereditaments.
Enniscorthy.	5/4	7/-
Gorey	5/1	6/6
New Ross.	5/8	7/6
Wexford.	4/9	6/4

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

District.	General Charges	Separate Charges	Total.
Enniscorthy	1593. 13. 4	10. 12. 10	1604. 6. 2
New Ross	1884. 17. 3	10. 7. 5	1895. 4. 8
Wexford	3292. 2. 9	30. 18. 1	3323, 0.10

The following recommendations of the Finance & Roads Committee were adopted on the motion of Mr Stafford, seconded by Mr Cloney:-

"That we notice from Demand furnished by Asylum Committee an increase under the heading "Salaries & Wages" of £2700 as compared with last year, and we request the Resident Medical Superintendent to furnish in time for consideration of the Meeting of the County Council to be held on 4th prox., a statement showing the names and positions of the various Officials of the Asylum and the increased salary given in each case as compared with last year."

"In connection with the Estimate and Demand furnished by Enniscorthy Rural District Council, we observe from the Minutes of Meeting of the R. D. Council submitted to this day's meeting, that the estimate of the County Surveyor for the maintenance of roads and loss on working of quarries has been reduced by £3218. 2. 3d, and that the Rural District Council adopted the same estimates for these matters as were provided last year.

In consequence of this action on the part of the District Council the roads of the district are bound to go down, some of the quarries will have to be closed, and the machinery cannot be availed of by Road Contractors as the District Council have refused to vote funds for its working. No course is open to the Finance & Roads Committee but to recommend the County Council -and which we do with regret- to instruct the County Surveyor to expend on the maintenance of the roads and works of Enniscorthy Rural District only the amount allocated by the Council."

"The Secretary laid before the meeting statement supplied by Dr T. J. Drapes, R. M. S., Asylum, showing the various increases of salaries given to officials in that Institution."

Under date 23rd January 1919, the Local Government Board wrote (3123-1919, Wexford County) assenting to consideration of Estimate of Rate at the present Meeting.

Duncannon Hulk.

In his report to the Finance & Roads Committee the County Surveyor stated:-

"I have to report that on the 9th January the Hulk broke from her moorings in the inner harbour, and salvage work had to be undertaken at once. I have lately been in communication with Mr Friel, Harbour Engineer, Waterford, and think that it may be advisable to try and come to some arrangement for the disposal of the Hulk, as she is bound to deteriorate if left as at present beached in the inner harbour at Duncannon."

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

"That the County Surveyor be instructed to sell the Hulk at Duncannon to the Waterford Harbour Commissioners provided he can obtain £100 for it."

Material taken from Road No. 125R.

In his report to the Finance & Roads Committee the County Surveyor reported that he had been informed that material belonging to the County Council had been removed from Road 125R.

Mr Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, wrote that James Larkin, Blacksmith, Adamstown, had taken a few loads of stones from the

depot, according to the statement made by the Road Contractor. Larkin informed Mr Ennis that his son had taken the stones while he was away, but he (Mr Ennis) regarded this as unlikely. One or two loads had been taken and had been spread at Larkin's gate and inside the yard. Larkin was willing to put the material back, or to pay for same to avoid prosecution.

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

"That James Larkin, Blacksmith, Adamstown, be called upon to pay 10/- for stones taken from Road 125R without permission."

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

"Second" Measurement of Material.

The following report was made by the County Surveyor to the Finance & Roads Committee:-

"Some twelve months ago the Council made an order that no material was to be measured in the quarries for supply of roads, but I wish to point out now, that from time to time, where material is being obtained at County Council Quarries, and the supply to the contractor has been delayed, it causes great loss and further delay to require the material to be dumped for measurement on the roads, when it is required for immediate spreading, and I ask to be allowed to vary the Council's directions under special circumstances."

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

"That the County Surveyor be empowered to have a measurement of Road Material made in quarries in cases in which he finds such a course absolutely necessary."

Road Drainage.

In his report to the Finance & Roads Committee the Co. Surveyor stated:-

"Great complaints have been made, from time to time, in regard to the neglect of drainage on many of the road contracts, and I have found great difficulty in getting contractors to do this work in anything like a satisfactory manner, if at all. In a number of cases I have noted that a thorough re-organization of

the drainage work, on the contract roads is necessary, but would entail very heavy cost on new contractors, who might not be responsible for former neglect. I have been considering this matter, and with your approval, I propose varying the future specifications to cover this work. I suggest, that when new contracts are taken in future, that a reduced tonnage be set out for the first year of the contract only, and that the contractor within the first six months of his contract, be required to thoroughly open every back water drain and channel, watertable and outlet, and to see that all entrances to gulleys and tail-drains for same be thoroughly cleaned. This will prevent any hardship on new contractors, now entering on a contract and will entail a thorough over-haul of the drainage at the commencement of each contract, and its maintenance can then be easily attended to."

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

"That the recommendation of the County Surveyor as regards road drainage as embodied in his report to this day's meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee be approved."

Gorey Rural District Roads.

Mr N. J. Fowler, moved the following of which he had given previous Notice:-

"That the attention of the County Surveyor be called to condition of back streets, Gorey, and roads in general in Gorey Rural District."

Mr Kehoe seconded.

"Passed".

Proposed Second County Surveyor.

The adjourned resolutions of Enniscorthy Rural District Council (3rd November 1917) requesting the County Council to appoint a second County Surveyor, and from New Ross Rural District Council (10th January 1918) considering such an appointment unnecessary, were read.

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

"That the Gorey and Wexford Rural District Councils be requested to give an expression of opinion as to the proposal of Enniscorthy Rural District Council to appoint a second County Surveyor."

Local Elections.

Under date 21st December 1918, the Local Government Board

forwarded Circular letter (No. 144M. 1918 Miscellaneous) as to the approaching elections of County and Rural District Councillors in 1919.

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

"That Mr N. J. Frizelle, Secretary Wexford County Council, be appointed Returning Officer for the County and Rural District Councils Elections etc., in 1919, that the elections be held on Wednesday 28th May, the poll to open at 9 a.m., and close at 8 p.m., for Rural Districts, and to open at 8 a.m., and close at 8 p.m., for Urban Districts."

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

"That the travelling expenses of Officials acting for County & District Council elections etc., be fixed at 6d per mile instead of 4d and that the Local Government Board be requested to agree to this proposal."

Audit of Accounts-Public Bodies.

Under various dates the Local Government Board forwarded reports of their Auditor on his audit of the accounts of the following in respect of half-year ended 30th September last.

County Wexford Tuberculosis Committee.

County Wexford Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction.

Wexford County Infirmary.

"No. Order."

Loans of Local Authorities.

Under date 23rd December 1918, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 61876-1918, Miscellaneous) that they are now, in conjunction with the Treasury, prepared to consider applications from Local Authorities for permission to raise loans to put into operation Schemes of public utility such as housing, water supply, sewerage, hospitals, gas & electricity, which are of urgent importance.

"No Order"

Orders of Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction.

The Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction forwarded Order No. 474 (under date 10th January 1919) suspending the Importation (Sheep from Scotland) Order 1916 (No. 3).

The Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction forwarded

Order No. 473 (11th December 1918) prohibiting the importation of dogs from Great Britain and the Channel Islands.

"No Order"

Mr J. J. Murphy, late Assistant Surveyor.

Mr J. J. Murphy handed in his resignation as Assistant Surveyor on 4th December 1918, and vacated his Office on the same day. The Finance & Roads Committee adopted a recommendation to the Council to decline to pay Mr Murphy's salary, as he left the service of the Council without fulfilling the conditions governing his appointment, viz:- by determining the appointment by two months notice in writing.

Under date 26th December 1918, Mr Murphy wrote expressing surprise at the drastic action of the Committee, not to pay for work performed by one of their servants, more especially considering the fact that it had cost him twice the amount of his salary to live. He wrote to the County Surveyor that he would continue to do duty until a successor was appointed but had not received a reply, and if the Council now desired he was to do duty until a new officer was appointed he was willing to return to Wexford.

The County Council at their meeting of 7th January last referred the letter of Mr Murphy to their Solicitor for his advice.

Under date 13th January 1919, the following was read from Mr R. W. Elgee, Solicitor to the Council:-

"With reference to the question of the salary due to the above at the time he went away, without giving Notice he undoubtedly broke his contract improperly and therefore legally forfeited the amount due, but as he was working since the 30th September, there is nothing to prevent the Council if they so wish paying him the amount due up to the 3rd December, so as to avoid any unpleasantness or legal proceedings."

On the motion of Mr Stafford, seconded by Mr Kehoe, the following resolution was adopted:- "That Mr Murphy, late Assistant Surveyor, be paid salary from 1st October to 12th November 1918, which is the last day on which Mr Murphy performed any work for the County Council, according to report received from County Surveyor."

Salary of Dr O'Connor, late Surgeon Co Infirmary.

In connection with the claim of Dr O'Connor, late Surgeon to

Wexford Infirmary that he was entitled to be paid as Surgeon to the Institution up to 18th November 1918, the following letter was read from Mr R. W. Elgee, Solicitor to the County Council:-

"Yours with copy correspondence as to the question of the apportionment of the Doctor's salary received.

Dr O'Connor in his letter of the 14th November states that unless he is paid £1. 1/- per day he would not do any more duty after the 16th November but he apparently received no intimation as to that letter until the 18th inst., and therefore I think he would be entitled to be paid for the 17th & 18th as he was still the Doctor of the Infirmary, and as the amount is small it is hardly worth going to law over."

Under date 24th December 1918, Mr N. J. Cosgrave, Temporary Registrar County Infirmary, wrote his Committee were satisfied that Dr O'Connor should be paid to 18th November 1918.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr O'Gorman, Seconded by Mr Stafford:-

"That Dr S.V.O'Connor, late Surgeon to the County Infirmary, be paid his salary from 1st October 1918 to 18th November 1918, (inclusive) and Dr Hickey at present Surgeon to the County Infirmary be paid salary from the 19th November to 31st December 1918."

Meeting Finance & Roads Committee.

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

"That the Meetings of Finance & Roads Committee (succeeding the meeting of the 4th prox) be held in future on Wednesdays instead of Tuesdays."

Roads adjoining Enniscorthy Asylum.

The following resolution adopted at the meeting of the Asylum Management Committee on 9th January 1919, was read:-

"That the Members of the Enniscorthy Asylum Committee feel compelled to draw the attention of the County Council to the fearful state of the road and footpath leading from the Asylum to the town and to Edermine district. The footpath is dangerous, the hedges are unattended to, and complaints are

merely acknowledged, but nothing is done to remedy the very unsatisfactory condition of things."

On the motion of Mr Cloney, seconded by Mr Stafford, the following recommendation of Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed:-

"That the Asylum Committee be informed that the County Surveyor has already taken steps to have the roads complained of by him put in proper order and is providing Slaney gravel for the improvement of the footpath."

Condition of Road Ballywilliam & Templeudigan.

Under date 3rd January 1919, the following letter was read from Mr William Morris, Ballywilliam House, New Ross:-

"I beg to draw your attention to the state of the road between Ballywilliam crossroads and Nolan's Cross at Templeudigan. Its the leading road to Church and Chapel. Its in such a bad state at present, it is impossible to travel on it with ruts. It is dangerous and also a disgrace, I hope it will be put in a state of repair before any accident happens."

This letter was considered by the Finance & Roads Committee, when the County Surveyor stated that there had been considerable difficulty in securing material for this road, but he would now be able to put it into fair repair.

On the motion of Mr Cloney, seconded by Mr Stafford, the following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed:-

"That the statement of the County Surveyor as regards the condition of the road between Ballywilliam crossroads and Nolan's cross be furnished Mr Morris, Ballywilliam."

Tomgarrow Quarry.

A further application for payment of £10. 10/- for work done at Tomgarrow Quarry, was made by Mr P. A. Roche, late working foreman in the Quarry:-

The question was considered by the Finance & Roads Committee Meeting, which having considered the correspondence and having heard the statements of Mr Treaner (Senior Assistant Surveyor) adopted the following recommendation:-

"That the claim of Mr P. A. Roche, for work in connection with

Tomgarrew Quarry, be referred to Mr Elgee, Solicitor, for his advice."

The recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed on the motion of Mr Stafford, seconded by Mr Kehoe.

Mr Elgee wrote under date 3rd February 1919, as follows:-

"I am in receipt of yours with Copy Resolution as to above, from the last meeting of the Roads & Finance Committee. I heard the correspondence read and what Mr Treanor and Mr Roche stated, and although I believe that Mr Treanor intended to stop Roche at the work he was then at, and the rate of pay he was getting, Roche took it that he was to be paid at the 1/- per yard, from "day the Agreement was entered into" and he believed he would be paid for such work at that rate. Such being so, I think, if Roche took the case to Court he would stand a very reasonable chance of getting a Decree against the Council for the amount he claims £10. 10/-. Of course this would altogether depend on what view the County Court Judge would take of the matter, but my experience is that where a Workman or Employee is under the impression that he is going to be paid for work he has been doing under an Agreement and there is no dispute as to facts, that a decree is generally granted. Such being so, I would advise the Council to pay Roche the amount he claims especially as he has turned out the amount of Material for which he claims."

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

"That acting on the advice of Mr Elgee, our Solicitor, we agree to payment of £10. 10/- to P. A. Roche, Tomgarrew, in settlement of his claim for work carried out at Tomgarrew Quarry."

Claim for Injury to Cycle.

Under date 3rd February 1919, Mr Patrick Kehoe, R. O. Old Ross, Ballinabeola, applied for £4 for cost of repairing his bicycle which was injured owing to the dangerous state of the roads from Little Cullenstown to Foulksmills.

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

"That the letter of Mr Patrick Kehoe, R. O., Old Ross, Ballinabeola claiming £4 for repair for injury to his bicycle be referred to the Co. Surveyor and Mr R. W. Elgee, Solicitor."

Applications- Increases of Salary.

Under date 30th January 1919, the following was read from Mr C. H. Richards, County Council Office:-

"I beg to apply for an increase in my salary of £2. 5/- per week. The only increase in my salary for the last eight years, was one of 5/- per week, granted two years ago. Everyone is aware of the enormous increase in the cost of living. I am sure under above circumstances, and also taking into consideration that I am in the Council's employ for over 20 years, you will see the justice and necessity of my application, and will therefore grant me a substantial increase in my salary.

Thanking you in anticipation."

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

"That the salary of Mr C. H. Richards, County Council Office, be fixed at £2. 15/- per week, as from this date."

Under date 29th January 1919, the following was read from Mr T. Cullen, Clerk, Office of County Surveyor:-

"I respectfully beg to make application for increase in my salary as Clerk in County Surveyor's Office. My salary as originally fixed is £1. 10/- per week, and considering the amount of work to be done, and the increased cost of living, I find this insufficient to carry me on.

I am in Office from 9 a.m., until 6 p.m., during which time I am kept busy, and the County Surveyor will, I am sure, bear testimony to my efficiency and care in the discharge of my duties.

I hope Council will see reasonableness of my claim for increase and that a salary commensurate with the work will be fixed."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Scallan, seconded by Mr M. Codd:-

"That the salary of Mr T. Cullen, Clerk in Co Surveyor's Office, be fixed at £1. 15/- per week, as from date of this meeting."

Application War Bonus-Judge's Crier.

The following was read from Mr Timothy Long, Crier to Co. Courts, Neptune Lodge, Sandycove West, Kingstown:-

"I beg to inform you that I have received a letter from the Secretary of the Co. Council of the Connty Kildare, informing me that the Council have proposed to grant me a bonus of £2. 10/- and that the Local Government Board have sanctioned the grant. I trust that your Council will be good enough to adopt a similar course for which I shall be very thankful."

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

"That the application of Mr Timothy Long, County Court Crier, for a bonus be refused."

Application J. J. O'German-Increase of Salary.

Under date 1st January 1919, the following was read from Mr J.J. O'German, Overseer in charge of travelling Quarry Staff:-

"At the recent arrangement made for the fixing of wages to men, mine was the only salary that was not increased. I am at present getting 35/- a week, out of which I have to take all my expenses, which often included nights away from home. As you are aware I am in charge of travelling gang, and their work brings them as far as Burkestown Quarry. To properly see after them I must be out early and finish late. This applies to other quarries as well. And as I believe I have given every satisfaction, I confidently hope you will treat me in the same way as the men whose wages were increased."

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

"No order, as the Finance & Roads Committee received no recommendation from Special Wages Committee in the case of Mr O'German, and which had been considered by them."

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

"That the wages of Mr J. J. O'German, Overseer in charge of travelling quarry staff, be fixed at £1. 17. 6d per week, as from this date."

Claim by Mr Brett, Inspector of Sheep Dipping.

Under date 26th January 1919, Mr G. Brett wrote claiming £5. 19. 6d to cover his expenses for last year's dipping periods.

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

"That the claim of Mr G. Brett, for travelling expenses as Sheep Dipping Inspector be refused as his appointment was made at a remuneration of £26 for Summer and Autumn Dipping Periods, which sum was to cover all travelling and incidental expenses."

Application-Cost of Firewood.

Under date 19th January 1919, the following letter was read from J. Valentine, Courthouse Keeper, Gorey:-

"The 7/6 stopped from me last payment was for sticks to light the fires, I cannot light fires without something to light the coal. I paid last week 2/- for a box, which would hardly light a fire half-dozen times."

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

"That the claim of Mr J. Valentine, Courthouse Keeper, Gorey, for an allowance for firewood be refused."

University Scholars-Application for Increase in amount
-----of Scholarship-----

Under date 21st January 1919, the following was read from Messrs J. E. Cosgrave, J. J. Travers, Patrick O'Neill, Peter Sinnott, and James Carty, holders of University Scholarships:-

"We the undersigned holders of Wexford Co Council Scholarships, be to apply for a substantial increase in the amount at present allotted to us.

Since this Scheme was established (1) the hostel fees have increased from £1 to 25/- per week, (2) Train fares have increased 50% and students resident in the Blackrock Hostel, as holders of your scholarships are obliged to do, have also to reckon with 100% increase in tram fares, (3) The text books, instruments, etc., have increased in a like proportion.

The majority of County Councils have in some way endeavoured to meet the additional expenses incurred by their Scholarship holders by granting increases varying from £14 to £25 per annum.

Trusting you will give this appeal your kind consideration

On the motion of Mr Stafford, seconded by Mr O'Gorman, it was decided to adjourn this application for increase in amount of County Council University Scholarships to next Meeting."

Road Limit-Wexford Rural District.

Under date 20th January 1919, the following was read from Mr N. Kehoe, Clerk Wexford Rural District Council:-

"At last Saturday's meeting of my Council, it was unanimously resolved that the County Council be asked to request the Local Government Board to extend the financial limit of Road Expenditure from £8500 to £9200 for the year ending the 31st March 1920.

Will you please bring the matter before the next meeting of your Council."

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

"That the Local Government Board be requested to increase the financial Road Limit for Wexford Rural District for year ending March 1920, from £8500 to £9200."

Ballindaggin Roads.

The following resolution was read from Ballindaggin Farmers Association:-

"That we beg to call the attention of the County Council and their Surveyor to the disgraceful state of the roads of the district principally those leading to the Churches and Schools, and that we also ask the County Farmers' Union, principally composed of the largest ratepayers to vigorously take the matter up".

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

"That Ballindaggin Farmers' Association be informed that the Co. Surveyor and Deputy Surveyor for the district have been instructed to have the roads put into proper repair. We understand that steps have been taken to repair these which are ^{most} open to complaint."

Roads in the vicinity of Rosslare Harbour.

The following resolution of the Wexford Trades & Labour Council was submitted:-

"That we draw the attention of the responsible authorities to the state of the roads in the vicinity of Rosslare Harbour

(particularly between the Harbour and Kilrane), which are in such a bad state owing to mud and water that recently many of the people could not attend Devine worship, whilst it is impossible for the children to attend school. We request the road authorities to at once see that the roads are made suitable for traffic."

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

"That the County Surveyor be instructed to have the roads in the neighbourhood of Rosslare Harbour put into a proper condition of repair."

Wall at Carriganeagh Rock.

Under date 17th January 1919, the following letter was read from Messrs Huggard & Brennan, Solicitors:-

"Mr George Hanstock of Ballycale, Gorey, was with us to-day and informs us that a considerable number of years ago a wall was erected at Carriganeagh Rock on the bank of the river which bounds his land and also the lands of Messrs Steacy & Byrne.

For some time past this wall has been allowed to go into a considerable state of disrepair with the result that it is now practically impossible for Mr Hanstock and the other parties to keep their cattle on the lands.

We would feel obliged if you will kindly bring the matter before the County Council and have the necessary repairs effected as soon as possible."

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

"That the consideration of letter from Messrs Huggard & Brennan Solicitors, on behalf of George Hanstock, Ballycale, Gorey, re wall at Carriganeagh, be adjourned pending reply of Mr Cousins, Millowner, Ballycale, to letter of Mr R. W. Elgee, Solicitor."

Application for Weekly Wages-Tara Hill Quarry Men.

Under date 25th January 1919, the following letter was read from Mr R. F. King, General Secretary, Trade & Labour Union, Enniscorthy:-

"The Employes of Tara Hill Quarries make a demand here to have their wages paid per week in future. Hitherto the wages arrived every fortnight and sometimes 3 or 4 days over that period. It is most inconvenient for the men and I trust the County Council will take

the necessary steps to have the wages paid every week in future as requested."

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

"That Mr King be informed that the County Council have on several occasions considered the question of paying the wages of quarrymen at Tara Hill weekly, but have been unable to adopt the suggestion since payment can only be made from a meeting of Finance & Roads Committee, and it has not been found feasible to arrange for weekly meetings of the Committee."

Quarry at Ballymurray.

Under date 9th January 1919, a letter was read from Capt G.M. Maher, Ballinkeelee, asking the Council if they would purchase a quarry on his property at Ballymurray, The Ballagh.

The Finance & Roads Committee had considered this letter and made the following recommendation which was confirmed on the motion of Mr Kehoe, seconded by Mr Stafford:-

"That Capt Maher, Ballinkeelee, be informed that the County Council do not see their way to purchase his quarry at Ballymurray."

War Pensions Local Committee.

Under date 11th December 1918, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 57646-1918, Miscellaneous) as to Administrative Expenses of War Pension Committees, and pointed out that under Section 1(1) of the War Pensions (Administrative Provisions) Act 1918, these expenses would, as from 1st January 1919, be defrayed out of moneys provided by Parliament.

Marked "Read"

Application for Material-Tara Hill Quarry.

Under date 24th January 1919, the following was received from Lieut Commander F.G.Brickenden, Beech Lodge, Gorey:-

"I should be much obliged if you would inform me whether I may purchase about a ton of fine broken stone screenings from the Tara Hill Quarries. This material is urgently required for drainage purposes."

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

"That Lieut Commander Brickenden be informed that the County Council are unable to spare any material from their quarries as it is all very urgently needed for roads. The resolution of the Council restricting the use of material for roads alone must be rescinded before any material can be supplied to private individuals."

Application Increase of Salary Assistant Surveyors.

The following under date January 30th 1919, was read from Messrs R. J. Ennis, B. E., James Kirby, B. E., and C. P. Curran, B. E., Assistant Surveyors:-

"In view of the fact that the cost of living has increased be well over 100% as certified by recent Government Commissions appointed to go into this matter, and that our work has for various reasons been greatly increased we hereby apply for an increase of salary and a mileage allowance to cover cost of travelling.

As pointed out in our recent Circular to Members of the Council, we are the lowest paid Assistant Surveyors of any County in Ireland while our districts are among the largest in the Country.

Under these circumstances we believe that we are not making an unreasonable request in asking that our salaries be increased to £150 per annum, and that the Council grant us a travelling allowance of 3d per mile.

We would like to point out to the Council that quarry foremen in this county are paid £2 per week, while if our expenses be deducted ^{less} our nett salaries do not amount to £1. 10/- per week, an amount/ than that paid at present to many labouring men.

At our present salaries we may say that we find it impossible to make ends meet.

Trusting that you will give this matter favourable consideration."

In connection with the salaries of Assistant Surveyors the following was read from Mr B. Wyand, Secretary Institution of Municipal Engineers as to the salaries of Assistant Surveyors, and addressed to the Local Government Board--

"The attention of the Council of this Institution has been directed to the advertisement of the appointment of an assistant surveyor to the Wexford County Council. Briefly, applicants must satisfy your Board as to their fitness for the position, must be

not be employed by any other district, and must give whole

time to duties, while "preference will be given to those possessing a knowledge of the Irish language". The salary offered is £100 per annum, to cover travelling and out-of-pocket expenses (except postage) rising by annual increments of £5 to a maximum of £120.

The utter inadequacy of the salary offered admits of no dispute. Ordinary labourers and scavengers are in many districts receiving 30/- per week, while foremen earn in many cases considerably over the amount offered by the Wexford County Council for a qualified surveyor. The Council understand that the road mileage of the district approximates to 400, and they suggest that the salary could scarcely cover even the travelling and out-of-pocket expenses entailed.

In a Memorandum issued by your Board, it is said that "in Ireland County Council appoint and fix the amount of salary of Assistant Surveyors, subject to the approval of the Local Government Board", and the Council of this Institution ventures to hope that your Board will signify its unqualified disapproval of the Wexford appointment, and will take such action as may prevent the recurrence of scandalous appointments of this nature."

Mr Fowler proposed:- "That the salaries of Messrs R. J. Ennis, James Kirby, and C. P. Curran, Assistant Surveyors, be fixed at £130 per annum as from this date."

Mr Stafford proposed:- "That Mr R. J. Ennis, James Kirby, and C. P. Curran, Assistant Surveyors, be voted as from this day's meeting and subject to the approval of the Local Government Board, an inclusive salary of £150 per annum, to cover travelling expenses and all incidental expenses except postage."

Mr O'Gorman seconded.

After discussion Mr Fowler withdrew his proposal and that of Mr Stafford was put and carried Nem con."

Employment of Ex-Military Officers.

The following resolution adopted by the Central Authorities Municipal Corporations Association, and Rural District Councils Association in London, was forwarded by the Ministry of Labour (Appointments Department) (Irish Branch):-

"That this Council recognises the special claims of men disabled by War service to employment in the Public Service, and subject to the re-instatement of former employees, and to the requirements of the

Public Service, is in favour of preference being given to disabled men in the filling up of vacancies on the clerical technical and manual working staff of Municipalities."

"No Order".

Dublin Corporation & Deported Irishmen & Women.

The following resolution was received from Dublin Corporation:-

"We call the attention of all free nations who love freedom and justice, and hate oppression and slavery to the fact:-

- (a) That from this nation of Ireland nearly a hundred leaders of National Public Opinion have been taken and cast into prison, without charge being preferred against them and without being given an opportunity of explaining their position to Ireland and to the World.
- (b) These men and women have been deported from Ireland and are not allowed to see relatives, friends or business representatives. Even their correspondence is unduly delayed and interfered with by British Censors, all entailing suffering and hardship on families and dependents in addition to the sufferings of the prisoners themselves.
- (c) In the eyes of Ireland these leaders have been cast into jail by the enemies of our nation for demanding for their native land and for claiming that to her no less than to Belgium and Serbia shall the right of self determination apply."

"Adopted on the motion of Mr Stafford, seconded by Mr O'German."

Women's Franchise League.

The following resolution was received from the Irish Women's Franchise League, Westmoreland Chambers, Westmoreland Street, Dublin:-

"That this Meeting of men and women expresses its horror and indignation at the attempt to reintroduce legalised vice into Ireland by means of Regulation 40d, D. O. R. A., Emphatically protests against this attempt to make vice safe for men by introducing compulsory medical examination of women - a discredited device which enlightened medical opinion is unanimous in declaring to be futile as a safeguard, and liable to increase the danger of disease by giving men a false sense of security. Denounces 40d, as an outrage against the liberty,

honour and integrity of every woman, and as a deliberate attempt to perpetuate the evil double-moral standard, which assumes that vice is natural and necessary to men. And insistently demands the withdrawal of this obnoxious Regulation which has been illegally introduced by Order in Council, without the knowledge, authority, or sanction of Parliament."

"No Order"

Chair-Scientific Agriculture.

The Kerry County Council wrote asking for assistance towards the establishment of a Chair of Scientific Agriculture in University College, Cork, but no action was taken therein, as the Wexford County Council had already adopted a resolution agreeing to contribute to the establishment of a similar Chair in the National University, Dublin.

Early Closing Order.

The following resolution adopted by Gorey Rural District Council at meeting of 4th November 1918, was submitted:-

"That we strongly protest against the early closing Order as a gross injustice to Traders generally, and particularly to the poor who do their shopping at a late hour."

"No Order, as the Council understand the grievance in this matter has been remedied."

Net Fishing.

Under date 5th September 1918, a resolution was received from Cork County Council, calling on the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction to hold a public Inquiry so as to permit of a thorough investigation of the restriction of nets in the fresh water of the Blackwater river and its tributaries save as an adjunct to rod angling.

"No Order"

Resolutions from Cork County Council.

The following resolutions were read from Cork County Council:-

Resolved:- We desire to call the attention of all liberty loving people to the hypocrisy of English Statesmen, who, while professing to have much regard for the nationality and national characteristics of small nations that are under the power of England's enemies, and who address high sounding declarations to Arabs, Czecho-Slovaks and others, yet in this Country by the

use of brute force, are at this very time endeavouring to strangle and kill every national characteristic and every expression of nationality, language, music, games, pastimes, and who have established a military terrorism suppressing free speech, the right of assembly, restricting individual liberty and the liberty of the Press to an intolerable degree. We declare before the World that British Statesmen like Mr Lloyd George, Mr Balfour, and Lord Hugh Cecil are hypocrites when they speak of the rights of small nations, and we ask the Allies of England to test English sincerity by the actions of English Government in Ireland."

"Mr Stafford proposed and Mr Cloney seconded the adoption of above resolution."

"Mr O'Gorman proposed as an amendment:- "That Cork Co Council be informed that the Wexford County Council are well able to look after their own affairs without receiving any dictation from other counties."

Mr Kehoe seconded.

After some discussion Mr O'Gorman withdrew his amendment and the resolution as proposed by Mr Stafford and seconded by Mr Cloney was unanimously adopted."

Resolved:- In view of the repeated declarations of British Statesmen that one of their objects in the European War is the assertion of the rights of small nations, and of their statements that the case of small oppressed Nationalities must be considered at the Peace Conference, this Council voicing the opinion of the overwhelming majority of the people of Cork City and County, re-affirms the demand made by it that Ireland's cause must come before the Peace Conference and delegates of the Irish Nation admitted to that Conference. We desire particularly to call the attention of President Wilson and the people of the United States to the fact that the English Government now rules Ireland by Military force, and its rule is against the will and wishes of the Irish people. In our opinion, therefore, as in the opinion of all Irish Nationalists, the case of Ireland is the same as the case of the small Nations governed by the military forces of Germany."

"Adopted on the motion of Mr Fowler, seconded by Mr Cloney."

Hunting in Westmeath.

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

"That pending the release of the Irish Prisoners, all classes of Sport be suspended in the County Westmeath, especially Hunting, as in the present circumstances the people are not in a mood for enjoying themselves or seeing others do so. That we condemn the action of the man or men who laid poison for the hounds in this Rural District."

"No Order"

Sale & Shipment of Corn.

The following resolution was read from Waterford Co Council:-

"That we consider the obstacles placed by the Authorities to the free sale and shipment of corn to be a gross breach of the terms under which they enforced compulsory tillage by the Corn Production Act, 1917, and we demand that facilities be granted for the disposal of all surplus grain and faithful observance of all the pledges given to the agriculturalists who so royally responded to the call for increased production of the food supply and in our opinion the present action of the Authorities will tend to a justifiable resistance by the farmers to the enforcement of the Corn Production Act."

"No Order, as the Council understand the Authorities have granted the facilities demanded."

Rev M. O'Flanagan.

The following resolution was received from Killarney Board of Guardians:-

"That we take the opportunity of the presence of Father Michael O'Flanagan at the Oireachtas to give him a hearty welcome to Killarney. That we recognise his great services to Ireland on many recent historic occasions and record our knowledge of the satisfaction it gave to hundreds of thousands of our race, when the leaders of the Sinn Fein movement were cast into prison without trial, to see Father O'Flanagan, with the courage and patriotism of an Irish Priest, take the vacant place to win the fight for the Nationality, the Freedom and the Conscience of the Irish People, which he did with splendid success. That we deeply deplore if, as has been too often the case with those

whom the Irish people regard as the best supporters of Religion and Nationality, Father O'Flanagan should suffer for his services to both."

"No Order"

Old Age Pensions-Vacancy on No. 4 Sub-Committee.

A recommendation was received from No. 4 Sub-Committee (Gorey & Coolgreany) for the appointment of Mr Michael Cantwell, T. C., Main Street Gorey, as a member of the Committee vice Mr T. J. Doran, deceased."

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

"That Mr Michael Cantwell, T. C., Main Street, Gorey, be appointed a member of No. 4 Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee vice Mr Thomas J. Doran, deceased."

Roads & Works.

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

"That the several Proposals for Roads and Works as submitted on Form 20 from Proposal Committee be and are hereby adopted."

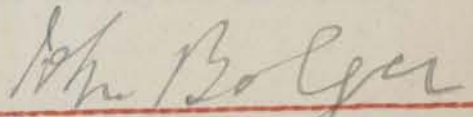
Proposals for Payment.

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

"That the several proposals for payment as submitted from this day's Proposal Committee, be and are hereby adopted."

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(Signed)



Presiding Chairman.

Dated this 6th day of *march* 1919.

MEETING.-6th MARCH 1919.

A Meeting of the Wexford County Council, was held in the County Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford, on 6th March 1919,

Present:- Mr John Belger (Chairman) presiding.

Also:- Messrs M. Doyle, M. Maddock, R. Scallan, J. J. Stafford, P. Quigley, M. Cloney, W. Thorpe, T. Asple, M. Codd, James Codd, P. N. O'Gorman.

The Secretary, and County Surveyor were also in attendance.

Confirmation of Minutes.

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and confirmed.

Assistant Surveyors Salaries.- Notice of Motion.

The following notice of motion was received from Councillor M. Doyle:-

"That the resolution passed on 4th February 1919, by the Wexford County Council fixing the salaries of three Assistant Surveyors at £150 per annum be rescinded."

Under date 4th February 1919, (letter No. 3872-1919) the Local Government Board wrote forwarding copy letter received from the Institution of Municipal Engineers, which was before last meeting of the County Council, relative to the salary offered for appointment of Assistant Surveyor, and requesting the observations of the County Council thereon having regard to previous correspondence as to the inadequacy of the salaries of the Assistant Surveyors in County Wexford.

Under date 19th February 1919, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 6402-1919, Wexford Co.,) approving of the appointment of Mr C. P. Curran, Assistant Surveyor, and of the proposal of the Council to allow Messrs Curran, Ennis, and Kirby, Assistant Surveyors an inclusive salary of £150 per annum each as from 14th February, to cover travelling and all incidental expenses except postage.

Mr Doyle having obtained the requisite signatures of seven other members of the Council as provided for by Standing Orders of the Council, moved his motion which was seconded by Mr Maddock.

After a long discussion a vote was taken with the following

result:-

In favour of Notice of Motion:- Messrs Maddock, James Codd, M. Doyle, R. Scallan.- 4.

Against:- Messrs Stafford, Cloney, Quigley, O'Gorman, M. Codd, Thorpe, Asple, and the Chairman.- 8.

The Chairman declared the notice of motion lost.

County Surveyors and War Bonus.

Mr J. P. Burkett, Association of County Surveyors (Ireland) forwarded a request from his Association suggesting that any County Council which had not already given a War Bonus to its Staff, should, in equity, do so, and more particularly to the County Surveyor and His Staff.

"Adjourned to next meeting of the Council."

Wages of J. J. O'Gorman.

Under date 10th February 1919, J. J. O'Gorman, Quarry Overseer, wrote:-

"In reply to your letter of 5th inst., I will accept 2/6 per week increase of wages on condition that my wages be definitely fixed at £2. 10/- per week, at the next meeting of the County Council."

Mr Stafford proposed:- "That J. J. O'Gorman, Quarry Overseer, be paid a wage of £2 per week as from this date."

Mr Asple seconded.

Passed.

Reconstruction.

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

"That in connection with the communication received from the Local Government Board by the County Surveyor, we direct him to make an application for £20,000 for the purpose of carrying out drainage, reclamation, harbour works, etc., including drainage of Lady's Island and Tacumshane Lakes."

University Scholarship Scheme.

The application signed by J. E. Cosgrave, J. J. Travers, James Carty, Patrick O'Neill, and Peter Sinnott, University Scholarship Holders, held over from last meeting and appearing

on Minutes thereof, applying for an increase in amount of their Scholarships, viz:- £50, was considered.

Mr James O'Connor, 15 Shelly Street, Liverpool, wrote under date 12th February 1919:-

"On entering the University I took up the study of the Faculty of Medicine with the hope of completing that study successfully. But, before having completed one year I was encouraged by the example of many friends and schoolfellows to enlist, thus breaking off my studies at perhaps a very unfortunate time. However, in the Army I had further experience of medical work being a stretcher bearer in France. Adversely, however, the financial help which I had relied on to enable me to complete the Medical course has now failed me. This is purely a family matter the details of which do not bear directly on the case. The above unforeseen misfortune has of course compelled me to change my intentions. The alternative which I choose is Engineering and as it is to me a new Faculty, I must, to do myself justice, of necessity start from the beginning.

Now, a statement of accounts credits me with £108. 10/-, the deficiency of £41. 10/- having been expended whilst I was at the University till my enlistment. This leaves me in a state of financial embarrassment and I appeal to the Council for assistance. I joined the Army at a very critical time and I don't think I should be censured for leaving my studies on that account. Dr Coffey, the President of the University, on giving me a recommendation for the Army, told me that it was the most honourable thing to do even at the sacrifice of time and education. In the meantime a change in my personal affairs has forced me to renounce my former studies. This compels me to enter on a new study. I have chosen Engineering and I humbly beg of the Council on account of the exceptional and perhaps it may not be denied, deserving case to enable me by the ~~the~~ advancing of the deficiency to go through the course fully from scratch."

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

"That the application of University Scholarship Students of this Council for increase in amount of scholarships be adjourned to next meeting, and that in the meantime our Secretary prepare a

Return showing what professions etc., have been taken up by the various Scholarship holders who have finished their education at the University."

"That Mr James J. O'Connor, be requested to state the amount of the gratuity he received on demobilization."

Old Age Pensions Business.

Under date 4th February 1919, Mrs K. C. Howard, wrote that she had been appointed Clerk to No. 7 Sub-Committee of the County Wexford Local Pension Committee, vice her deceased husband, -Mr W.H. Howard.

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

"That we approve of the appointment of Mrs K. C. Howard as Clerk to No. 7 Sub-Committee of County Wexford Local Pension Committee, as successor to her husband the late Clerk to the Sub-Committee."

Vacancies on Sub-Committees.

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

"That Rev G. M. Fry, The Rectory, Bannow, and Mrs Handcock, Colebrook, Wellingtonbridge, be appointed members of No. 1 Sub-Committee, vice Mr John Ennis Springwood, and Mrs Deane, Longraigue, resigned."

That Mr Sylvester Dempsey, Blackwater, be appointed a member of no. 8 Sub-Committee vice Mr James Walsh, N. T., Blackwater, deceased, and that Very Rev Canon Quigley, P. P., Castlebridge, disqualified thro' non-attendance be ^{re-}appointed a member of this Sub-Committee."

New Ross-Wexford Road.

The following was submitted from Finance & Roads Committee:-

"Dr Hearn came before the Finance & Roads Committee and disputed the statement made by the County Surveyor at the meeting of 3rd December 1918, that the New Ross Road had been very much improved except where it had been cut up by engine traffic and that no change had been made in the size of the material used in connection with the road."

"Mr Thorpe said he had been over the road that day and there was

no doubt but it was dangerous in parts from Camross to Wexford."

"The County Surveyor said he had been trying to make arrangements with persons to cart material to the road but without success."

"After some discussion it was decided that it was not necessary to make an order as the County Surveyor promised to do what he could to have the road put into proper order."

"On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Cloney, the above minute from Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed."

Oylegate Roads.

The Finance & Roads Committee submitted the following Minute:-

"A deputation from Oylegate District and which was represented by Mr James J. O'Connor, Solicitor, came before the Finance & Roads Committee, and complained of the state of four roads in their district which was absolutely impassable."

"After considerable discussion the following recommendation was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Cloney:-

"That the County Surveyor be instructed to have the roads complained of by the Oylegate deputation put into order with the least possible delay."

"The Recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Cloney."

Confirmation Minutes Finance & Roads Committee.

U. S. Naval Air Station:- In connection with the claim made by the Co Surveyor on behalf of the Co Council for payment of £100 by United States Naval Authorities for damage to roads in the vicinity of U.S. Naval Seaplane Station, the following recommendation of Finance & Roads Committee was submitted :-

"That Mr Elgee, Solicitor to the Co Council, be requested to report to the County Council as to what are their powers to enforce payment for damage caused to roads by the traffic from Ferrybank U. S. Naval Air Station. That application from the Contractor of Roads in question, viz:- James Fortune, Tubberfinnick, Crossabeg, for an extra price for repairs caused by the exceptional traffic from Naval Air Station be adjourned until the Co Council have reply from U. S. Naval Authorities and Mr R. W. Elgee, as to claim made by

the County Surveyor to have these roads put into repair."

"The Recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Cloney."

Road Estimate of Enniscorthy R. D. Council:- The following is an extract from the report of the County Surveyor:- When my estimate came before the Enniscorthy Rural District Council it was rejected, but since then the District Council had adopted a proposal to apply for extension of Financial Limit covering the roads, but they have not provided for the proportional charge on machinery and quarries."

The following recommendation of the Finance & roads committee was confirmed on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Cloney:-

"That the Enniscorthy R. D. Council be informed that the Finance & Roads Committee of the County Council have carefully considered the decision of the Enniscorthy R. D. Council in refusing to raise amount of deficit on quarries and machinery for their district, and the Committee can see no way out of the present position but to suspend the working of the quarries and machinery in Enniscorthy Rural district, and the County Surveyor is directed accordingly."

That a copy of this resolution be furnished the Clerk Enniscorthy Rural District Council."

Kerlogue Quarry:- At the Finance & Roads Committee the County Surveyor reported that the Contractor for preparation of material at Kerlogue Quarry was not proceeding with the work, and the following recommendation was submitted by the Committee:-

"That as the Finance & Roads Committee understand that labour is now available they call on Moses Power, the Contractor for supplying road material from Kerlogue Quarry, to at once proceed with his contract, otherwise the Co Council will be obliged to take drastic measures to enforce the terms of the Contract."

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

Defaulting Contractors:- The following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Cloney:-

"That the following road contractors be prosecuted or their roads taken up under the 54th Section of the Grand Jury Act, should

the County Surveyor consider such a course advisable:- 4W Edward Reid, Kilmacee, Curralee, 12W Thomas Merriman, Kingsford, Barntown, 13W & 139R Patrick Reilly, Camress, 258W Edward Browne, Ballyhoe, Screen."

Anchors & Chains Duncannon Hulk:- The County Surveyor asked for directions as to the disposal of the gangway, chains, and anchors, in connection with the hulk of Duncannon, and which had not been included in the sale.

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

"That the County Surveyor advertise for sale the gangway anchors and chains of the hulk at Duncannon, and that the question of the readjustment of the salary of the Caretaker of the Hulk be considered at next meeting."

Temporary Clerical Staff:- The following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Cloney:-

"That we authorise our Secretary to employ the usual temporary Clerical Staff for the purpose of writing up and appletting Rate Books and Rate Collectors Books."

A letter was submitted from Finance & Roads Committee from Mr R. Corish, Secretary, Irish Transport & General Workers Union, Wexford, requesting the remuneration for temporary staff should be raised from 6d to 10d per hour.

The following recommendation was submitted by the Finance & Roads Committee, and adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Cloney:-

"That as from 24th February 1919, the temporary Clerical Staff be paid at the rate of 8d per hour."

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The remainder of the business was postponed to next Meeting.

(Signed) John Bolger

Presiding Chairman.

Dated this 8 day of April 1919.

SPECIAL MEETING.- 8th APRIL 1919.

A Special Meeting of the Wexford County Council, was held in the Co. Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford, on 8th April 1919.

Present:- Mr John Bolger (Chairman) and subsequently Mr M. Doyle (Vice-Chairman) presided.

Also present:- Messrs M. Choney, A. Kinsella, R. Scallan, P. Whelan, J. A. Doyle, M. Maddock, P. N. O'Gorman, W. Thorpe, N. J. Cowman, N. J. Fowler, James Codd, and J. J. Kehoe.

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

Confirmation of Minutes.

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and signed.

Striking Rate for Financial Year 1919-20.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Cowman, Seconded by Mr Scallan:-

"That we hereby strike the Rate for General and Separate Charges for financial year 1919-20, as agreed to at the meeting of the Wexford County Council on 4th February 1919, 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 Presiding Chairman and two Members present at this Meeting be adopted, attested by the Seal of the Wexford 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 Wexford County Council on the Urban Councils of Enniscorthy, New Ross, and Wexford, be duly signed and sealed, the amounts demanded from said Urban Councils after allowing for credit items being:-

District	County Charges			Union Charges.			Separate Charges	Total.
Enniscorthy	823.	0.	8	770.	12.	8	10. 12. 10	1604. 6. 2
New Ross	783.	17.	1	1101.	0.	2	10. 7. 5	1895. 4. 2
Wexford	1563.	7.	4	1628.	15.	5	30. 18. 1	3323. 0. 10

Co-option of Member of County Council

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Kehoe, seconded by Mr O'Gorman:-

"That Mr W. H. McGuire, Mayor of Wexford, be co-opted a member of this Council vice Mr Philip Keating, deceased."

Financial Condition of Co Wexford Infirmary.

Under date 19th March 1919, the following was read from Mr M. J. Kavanagh, Registrar, Co. Wexford Infirmary:-

"At the meeting of the Committee of Management held on Saturday, 15th inst., to consider the financial condition of the Institution, it was decided to close the Infirmary to all cases except Accident and Paying Patients (the latter at the rate of £2 per week). This course was adopted owing to the large amount due to the Bank, i.e., £720."

His Worship the Mayor, proposed the following resolution which was seconded by Mr Seallan and passed unanimously:-

"That we again appeal to the County Council of the County of Wexford to grant the maximum amount of £1400 per annum to the County Infirmary."

In support of this application the following Members were appointed as a deputation to attend the County Council Meeting at which the matter will be discussed:- Lady Maurice Fitzgerald, The Mayor of Wexford, and Mr N. J. Seallan."

Lady Maurice Fitzgerald, the Mayor of Wexford, and Mr Nicholas Seallan, attended with the Registrar-Mr M. J. Kavanagh- and addressed the meeting. The Mayor asked the Council to pay off the debt of the Infirmary to the Bank besides agreeing to pay the maximum grant of £1400 per annum."

It appeared that the expenditure on the Infirmary for past year was £1883. 17. 4d.

After a long discussion Mr Cowman proposed, and Mr James Codd seconded the following resolution:-

"That the Co Wexford Infirmary be granted an increase in annual grant of £100 making payment to the Institution as from 1st April 1919, £1400."

On a show of hands the proposal was carried by 8 to 5.

Mr M. Doyle demanded a poll which resulted as follows-

For the Proposal:- Messrs Cowman, James Codd, Maddock, Kinsella, Cloney, Fowler, Kehoe, J. A. Doyle, and the Chairman.- 9.

Against:- Messrs P. Whelan, M. Doyle, R. Scallan, W. Therpe, and P. N. O'German.-5.

The Chairman declared the resolution carried.

Audit of Accounts.

Under date 6th March 1919, (No. 9567: 1919, Wexford County) the Local Government Board forwarded the report of their Auditor- C. D. Barry Esq., B. L.,- on his audit of the Accounts of the Wexford County Council for half-year ended 30th September 1918, as follows:-

"I have the honour to report that I have audited the Accounts of the County Council of Wexford for the half-year ended September last, and I forward herewith a certified copy 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 upon my part."

"No Order."

Midwives (Ireland) Act 1918.

The Circular letter of the Local Government Board under date 2nd December 1918, etc., as to duties of the Council as Local Supervising Authority under the above Acts, was brought before the meeting having been adjourned from meeting of 4th February 1919.

The Circular in question dealt with form of notice to be issued by the Council, delegation of powers and duties, supervision of Midwives, Inspector of Midwives, powers of entry, medical assistance in cases of emergency, contribution to the training of Midwives, supply of books and forms and annual report by Medical Officer who is in charge of the work of supervision of Midwives.

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

"That the question of the Administration of Midwives (Ireland) Act 1918, (7 & 8 Geo V cap 59) be postponed until the new County Council have taken office."

General Cattle Diseases Fund.

Under date 25th February 1919, the Local Government Board wrote

that under the 71st Section of the Diseases of Animals Acts 1894, as amended, they had issued an Order assessing £16800. 18. 2d on County Councils and which was to be levied in proportion to the net annual valuation of property in each County at the rate of one farthing in the £. The share of Wexford's contribution on this basis was £410. 16. 11d.

"No Order".

Land Commission Annuities.

Under date 1st March 1919, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 5747, Miscellaneous) that the actual arrears in purchase annuities under the Irish Land Acts to be deducted in the case of County Wexford from Government Grants payable in the course of the month of March came to £1284. 8. 4d.

Under date 21st March 1919, the Secretary, Irish Land Commission, forwarded for the information of the Council, list of defaulting Annuitants against whom legal proceedings have been directed for the recovery of instalments due on 1st November and 1st December last for failure to pay instalments due by them under Land Purchase Acts.

"No Order".

Polling Compartments.

Under date 24th February 1919, a letter was read from the Secretary, Board of Works, Dublin, offering to transfer to the Council 98 single and 37 double polling compartments used in connection with the recent parliamentary elections for use at local elections on condition that the County Council accepted responsibility for the safe custody of the compartments and for their re-delivery to the Returning Officers for the time being in good order when required for the purpose of Parliamentary Elections.

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

"That our Secretary be instructed to take over the polling booths offered by the Board of Works for use at next local elections. But as these compartments are made in a very flimsy manner and are very fragile we do not consider it would be advisable for the Council to again take them over once they have been handed back to the Returning Officer for the purpose of a Parliamentary Election."

Food & Drugs Act.

Under date 13th March 1919, the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction wrote (G.1821-1919) that two samples of butter taken up by one of their officials on 27th February 1919, in Enniscorthy were found on analysis to be pure.

"No Order"

Vacancies on Insurance Committee.

Miss O'Ryan, Clerk County Wexford Insurance Committee wrote under date 19th March 1919, that Sir Thomas Esmonde and Mr James Sinnott, representatives of the County Council on the County Insurance Committee had resigned membership, and Mr P. O'Neill, was disqualified for membership owing to non-attendance. She requested the Council to fill these vacancies.

Mr Kehoe proposed and Mr Scallan seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That the Mayor of Wexford (Mr W. H. McGuire) and Mrs Stafford, Matron St Peter's College, be appointed Members of Co Wexford Insurance Committee vice Sir T. Esmonde and Mr James Sinnott, resigned. That Mr O'Neill be asked if he will be able to attend the meetings of the Committee if re-appointed."

Administrative Expenses-War Pensions Act.

Under date 6th March 1919, the following was read from the Secretary, Co Wexford War Pensions Committee:-

"I am directed by my Committee to forward you for the sanction of your Council, the following Supplementary Estimate:-

Representing an increase of £25 per annum in the Secretary's salary from November 1st to December 31st, amount £4. 3. 4d and to request that your Council will approve of same.

I am further directed by the Minister of Pensions to inform you that the Ministry have taken over payment from the 1st January, and that they are prepared to approve of the said amount, £4. 3. 4d provided that your Council will give sanction to their share."

"The Secretary to the Co Council stated he had been informed by the Clerk to the Local War Pensions Committee, that the share of the Co Council was £1. 7. 9d."

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

"That we recommend the County Council to approve of supplementary estimate for Administrative Expenses for County Wexford Local War Pensions Committee for period ended 31st December 1918, amount that the Council agree to pay- £1. 7. 9d- their proportion of same."

Pensions & Pharmacy Act.

On the motion of Mr Thorpe, Seconded by Mr Scallan, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That licence under Pensions & Pharmacy Act to Mr James Codd, Enniscorthy Co-operative Stores, Enniscorthy, be renewed for year as from 2nd April 1919."

Irish Education Act.-Enniscorthy S. A. Committee.

Under date 31st January 1919, the Commissioners of National Education wrote, asking the County Council as the Local Authority under the Irish Education Act 1892, to appoint five members of Enniscorthy R. D. School Attendance Committee.

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

"That the Enniscorthy R. D. Council be requested to nominate five members to serve on the Enniscorthy R. D. School Attendance Committee as from 1st June 1919, as the expenditure under this Act is charged to the Rural Districts."

Local War Pensions Committee.

The Secretary stated the following County Councillors had resigned Membership of the War Pensions Committee:- Messrs J. J. O'Byrne, James Codd, A. Kinsella, P. O'Neill, J. A. Doyle, N.J. Cowman, and Sir T. H. G. Esmonde. It was necessary that their places should be filled, tho' it was not essential that the new representatives should be members of the County Council.

On the motion of Mr Kehoe, seconded by Mr J. A. Doyle, the name of Mr W. H. McGuire, Mayor of Wexford, was added to the War Pensions Committee, vice Mr J. A. Doyle, resigned."

On the motion of Mr Cowman, seconded by Mr Maddock, the name of Capt C. C. Harvey was added to the Committee, vice Mr N. J. Cowman, resigned."

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

"That Messrs J. J. O'Byrne, James Codd, A. Kinsella, P. O'Neill, and Sir T. Esmonde, be requested to nominate their successors as Members of the War Pensions Committee."

New Ross R. D. School Attendance Committee.

Under date 4th March 1919, Mr J. J. Rochford, Secretary to New Ross Rural District School Attendance Committee, wrote that a vacancy existed on this Committee in consequence of the absence for six months consecutively of Mr Martin J. Kenny, Campile, and asking the County Council appoint a member to the vacancy.

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

"That the New Ross Rural District Council be requested to nominate a member for appointment on New Ross R. D. School Attendance Committee (vice Mr M. J. Kenny, disqualified through absence) as the expenses of the Committee are a charge upon the Rural District."

County Surveyors & War Bonus.

Mr J. P. Burkett, Association of County Surveyors (Ireland) forwarded a request from his Association suggesting that any County Council which had not already given a War Bonus to its Staff should, in equity, do so, and more particularly to the County Surveyor and his Staff.

On the motion of Mr O'Gorman, seconded by Mr Fowler, the following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was adopted:-

"That the Circular letter from the Sec, to the County Surveyors Association as to War Bonus, be adjourned to next meeting, and that in the meantime the Co Surveyor ascertain the Counties which have granted War Bonus to their Officers and the amounts of same."

Application Increase of Salaries-Assistant Surveyors

Under date 2nd April 1919, Messrs John Kehoe, and W. H. Jones, Assistant Surveyors, applied for an increase in their salaries similar to that granted the other Assistant Surveyors, viz, to £150, and stated they would be much obliged if the Council would make the increase retrospective so as to date from the time of the increase given the other Assistants.

The following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was adopted on the motion of Mr O'Gorman, seconded by Mr Fowler:-

"That the salaries of Messrs Kehoe, and Jones, Assistant Surveyors, be fixed at £150 per annum, as from this date to bring their salaries to the level granted the other Assistant Surveyors in the employment of the Council."

Assistant Surveyors & Monthly Payments.

Under date 3rd April 1919, Messrs T. Treanor, C. P. Curran, James Kirby, and R. J. Ennis, Assistant Surveyors, wrote that as their salaries were paid in four instalments at irregular intervals of from two to four and a half months, many unnecessary hardships were inflicted on them, and the purchasing power of their salaries was considerably reduced. In consequence they requested the Council to have their salaries paid monthly in future.

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

"That the application of four Assistant Surveyors for monthly payments of their salaries be refused."

Application Increase of Salary.

The following under date 14th March 1919, was read from Mr P. Stapleton, Harbour Master, Courtown:-

"I respectfully apply for an increase in my salary on account of the small amount of same, and the increased cost of living.

I beg to add that my position was better 15 years ago before the Council took over the harbour.

I know there is no revenue coming in at present, but that is no fault of mine.

Everyone is getting on, has got a substantial increase in their wages, and I would expect after 14 years service, to receive at least a labourer's remuneration."

The following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was adopted on the motion of Mr Kinsella, seconded by Mr Fowler:-

"That the salary of Mr P. Stapleton, Harbour Master, Courtown, be fixed at 15/- per week, from this date."

University Scholarship Scheme-Application Increase of Amount.

An application from Messrs J. E. Cosgrave, J. J. Travers, James Carty, Patrick O'Neill, and Peter Sinnott, University Scholarship

Holders for increase in amount of Scholarship (£50) adjourned from last meeting was considered. The application was based on increased Hostel fees, train and tram fares and books etc.,

At the last meeting of the County Council James O'Connor, who had joined the Army during the War applied to the Council for a reconsideration of amount of his Scholarship. Prior to joining the Army he had spent a year at medicine, and he wanted a change to Engineering and hoped the Council would allow him the three years scholarship by setting to his credit the £41. 10/- already paid on his Scholarship while studying medicine.

Under date 13th March 1919, he wrote in reply to query from the County Council, that the gratuity he received on leaving the Army was £10 from which was deducted £1 for overcost.

The Secretary gave the results of Scholarships which had been paid to the present as follows:-

Doctors	2
Teachers (Secondary)	10
Engineers	2
Admiralty	1
In Army	1
Clerical Work	1
Still Studying	2
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There were also 14 students who had not concluded their Scholarships.

On the motion of the Chairman (Mr Belger), seconded by Mr Scallan the following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed:-

"That no order be made on the application of five University Scholarship Holders for an increase in the amount of their Scholarship viz:- £50."

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

"That the County Council be recommended not to vary amount standing to the credit of Scholarship of Mr James O'Connor, viz:-

£50. 10/- for the first and second years and third years taken

together."

Election Expenses.

The Secretary pointed out that as regards the supply of stationery at each polling booth the amount allowed 6/- represented pre-war price. At the last Parliamentary Election in South Wexford for which he had acted as Returning Officer, the cost of stationery had been 14/- per station.

The Secretary also pointed out that as regards the Returning Officer's travelling expenses it would not be possible to meet these by the 4d per mile allowed in Scale of Expenses.

On the motion of Mr Kehoe, seconded by Mr Thorpe, the following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was adopted:-

"That the Scale of Election Expenses for County & Rural District Councillors and for Guardians and County Councillors in Urban Districts be varied as follows:- That the amount for cost of stationery at each Polling Station be actual and necessary cost as per voucher. That the travelling expenses of Returning Officer and deputy Returning Officers be paid per actual and necessary cost supported by vouchers. That the limit of 6/- expenses for stationery at Polling station and 4d per mile as regards the travelling expenses of Returning and Deputy Returning Officers be struck out of the Scales mentioned in this resolution."

Elections of Guardians & County Councillors.

Under date 25th February 1919, the following was read from Messrs W. A. Browne, P. J. Shaw, and M. J. Finn, respectively Town Clerks of Wexford, Enniscorthy, and New Ross:-

"In view of the forthcoming Elections for Guardians and County Councillors, We beg to direct your attention to the Scale of Fees adopted by the County Council some 17 years ago, and which under existing circumstances are totally inadequate.

The fee allowed for acting as Returning Officer for the election of Guardians is only £3. 3/- and for acting as deputy Returning Officer for election of County Councillors is only £2. 2/-.

The Local Government Board at the first Election of Guardians, etc under the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898, fixed a fee of £10.10/- for these positions, and now under the increased Franchise, we respectfully request the Co Council to grant us a fee commensurate with the

responsibilities, duties, and liabilities, of these offices."

The following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was adopted on the motion of Mr M. Doyle, seconded by Mr Maddock:-

"That the application of the Town Clerks of Enniscorthy, New Ross, and Wexford, for increased fees as Returning Officer for Guardians and Deputy Returning Officer for County Councillors Election be refused."

Postponement Local Elections.

Under date 2nd April 1919, the Local Government Board wrote letter No. 55M : 1919, Miscellaneous, that having regard to the latest information obtained from the Irish Office in connection with the Local Government (Ireland) Amending Bill the Board had no doubt that the Elections will be postponed to the later date fixed by the Bill.

In the circumstances the Councils concerned would no doubt consider it advisable to defer incurring expenditure in connection with County Elections pending the passing into law of the Bill now before Parliament.

"No Order"

Industrial & Reformatory Schools.

Rev Br Ryan, Artane Industrial School, under date 16th February 1919, wrote as follows:-

"May I ask you once again to bring before your Council, as early as possible, the difficulty that the Managers of the Industrial and Reformatory Schools have to carry on the management of their schools at the present rate. County Wexford and County Leitrim are the only Councils in Ireland that have declined to grant us the second increase of sixpence per head, per week, Your Council gave this increase to some schools but not to others. You are aware that the Treasury will not grant it unless the Council likewise grants it. Speaking for Artane if you take the wages increase to our staff it will give some idea of our financial difficulty. Our wages for 1918, is more than three thousand pounds (£3,000) over that given in 1917. Since making out that table the Secretaries of the following Trade Unions have notified a still further demand- Fitter, Blacksmith, Harness Maker, Baker, and Tailor. We are also told that Labourers will soon have to get 50/- a week. Add to all this the increase in cost of food and clothing for our children. May I then urgently request that

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and thereby enable us to secure the extra Treasury Grant.

Hoping for a favourable reply."

On the motion of the Chairman (Mr Bolger) seconded by Mr Kehoe the following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was adopted:-

"That as from 1st April 1919, the Capitation Grant to Industrial and Reformatory Schools from this County Council be fixed at 3/6 per week."

Claim for Burial of Bacon.

Under date 18th March 1919, Mr W. Kehoe, Harbour Master, Kilmore, applied for payment of £2 for burial of 400 pieces of bacon washed ashore on Ballyteigue Strand from 14th to 22nd January.

On the motion of Mr Kehoe, seconded by Mr Cloney, the following resolution was adopted:- "That Walter Kehoe, Harbour Master, Kilmore, be paid a sum of £2 for the burial of 400 pieces of bacon on Ballyteigue Strand from the 14th January to 22nd January."

Rate Collection.

The Secretary reported that all the Rate Collectors had lodged the full amounts of their warrants; Mr Tobin, however, had been late in attending the Bank on 31st March, with the result that he did not close until 1st April.

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

"That as Collector Tobin was only a day late in closing his Rate Collection we request the sanction of the Local Government Board to allow of his poundage being paid."

CONFIRMATION FINANCE & ROADS COMMITTEE MINUTES.

On the motion of the Chairman, Seconded by Mr Scallan, the following recommendations of the Finance & Roads Committee were confirmed:-

Writing up Rate Books Etc:- "That the temporary clerical Staff employed by the County Council in connection with the preparation of Rate Books, etc., for year 1919-20, be paid at the rate of 9d per hour, as from commencement of employment."

Road Damaged by Traffic -U.S.Naval Air Station:- "That the County Surveyor be authorised to furnish on the U.S.Naval Authorities claim for the full amount of cost of repair of all roads damaged by traffic in connection with the U.S.Naval Air Station at Ferrybank, Wexford."

Under date 8th March 1919, the following was read from Mr R. W. Elgee, Solicitor, to the County Council:-

"In reply to yours with copy Resolution of the Co. Council relative to the Roads damaged by traffic from Ferrybank U.S.Naval Air Station.

This raises a very serious question as to how to make the U.S. Authorities liable for same, as of course if the Council went to sue them for damages they would immediately be met with the answer that being a Foreign Power they could not be sued here, and also that either the British Admiralty or the Board of Works were the proper parties to sue.

The only Act of Parliament I can find bearing on the subject is the Military Manoeuvres Act of 1897, but it only applies to certain things which may happen during Manouvers and does not in my opinion extend to anything that would take place during a State of War.

Such being the case unless the U.S.A.Naval Authorities would give a free grant for the repair of the roads I fear we would be unable to compel them.

I would further suggest that the Secretary be directed to write both to the Admiralty and the Board of Works informing them that these Roads have been very much damaged by the excessive traffic to and from the Air Station, and that they will now cost so much, (stating the estimated amount) to put them back into their former state and asking what they propose to do, as to compensating the Council for the damage.

I do not know what is being done in other Counties where the same thing has occurred, but I presume Mr Barry, County Surveyor, could ascertain this."

Under date 5th March 1919, James Fortune, Tubberfinnick, Crossabeg Contractor for Road 70W, wrote asking for a bonus in connection with Roads Nos. 64W and 70W, both of which had been damaged by the traffic in connection with United States Naval Seaplane Station.

Mr Barry, County Surveyor, read a long communication from U. S. Naval Air Station Headquarters for Ireland, in connection with the claim of the Council for damage to County roads.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Scallan:- "That the County Surveyor supply to U.S. Naval Air Station Irish Headquarters, particulars required by them in connection with the roads damaged by their traffic and that Mr Barry be authorised to deal generally with this matter."

Defaulting Contractors:- "That should the County Surveyor consider it advisable proceedings should be instituted against the following contractors, or their roads taken over under the 54th Sec of the Grand Jury Act:- 46R (John Hayes, Ballinruane, Duncannon) 98R, 102R (Pate Freeman, Ballyanne, New Ross) 99R, 160R, (Martin Nolan, Finchogue, New Ross) 240R (Thomas Browne, Clonmines, Wellingtonbridge)."

Confirmation of Minutes of Proposal Committee.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Scallan:- "That the Minutes of Proposal Committee Meeting held this day be and are hereby approved."

Proposals for Payment.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman Seconded by Mr Scallan:-

"That the several Proposals for Payment of fixed items for salaries etc., as recommended by the Proposal Committee and by the Finance & Roads Committee be and are hereby adopted. That as recommended by these Committees a quarter's instalment be paid to the several Public Bodies financed by the Co Council."

Enniscorthy Courthouse

Under date 11th March 1919, Mr W. Moore, Clerk Petty Sessions, Enniscorthy, applied for coal for his office. At the time of his appointment the Caretaker informed him that she was in the habit of lighting a fire in the mornings and supplying no further coal. He purchased coal himself to keep fires lighted for the past three years. This year the Caretaker had not supplied any Coal for his office and he had to supply it himself. He had used this year one and a half tons costing £5. 14. 6d, and would be glad if the Council would allow

this amount."

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

"That the application of Mr Moore, C. P. S., Enniscorthy, for Coal allowance be adjourned to next meeting and that Mrs Lacey, Caretaker, Enniscorthy Courthouse, be asked to state how she utilises the coal purchased with the allowance of £9 made by the County Council and why she does not supply any fuel to the Petty Sessions Office."

Roads in Enniscorthy Rural District-Road Board Grant &

-----Direct Labour-----

Under date 28th February 1919, the Clerk, Enniscorthy R. D. Council, forwarded the following resolutions which had been adopted by the Meeting of his Council on 26th February 1919:-

"That the County Surveyor prepare all necessary information and furnish all required particulars to the Road Board, and have all particulars ready for the Council's information at the April half-yearly Meeting, at which Meeting he is to submit a Proposal in connection with this matter for the consideration of the Council."

"That we protest against the manner in which the County Surveyor is dealing with the Roads that have been placed in his hands whether by the Co Council or those which he may have taken from Contractors, and that we call upon the County Council to have all direct labour employment in this District discontinued until our half-yearly Meeting in April, and that we request the County Council to have the manner in which Direct Labour work is being carried out at present inquired into."

In connection with the last mentioned resolution, the following resolution adopted at a Meeting of the Oylegate Branch of Irish Transport & General Workers' Union, was forwarded by Mr James Sinnott, Hon Sec:-

"That we strongly protest against the action of the Enniscorthy District Council (at their meeting in Enniscorthy on Wednesday 26th inst.,) in calling on the County Surveyor to discontinue the Direct Labour System on Roads, as in our opinion this is the best way to have the roads made passable. The state of the roads up to the km

to be brought into operation was in itself

sufficient evidence of the failure of the Contractors to carry out the work, and we call upon the County Council to use whatever power they have at their disposal to continue to have the roads repaired as they have been done in the Oylegate and adjoining districts for some time past. We call upon all branches of the Irish Transport General Workers Union to discuss the advisability of preventing their members from working on roads with contractors, and also quarrymen quarrying stones for contractors, until the question is finally settled in the interest of all concerned."

Direct Labour On Roads.

Under date 18th February 1919, the following was read from Mr C. Cullen, Secretary, South Wexford District Committee of the Irish Transport & General Workers Union:-

"At the meeting of the South Wexford Districts Committee of the I.T. & G.W.U., at which the following branches were represented:- Ballymore, Tacumshane, Lady's Island, Piercestown, Tagoat, Kilmore, Mayglass, and Rosslare, the following resolution was proposed by Mr James Ryan, Lady's Island, seconded by Mr Richard Madden, Kilmore:-

"That we call upon the County Council to adopt the direct labour system re the upkeep of roads as in our opinion the present system is an absolute failure, and we believe that the only scheme that will put the roads into passable condition, is by employing Direct Labour."

"No Order"

Road Limits-Enniscorthy, New Ross, & Wexford Districts.

Under date 4th March 1919, (letter No. 9364-1919, Wexford County) the Local Government Board wrote that they had given instructions for the preparation of an Order extending the limit of expenditure of Roads in Wexford Rural District to £9,200 for year ending 31st March 1920.

Under date 21st February 1919, letter was read from the Clerk, Enniscorthy Rural District Council, forwarding extract from Minutes of Meeting of 19th February, with the following resolution:-

"That we request the County Council to apply to the Local Government Board to increase the limit of expenditure on Roads in the Enniscorthy Rural District to £13359 for one year only so as to call the incoming Council to deal with the matter next year."

Under date 8th February 1919, the Clerk New Ross Rural District Council, wrote forwarding copy of a letter from Local Government Board (7th Feb 1919, 2339-1919, New Ross Rural District) calling attention to the fact that the estimate of road expenditure adopted by the Council exceeded the existing limit of expenditure for the Rural District. The matter should be brought before the County Council in the first instance, with a request that the County Council would formulate an application to the Local Government Board under section 27 (2) of the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898, for such extension of the limit as may be found necessary.

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

"That the Local Government Board be requested to increase the financial limit on roads in Enniscorthy Rural District to £13359 for one year only as requested by the Rural District Council. We desire to point out that according to the estimate of the County Surveyor, the Enniscorthy Rural District Council should have provided for an expenditure of £13732. 1. 10d on roads and £2582 deficit on the working of quarries and machinery or a total of £17314. 1. 10d in order to maintain the roads of their district in proper condition."

"That New Ross Rural District Council be informed that if they request the County Council to formulate to the Local Government Board an application for extension of limit of Road Expenditure, their request will be complied with."

Under date 20th March 1919, the Local Government Board forwarded Sealed Order No. 9364-1919, extending financial limit to ^{127. £9200. 0. 0} £7935. 10/- for Wexford Rural District, for financial year ending 31st March 1920.

Irrecoverable Rates.

Proposed by the Chairman, Seconded by Mr Scallan, and passed:-

"That the Finance & Roads Committee be empowered to deal with claim for refund of Irrecoverable Rates made by Rate Collectors in respect of Rate for half-year ended 31st March 1919."

Arklow-Gorey Road.

Under date 24th March 1919, the following resolution was received from Inch Farmers' Association:-

"That we the Members of the Inch Farmers' Union, emphatically protest against the sort of material that is used on the Gorey-Arklow Road, particularly that from Tara Hill Quarry, as it is boulders instead of broken stones that are put out, and if this state of affairs continue the Road will soon become impassable for any traffic."

"No Order"

Kilrush Gullett.

Under date 5th March 1919, Mr Richard Codd, Kilrush, Strahart P.O. wrote submitting correspondence between himself and County Surveyor as to repair of Kilrush Gullett.

Under date 23rd November 1918, the County Surveyor pointed out to Mr Codd, that he was prepared to give the latter a Sudden Damage Order for £3 to carry out the work which Mr Codd could do to his own satisfaction but of course subject to the County Surveyor's approval.

Under date 28th November 1918, Mr Codd wrote that he would carry out the necessary work for the £3 but to his own satisfaction only.

On the motion of the Chairman (Mr Belger) Seconded by Mr Cloney, the following resolution was adopted:- "That Mr Barry, County Surveyor, endeavour to arrange with Mr R. Codd, Kilrush, Strahart, as to construction of gullett, and meet, as far as he possibly can, the wishes of Mr Codd in the matter."

Condition of Killurin Quay.

Under date 3rd March 1919, Mr P. Kehoe, Hon Sec., Glynn Farmers' Association, forwarded the following resolution which was adopted at the last meeting of the Association:-

"That this meeting of the Glynn Farmers' Association begs to call the attention of the County Council to the scandalous condition of the quay at Killurin at the present moment. This quay which was repaired by local subscriptions some few years ago is not now of the slightest use to anyone in the locality. The place is covered over with timber and this Association demands an explanation as to why such a state of affairs is allowed to exist. There is no room to put a cot load of sand on it, or for the fishermen to land their nets. The road leading to the quay is almost impassable from Mr Cogley's. It is to be hoped that the present state of affairs will be

concerned removed."

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

"That the County Surveyor inform Mr S. Morris, Timber Merchant, Waterford, that in the use of Killurin Quay he will render himself liable to prosecution if the timber is laid down so as to cause an obstruction to the public or others who require the use of the structure for the purposes of business."

Paling Courtown Harbour.

On the motion of Mr Fowler, seconded by Mr Maddock, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That Mr Anthony Williams, Courtown Harbour, be prosecuted should he refuse or neglect to remove perch at his premises which is an obstruction to the public. That Mr Elgee be instructed to communicate with Mr Williams in the matter."

Drain at Castleland, Ferns.

Under date 15th February 1919, the following addressed to Patrick Purcell, Ballintlea, Gorey, was read from Messrs M. J. O'Connor & Co., Solicitors, Gorey:-

"Mrs Anna M. Darcy, of Castleland, has consulted us with reference to your action in stopping the drain which crosses the road near her house and which supplied her premises with water.

She informs us that as a result of your action the water supply has been completely cut off and she has suffered considerable damage. We understand that you as Contractor to the Co Council are responsible for the proper cleaning and repair of the gullet in question.

Unless within a week from this date the drain is properly cleaned and put in working order so that the water supply will be as heretofore we must take such steps against you or the Council as we may be advised. We are sending a copy of this letter to the County Council."

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Scallan, the following order was made:- "Referred to next meeting of Finance & Roads Committee, County Surveyor in the meantime to report."

Audit Accounts.

Reports of Auditor of Local Government Board as to Audit of Accounts of Wexford Union and Rural District Council for half-year ended 30th September 1919, were laid before the meeting.

"No Order"

Proposed Second County Surveyor.

Some considerable time back the Enniscorthy Rural District Council adopted a resolution asking the County Council to appoint a second County Surveyor. This Council sent the resolution to other Rural District Councils for an expression of opinion but New Ross R. D. Council was the only one which dealt with the matter, and they were strongly against the resolution. The County Council asked for the opinion of the two other Districts of the County.

Under date 18th February 1919, the Acting Clerk Wexford R. D. Council wrote that his Council were strongly against the proposal-, while under date 24th February 1919, the Clerk Gorey R. D. Council, wrote that his Council were not in favour of the proposal.

"No Order."

Rent of St Brigid's Inebriate Home.

Under date 31st March 1919, the following letter was read from the Rev Mother St John of God Convent, Wexford:-

"When St Brigid's Home, as an Inebriate Home for Females, was closed last year owing to lack of inmates, the County Council were good enough (in view of the large outlay of the Community of St John of God, on the premises) to allow us to hold it at a rent of one shilling from 1st July 1918. Recently we have undertaken the nursing of wounded soldiers and sailors for the War Office, but as the work is of a very limited character to the present, the Community would be extremely grateful to the Council if they would see their way to allow us to hold the premises for another year on the same terms as obtained in 1918. After this we would be in a position to know what we could expect from the Military Authorities.

Thanking your Council in anticipation, and expressing our deep gratitude for their past kindnesses."

On the motion of Mr Cloney, Seconded by Mr Scallan, the following resolution was adopted:- "That the Community of St John of God,

Wexford, be allowed to hold St Brigid's Inebriate Home at a rent of 1/- per annum, as from 1st July 1919."

Courtown Harbour.

Under date 12th February 1919, Mr P. Stapleton, Harbour Master, Courtown, wrote submitting the name of Mr Robert Connors, Esmonde St., Gorey, as one of his Sureties, vice Mr J. J. Redmond, Courtown Harbour, deceased.

On the motion of Mr Kinsella, seconded by the Chairman (Mr E. J. Belger) the following resolution was adopted:-

"That Mr Robert Connors, Esmonde Street, Gorey, be accepted as security for Mr Patrick Stapleton, Harbour Master, Courtown, vice Mr J. J. Redmond, Courtown Harbour, deceased."

Under date 8th February 1919, the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction wrote (592/19, F. B.) notifying arrangements for the attendance of their Engineer-Mr Hassard, M. I. C. E.,- to inspect breach in the bank retaining the river at Courtown Harbour.

Under date 7th March 1919, the Courtown Harbour Committee forwarded recommendation from their meeting of 4th March 1919, that the Harbour Master purchase ten oar poles at a cost not exceeding £5, and timber for repairing boats at a cost not exceeding £5.

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

"That the Courtown Harbour Committee be empowered to purchase ten oar poles at a cost not exceeding £5, and timber for repairing boats at a cost not exceeding £5."

Courtown Harbour Sewerage.

Under date 4th April 1919, the following was read from Mr R. Creighton, Clerk R. D. Council, Gorey:-

"Will you please bring before your County Council at their meeting next Tuesday, the question of the sewerage at Courtown Harbour and ask them to give their sanction to the District Council to construct a new sewer along a laneway at the rear of houses on South Side of Street to discharge into the basin.

The length of the proposed sewer would be about 25 yards and on that stretch there would be a fall of approximately 5 feet.

Mr Webster, Council's Engineer will furnish you with Maps and

levels if required."

On the motion of Mr Fowler, seconded by Mr Boyle, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the Gorey R. D. Council be allowed to construct new sewer in Courtown Harbour, work to be carried out to the satisfaction of the County Surveyor."

Ways & Communications Bill.

Correspondence was received from the Joint Councils of Industrial Development Associations, and Cork Harbour Commissioners, protesting against the passage of the Ways & Communications Bill.

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

"That we protest against the provisions of Ways & Communications Bill as they apply to Ireland. We consider that the various systems of transport in Ireland should be mainly administered by an Irish Authority with full power to deal with local conditions."

Oulart Courthouse, Etc.,

Under date 31st March 1919, Messrs Stapford & Turner, Estate Agents, wrote that Oulart Courthouse and furniture would be sold by auction on 22nd April 1919.

"No Order"

Analyst's Report.

City Laboratory

Chatham Road

Dublin. 25th February 1919.

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 1918.

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

<u>Article</u>	<u>Number</u>
Milk	35
Butter	30
Buttermilk	17
Margarine	13

<u>Article.</u>	<u>Number.</u>
Lard	7
Mustard	4
Cheese	4
Cocoa	4
Rum	3
Rice	3
Dripping	3
Baking Powder	3
Port Wine	2
Tea	2
Epsom's Salts	1
Beef Suet	2
Cornflour	1
Guinness's stout	1
Beef dripping	1
Baking soda	1
Shredded suet	1
Bread soda	1
Bread	1
Honey	1
Ginger wine	1
Bass Ale	1
Coffee & Chicory	1
Condensed Milk	1
Sugar	1
Quaker Oats	1
Cream of Tarter	1
Olive Oil	1
Drug	<u>1</u>
Total	<u>165</u>

One certificate was sent to Sergeant White, Wexford, for specimen of milk adulterated with at least 19 per cent of added water, four certificates for specimens of buttermilk adulterated with at least 11, 11, 13, and 25 per cent of added water respectively, exclusive of 25 per cent allowed for churning purposes, one certificate for specimen of milk adulterated with at least 6.25 per

cent of added water and was also deficient of at least 13 per cent of its fats, and one certificate for specimen of dripping which proved to be suet or tallow.

One certificate was sent to Sergeant Tuohy, Gorey, 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, two certificates for specimens of milk deficient of at least 16 and 16 per cent of their fats respectively and one certificate for specimen of whiskey which was 30 degrees under proof and was therefore adulterated with 6.67 per cent of water.

Two certificates were sent Sergeant Doyle, Enniscorthy, for specimens of rum which were 30 and 36 degrees under proof respectively and were therefore adulterated with 6.67 and 14.67 per cent of water.

One certificate was sent to Sergeant Torsney, Newtownbarry, for specimen of buttermilk adulterated with at least 32 per cent of added water exclusive of 25 per cent allowed for churning purposes.

For the Guardians of Gorey Union six drugs and a specimen of water were analysed. The drugs were correct. The specimen of water had the following composition.

One imperial gallon contained in grains.

Total solid matter	17.500
Including	
Albuminoid Ammonia	0.003
Saline Ammonia	0.0005
Nitric Acid	4.750
Chlorine	2.330
Colour	colourless

A good water.

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

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

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

Total analyses.....	181
Adulterated & defective articles.....	14

C. A. Cameron.

The following letter was read from Sir Charles Cameron, under date 12th February 1919:-

"A case in which I certified that buttermilk contained 32 per cent of added water came before the Petty Sessions at Newtownbarry a few days ago and was dismissed with £2. 2/- costs. A duplicate had been sent to the Government Laboratory, Somerset House, London, the chemists in which certified that "no added water" to it.

This buttermilk had been examined no less than three times and since this decision of the Magistrates, a fourth time, and with identical results. I have sent the rest of the sample to Somerset House, London, when I get the result, (which I am sure will confirm mine) I shall send it on to you. It is peculiar the remark "no added water" as buttermilk is not made without the addition of water.

Somerset House during the last forty years has invariably confirmed my results."

"No Order, as regards sample of buttermilk referred to in explanation of Sir Charles Cameron, being considered satisfactory."

Vice Presidency of Department of Agriculture
& Technical Instruction.

A resolution was received from Monaghan County Council, viewing with "great mistrust" the action of the Government in appointing Mr Hugh T Barrie as Vice President of the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction. Unless Mr Barrie be removed from the position the Monaghan County Council will not strike any rate for agriculture & technical instruction after March 1920.

"No Order"

Prisoners in Cork Jail.

The following resolution was received from Cork County Council:-

"That this Council condemns in the strongest possible manner the treatment being meted out to 32 Political Prisoners in Cork Jail at the present time, by which they are deprived of even the barest necessities of existence, are denied attendance at Mass, and subject to solitary confinement, without exercise, in a disused wing of the prison, and WE demand in the name of Christian Charity that those men and all men convicted of political offences be given Political Prisoners treatment according to the terms accepted by the Prisons

"A resolution couched in somewhat similar terms was received from Naas Board of Guardians."

"Resolutions adopted on the motion of Mr Cloney, seconded by the Chairman (Mr Doyle)."

Ministry of Health Bill.

The Secretary to the National Association of Insurance Committee (Ireland) forwarded under date 11th March 1919, the following resolution adopted by his Association on 5th March:-

"That the National Association of Insurance Committees (Ireland) directly elected by and representing 900,000 Industrial Workers in Ireland demand that a Ministry of Health Bill-separate and distinct from the Ministry of Health Bill for Great Britain be passed for Ireland.

That such Bill be drafted in consultation with informed Irish Representative Opinion to suit the needs and requirements of this Country.

The Bill to be of such a nature as would enable proper and adequate facilities to be placed at the disposal of an Irish Authority for the prevention and cure of diseases and the treatment of physical and mental defects."

"No Order".

Old Age Pensions.

The following resolution was received from Hollywood Old Age Pension Sub-Committee:-

"That we urge that Persons applying for Old Age Pensions shall have to show that their means do not exceed £65 per annum being twice the amount of the present limit."

"No Order"

Reconstruction Work.

A resolution was received from Louth County Council pointing out that the sum of £250,000 promised by the Chief Secretary for Ireland, for re-construction was utterly inadequate and directing the attention of the Chief Secretary to an interview with Mr H. G. Burgess London & North Western Railway, which gave a list of important works necessary in connection with reconstruction.

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

"That in addition to the £250,000 about to be provided for reconstruction by the Government, we are of opinion that the money spent in unemployment benefit should have been devoted to useful work of reconstruction and if possible any amount standing to the credit of the fund should be so applied."

Payment to Quarrymen.

Mr James Murphy, Ballynamuddagh, The Ballagh, President Trades & Labour League, appeared before the meeting and asked that quarrymen's wages should be fixed at 7d per hour for summer rate instead of at 6d as adopted by Wages Committee recently. The men, he said, found they could not make a living wage at the 6d per hour.

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

"That the question of the wages to be paid quarrymen be adjourned until next meeting of Finance & Roads Committee and special reference be made to it on agenda paper of the meeting."

Road No. 23W.

Under date 7th April 1919, the following letter was read from Messrs Huggard & Brennan, Solicitors, Wexford:-

"Mr Patrick Conboy of Moorfields, has been with us in reference to the road leading from the Urban Boundary to Drinagh. You may remember that our Mr Brennan appeared before the County Council in the month of December last in reference to this road and the Contractor complained that he could not get the supply of stones from Kerlogue Quarry. It was then arranged between the Contractor and the County Surveyor that the Contractor was to have the amount of his contract less the value of the number of tons not supplied by the Quarry at 4/8d per ton, this to include spreading.

The Contractor now complains that the entire amount of the balance of the contract has been struck off, and on his instructions we have been asked to write this letter, and suggest that some member of the County Council goes to see the Road immediately, and if this member would please communicate to the Contractor the day upon which he goes, the Contractor would have somebody to meet him there. the County Council will thus be in a position to get information as to the condition of the road."

On the motion of the Chairman (Mr Belger) seconded by Mr Maddock, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That Mr Barry, County Surveyor, furnish a report as to Mr Conboy's complaint to next meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee."

Extraordinary Traffic On Roads.

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

"That our Solicitor (Mr Elgee) be instructed to take such steps as may be necessary in connection with the following certificate and schedule of our County Surveyor as regards extraordinary traffic on roads:-

"I, pursuant to Sec 1 of the 1st Geo V Cap 45 The Public Roads (Ireland) Act 1911, Hereby Certify that having regard to the average expense of repairing a number of roads in the County Wexford, more particularly set out in attached schedule, for the repair and maintenance of which the County Council of the County of Wexford are liable and have undertaken to repair, Extraordinary Expenses have become necessary for the repairing of said roads by reason of the damage caused by excessive weight passing along same or extraordinary traffic thereon by reason of transport and haulage of Timber.

And I further certify that in my opinion it will require the several sums as set out in attached schedule to put said Roads into proper state of repair and that I have estimated for said ~~said~~ sums for such purpose."

Index No.	Estimated cost of Repair.	Index No.	Estimated cost of Repair.
	£		£.
2G	150	187R	75
3G	262	93R	90
4G	150	94R	140
123G	225	20R	72
59E	90	21R	120
105E	120	102R	42
257E	120	143R	45
250E	90	139R	36
277E	60	59W	112
280E	90	12W	90
343E	60	13W	225
6R	120	58W	30
7R	120	6W	80
216R	75	7W	54
221R	60	67W	36
223R	50	103W	110
228R	35	21W	72
242R	35	109W	50
199R	75	110W	30
		721W	45

Defaulting Road Contractors.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Scallan, the following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was adopted:-

"That the County Surveyor be empowered to institute proceedings against the following Road Contractors or take up their roads under the 54th Section of the Grand Jury Act, should he deem such a course advisable:- 11E, 64E, Christopher Molloy, 74E Thomas Dempsey, 73E, 36E Patrick Bailey, 184E Thomas O'Hara, 157E Michael Dempsey, 186E Robert Brien, 118E Patrick Higgins, 119G William Doyle, 121G Peter Whitty, 129G John Byrne, 131G Michael Byrne, 183G James O'Brien, 78W Edward Reid, 88W William Murphy, 91W Daniel Commers."

Preparation of Rate Books.

The permanent Staff of the County Council applied for the same remuneration for work at Rate Books and Receipt & Demand Note Books (carried out in their own time) as the temporary staff had been granted and pointed out that the rate which they were in receipt of at present was lower than was paid the temporary staff.

The Finance & Roads Committee made the following recommendation which was confirmed on the motion of Mr Kehoe, seconded by Mr Scallan:-

"That in connection with the work of writing up Rate Books and Receipt & Demand Note Books, the permanent Staff of the Council (Messrs T. A. Frizelle, C. H. Richards, and J. H. Cadogan) be paid at the following rates, viz:- 9d per 30 ratings (Originals-Rate Books) 9d per 35 Ratings (Copy-Rate Books) 9d per 18 for writing up Receipt & Demand Notes."

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(Signed)

John Boyle

Presiding Chairman.

Dated this 6th day of May 1919.

STATUTABLE HALF-YEARLY MEETING.-6th MAY 1919.

The Half-yearly Meeting of the Wexford County Council, was held in the County Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford, on 6th May 1919.

Present:- Mr John Belger (Chairman) and subsequently Mr Michael Doyle (Vice-Chairman) presided..

Also:- Messrs J. J. Stafford, P. O'Neill, J. J. O'Byrne, W. Thorpe, J. J. Kehoe, P. N. O'Gorman, J. Lynch, N. J. Fowler, R. Scallan, James Codd, M. Maddock, Louis Barry, N. J. Cowman, W. H. McGuire, Thomas Asple.

Mr W. H. McGuire signed his declaration of office on taking his seat for the first time.

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.

Roads & Works Untendered for.

The Secretary stated that at the Rural District Council Meetings the following was the result of Roads tendered and untendered for:-

<u>R. D. Council</u>	<u>Tendered for.</u>	<u>Untendered for.</u>
Enniscorthy	14	82
New Ross	10	68
Wexford	<u>2</u>	<u>59</u>
Total	<u>26</u>	<u>209</u>

The Gorey Rural District Council Adjourned Meeting had not yet been held, as no quorum attended, and it would be necessary to have a special meeting of the County Council to consider the form 20 and tenders from that Council.

In connection with the roads untendered for in Wexford Rural District, the following resolution was received from the Rural District Council:-

"That the County Council be asked to advertise inviting parties to make offers of metalling to be supplied for a period of one year, at the money allowed in respect of each road untendered for at this meeting. Each tender to state the quantity offered, and the name of the quarry from which the material is proposed to be supplied."

"Adjourned to next Meeting."

Enniscorthy R. D. Council & Road Contracts.

Under date 28th April 1919, the following letters were read from Mr A. A. Connolly, Clerk R. D. Council, Enniscorthy:-

"I beg to inform you that at the Adjourned Meeting of the District Council, it was decided to send Messrs T. Cleary, J. Mernagh, H. A. Lett, and J. Stamp, as a deputation to represent the Council at the consideration of the Contractors' complaints before your Council. Would there be any objection to the deputation being heard, if not, I would feel obliged if you would kindly let me know at what hour I will notify them to attend."

"I have been directed by the District Council to ask the County Council to investigate the complaints of James Brien, Glenteigue, with regard to the manner in which he has been paid for his Contracts.

Mr Brien produced several letters at the Adjourned Meeting here, some of which appeared to be more or less contradictory, and the Council were not able to arrive at a decision, hence they considered it better to ask the County Council to investigate the matter.

Will I write to Mr O'Brien, in this case and ask him to supply the correspondence, or would it be necessary for him to appear at your Council and state exactly what his complaint is."

"I have been directed by the Rural District Council to request you to draw the attention of the County Council to the case of Road No. 235E.

At the Adjourned Meeting of the District Council, the Contractor, Peter Kehoe, produced specification on which the tonnage had been changed from 96 to 84 cubic yards. In the debate on the question, the County Surveyor held that the change was only for one year, whereas the Contractor claimed that it held for the duration of the contract.

As this involved a question with regard to the payments to the contractor, it was unanimously decided to refer the matter to the Co. Council."

"At the Adjourned Meeting here I was directed to ask you to bring under the notice of the County Council the case of John Doyle, Ballycoursey, Contractor for No. 223E. This man considers he has a grievance with regard to his measurements, and as he stated that these were made by different Deputy Surveyors, the Council thought it better refer the matter to the Co Council and that Doyle should attend and plead his case."

District Councillor, wanted to have the question of the Oylegate District Roads discussed at the County Council Meeting. He (Mr Connolly) had written to the County Surveyor in the matter."

Mr J. R. Brennan, Solicitor, appeared for Peter Kehoe (Road No. 235E) and John Doyle, Ballycoursey, (Road No. 223E). In the former case Mr Brennan contended that £11 had been struck off the contract.

Mr Barry, County Surveyor, explained that as in another road for which Mr Kehoe was contractor, a sum of £3 had been erroneously struck off by Mr Flood, a former Assistant Surveyor, it had been arranged for the first year of the Contract of 235E that 84 cubic yards should be taken instead of 96.

Mr Brennan held that this reduction was to apply for the full period of the contract.

The Meeting came to the conclusion that as £3 would represent the value of the 12 yards taken from the contract for the first year that no mistake had been made by the County Surveyor as regards the payment.

As regards the Road of Mr John Doyle (223E), Mr Brennan, Solicitor stated that Mr Doyle 'complained that' he had two depots of stones on the road only one had been measured.

The County Surveyor stated this was correct so far as the measurement carried out by Mr Murphy (who was then a new Assistant) was concerned, but he (County Surveyor) had measured the second depot, and on the 23rd January last, when the Contractor was in his office, he explained to the contractor that there was 31 yards found in the depot which he had measured, and 32 yards in that measured by Mr Murphy, or a total of 63 yards.

After considerable discussion the meeting came to the conclusion that the County Surveyor had dealt properly with the contract.

In connection with roads of Mr James Brien, Glenteigue, the County Surveyor stated that the measurement of one depot on one of these roads had been in dispute between himself and Mr Brien for months and it was only recently he was satisfied that Mr Brien was entitled to £5 for this depot, and his War Bonus of £23, total £28, for which he had given a Sudden Damage Order to the contractor.

"The Meeting decided that the contracts of Mr Brien had been properly dealt with."

Mr Cleary, Rural District Councillor, as one of the deputation stated the discussion showed how necessary it was for the Enniscorthy R. D. Council to refer these complaints of their Contractors to the County Council.

The question of the refusal of the Enniscorthy R. D. Council to provide for the deficit on roads and quarries in their district was then gone into, and the Chairman pointed out to the deputation the serious position in which the Roads of the District would be placed if the Rural District Council persisted in holding up the work of quarries and machinery, because if the roads remained derelict on account of no material being available from quarries and no machinery provided, the expenditure which the ratepayers of the district would be obliged to incur to bring the roads into decent order would be appalling.

On the motion of Mr Scallan, seconded by Mr Lynch, the following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was adopted:-

"That the Enniscorthy R. D. Council be requested to hold a special meeting as soon as possible for the purpose of re-considering the present position of the roads of the district having been deprived of the use of material from County Quarries and of the machinery of the County Council. We feel assured that if the R. D. Council realise the gravity of their action they would rescind the resolution which they arrived at not to pay the amount of deficit on roads and quarries. That the members of the County Council residing in the Enniscorthy Rural District be asked to attend the special meeting."

New Ross R. D. Council and Road Limit.

Under date 22nd April 1919, the following resolution was read from New Ross R. D. Council:-

"We hereby request the Wexford County Council to formulate for the Local Government Board an application for the extension of limit of the Road Expenditure in this District from £8741. 5/- to £8928. 18. 4 for the year ending 31st March 1920."

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

"That the Local Government Board be requested to fix the limit of Road Expenditure for New Ross Rural District at £8928. 18. 4d, in respect of year ending 31st March 1920."

School Attendance Committee.

Under date 22nd April 1919, the Clerk New Ross R. D. Council, wrote that his Council had recommended the re-appointment of Mr M. J. Kenny, on the New Ross R. D. School Attendance Committee. Mr Kenny had been disqualified through non-attendance at the meetings of the Committee.

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

"That Mr M. J. Kenny, D. C., Campile, be re-appointed a Member of New Ross R. D. School Attendance Committee."

Mr A. A. Connolly, Clerk Enniscorthy R. D. Council, wrote under date 2nd May 1919, that the following had been recommended for appointment by his District Council as members of the Enniscorthy R. D. School Attendance Committee as representing the Wexford County Council, the "Local Authority" under the Irish Education Act:-
Messrs T. Cleary, L. Harte, P. J. Bowe, James Hall and T. Hayes.

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

"That Messrs Thomas Cleary, Ballyvake, Oylegate, Enniscorthy, Laurence Harte, Tominearly, Clonroche, Philip J. Bowe, Kiltale, Enniscorthy, James Hall, Boolavogue, Ferns, and Thomas Hayes, Court Street Enniscorthy, be appointed, as the representatives of the Wexford County Council, as members of new Committee of the School Attendance Committee for the Enniscorthy Rural District to hold office for three years as from 1st June 1919."

Hanlon's Quarry-New Ross District.

Under date 22nd April 1919, the Clerk, New Ross R. D. Council, forwarded the following:-

"At the Meeting of New Ross R. D. Council, on 17th April 1919, Mr Thorpe proposed, Mr Cerceeran seconded, and it was unanimously decided to ask the County Council to make arrangements by agreement or otherwise to have Hanlon's Quarry, Ballygarvan, available for the use of Road Contractors at a reasonable rate per cubic yard."

Mr Kelly, Solicitor, New Ross, appeared for Mr Hanlon, and stated that Mr Hanlon should retain the quarry as it was portion of the avenue of his house.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Lynch, the following

resolution was adopted:-

"That the County Surveyor arrange to take material from the Quarry of Mr Hanlon, Ballygarvan, at 4d per cubic yard, as quarry charge and surface damage."

Road No. 23 Wexford District.

At the meeting of the County Council on 8th April 1919, a letter from Messrs Huggard & Brennan, Solicitors, Wexford, on behalf of Mr Patrick Conboy, Contractor for Road No. 23W. was read.

Messrs Huggard & Brennan pointed out that it had been arranged between the Contractor and the County Surveyor, as the Contractor could not get his supply of material from Kerlogue Quarry, the Contractor was to have the amount of his contract less the value of the number of tons not supplied to the Contractor at 4/8 per ton, this to include spreading. The Contractor now complained that entire amount of balance of his contract had been struck off and Messrs Huggard & Brennan suggested that some Member of the Council should see the road and report to the Council, which would then be in a position to get information as to its condition.

The Meeting of the Council on 8th April 1919, adopted a resolution asking the County Surveyor to furnish a report to next meeting as to condition of the road.

"Adjourned to next Meeting."

Payment to Quarrymen.

At the Meeting of the County Council on 8th April 1919, Mr James Murphy, Ballynamuddagh, The Ballagh, President Trades & Labour League, appeared before the meeting and asked that quarrymen's wages should be fixed at 7d per hour for summer rate instead of 6d as adopted by Wages Committee recently. The men found, he said, they could not make a living wage at 6d per hour.

The following resolution was adopted by the meeting of 8th April last:-

"That the question of the wages to be paid quarrymen be adjourned until next meeting of Finance & Roads Committee, and that special reference be made to it on agenda paper of the meeting."

"Adjourned to next Meeting."

Kerlogue Quarry.

Under date 17th April 1919, the following was read from Mr Moses

Power, Kerlogue, Contractor, for supply of material for Road Contracts from Kerlogue Quarry:-

"In regard to Kerlogue Quarry, I did my best to get quarrymen through the Exchange. I got one man at 30/- per week. He only remained four days with me and left for more wages. I must pay 35/- a week to get the work done which I cannot give out of contract. I find it impossible to keep myself and family and pay big wages at present. If the Council could only see their way to help me to finish my contract which I would be inclined to do. Would you kindly lay this before your next meeting."

"Adjourned to next meeting."

Appointment Deputy Checkers-Rate Collection.

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

"That Messrs N. Kehoe, R. Creighton, and M. J. Finn, be re-appointed as deputy checkers for accounts of the Rate Collectors of Wexford, Gorey, and New Ross, districts, respectively, at a remuneration of 5/- per 100 ratings. That Mr Jasper Whitty be re-appointed as deputy checker of the accounts of the Rate Collectors for Enniscorthy District, at a remuneration of £15 for each financial half-year."

Mr E. Somers, Rate Collector-Proposal to appoint Deputy.

Under date 30th April 1919, Mr E. Somers, Rate Collector, wrote asking the County Council to agree to the appointment of his son- Mr James J. Somers- to help him with collection, as he was not quite strong as yet after his recent illness.

"Adjourned to next Meeting."

Audits of Accounts of Public Bodies.

Reports of Local Government Auditor and Abstracts of Accounts as to Audits of the Accounts of the following Public Bodies in respect of half-year ended 30th September 1918, were read:-

Enniscorthy District Lunatic Asylum, Enniscorthy Union and Rural District Council, Gorey Union.

Marked "Read"

New Member-Co Wexford Infirmary Committee.

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

"That Mrs Stafford, St Peter's College, be appointed as a Member of County Wexford Infirmary Managing Committee, vice Mr Philip Keating, deceased."

New Member-Co Committee of Agriculture, Etc.

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

"That Johnson Pasha be appointed a Member of the County Wexford Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction, vice Mr Michael Hickey, Garryrichard, Foulksmills, disqualified for non-attendance."

War Bonus to Officials.

At the Meeting of the County Council on 8th April 1919, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the Circular letter from the Secretary to County Surveyors' Association as to War Bonus be adjourned to next meeting and that in the meantime the County Surveyor ascertain the Counties which have granted War Bonus to their officers and the amount of same."

On the motion of Mr Kehoe, seconded by Mr Lynch, the following recommendation of Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed:-

"That the consideration of question of War Bonus to Officials be adjourned to next meeting."

Poisons & Pharmacy Act.

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

"That Poisons & Pharmacy Act Licence held by Mr Richard Breen, Commercial Quay, Wexford, be renewed for one year."

Work under Representation of the People Act 1918.

The Secretary stated that on the 30th April last a meeting of ten Rate Collectors was held in Wexford at which they decided that they would not carry out the work under the Representation of the People Act 1918, unless the fees for same were increased. He had reported the matter to the Local Government Board and to the Registration Officer, (Mr H. L. Meadows).

The latter forwarded for the information of the Council copy letter which he had issued to the ten collectors concerned by Messrs P. J. O'Flaherty & Son, Solicitors, Enniscorthy, on his behalf:-

"We are instructed by Mr H. L. Meadows, Registration Officer of the County Wexford that you being a Rate Collector and as such, assistant overseer under the Representation of the People Act 1918, have refused to carry out your duties under the said Act, for which breach of your duty you are liable under 13 & 14 Vic, Cap 69, Sec 103, to a penalty not exceeding £100 to be recovered by action in the Superior Courts with full Costs.

Our instruction are to issue immediate proceedings against you unless by return of post you undertake in writing to carry out your duties without further delay.

The rate of pay is fixed by Treasury Order made on the 17th April 1918, and the Registration Officer has no power to alter the rates thereby provided. The time being short we must have a reply by return, as otherwise the proceedings will have to go on."

Under date 6th May 1919, the following letter was read from Mr Meadows:-

Mr John Mullett, Rate Collector for Enniscorthy District Electoral Division, has refused to carry out his work under the Representation of The People Act 1918, and I would therefore request the County Council to take such steps as would insure that this work should be carried out at once.

The matter is urgent as the Voters' lists must be ready for the Printer on the 15th prox.,

I think it would be well to call a special meeting of the Council to deal with this matter."

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

"That our Secretary be directed to suspend forthwith from his office any Rate Collector who refuses to carry out his duties under the Representation of the People Act 1918, and that the Local Government Board be requested to sanction this course as it is important that the work of preparing the Registrar should be proceeded with at once in view of the fact that the Registrar should be in the hands of the Printer by the 15th June 1919."

Kilrush Gullett.

Under date 5th May 1919, the following was read from Mr Patrick Whelan, County Councillor:-

"With reference to resolution passed at last meeting-April 7th-instructing County Surveyor to try, and arrange dispute in reference to above gullet. I understand from Mr Codd, that Mr Barry has not done anything further in the matter, I would be glad to know why Mr Barry has not carried out his instructions, He is apparently flouting the Council in this matter. At the same time I would like to know if the Contractor has been paid for portion done. I wish the Council to give Mr Barry final instructions to end this matter. I regret being unable to attend the meeting to bring this forward.

Please bring this matter before County Council Meeting."

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

"That Mr Whelan be informed that owing to the time taken up in dealing with Contractors' payments and R. D. Council Meetings the County Surveyor has informed the Council that he was unable to arrange with Mr Codd as to gullet at Kilrush. We hereby instruct the County Surveyor to deal with the matter without further delay."

Cloologue Quarry.

Under date 4th May 1919, the following was read from Mr Terence Hinch, Road Contractor, Camolin:-

"Just to ask you to put before the Council at their meeting there is six contractors specified for Cloologue Quarry. There is Leary, Murphy, Kelly, Murphy, McDonald, and Hinch, The whole six ask the Council either to take off tonnage or get them gelignite or grant them more money for their labour. They would do with 20 per cent of tonnage off. Its nearly impossible to get the stones out of the quarry without blasting."

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Kehoe, the following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was adopted:-

"That Mr Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, be instructed to arrange for work of Rock Drill at Cloologue Quarry, and have blasts carried out there on the one day, provided the Enniscorthy R. D. Council agree at proposed special meeting to meet the deficit on Roads & Quarries."

Roads damaged by Timber Traffic.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Kehoe, the following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was adopted:-

"That the County Surveyor be directed to prepare an estimate of the amount of damage done to the roads of the County by timber haulage and the period during which such damage was incurred. That this statement be forwarded Mr R. W. Elgee, our Solicitor, and a copy also furnished hauliers with a view to arriving by agreement at the amount of compensation to be paid in respect of each Road."

Taking Material from Road.

The County Surveyor in his report to the Finance & Roads Committee stated that by directions of the Council he had written Mr James Larkin, Blacksmith, Adamstown, in regard to material removed from Road No. 125R and had claimed payment for same. But to the present, no reply had been received from Mr Larkin.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Scallan, the following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was adopted:--

"That Mr Elgee, our Solicitor, be instructed to communicate with James Larkin, Blacksmith, Adamstown, as to recovery of 10/- the value of material taken by him and which was the property of the County Council. That Mr Elgee proceed against Larkin in the event of his refusal to pay the amount in question."

The late Miss Redmond, Tinraheen.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Asple, seconded by Mr Scallan:--

"That we offer our heartfelt sympathy to our esteemed colleague Mr Joseph Redmond, Tinraheen, The Ballagh, in the loss he has sustained by the demise of his Sister-Miss Redmond- and that a copy of this resolution be furnished Mr Redmond."

Security of Rate Collectors.

Messrs E J. Murphy, John Mullett, Joseph Cummins, G. Rossiter, and M. J. Sheehan, Rate Collectors, wrote asking the County Council to accept personal security instead of security by guarantee society on account of the high premium which they had to pay for their fidelity guarantee which they could not now effect without collateral personal security. They were prepared to submit the security of persons who were now accepted by guarantee Societies as counter security.

Mr Thorpe stated he would give notice of motion for consideration of the County Council in June to have this

question of security of Rate Collectors considered and particularly with a view of endeavouring to inaugurate a fund by which security can be provided as is the case with officials of Joint Stock Banks and other public institutions."

Proposals for Payments.

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

"That the several proposals for payments on Forms 22 from R. D. Councils and Proposals Committee, Transfers to Public Bodies and the several items for County expenditure as approved by the Proposal Committee and recommended for payment by the Finance & Roads Committee, be and are hereby adopted, subject to the modifications and other orders noted thereon and initialled by the Chairman."

Proposals for Works.

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

"That the several proposals for Roads and Works, from Rural District Councils and Proposal Committee as appearing on Form 20 in respect of half-year ended March 31st 1919, be and are hereby adopted subject to the modifications and other orders noted thereon and initialled by the Chairman."

Applications-Increases Salaries.

Under date 30th April 1919, the following was read from Mr R. J. Ennis, Assistant County Surveyor, Enniscorthy R. D.:-

"I beg to make application for an increase of salary to correspond with the extra mileage in my charge. The following are the figures on which I base this request-

Average mileage of the other Assistants..	370
Mileage of my district-	470
Rate per mile in the other four districts (average)	8/1
Rate per mile in my district-	6/4

I am quite ready to admit that the County Council met our recent application for increases very fairly. At the same time I do not think that my present request can be considered unreasonable in the light of above figures. Calculated at 8/1 the average rate in the other districts, my salary would be £190."

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

"That the application of Mr R. J. Ennis, Assistant County Surveyor, for an increase of salary be refused."

Under date 1st May 1919, an application was read from Mr T. A. Frizelle, County Accountant, to have his present salary of £150 per annum, increased to £4 per week. He pointed out that his work had been invariably reported upon most favourably by the Local Government Auditor, while his salary compared very unfavourably with the salaries paid to Accountants in Counties of similar size to Wexford.

Under date 1st May 1919, Mr J. H. Cadogan, Clerk in County Council Office, applied for increase of salary, since his appointment almost eight years ago, the only increase he received was one of 5/- per week, over eighteen months ago, making his salary £1. 5/- per week, which was altogether inadequate, having regard to the high cost of living and present purchasing value of money.

The following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr O'Neill:-

"That application for increases of salaries from the Accountant and Mr J. H. Cadogan, be adjourned to next meeting. That our Secretary submit at said meeting a statement of the salaries and emoluments of each officer from the County Council."

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(Signed)

John Bolger

Presiding Chairman.

Dated this 16 day of

June

1919.

ANNUAL MEETING.- 16th JUNE 1919.

The Annual Meeting of the Wexford Co Council, was held in the Co. Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford, on 16th June 1919.

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

Also:- Messrs M. Doyle (Vice-Chairman) P. Quigley, L. Barry, P.O'Neill, M. Cloney, A. Kinsella, Thomas Asple, Mark Codd, R. Scallan, J. A. Doyle, M. Maddock, J. J. Kehoe, P. N. O'German, W. H. McGuire, James Lynch, James Codd, J. J. Stafford, J. Redmond.

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

Mr Lynch signed his declaration of office as Chairman of the Enniscorthy Rural District Council.

Confirmation of Minutes.

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and confirmed.

Chairmen Rural District Councils.

Letters were read from Clerks R. D. Councils of Enniscorthy, Gorey, New Ross, and Wexford, as to appointment of Messrs James Lynch, N. J. Fowler, William Thorpe, and N. J. Cowman, as representatives of these districts on the County Council.

Election of Chairman.

Mr Kinsella proposed and Mr Kehoe seconded the re-election of Mr John Bolger as Chairman of the Council for the ensuing year.

The proposition was unanimously adopted.

Mr Bolger returned thanks for his election.

Election of Vice-Chairman.

Mr Cloney proposed and Mr Stafford seconded the re-election of Mr M. Doyle as Vice-Chairman of the Council for the ensuing year.

"Passed Unanimously"

Mr Doyle returned thanks for his election.

Appointment of Committees.

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

"That the Finance & Roads Committee and Proposal Committee for the ensuing year be composed of the entire Council."

The late Miss Redmond.

On the motion of Mr Kehoe, seconded by the Chairman, the following reply from Mr Joseph Redmond M. C. C., to vote of condolence adopted by the County Council on the death of his Sister, was ordered to be inserted on the Minutes:-

"Your letter of the 7th inst., received in which is embodied the kind resolution of sympathy passed by your Council to me on the death of my Sister. Will you please convey to the Council at the first available opportunity my sincere thanks and tell them that I value and appreciate their resolution very much indeed, and will you pray accept my sincere thanks to you for the expressions of your personal sympathy with me in my bereavement as contained in your letter."

Salaries Assistant Surveyors.

Under date 6th May 1919, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 16833) approving of the increase of the salaries of Assistant Surveyors John Kehoe and W. H. Jones to £150 per annum each, as from 8th April 1919.

Marked "Read"

Limits of Road Expenditure.

The Local Government Board under date 29th May 1919, (22547-19, Wexford County) forwarded Sealed Orders extending the Road limit in Enniscorthy R. District to £13359 and in New Ross Rural District to £8928. 18. 4d.

Marked "Read"

Assessment of Rating on Occupier.

Under date 2nd June 1919, the Local Government Board wrote (13203-1919, Kerry Co.,) pointing out that it had been decided in the King's Bench in the case of the County Council of Donegal v Margaret McCrossan & Elizabeth McCrossan that in order to have a valid rate where there is an occupier, the occupier upon whom the rate is made must be named or at least sufficiently described to be capable of identification, and if this is not done no valid rate has been made.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Kehoe, the following resolution was adopted:- "That a copy of the Circular letter of the Local Government Board under date 2nd June 1919, (No.13203-1919) as to having © WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL ARCHIVES

that our Secretary be instructed to see that proper persons are rated in accordance with the decision in the case of Donegal Co Council V McCrossan.

Representation of the People Act 1918.

Under date 22nd May 1919, the Local Government Board wrote, (letter No. 22006-1919, Wexford Co.,) that the course of action proposed by the Council in connection with the duties of Rate Collectors as regards preparation of second Electors' lists for second Irish Register under the Representation of the People Act 1918, had met with the full approval of the Local Government Board.

The Secretary stated that the Rate Collectors were now carrying out satisfactorily their duties under the Representation of the People Act 1918

"No Order"

The Local Government Board forwarded under date 26th May 1918, (23M-1919) copy of the Rules made under the powers vested in them by sub-section (9) of section 44 of the Representation of the People Act 1918, as regards Polling Districts and Polling Places Rules 1919.

"No Order"

Audit of Accounts.

The Local Government Board forwarded copies of Reports of their Auditor in respect of accounts of the following public bodies for half-year ended 30th September 1918:-

Gorey Rural District, New Ross Union and Rural District Council.

The following report of the Local Government Auditor, under date 24th May 1919, in connection with his audit of the Accounts of the County Council in respect of half-year ended 31st March 1919, was read:-

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

The accounts, notably the Ledger, were prepared and submitted for audit in a most satisfactory manner by the Accountant, Mr T. A. Frizelle, and no item of expenditure calls of any remark upon my part.

It would appear that the limit of road expenditure has been exceeded in three Rural Districts, viz:- Enniscorthy, Gorey, and Wexford, to the extent of £464. 18. 8d, £145. 19. 8d and £106. 14. 3d respectively.

Applications - Increases of Salaries.

The application of Mr T. A. Frizelle, (Accountant) and Mr J. H. Cadogan, Co Council Offices, for increases of salary and which appear on Minutes of the County Council for 6th May 1919, were considered.

The Finance & Roads Committee made the following recommendation which was unanimously adopted on the motion of Mr Kehoe, seconded by Mr Lynch:-

"That the salary of Mr T. A. Frizelle, Accountant, be increased by £35 per annum as from 6th May 1919, and that the salary of Mr J. H. Cadogan, Assistant in County Council Offices, be increased by £25 per annum as from 6th May 1919."

Tenders for Roads & Works--Gorey R. D. Council.

Form 20 from Gorey R. D. Council in connection with adjourned meeting of 21st May 1919, was submitted to the meeting.

Under date 23rd May 1919, Mr Richard Doran, Ballywalterbeg, Killena, wrote that altho' he was the lowest tender for Special Works Nos. 3,4,5 & 6 he was not accepted contractor. Some of the Councillors had objected, though he had always given satisfaction on contracts of this nature. He therefore objected to the manner in which he had been treated, and hoped something would be done to set the matter right.

The Special Minute furnished by the District Council stated that Doran was objected to as being a defaulter.

The County Surveyor submitted the following from Mr Kirby, Assistant Surveyor, Gorey District:-

"Richard Doran had tenders in for all Special Works. He was severely challenged by Councillors and Contractors as a bad and defaulting Contractor. I said we had to deprive him of a contract because of his neglect to do the work. That was taken as a valid excuse, and on those grounds he was refused at least two special jobs where he was the lowest tender. However, he got some other contracts, some Councillors urging that he should get a chance."

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

"That the Proposals for Roads and Works as appearing on Form 20 from Gorey Rural District in respect of Meeting held on 21st May 1919, be and are hereby adopted subject to the modifications and other Orders

noted thereon and initialled by the Chairman."

Enniscorthy R. D. Council & Road Limit.

In connection with the refusal of the Enniscorthy R. D. Council to provide in their Road Estimate for the current year for the deficit on the working of quarries and machinery for the past year, the following resolution was adopted at the meeting of the Co Council on the 6th May 1919

"That the Enniscorthy R. D. Council be requested to hold a special meeting as soon as possible for the purpose of re-considering the present position of the roads of the district having been deprived of the use of material from Co Council quarries and of the machinery of the County Council. We feel assured that if the Rural District Council realise the gravity of their action they would rescind the resolution which they arrived at not to pay the amount of deficit on roads and quarries. That the Members of the County Council residing in the Enniscorthy Rural District be asked to attend the special meeting."

Under date 23rd May 1919, Mr A. A. Connolly, Clerk R. D. Council, Enniscorthy, wrote that the special meeting of his Council decided to rescind the former resolution of the Council refusing to give the necessary guarantee to cover the loss of the working of the quarries and machinery in the Rural District and had asked the Local Government Board as to what steps should be taken to raise the necessary money.

Under date 28th May 1919, the Local Government Board forwarded the following copy of letter (24671-1919, Enniscorthy R. D. Council) which they had forwarded to Mr Connolly:-

"The Local Government Board for Ireland have had before them the resolution of the Enniscorthy Rural District Council on the 14th instant, requesting to be informed as to what method should be adopted by the Council to obtain additional money necessary to guarantee the loss on the making of the roads and quarries in the Enniscorthy Rural District, the Council having previously refused to vote the full estimate to provide the necessary funds for this work, and, in reply, the Board direct me to state that the necessary money will have to be provided by the Wexford County Council out of their general credit balance.

The expenditure must, of course, be charged to the Enniscorthy

Rural District and will involve an increased levy in next year's rate, in order to recoup this year's expenditure and to provide for next year.

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

Under date 2nd June 1919, the Clerk R. D. Council, wrote as follows:-

"I beg to inform you that another crux has arisen in connection with the Quarries here, as the Council refused to pass a resolution on Wednesday last, asking the Local Government Board to increase the limit of Expenditure, or rather I should say asking the County Council to request the Local Government Board to have the limit of expenditure increased to £15941 instead of £13359 already asked for, I presume this means the closing of the Quarries in this District."

The Finance & Roads Committee Meeting of the 4th June 1919, discussed the foregoing letter and adopted the following recommendation:-

"That our Secretary lay before Dr Cowan, Inspector Local Government Board, the facts in connection with the refusal of the Enniscorthy R. D. Council to adopt a resolution asking the Local Government Board to increase the Road limit for Enniscorthy Rural District, call his attention to the views of the Members of the Finance & Roads Committee expressed at this day's meeting, and request his advice as to how to meet the deadlock which has arisen."

Under date 11th June 1919, Dr Cowan, wrote that he was exceedingly busy with the Housing question now and was practically switched off all other work. He feared, therefore, that much as he should like to help the County Council with respect to the question of the Enniscorthy Roads and quarries, he was not in a position to do so, and hoped the Council would be able to get a satisfactory settlement otherwise."

The following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was adopted on the motion of Mr O'Neill, seconded by Mr Maddock:-

"That as the Enniscorthy Rural District Council have agreed to be responsible for the amount of loss consequent on working of quarries and machinery in that district for 1918, and it is necessary to have present Road limit for the District extended to £16305 in order to give effect to above resolution, we hereby make application to the Local Government Board to extend for year ending march 1920 the limit of road expenditure in Enniscorthy Rural District to above amount."

Roads & Works-Enniscorthy Rural District.

The following resolutions were received from Enniscorthy R. D. Council:-

"That we request the County Council to supply us with a return of the Sudden Damage Orders issued in the Enniscorthy Rural District for the three years ended 31st March 1919. Such return to give full particulars as to the work done, persons employed and amount paid."

"That we request the County Council to order that Material sent from Quarries in the Enniscorthy Rural District to other Rural Districts in the County be charged at a higher rate than what is paid in Enniscorthy so as to make up for damage done to the Roads by reason of increased traffic."

"That the County Council furnish a Return of the expenditure on the following roads for the past three years to 31st March 1919, the names of the persons paid and quarries from which material was taken in each case:- Nos. 238E, 221E, 218E, and Ballinaslaney Road passing by St David's Well."

The Secretary stated that as regards the last resolution the information would be supplied when number of road- "Ballinaslaney-St David's Well" was furnished, as the particulars given were not sufficient to identify the road. As regards Sudden Damage Orders the County Surveyor had the information prepared for the R. D. Council."

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

"That the information re roads etc., asked for by Enniscorthy Rural District Council, be furnished by our County Surveyor."

Payment to Quarrymen.

At the Meeting of the County Council on 8th April 1919, Mr James Murphy, Ballynamuddagh, The Ballagh, Enniscorthy, President Trade & Labour League, appeared before the Meeting and asked that quarrymen's wages should be fixed at 7d per hour for summer rate instead of at 6d as adopted by Wages Committee recently. The men, he said, found they could not make a living wage at the 6d per hour.

The following resolution was adopted by the Meeting of 8th April last:-

"That the question of the wages to be paid quarrymen be adjourned until next meeting of Finance & Roads Committee, and that special reference be made to it on agenda paper of the meeting."

Under date 11th June 1919, the following was read from Mr R. F. King, General Secretary, Irish National Trade & Labour Union:-

"I am instructed by my Executive to draw your attention to the resolution re quarrymen's wages postponed from April 8th.

This matter is altogether too long under discussion without any result, and I must inform your Council if not fixed on Monday's Meeting the Union has no option but declare a strike in quarries concerned.

We do not want to adopt this course but if the Council will not meet us on the matter in a reasonable manner, we regret we have no other alternative."

On the motion of Mr Stafford, seconded by Mr Kehoe, the following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was adopted:-

"That the Quarrymen employed in the County Council Quarries be paid at the rate of 7d per hour as from 8th April until further notice. That the General Secretary of the Irish Trade & Labour Council be informed that it was impossible to have the matter dealt with previous to the present meeting."

Roads damaged by Timber Traffic.

At the Finance & Roads Committee Meeting of the 4th June 1919, the following from the report of the County Surveyor was submitted:-

"As directed by the Council I furnished list of damaged roads to the several hauliers with particulars of cost of repair and I also furnished copy to Major Chance the Inspection Officer for the War Department. Two claims, one for the road from Raheenduff to New Ross, and the other from Stokestown to New Ross, have been recognised by the War Office and I furnished particulars on the necessary forms."

The Finance & Roads Committee adopted the following recommendation:-

"That the County Surveyor be directed to ascertain from the Authorities what are the amounts of the proposed Government Contributions to cover damage caused to roads from Raheenduff to New Ross, and from Stokestown to New Ross, by abnormal timber traffic, and that particulars of same with estimates of County Surveyor as to full amount required

to put these roads in good condition, be laid before the Council at the earliest opportunity."

Confirmed on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr McGuire.

The County Surveyor stated that he had communicated with the representative of the War Office, but, up to the present, had not received any reply.

"Adjourned for further information."

Metalling Untendered Roads.

The County Surveyor in his report to the Finance & Roads Committee reported:-

"At last Meeting of the Council a resolution from the Wexford Rural District Council in regard to untendered roads was not able to be considered and I wish to know what steps I am to take in regard to making arrangements for the work on these roads during the coming year. Also, I should be glad to have special directions in dealing with the untendered roads in other districts."

The following is the resolution of the R. D. Council referred to by the County Surveyor:-

"That the County Council be asked to advertise inviting parties to make offers of metalling to be supplied for a period of one year, at the money allowed in respect of each/untendered for at this meeting. Each tender to state the quantity of metalling offered, and the name of the quarry from which the material is proposed to be supplied."

The Secretary called attention to the following from the report of the Local Government Board for year ended March 1918:-

"In a few Counties it has been proposed as a measure of economy to reduce the quantity of material to be supplied for roads but in all such cases we have expressed our strong disapproval. Such an expedient appears to us to be short-sighted economy which could only lead to inordinate expenditure within a comparatively short time on restoring the roads to their proper condition."

As doubt was expressed at the meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee that the resolution of the Wexford R. D. Council meant the provision of less than the specified amount of material for untendered

roads, the Finance & Roads Committee adopted the following recommendation:-

"That our Secretary communicate with the Clerk, Wexford Rural District Council, as to resolution inviting offers of metalling for untendered roads as there appears to be some difference of opinion regarding what exactly is the nature of the proposal of the District Council."

The following under date 10th June 1919, was read from the Acting Clerk, Wexford Rural District:-

"I laid your letter re the above before my Council on Saturday. After some discussion it was unanimously decided to leave the solution of the difficulty of obtaining tenders for the maintenance of roads uncontracted for in the hands of the County Council."

After considerable discussion, the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Maddock, seconded by Mr Cloney:-

"That the Finance & Roads Committee be instructed to consider, at meeting to be held on 16th July 1919, the present condition of road maintenance in the County with special reference to untendered roads and that they be requested to submit suggestions to the Council as to improvement of same.

That the District Councils be asked to nominate one of their members to act in conjunction with the Finance & Roads Committee with regard to this matter, and that the County & Assistant Surveyors be instructed to attend the meeting of the Committee."

Hanlon's Quarry.

In connection with the proposal of the Council to arrange for the working of Mr Hanlon's quarry at Ballygarvan, the following recommendation was adopted at the meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee on 4th June 1919:-

"That the County Surveyor enter into an agreement with Mr Hanlon for working of quarry at Ballygarvan, the fourpence per cubic yard agreed to by the Council, to be paid to Mr Hanlon, and the latter to be responsible for any claim by the landlord."

"Recommendation of Finance & Roads Committee confirmed on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Kehoe."

Claims for damages for Accidents on Roads.

Under date 28th May 1919, the following was read from Messrs

Crotty & Kelly, Solicitors:-

"We are instructed by our Client the Rev J. Crosbie C. C., Clongeen, to apply to the Wexford County Council for the sum of £39. 10/- as compensation for loss and damage sustained by him by reason of the Council's failure to keep the road from Stoneenrath to Pound Cross and from Pound Cross to Foulksmills in a condition of repair suitable for ordinary traffic. Father Crosbie repeatedly complained of the condition of these roads but nothing was done to meet these complaints.

Sometime ago Father Crosbie's trap dropped into a rut in this road and was completely broken up with the result that Father Crosbie had to purchase a new car and was put to the additional cost of £19. 10/-. Father Crosbie further claims £20 for 3½ tons of hay given to him by Parishioners along the road complained of but he was unable to get drawn by reason of the dangerous condition of the road, and in consequence of which he had to buy feeding stuffs.

We would be obliged if you would place this matter before the Co. Council at its next meeting, and let us know if the Council is prepared to pay the above sum of £39. 10/- the amount of loss sustained by our client."

Under date 31st May 1919, the following was read from Dr J. B. Keogh, Carrigbyrne:-

"On Sunday 25th inst., about 11 O'C., a.m., my Motor Car broke down near the Chapel of Cullenstown, owing, I believe, to the condition of the road due to haulage of timber thereon by traction engine and wagons from Horstown Wood. The Car had to be towed home by Mr Carroll, road contractor. I intend to seek compensation for the damage to my Car from the County Council, and shall thank you to let me know in what form I should apply. I may say that the road from Cullenstown Chapel that by Col Strengé's gate is impassible for motors and notwithstanding the traction engine and wagons which I believe to be responsible for the destruction of the roads have recently recommenced to haul timber on these roads."

The following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed on the motion of Mr O'Neill, seconded by Mr Michael Doyle:-

"That while the County Council are not prepared to admit liability for settlement of claims of Father Crosbie and Dr Keogh they desire to point out that they are in negotiations with the War Office as to compensation for damage to Roads injured by timber traffic and

when negotiations have been concluded they will be in a position to deal with the claims which they hold over for the present."

Road No. 23W-Wexford District.

At the meeting of the County Council on 8th April 1919, a letter from Messrs Huggard & Brennan, Solicitors, Wexford, on behalf of Mr Patrick Conboy, Contractor for Road No. 23W., was read. Messrs Huggard & Brennan pointed out that it had been arranged between the Contractor and the County Surveyor, as the Contractor could not get his supply of material from Kerlogue Quarry, the Contractor was to have the amount of his contract less the value of the number of tons not supplied to the contractor at 4/6 per ton this to include spreading. The Contractor now complained that entire amount of balance of his contract had been struck off, and Messrs Huggard & Brennan suggested that some Member of the Council should see the road and report to the Council which would then be in a position to get information as to its condition.

The Meeting of the Council on 8th April 1919, adopted a resolution asking the County Surveyor to furnish a report to next meeting as to the condition of the road.

The County Surveyor submitted details of how the road payments had been dealt with and showing that the money "struck off" had been for neglect of attention to drainage."

The Chairman proposed, Mr Lynch seconded and passed:-

"That from the explanation of the County Surveyor that the Contractor for this road declined to attend to the work of drainage etc., notwithstanding repeated instructions we consider that the County Surveyor dealt properly with the payments on this contract."

Road No. 35R.

The following letter under date 26th May 1919, was read from Michael Murphy, Arthurstown:-

"Mrs Catherine Murphy, Ramsgrange, Reps of William Murphy, Contractor for 35 Road (New Ross District) has handed me a Paying Order for £18, as it is I who have been keeping the road in repair.

The half-yearly payment should be £24 so that £6 has been struck off, for what reason I do not know. The only intimation I have had on the subject is contained in the enclosed postcard. The contract expired on 31st March last, and I did not tender for a renewal of the

Contract. I have done my utmost to comply with the terms of the Bond and feel that I have been unjustly treated by having so much money "struck off" hence am reluctantly compelled to request you to bring the matter before the next meeting of the Finance Committee for inquiry as to the cause, and that I may be given some tangible reason for being penalised to such an extent.

Apologising for troubling you and trusting you will see to my complaint."

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

"That the letter of Michael Murphy, re road No. 35W be referred to the County Surveyor, and that he be requested to make arrangements with the contractor as regards disputed payment for 24 cubic yards of material."

Road No. 221E.

The Finance & Roads Committee at their meeting on 4th June 1919, adopted the following recommendation:-

"That the County Surveyor be directed to take up Road 221E from Contractor (Patrick Kinsella, Coolmain Oylegate) or take such proceedings against the Contractor as he (County Surveyor) may consider necessary in order to get the road into proper repair."

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

Wall-Corriganeagh Rock.

The following letter from Messrs Huggard & Brennan, Solicitors, re wall at Corriganeagh Rock, under date 17th January 1919, and which was postponed from previous meetings was read:-

"Mr George Hanstock, of Ballycale, Gorey, was with us to-day and informs us that a considerable number of years ago a wall was erected at Corriganeagh Rock on the bank of the river which bounds his lands and also the lands of Messrs Steacy and Byrne.

For sometime past this wall has been allowed to go into a considerable state of disrepair with the result that it is now practically impossible for Mr Hanstock and the other parties to keep their cattle on the lands.

We would feel obliged if you will kindly bring the matter before the County Council and have the necessary repairs effected as soon as

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

"That, acting on the advice of our Solicitor-Mr Elgee- the Co. Surveyor be instructed to have the necessary repairs carried out to wall at Carriganeagh Rock on the bank of the river which bounds the lands of George Hanstock, Ballycale, and Messrs Steacy and Byrne. That the Co. Surveyor advertise same and accept the lowest satisfactory tender."

Kerlogue Quarry.

Under date 17th April 1919, the following was read from Mr Moses Power, Kerlogue, Contractor for supply of material for Road Contracts from Kerlogue Quarry--

"In regard to Kerlogue Quarry I did my best to get quarrymen through the Exchange, I got one man at 30/- per week. He only remained four days with me and left for more wages. I must pay 35/- per week to get the work done which I cannot give out of contract. I find it impossible to keep myself and family and pay big wages at present. If the Council could only see their way to help me to finish my contract which I would be inclined to do. Would you kindly lay this before your next meeting."

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

"That Mr Elgee, Solicitor, communicate with the sureties of Moses Power, and point out to them that the County Council must hold them responsible for any failure on the part of Moses Power in carrying out his contract for supplying material from Kerlogue Quarry."

Oulart Courthouse.

Under date 11th June 1919, the following was read from Mr Peter Cooney, Oulart:-

"I beg to inform you that I have purchased the landlord's interest in Oulart Courthouse, which has been held as yearly tenancy by your Council at £10. Owing to the big increase in cost of everything now, I will be obliged to raise the rent. I think you will agree this is not an adequate sum when you take into consideration that it is subject to rates payable by me, repairs, annual cleaning, whitening, painting, Insurance, etc., apart from present outlay which is almost £200 purchasing amount Costs, etc., I may say portion of back of

house requir slates and repairs at present. I therefore beg to say I propose increasing the rent to £30 payable quarterly. I will, be glad if you will kindly bring the matter before your Council when I trust they will consider the proposed increase reasonable."

In connection with Oulart Courthouse, the following under date 3rd June 1919, was read from Mr Oriell R. Lee, C. P. S., Oulart:-

"I am directed by the Magistrates sitting at Petty Sessions here, to apply for a grant from the County Council for fuel and cleaning of the Oulart Courthouse.

The former landlord made an allowance for this purpose, but the present owner refuses to do so.

For the safe keeping of the books and documents a fire is necessary, especially so, as the house is naturally very damp.

During the present year I have borne this expense from my own pocket.

I trust you will kindly lay this request before the next meeting of your Council, and oblige."

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

"That the letter of Mr P. Cooney, Oulart, applying for increased rent for Oulart Courthouse, and from Mr Lee, C. P. S., re grant for fuel and cleaning of said Courthouse be referred to Mr Elgee for his advice."

Enniscorthy Courthouse- Coal Supply

At the meeting of the County Council on 8th April last the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the application of Mr Moore, P.S.C., Enniscorthy, for coal allowance be adjourned to next meeting, and that Mrs Lacey, Caretaker Enniscorthy Courthouse, be asked to state how she utilises the coal purchased with the allowance of £9 made by the County Council, and why she does not supply any fuel to the Petty Sessions Office.

On the motion of Mr O'Neill, seconded by Mr Kehoe, the following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed:-

"That in order to allow of a fire being provided in the petty Sessions Clerk's Office in Enniscorthy Courthouse, an increased allowance of £6 for cost of coal be granted Mrs Lacey, Courtkeeper, as from 30th June 1919."

Hay & Straw Order

The Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction forwarded Order No. 478 (14 April 1919) revoking Hay & Straw (Movement from Great Britain to Ireland) Order of 1919.

"No Order"

Local War Pensions Committee.

Messrs J. J. O'Byrne, James Codd, A. Kinsella, P. O'Neill, and Sir T. H. G. Esmonde, County Councillors, who had resigned membership of Local War Pensions Committee, had been asked to nominate their Successors.

Sir Thomas Esmonde wrote that he had no idea who would take his place, but he considered the best appointment to be made would be someone from near Wexford, who would be able to attend.

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

"That Mr N. Byrne, North Main Street, Wexford, be appointed a member of County Wexford War Pensions Committee, vice Sir T. H. G. Esmonde, resigned."

Holidays.

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

"That the usual Summer holidays be granted the County Council Officials, viz:- Secretary and County Surveyor one month, other Officials fourteen days."

Dates of Meetings of Councils.

On the motion of Mr Kehoe, Seconded by Mr Redmond, the following dates of Meetings of Rural District Councils, Proposal Committee, and County Council, were adopted:-

New Ross R. D. Council-	Monday-	27th October 1919,	11.30 O'C.,
Enniscorthy	"	Wednesday 29th	" "
Gorey	"	Monday 3rd November 1919	" "
Wexford	"	Saturday 8th	" 11 O'C.,
Proposal Committee		Wednesday 6th August 1919	" "
County Council	"	"	12 noon.
Proposal Committee	"	8th October 1919	11 O'C.,
County Council	"	"	12 noon.

Proposal Committee- Wednesday- 10th December 1919, 11 O'C.,
County Council # # 12 Noon.

Parasitic Mange (Ireland) Order of 1919.

Under date 16th May 1919, the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction forwarded copies of the Parasitic Mange (I) Order of 1919, and explanatory memorandum etc., regarding its provisions.

"The Secretary stated that these had been advertised in the three local papers."

"No Order"

Local Government (Ireland) Act 1919.

Circular letter from the Local Government Board under date 12th June 1919 (101M-1919) as to effect of section 6 of above Act was read.

"No order as the Co Council had already decided to postpone the elections."

New Member-Asylum Committee.

On the motion of Mr Scallan, seconded by the Chairman, Mr P. N. O'Gorman was appointed a Member of the Asylum Committee vice Mr Philip Keating, deceased.

New Member-Tuberculosis Committee.

The Tuberculosis Committee recommended the appointment of Councillor W. H. McGuire, vice Mr Philip Keating, deceased, as a member of the Committee.

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

"That the name of Mr W.H.McGuire, be added to the Tuberculosis Committee vice Mr Philip Keating deceased."

County Insurance Committee-Tenure of Office, Etc.,

Under date 27th May 1919, the Secretary, Insurance Commission wrote that they proposed issuing regulations extending the term of office of Members of Insurance Committees appointed by County Councils etc., to the 30th June 1920.

Under date 15th May, the Insurance Commission wrote (21900/19,Wex) that they had declared Mr W. H. McGuire, Mayor of Wexford, and Mrs Stafford, St Peter's College, Wexford, appointed Members of County Wexford Insurance Committee, vice Sir T.H.G.Esmonde and Mr James Sinnott, resigned.

Marked Read.

Irish Education Act.- Enniscorthy R.D. Committee.

Under date 23rd May 1919, the Secretary to National Education Commission, wrote that the following constituted the Enniscorthy R.D. School Attendance Committee for the three years as from 1st June 1919.

Appointed by Local Authority:- Messrs Thomas Cleary, Ballyvake, Laurence Harte, Tominearly, Philip J. Bowe, Kiltaly, James Hall, Boolavogue, Thomas Hayes, Court Street, Enniscorthy.

Appointed by Commissioners of National Education:- Rev Canon Macbeth, L.L.D., Killegney, Rev S. Cullen, C. C., Marshallstown, Rev A. Forrestal P. P., Newtownbarry, Rev R. Talbot B. A., Ballycarney, Rev J. Redmond C. C., Caim.

"No Order"

Reformatory & Industrial Schools.

Under date 6th June 1919, a circular letter was read from the Irish Industrial & Reformatory Managers Association, asking the Council to have increase in capitation grant recently given brought up to 2/6 per head per week, to enable the schools to claim the promised increase of 2/6 from the Treasury. It should be admitted that the proposed increase of 66 per cent over pre war rates is very low when it is remembered that prices of almost all articles of food, clothing, fuel, and household utensils had increased by over 100 per cent. While the Managers in common or other employers had been obliged to increase the wages of their staffs by an equivalent amount. They asked the proposed increase should be retrospective as from 1st April 1918.

Individual applications couched in similar terms were received from St Conleth's School, Phillipstown, and St Brigid's Rathdrum.

"Adjourned to next meeting."

Appointment Sheep Dipping Inspectors.

Mr James Murphy, Coolbawn, Ferns, applied for re-appointment as Inspector of Sheep Dipping for Gorey and Enniscorthy Rural Districts.

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

"That Mr James Murphy, Coolbawn, Ferns, be appointed Sheep Dipping Inspector for Rural Districts of Gorey and Enniscorthy for both dipping periods (Summer & Autumn) for year 1919, at a remuneration of £26, a month's notice in writing at either side to determine the

appointment."

In connection with the resignation of Mr George Brett, Tannerhill Ballycogley, as Sheep Dipping Inspector, for New Ross and Wexford Districts, the following recommendation was submitted from the Finance & Roads Committee:-

"That advertisement be issued for appointment of Sheep Dipping Inspector at a remuneration of £26 to cover both dipping periods of 1919, for districts of New Ross and Wexford, appointment to be made at the Annual Meeting of the County Council to be held on 16th June 1919."

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

Applications were received from James Hayden, Corlican, Glynn, and James Boggan, Tannerhill, Ballycogley, for appointment as Inspector of Sheep Dipping for Rural Districts of Wexford and New Ross, at a remuneration of £26 for both dipping periods of 1919.

Mr Scallan proposed the appointment of Hayden.

Mr Asple seconded.

Mr Kehoe proposed the appointment of Boggan.

Mr James Codd seconded.

A poll was taken with the following result:-

For Hayden:- Messrs Quigley, Maddock, O'Neill, Lynch, Mark Codd, J. A. Doyle, Gorman, Scallan, Redmond, Asple.- 10.

For Boggan:- Messrs Barry, Cloney, James Codd, M. Doyle, Kinsella, McGuire, Stafford, Kehoe, and the Chairman.- 9.

The Chairman declared Mr Hayden elected.

The successful Candidate returned thanks.

University Scholarship Scheme.

Under date 12th April 1919, Mr James O'Connor, University Student recently demobilised, wrote stating that as it was impossible for him to defray the expenses of the May to June session, he wished to know if he could have the necessary amount from the £108. 10/- standing to the credit of his scholarship paid into a hostel for his support and also of the deficiency in fees.

"No Order"

Mr Thomas J. O'Rourke, University Student, wrote under date 26th April 1919, asking the permission of the Council to reside outside

Hostel until his scholarship expired in June. He had been examined by Doctors and owing to spinal wounds received in France he was found quite unfit to do any active work as a civil Engineer. He had been granted an Army allowance to enable him to study for the Bar. As he present Hostel (Blackrock) was four miles from the King's Inns, he asked for permission to reside in the City.

"No Order"

Applications for award of University Scholarships were received from:-

- 1.- Mary Ellen Philomena O'Rourke, 8 St Peter's Sq, Wexford.
- 2.- Anna Josephine Murphy, 87 Sth Main St., Wexford.
- 3.- Fergus Headon, 9 Millpark Road, Enniscorthy.
- 4.- James Hayden, Curragh, Kilanerin, Gorey.
- 5.- Myles Moore, 30 New Street, Enniscorthy.
- 6.- Edward John Redmond, Seamount Cottages, Courtown Harbour.
- 7.- John Joseph O'Brien, Inch Railway Station, Gorey.
- 8.- William McAuliffe, Johnstown, Clonegal.

On the motion of Mr McGuire, seconded by Mr Maddock, the following resolution was adopted:-

"We consider that all the applicants whose names have been presented to the meeting are eligible to compete for University Scholarships with the exception of Fergus Headon. As this applicant's father is an Excise Officer we decide to hold over his application in order to ascertain if he comes strictly within the meaning of sec 10 (2) of the Irish University Act 1908."

On the motion of Mr McGuire, seconded by Mr Maddock, the following changes were made in syllabus for University Scholarship Scheme to take effect as from year 1920, and to include all new scholarships awarded in that year:-

"That Scholarships be confined to the Children of Ratepayers of the County Wexford who have resided in said County for a period of five years immediately preceding the 1st January of the year in which Scholarship is awarded."

"All Candidates must pass the matriculation examination of the selected University in the year in which the award of Scholarship is made."

Recommendations- Finance & Roads Committee.

Duncannon Anchors Etc:- "That neither tenders submitted to this day's meeting for purchase of anchors, chains, etc., at duncannon be accepted, but that same be put up for public auction by Messrs P. Bolger & Son, New Ross."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr Maddock, seconded by Mr McGuire."

Leave-Mr Kirby, Assistant Surveyor:- "That Mr James Kirby, Assistant Surveyor, be granted a week's leave of absence to be deducted from his annual fortnight's Summer holiday."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr Maddock, seconded by Mr McGuire."

Wexford Bridge:- "That no order be made on the letter of Messrs H.C. Martin, relative to supply of pitchpine logs for Wexford Bridge. That if the County Surveyor finds in the bridge any defective timber which needs immediate renewal we consider it should be repaired out of adopted proposal for £250."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr Maddock, seconded by Mr McGuire."

Tara Hill Quarry:- "That the scrap iron at tara hill Quarry be sold by public auction by Messrs George Warren & Co. Auctioneers, Gorey."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr Maddock, seconded by Mr McGuire."

Security of Rate Collectors:- "That our Chairman be requested to bring to the notice of the General Council of Irish County Councils the question of the formation of a guarantee Society by the Local Public Bodies to cover the security of all officers working under these bodies and required to give security."

"That as we understand some Guarantee Societies have an objection to the form of Bond drafted by the Local Government Board for Rate Collectors we are of opinion that steps should be taken by the Local Government Board to meet this objection, and would suggest that for the future the bond would merely guarantee the honesty of the Collector."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr Maddock, seconded by Mr McGuire."

Mr E. Somers, Rate Collector-Proposal to appoint Deputy:- "That subject to the sanction of the Local Government Board we recommend that Mr James J. Somers, be appointed deputy Rate Collector for No. 9 Collection district, for the collection of current rate provided that Mr E. Somers, present Collector, furnish a medical certificate that he

is unable to carry out his duties efficiently, and subject also to the deputy collector giving the security of a guarantee society."

Proposed by Mr Scallan, seconded by Mr O'Gorman, and passed:-

"That we dissent from the recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee, as, in view of the medical certificate submitted by Mr Somers, we cannot see our way to appoint a deputy."

Quay at Ferrycarrig:- "That the Ferrycarrig Regatta Committee be allowed to erect seats at Ferrycarrig Quay, on 19th June (Regatta Day) provided that the Committee will be responsible for any damage which may be caused the structure, and that all reasonable precautions be taken for the safety of the public."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr Maddock, seconded by Mr McGuire."

Mr McDonald, Hon Sec., to Ferrycarrig Regatta Committee, wrote under date 11th June 1919, that owing to the responsibility involved and the trouble of collecting entertainment tax the Committee had abandoned the idea of erecting seats or otherwise using the Quay except as members of the general public.

"No Order"

Registration Expenses:- "That a sum of £100 be advanced to Registration Officer as per his requisition under date 10th May for Registration Expenses."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr Maddock, seconded by Mr McGuire."

Technical Training at Wexford Industrial School:- "That we recommend the County Council to contribute towards the maintenance of the Girls 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 & Technical Instruction, the sum of 3/6 per week, per child, limited to a maximum of 12 children.

This proposal to be re-considered at the end of two years from date of opening of class for session 1919-20."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr McGuire, seconded by Mr O'Gorman."

Poisons & Pharmacy Act Licences.

Application for new licences under Poisons & Pharmacy Act, 1908, were received from Messrs W.H. McGuire, Quay, Wexford, Isaac Hutchinson, 85 Main Street, Gorey, John Roche, Camolin, and for renewals of existing licences from Messrs Matthew Harpur, North Main Street,

Wexford, Kate Colfer, Ballymitty, John Purcell, Broadway, Edward Brennan, Taghmon.

On the motion of Mr Scallan, Seconded by Mr Asple, a resolution was adopted agreeing to the issue of new licences under Poisons and Pharmacy as appearing above."

Courtown Feis.

Miss Mary Comerford, Levuka, Courtown Harbour, applied on behalf of the District Gaelic League, for permission to hold yearly Feis on the property of the County Council at Courtown Harbour, and to collect on both bridges over the Ounavarragh river, as on previous occasions.

"On the motion of Mr Scallan, seconded by Mr Redmond, the application of Miss Mary Comerford, Levuka, Courtown Harbour, was acceded to."

Courtown Harbour.

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

"That the County Surveyor be directed to prepare a detailed specification of the work of restoring breach in Courtown Harbour River embankment, also information as to cartage of sand and arrange with the Department to have the work done by contract."

The following resolution adopted at a meeting of fishermen on 17th May 1919, was also submitted:-

"That we call upon the County Council or other Authority responsible for the upkeep of the harbour at Courtown to at once take steps to prevent the siltage of sand through an aperture in the Pier head which for the past month has choked the entrance to said harbour, thereby preventing fifty bread winners from earning their means of living and this at a time when the necessities of life are so costly."

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

"That Mr Riordan, Courtown Harbour, Secretary to Meeting of Fishermen held on 17th May, be informed that the work at Courtown Harbour is being attended to by the County Council and the Engineer of the Department of Agriculture."

The County Surveyor pointed out that in communications he had with the Department it was stated that the Reconstruction Committee

had decided against work of the nature being carried out.

Porch & Paling at Courtown.

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

"That a Committee consisting of the Chairman, Messrs A. Kinsella, and N. J. Fowler, with the County Surveyor, inspect railings and porch at the premises of Anthony Williams, Courtown Harbour, and report to the Council. That the County Surveyor arrange date and hour of meeting and communicate with the Members of the Committee."

"The County Surveyor stated that Mr Fowler was the only member of the Committee who attended and he was of opinion that proceedings should be again instituted against Mr Williams. He (Mr Fowler) was to consult with Mr Kinsella but the County Surveyor could not say if the consultation had taken place."

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Kehoe, it was decided that the matter be adjourned to next meeting in order to consider the report of the Committee."

The Courtown Harbour Committee from Meeting of 3rd June 1919, submitted the following:- "We recommend that a new frame of either pitchpine or oak be put on Boat carriage as the old one is completely rotten, at a cost not exceeding £20."

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

"That we approve of the Courtown Harbour Committee procuring new boat carriage at a cost not exceeding £20 work to be carried out to the satisfaction of the County Surveyor."

Wexford Gas Company.

Notice was read from Messrs O'Flaherty & Son, Solicitors for Wexford Gas Company, intimating that the Company had made application to the Board of Trade for authorisation to declare a dividend on the "A" Shares of $7\frac{1}{2}$ per cent, and on the "B" and "C" Shares of the Company at $\frac{3}{4}$ per cent, notwithstanding that the price of gas exceeded the price provided for by clause 26 of the Wexford Gas Order of 1903.

The Finance & Roads Committee submitted the following recommendation:-

"That the Council be recommended to fall in with the attitude

to be taken by the Wexford Corporation as regards the application of the Wexford Gas Company for power to declare certain dividends on their Shares."

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

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

"That this Council agrees with the decision of the Wexford Corporation not to oppose the application of Wexford Gas Company for payment of dividends on certain of their Shares."

War Bonus to Officials.

At the meeting of the County Council on 8th April 1919, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the Circular letter from the Secretary to County Surveyors' Association, as to War Bonus be adjourned to next meeting, and that in the meantime the County Surveyor ascertain the Counties which have granted War Bonus to their Officers and the amount of same."

"Adjourned to next ordinary meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee on the motion of Mr Scallan, seconded by Mr Maddock."

Capitation Grant-Asylums.

The following resolution was submitted from the Pembroke Urban District Council:-

"That this Council, as one of the Contributory Bodies obliged to levy annually a local rate towards the expenses of supporting and maintaining the Dublin Union and District Asylums, in the management or administration of which institutions or the spending of moneys so levied on this Urban District it has no direct voice or control, views with alarm the prospect of a demand being made upon it for the ensuing year in excess of the abnormally high figure of about £30,000 contributed during the present financial year, and is of opinion that the existing law relating to such institutions is both faulty and defective.

That the Council is also of the opinion that the State should assume full and direct responsibility and control in relation to the support and maintenance of the destitute poor and mentally infirm of the country as a whole, the cost of such maintenance to be defrayed out

of moneys to be raised by a national Rate of charge, and not by means of local ratings.

That copies of this Resolution be forwarded to all other contributory Bodies in the Dublin area, the Boards of the local Asylums, the Poor Law Guardians of Dublin Union, and the Dublin Citizens' Association and that we invite an exchange of views with them on the questions involved in contemplation of conjoint action being taken to obtain amending legislation on such lines as may be deemed advisable."

The Secretary stated that as regards Enniscorthy Asylum the amounts certified by Auditor for years 1910-18, inclusive were £48233 and the amounts actually received £44141. 18. 10d or a deficit of £5362. 17. 3d".

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

"That in view of the present insolvency of the Local Taxation Account and of the greatly increased cost of maintenance of Lunatic Asylums, we consider it just and equitable that the State should bear at least half cost of present maintenance of lunatic asylum patients, as certified by Auditor of Local Government Board."

War Bonus-Mr Elgee, Solicitor.

Under date 14th May 1919, Mr R. W. Elgee, Solicitor to the Council, wrote as follows:-

"By the Rules made by the High Court of Justice this time twelve months, it was ordered that as from the 16th May 1918, all Solicitors should be entitled to 25% additional to their professional charges during the continuance of the War and for six months from its conclusion I therefore would ask the Council to grant me a bonus of 25% on my salary since the 16th May 1918, I may mention that if I was paid by Fees for the work done the 25% increase would be allowed by the Taxing Master on the Taxation of the Costs.

Pleade lay this letter before the next meeting of my Council for their consideration and oblige."

"Adjourned to next ordinary meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee on the motion of Mr Scallan, seconded by Mr Maddock."

Irish County Councils' Officials Association.

Under date 20th May 1919, Mr J. V. Lawless, Hon Sec., to above

Association, wrote calling attention to Award No. 84 of the Conciliation Board for Government Employees, with a view to its immediate application to the Clerical Staff employed by the Council.

"Adjourned to next ordinary meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee on the motion of Mr Scallan, seconded by Mr Maddock."

Application Refund Motor Duty.

Under date 4th April 1919, District Inspector Heggart, R. I. C., applied for refund of £6. 6/- Motor Duty. Mr Heggart pointed out that altho' he had paid duty he had not used his Car and he had now sold it owing to his transfer to Belfast, where it would not be any use to him in the discharge of his duties.

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

"That application be made to General Post Office for refund of £6. 6/- Motor Duty paid by Mr Heggart, D. I., as he took out licence in error, and as licence has been paid on Car by new owner."

Drain at Castleland.

At the meeting of the County Council on 8th April 1919, a letter was read from Messrs O'Connor & Co., Solicitors, Gorey, on behalf of Mrs Anna M. Darcy, Castleland, that as a result of Patrick Purcell, Ballintlea, Gorey, stopping the drain which supplied her premises with water she had suffered considerable damage, and unless the drain was properly cleaned and put in working order so that the water supply would be as heretofore, they would have to take such steps against the Road Contractor or the County Council as they would be advised.

"The County Council referred the matter to the Co Surveyor for report."

"Postponed to next Meeting".

Capetaker-Duncannon Hulk.

In connection with the sale of Duncannon Hulk and its removal from the Station, the following was read from Laurence Monahan.:-

"I have been informed that the Co. Council was about to have my salary for Harbour Master reduced. I beg to say that I have to light 4 lamps look after railings on Quay, also inner and outer harbour, and attend when vessels and boats are being moored. I expend about £1 per year on matches, which the Council do not allow for. The time

given each day to the Council's work is about 3 hours daily, for which I receive the small sum of eight pence per day, which I hope the Council will not further reduce."

"Adjourned"

House at Kitestown.

The County Surveyor submitted the following from Mr William Underwood, John Street, Wexford:-

"It was my intention to finish my house in Kitestown. The work is in an advanced stage. Mr Trainor, Deputy Surveyor, called on me last week and informed me that I couldn't continue the work as the house isn't the regular specified distance from the centre of road. I had no idea that there was any particular distance else I should not have taken the work in hand. I might mention that the walls have been standing for years before I came into possession. I beg that you will give my application to finish the House your favourable consideration, as it would mean to me a considerable loss which in my present circumstances I would be unable to meet."

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

"That no objection be raised by the Council to the completion of House at Kitestown by Wm Underwood, as the County Surveyor does not consider it in any way an inconvenience to the Public."

Clock in County Council Chamber

In connection with payment of 5/- per annum to Mrs Richards, Wexford, for winding and repairing clock in County Council Chamber, the Secretary stated that Mrs Richards had sold her premises to Mr Ridd who wished to know if old arrangement would continue.

On the motion of Mr Scallan, seconded by Mr Lynch the following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed:-

"That no further arrangement be made as to winding and repairing clock in County Council Chamber."

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(Signed)

Wm Bolger
Presiding Chairman.

Dated this 5 day of *Apr* 1919.

QUARTERLY MEETING.- 5th AUGUST 1919.

The Quarterly Meeting of the County Council was held in the County Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford, on 5th August 1919.

Present:- Mr John Bolger (Chairman) presiding.

Also:- Messrs J. Redmond, M. Codd, R. Scallan, Patrick Whelan, J. J. Kehoe, James Codd, W. H. McGuire.

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

Confirmation of Minutes.

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and confirmed.

Application Increased Grant-Reformatory & Industrial Schools.

Under date 6th June 1919, the Chairman and Secretaries of the Irish Industrial and Reformatory Schools wrote applying for an increased capitation grant. They pointed out that in November last an intimation was given to the English Schools that the Treasury had come to the conclusion that an increase of 5/- per head, per week, over pre-war rates was necessary to enable the schools to meet their obligations. The Treasury agreed to provide 2/6 of this increase on condition that the Local Authorities contribute the other 2/6. When this came to the knowledge of the Irish Association they took steps to have a similar increase given to Irish Schools and they had received a Circular letter that the Treasury would increase their grant to 2/6 per head per week, on condition that the Local Authorities increase their contribution by an equivalent. If local authorities contributed an increase less than the 2/6 per head a corresponding reduction would be made in the grant.

The Irish Managers of Schools had used every effort possible to have the increase from the Treasury given unconditionally but they had not been successful, and they had therefore to appeal to the Council to have the increases already given brought up to 2/6 per head per week, to enable the Schools to claim the increase of 2/6 from the Treasury. The proposed increase of 66 per cent over pre-war rates is very low when it is remembered that the prices of all articles of food, clothing, and household utensils have been increased by over 100 per cent, and the Managers of the Schools in common with all other employers had been obliged to increase the wages of their staffs by an equivalent amount.

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

"That the County Council be recommended to grant a further increase of 1/6 per week in the Capitation Grant for the Wexford children in Reformatory and Industrial Schools, said increase to date as from 1st April 1919."

"The Recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed on the motion of Mr McGuire, seconded by Mr Whelan."

War Bonus to Officials.

Under date 13th June 1919, the Local Government Board wrote (No. 99M, 1919, Circular Local Authorities) calling attention to Award No. 84 of the Conciliation and Arbitration Board for Government Employees and suggested that the Council might consider it desirable to take this amended scale for their guidance when fixing or amending War Bonuses for their employees. The Board also called attention to their Circular letter of 20th February 1919, (No. 4727:1919, Miscellaneous) in which they pointed out that they thought it right that the Scale of War Bonus authorised for permanent Civil Servants in accordance with the Awards of the Conciliation and Arbitration Boards should be given to all permanent whole-time local officers who have approximately equal salaries and emoluments, as the increases in the cost of living press with practically equal severity in all parts of the Country.

Under date 20th May 1919, Mr J. V. Lawless, Hon Sec., Irish County Councils' Officials Association, wrote calling attention to Award No. 84. His Executive believed that the County Councils in Ireland were not as regards the position of their own officials less humane than the Government. Therefore, in view of the admitted depletion in the purchasing power of £1 pre-war to 8/- at the present time, and to the possibility of a further reduction, the Executive of the Co Councils' Officials Association felt that the County Council would take Award No. 84 as a minimum rather than a maximum increase to be granted to their clerical staff.

The Irish Clerical Workers Union have obtained from the Government a minimum wage of £3 per week for its members, and he had been asked to urge upon the Irish Co Councils the advisability of doing likewise, and that in the interests of efficiency they should adopt a system of graded salaries with annual increments for the clerical staff, and promotion in

accordance with merit from the lowest to the highest position in their gift.

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

"That owing to the seriousness of the question to be dealt with and owing to the very small number present at this meeting (in consequence of various reasons) and in order to meet the demands now made, a special meeting of the Council be held on Wednesday 20th August at 12 O'Clock, noon, to consider the matter. In the meantime that information be sent to each member of the Council relative to the following:-

- 1.- What is the nature of application made and amount involved.
- 2.- Length of service of each officer applying for War Bonus.
- 3.- The salaries of these officers two years ago and today."

Mr R. W. Elgee, Solicitor to the Council, wrote under date 14th May 1919, pointing out that by the Rules of the High Court of Justice twelve months ago it had been ordered that as from 16th May 1918, all Solicitors should be entitled to 25 per cent additional to their professional charges during the continuance of the War and for six months from its conclusion, and he therefore asked the Council to grant him a Bonus of 25 per cent on his salary since the 16th May 1918. If he had been paid by fees for the work done the 25 per cent increase would be allowed by the Taxing Master on the Taxation of Costs.

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

"That we recommend the County Council in accordance with the Rules of the High Court of Justice in Ireland to grant Mr Elgee, Solicitor to the County Council, a bonus of 25 per cent in his salary as from 16th May 1918."

On the motion of Mr Scallan, seconded by Mr Kehoe, the recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee agreeing to War Bonus to Mr R. W. Elgee, was confirmed."

Application for War Bonus from County Surveyors' Association and from County Court Judges Crier were further postponed to special meeting of the Council to be held on 20th inst."

Application.-James Carstairs-Increase Wages.

Enniscorthy Branch Irish Transport & General Workers Union, applied to the Council for an increase in the wages of James Carstairs, No. 1 Drill Operator, from 45/- to 60/- per week, and his hours of work reduced from 54 to 48 hours.

The Finance & Roads Committee submitted the following recommendation:-

"That the salary of James Carstairs, Rock Drill Operator, be fixed at £2. 10/- per week as from this date (this being the salary paid Myles Hyland, second drill operator) provided that Carstairs be satisfied to work 54 hours per week as in the past."

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

Salaries Enniscorthy R. D. School Attendance Officers.

Under date 13th June 1919, Mr Jasper Whitty, Secretary Enniscorthy Rural District School Attendance Committee, forwarded the following resolution which had been unanimously adopted at a meeting of the Committee held on 11th June:-

"That we request the County Council to fix the salaries of Anastasia Kelly and John Fox, School Attendance Officers, at £35 per annum, and the salary of Jasper Whitty, Secretary, at £15 per annum, to date from 1st July 1919."

The Secretary stated the present salaries were £27. 10/- per annum each in the case of the School Attendance Officers, and £10 in the case of the Secretary.

On the motion of Mr Scallan, Seconded by Mr Redmond, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That as the expenses of the Enniscorthy Rural District School Attendance Committee are levied as a district charge we would be glad to have the opinion of Enniscorthy R. D. Council, before dealing with the proposal to increase the salaries of the Officials of the Committee."

Midwives (Ireland) Act 1918.

Under date 28th July 1919, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 26524-1919, Miscellaneous) that they had fixed the scale of fees for the purpose of section 22 (1) of the Midwives (Ireland) Act 1918, at the same figures as in the scale of Medical Practitioners in force in England under the Act 8 & 9 Geo 5 Cap 43.

The Secretary mentioned that the Council had already adopted a

resolution leaving the enforcement of this Act to their Successors in Office.

"No Order".

Criminal Injuries (Ireland) Act 1919.

Under date 30th July 1919, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 133M.-1919) calling attention to the Criminal Injuries (Ireland) Act 1919, and particularly to Section 1 (4) thereof under which decrees in cases of compensation for criminal injuries must be paid on demand unless applicants defer presenting claim for payment until the next meeting of the Council. The letter outlined the procedure to be followed in cases in which payment was demanded from the Treasurer.

In connection with the matter the following resolution was read from the Armagh County Council:-

"That the Finance & General Purposes Committee of Armagh County Council hereby place on record their disapprobation of the provisions in the Criminal Injuries (Ireland) Act 1919, whereby Councils are required to pay on demand the amounts of Criminal Injury Decrees whether they have or have not been levied. That we call on all the County and County Borough Councils in Ireland to bring pressure to bear on the Government in order to have this dangerous provision repealed immediately, as no Council will be financially safe until this is done, claims of this nature being frequently very large and impossible to anticipate. "

"No Order"

Motor Car Acts.

Under date 20th June 1919, letter No. 24940:1919, Miscellaneous, was read from the Local Government Board forwarding copies of an Order which they had made requiring that all vehicles coming within the scope of the Heavy Motor Car (Ireland) Order 1905 should be fitted with such a device as would prevent mud or water being thrown upon any person or property or upon any other vehicle.

"No Order"

Motor Car Licence Duties.

Under date 7th July 1919, letter No. 23190-1919, Miscellaneous, was read from the Local Government Board forwarding copy of the certified statement received from the Postmaster General showing the value of the Motor Car Licence Duties levied during the year ended 31st March 1919, by each County and County Borough Council in Ireland.

The amount for the County Wexford was £1136. 3. 6d.

Proposed by Mr Scallan, seconded by Mr Kehoe:-

"That the Government be requested to state how much of the £31,070 collected in Ireland for motor duty for year ended 31st March 1919, it is proposed should be spent on roads improvement in Ireland."

"Passed"

War Loans.

Under date 26th June 1919, a letter was read from the Local Government Board relative to raising, by Local Authorities, of money for investment in War Loans. They felt sure that Local Authorities would use every effort to secure the successful issue of the new Loan.

"No Order"

Auditors Reports.

The Local Government Board forwarded reports of their Auditors as to audit of accounts of Enniscorthy Asylum, Enniscorthy R.D. Council, and Union, Wexford R. D. Council and Union, Co. Wexford Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction, Waterford Bridge Joint Committee.

"No Order"

Proposed Weekly Payments to Quarrymen.

At the Meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee on 16th July 1919, an application was considered from the Trade & Labour League, asking the County Council to arrange for weekly payments to quarrymen, and stating that in the event of the Council not agreeing a strike of the men would be called.

The Committee decided to request the Chairman and Secretary to wait upon the Local Government Board and discuss the question with them and more especially as regards the feasibility of arranging for weekly payments otherwise than through weekly meetings of the Finance Committee.

The interview was fixed for 1st August 1919. The Chairman owing to a prior engagement was unable to be present, but the Secretary attended and was received by Sir Henry Robinson, Vice-President of the Local Government Board, and Mr J. W. Drury, Inspector of Audits.

Consideration was first given to the question of establishing an Imprest Account with the County Surveyor, or, in the alternative, advancing sufficient funds to six or seven quarry foremen who could deal with payments in all the quarries on a "group basis" and who would each be required to provide security in £100 through an approved Guarantee

Society, this amount being considerably more than anyone of them would ever have on hands.

The Secretary stated these were methods which had been suggested to obviate the holding of weekly meetings of the Finance Committee.

The latter at their fortnightly meetings could examine the payments made by the foremen for the full fortnight and having satisfied themselves as to the correctness of the amounts disbursed could re-instate the amounts paid out of Imprest Account and in that way the foremen would always be in a position to make the succeeding weekly advance.

The Local Government Board representatives pointed out that, as they realised the difficult position of County Councils in these abnormal times, they were always prepared (so far as the law allowed) to meet proposals proposals of a Council in a matter of special difficulty. But the consideration of an Imprest a/c., with the County Surveyor or any other Official was not practical as there had been a decision in the Courts that a Council could not pay money in advance, and until that decision had been upset and remained unchallenged the Local Government Board were precluded from giving their approval to the existence of an Imprest a/c.,

In connection with the question of holding weekly meetings of the Finance Committee the Vice-President gave information dealing with a large number of other Counties to show that payments were made fortnightly and that no objection had been taken by employees to this system. If the Wexford County Council wished to provide for weekly payments the only legal way by which this could be done at present was by meetings of the Finance Committee.

It was mentioned in the interview that it would be found eventually that if the Finance Committee adopted weekly payments to quarrymen, the system would have to apply later on to other classes of employees and it would not be possible to restrict the system to any particular section of workers.

The Secretary explained that the present members of the Council had served beyond the statutory period and it was doubtful if meetings of Finance & Roads Committee could be successfully held weekly.

Sir Henry Robinson said that to meet this point the Council could delegate three members of the Finance & Roads Committee to examine and sign the Treasurer's Advice Note.

It must be borne in mind that payments to quarrymen, if made

weekly; will necessitate doubling the present supervision and preparation of the accounts of quarries.

It appears that the Council are working 25 quarries directly by their own staff and that in 17 others the Council carry out the blasting and breaking of material, the labour being supplied by Road Contractors.

The County Surveyor will deal with proposed weekly payments as affecting the work of supervision. It is manifest that the change from fortnightly to weekly payments cannot be made without an increase in the County Surveyor's Staff, and in the Clerical Staff of the Council, to deal with increased work.

N. J. Frizelle
Secretary

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

"That in view of the fact that in all other Counties payments to quarrymen etc., are made fortnightly by County Councils, and having regard to the facts dealt with in the report of the interview of our Secretary with the Local Government Board, we consider that it is not practical to institute any satisfactory system of weekly payments."

System of Road Maintenance.

The Minutes of Finance & Roads Committee which referred in detail to the present system of road maintenance were submitted with the following recommendations of the Committee:-

"That we are of opinion the present system of road maintenance should be continued. That the County Surveyor, in cases in which he considers it necessary should put before the Rural District Councils the advisability of allocating such an increased price as will induce persons to tender, failing this and of endeavours by the County Surveyor to procure contractors at full tonnage, we recommend a division of the road work (1) Contract for supply of material from quarry to road, and (2) contract for surface maintenance and attention to water-tables."

"That Mr Barry, County Surveyor, be provided with a shorthand writer and typist, so that he will be able to give approximately four days each week to inspection work. That the County Council be recommended to sanction a salary of £70 per annum for new Clerk, and that the appointment be open to male and female applicants."

The following resolution was read from Piercestown Farmers'

Association:-

"That we the members of the Piercestown Farmers' Union call on the County Council to at once take the necessary steps to have the road material ready for the Contractors at the proper time as we believe that their failure in this respect during the past has been the cause of the falling away of contractors and is solely due to the inefficiency and negligence of their officers.

The recommendations of the Finance & Roads Committee were confirmed on the motion of Mr Scallan, seconded by Mr Kehoe..

As regards the resolution from Piercestown Farmers' Union, no order was made.

Wages of Quarrymen.

Under date 1st Augst 1919, the following letter was received from Mr R. F. King, General Secretary, Irish National Agricultural & General Workers Union:-

"On behalf of the Quarrymen of the County I am instructed to apply to have the following rates paid all men engaged in quarries:-

Timework 9d per hour or a minimum of 40/6 per week.

Task work including breaking etc., 75% increase on present rates.

In the case of extra difficult quarries as Ballinaboola 5/- per foot for boring with the above rates.

Quarry foremen and time keepers 50/-

Myles Hyland, Drill Operator, 15/- increase in present wages.

In the case of the men engaged in Clonhasten Quarry the 75% increase to be applied and the County Council to stand the expense of operations.

All hands to have a half day on Saturdays.

This matter is I believe late for agenda but I would impress on your Council the urgency of the matter and deal with it at your meeting on Tuesday.

The Union will be represented at Meeting."

Mr O'Donoghue, Organiser, Irish Transport & General Workers Union, attended the Meeting and presented a demand for increase of wages from Travelling Gang (Stonebreaker).

The Chairman explained to Mr O'Donoghue and Mr O'Brien, of the Irish Trade & Labour League, who was present on behalf of Mr King, Organising Secretary, that neither communications would be considered as they had not been received in time for the meeting.

Both

matters would however be considered at the Special Meeting of the Council on 20th August 1919."

Sheep Dipping.

Under date 25th June 1919, letter No. V. B. 1505-19, was read from the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction approving the temporary appointment for the two dipping periods this year, of Mr James Hayden, Corlican, Glynn, as Sheep Dipping Inspector for New Ross and Wexford Districts at a salary of £26 to cover both Dipping periods.

Under date 30th June 1919, letter No. V. B., 1605-19, was read from the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction, approving the re-appointment as Sheep Dipping Inspector for Enniscorthy and Gorey Districts of Mr J. Murphy, Coolbawn, Ferns, at a salary of £26 to cover both dipping periods.

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

"That we approve of sheep owners utilising bath at Heathpark, New Ross, the property of Mr Luke Dwyer, for Sheep dipping under Sheep Dipping Order."

Period of Office-Insurance Committees.

Under date 14th July 1919, letter No. 36/M/1919, was read from the National Health Insurance Commission, Dublin, forwarding copy of Regulations which they had made extending the term of office of existing members of Irish Insurance Committees.

"No Order"

Roads & Bridges Programme-Road Board.

Under date 17th July 1919, the Acting Manager of the Road Board, wrote that the Government had agreed that the expenditure of Highway Authorities in Ireland, on Roads, shall for 1919-20 be supplemented by grants in aid for additional works to an amount of £300,000 in addition to £236,000 now in course of distribution. No Authority could participate in this new programme unless they were arranging to execute from their own resources as large a programme of road work as they carried out in the year ended 31st March 1914, or in special cases on the average of three years ended 31st March 1914, having regard to the increase which has taken place in the cost of executing road work, and that they were also making the maximum practical provision to deal with works

In connection with above the County Surveyor stated he had a letter from Mr Butler, Engineering Inspector Road Board, in which he stated that since his visit to Wexford the Treasury had sanctioned an increased expenditure on Irish Roads and there was now more money available for Wexford Roads. He (Mr Butler) had advised the Board to offer Wexford County a grant of 75 per cent of the cost of improving Gorey-Arklow and Wexford-New Ross Roads. The arrangement which had already been agreed to had provided for £4000 to be spent on the first named and £3,000 on New Ross Road, but he had since suggested to the Board that the total expenditure on each road should be substantially increased especially in the case of Gorey Road.

"The meeting regarded this communication from Mr Butler as satisfactory."

Roads Injured by Timber Traffic.

The County Surveyor submitted a letter from Major Chance, (Roads & Bridges Branch, Ship Street Barracks, Dublin) under date 17th June 1919, stating that claims by a number of County Councils for compensation for damage caused by timber traffic were before the last meeting of the Irish Advisory Committee of the Joint Roads Committee when it was decided that the amount of assistance to be given by Government should not be fixed until the amount recoverable from Hauliers had been determined. To enable this to be done it was thought desirable that Highway Authorities should commence legal proceedings against the Hauliers concerned. Any proposal by hauliers before or after commencement of proceedings should be submitted to the Irish Advisory Committee. The negotiations between the Joint Roads Committee and Hauliers' representatives were not yet completed but it was hoped that a satisfactory solution would be found at an early date.

In connection with roads in the vicinity of Cullenstown Little (New Ross District) claims by Rev J. Crosbie for £19, 10/- for destruction of his trap and £20 for 2½ tons of hay given him by Parishioners, and a claim of Dr J. B. Keogh, M. O., Carrigbyrne, for £4. 6. 4d for repair of his motor car damaged on same road were referred to, and the County Surveyor submitted copy of letter received from Messrs Coyle & Co., Insurance Brokers, 7 Anglesea Street, Dublin.

confirmed on the motion of Mr Scallan, seconded by Mr Kehoe:-

"That having received further advice as to the position of the law relative to damage caused by the condition of roads, we must repudiate any liability in regard to accidents caused to vehicles, etc., on roads in the neighbourhood of Little Cullenstown (New Ross District)."

Doran's Hill Quarry.- Claim for Compensation.

Under date 5th July 1919, Mrs Sophia Borthistle wrote:-

"Please allow £10 compensation for damage caused to corn, turnips, and dwelling house by blasting at Doran's Hill Quarry."

On the motion of Mr Scallan, seconded by Mr Kehoe, the following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed:-

"That as regards the claim of Mrs Borthistle for compensation for damage caused by blasting operations at Doran's Hill Quarry, we instruct the County Surveyor to communicate further with Mrs Borthistle and the Insurance Company, and report to next meeting of the Council."

Claim for Extra Police.

The Secretary stated that on 16th July 1919, he had received a claim of £53. 3. 2d for extra Constabulary in respect of half-year ended 31st March last. He consulted Mr Elgee, Solicitor to the Council, after which Mr Elgee had written under date 18th July as follows:-

"With reference to your letter, the demand for £53. 3. 2d made by the R. I. C., Authorities for Extra Police in this County for the half-year ending the 31st March last, is under section 51 Sub-Sec 7 of the Local Government Act, barred from payment as it should have been made within three months from the 31st March last, and you inform me that you only received the demand on the 16th of this month."

This communication had been forwarded to the County Inspector, R.I.C., Wexford. On the 24th July 1919, the Secretary was sent the following note from the County Inspector, R. I. C.:-

"Please inform the Secretary to the County Council that the Inspector General is advised that the section of the Local Government Act quoted does not affect Crown debts."

The Secretary forwarded copy of this to Mr Elgee, Solicitor, who replied as follows:-

"In reply to yours, Sub Section 7 of Section 51 of the Local Government Act is very plain in stating that Claims or Demands payable

out of the Poor Rate must be paid either within six months of the Financial year they become due in or within three months from the expiration thereof. Such being the case I think it would apply to the charge for Extra Police, and I can find nothing which excludes the Crown from the provisions of the Section. It might be well, however, for you to ascertain from the Assistant Inspector General if there is a special Act excepting the Crown from the Section.

Of course in the matter of ordinary debts the Crown is not barred but as this is covered by a special Section of an Act of Parliament it is now barred."

Under date 3rd August 1919, the County Inspector, R. I. C., wrote that he was advised to inform the County Council that Section 51 (7) did not affect Crown debts and that the Crown was not named in the Section.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Kehoe, seconded by Mr Whelan:-

"That Mr Elgee obtain the opinion of Counsel as to the liability of the County Council for payment of claim for extra police in view of the date upon which this claim was lodged, and in view of the provisions of section 51 (7) of the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898."

Asylum Capitation Grants.

Mr A. Keogh Nolan, Hon Sec., to Conference of Irish Asylum Committee held in Dublin on 2nd July 1919, forwarded the following resolutions adopted at the Conference:-

"That the accumulated sum of the difference between the amounts actually paid to Local Authorities on Account of Grant in aid in respect of Pauper Lunatics in District Asylums in Ireland, since the insolvency of the Local Taxation (Ireland) Account, and the amount of the Grant (4/- per patient per week) be immediately made good to Local Authorities."

"That, in view of the enormous increase in the cost of maintenance of Pauper Lunatics, the Capitation Grant in aid be increased to a sum equivalent to one-half the actual cost, including Capital charges, of the lunatics now in residence or that shall, in the future, be in residence in District Lunatic Asylums in Ireland."

Mr Scallan proposed and Mr Kehoe seconded the following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee which was confirmed:-

"That the resolutions from the Irish District Asylum Conference and

and County Councils General Council be adopted."

Road 55E.

J. O'Toole, Gurrawn, Blackwater, Contractor for Road 55E wrote asking to be relieved of his contract, as it was impossible for him to do the necessary work thereon, owing to the condition in which the road was handed over to him.

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

"That the County Surveyor consult with Mr J. O'Toole, as to maintenance of Road No. 55E and endeavour to arrange for an allowance to cover work which had been neglected by previous contractor."

Rent Etc., Oulart Courthouse.

Under date 11th June 1919, Mr P. Cooney, Oulart, wrote that he had purchased Oulart Courthouse, and intended raising rent of same from £10 to £30 per annum.

The matter was referred to Mr Elgee, Solicitor, who wrote under date 18th June 1919, that the Co Council could not pay any rent exceeding £10 per annum for a petty sessions house, so that therefore even if they were willing they could not pay the increased rent that Mr Cooney asked. He (Mr Elgee) was also of opinion that at present Mr Cooney was debarred asking an increased rent by Sec 77 of the Grand Jury Act 1846 as adapted by Privy Council Order of 30th January 1899.

Under date 3rd June 1919, Mr O. R. Lee, C. P. S., Gorey, wrote that he had been directed by the Magistrates sitting at Oulart P. S. to apply for a grant from the County Council for fuel and cleaning Oulart Courthouse. The former landlord made an allowance for this purpose, but the present owner refuses to do so.

Under date 18th June 1919, Mr R. W. Elgee, Solicitor, wrote that as to Mr Lee's application it was covered by Sec 76 of the Grand Jury Act 1836 as adapted by Privy Council Order of 30 January 1899, and the Council could allow Mr Lee a sum annually for such purpose, as was done already in the case of some other Courthouses.

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

"That Mr Lee be requested to inform the Council the amount which was allowed by the former landlord of Oulart Courthouse for fuel and for cleaning."

As regards the question of rent the following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed on the motion of Mr Kehoe, seconded by Mr Scallan:-

"That a copy of the letter of Mr Elgee, Solicitor to the Council, be furnished to Mr P. Cooney, Oulart."

Market Square, Gorey.

Mr D. Murphy, Town Clerk, Gorey, wrote under date 28th July 1919, asking for permission from the County Council to erect pig pens on the Market Square, Gorey, beside the Town Commissioners' weighing scales. This would not interfere with the traffic as the place is about twenty yards from the public thoroughfare.

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

"That Mr Kirby, Assistant Surveyor, be requested to furnish report as to the application of the Gorey Town Commissioners for erection of pig pens in Market Square, Gorey, and to ascertain if pens are to be temporary structures and how often to be used during a period of six or twelve months, and any further information in connection with the application which he considers it advisable should be brought to the knowledge of the Council.

Drain at Castleland.

At the meeting of the County Council on 8th April 1919, a letter was read from Messrs O'Connor & Co., Solicitors, Gorey, on behalf of Mrs Anna M. Darcy, Castleland, that, as a result of Patrick Purcell, Ballintlea, Gorey, stopping the drain which supplied her premises with water, she suffered considerable damage and unless the drain was properly cleaned and put in working order, so that the water supply would be as heretofore, they would have to take such steps against the Road Contractor or the County Council as they would be advised.

The County Council referred the matter to the Co Surveyor to report to the present meeting.

The County Surveyor stated that the necessary work to preserve the water supply had been satisfactorily carried out.

Proposals for Payment.

Proposed by Mr Scallan, seconded by Mr Kehoe, and adopted:-

"That the several Proposals for payment submitted by the Finance &

Roads Committee and Proposal Committee and including transfers to Public Bodies financed by the County Council be and are hereby agreed to and Treasurer's Advice Note signed for same."

Proposals for Works.

Proposed by Mr Scallan, seconded by Mr Kehoe, and adopted:-

"That the several Proposals for Works as submitted by the Proposal Committee on Form 20 of this day's meeting be and are hereby approved subject to the modification and other Orders noted thereon and initialled by the Chairman."

Advance Payment-Registration Act.

Under date 24th July 1919, Mr H. L. Meadows, Registration Officer, applied for an advance of £900 to enable him to pay portion (not exceeding threefourths) of the remuneration due to the different Overseers and Rate Collectors for duties performed by them under the Representation of The People Act 1918.

On the motion of Mr McGuire, seconded by Mr Kehoe, the following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was adopted:-

"That the application of the Registration Officer for an advance of £900 be adjourned to next meeting and, in the meantime, that the Registration Officer be requested to furnish details (so far as possible) of the amounts to which the advance will apply."

Demand New Ross Urban District.

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

"That the New Ross Urban Council be requested to lodge with the Treasurer of the Co Council the first instalment of Demand on the Urban Council which should have been lodged to the credit of the Co.Council on 1st June 1919."

"The recommendation was confirmed on the motion of Mr Scallan seconded by Mr Kehoe."

Rate Collectors Bonds.

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

"That Messrs Patrick Codd, and John Mullett, be instructed to furnish Fidelity Guarantee Bond as Rate Collector, or Protection Note for same."

of this recommendation to the Local Government Board."

"The Secretary stated that all Collectors had now lodged their fidelity guarantee bonds or Protection Notes for same."

Poisons & Pharmacy Act Licences.

Applications for licences under Poisons & Pharmacy Act, were received from John Redmond, Camolin, Daniel Somers, Coolgreany, Inch, Thomas Cullen, Main Street, Wexford, James Cullen, Taghmon; and for renewals of licences from Laurence Codd, 26 Main Street, Enniscorthy, Henry Hill, Ballydaniel, George Stafford, John Street, Wexford, Patrick Healy, Main Street, Wexford.

"Licences as above were ordered to be issued on the motion of Mr Kehoe, seconded by Mr Scallan."

Revision Valuation-Bantry Commons.

Under date 18th July 1919, the Commissioner of Valuation wrote asking whether the County Council should retain in the Valuation Lists the names of Robert Whelan and Laurence Tobin, as occupiers of lands on Bantry Commons.

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

"That in view of the information supplied by Rate Collectors Murphy and Somers, we are of opinion the names of Messrs Robert Whelan and Laurence Tobin should be retained in the Valuation lists as occupiers of lands on Bantry Commons."

County Wexford Tuberculosis Scheme-Secretaryship.

Under date 29th July 1919, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 36989-1919, Wexford County) that subject to ratification by the Co Council they approved of the appointment of Mr N. J. Frizelle, as Clerk to the County Tuberculosis Committee for a further period of twelve months from 15th July 1919.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr James Codd, the following resolution was adopted:- "That we ratify the appointment of Mr N. J. Frizelle, as Secretary to the County Wexford Tuberculosis Committee, for a period of twelve months as from 15th July 1919."

Porch & Paling at Courtown Harbour.

The following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee

was adopted on the motion of Mr Kehoe, seconded by Mr M. Codd:-

"That new proceedings be instituted by the County Council against Anthony Williams, Courtown Harbour, for removal of porch erected by him to premises at Courtown Harbour without permission of the Council or its officers, and that the County Surveyor be instructed to inform Mr Williams that the wire of the paling which he has erected is not of sufficient strength for the purpose for which it has been erected, and must be replaced by wire which will meet the approval of the County Surveyor."

Fethard Dock.

Under date 1st July 1919, a letter was read from Mr John Kelly, Ramstown, Fethard, on behalf of the fishermen of Fethard, calling attention to the unsatisfactory state of the entrance of Fethard Dock, which was full of sand and other impediments thus preventing the fishing boats getting in or out of the dock.

"The County Surveyor stated he had arranged to have the work carried out."

Caretaker Duncannon Hulk.

In connection with the sale of Duncannon Hulk and its removal from the station, the following was read from Laurence Monahan:-

"I have been informed that the County Council was about to have my salary for Harbour Master reduced, I beg to say that I have to light 4 lamps, look after Railings on Quay and attend when vessels and Boats are being moored. I expend almost £1 per year on matches which Council do not allow for. The time given each day to Council's work is about 3 hours daily, for which I receive the small sum of eightpence per day, which I hope the Council will not further reduce."

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Kehoe, the following recommendation of Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed:-

"That no change be made in the salary (£12 per annum) of Caretaker, Duncannon Pier and Hulk."

Refund Motor Duty.

Under date 13th June 1919, Mr Owen Kehoe, Coolgreany, Gorey, wrote that as he could not obtain a permit from the Police to use his motor cycle, the machine had not been out and he therefore claimed a refund of £1 Motor licence duty paid thereon.

recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was adopted:-

"That the General Post Office, Dublin, be requested to refund £1 for Motor Cycle Duty Licence taken out in error as Mr Kehoe was unable to obtain permit to use machine."

University Scholarship Scheme.

On the motion of Mr Kehoe, seconded by Mr Redmond, the following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed:-

That, as the applications of Thomas John Lambert, 11 William Street, Wexford, and Mary Catherine Kelly, Garrynisk, Edermine, for award of University Scholarships, were not, through an oversight, lodged by the 1st June 1919, as provided by the Scheme, we recommend the County Council to allow these candidates to compete for Scholarship as we are aware that the failure to lodge application at specified time did not occur through their own default."

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

"That, in order to ascertain that all candidates comply with the conditions attaching to the award of the County Council's University Scholarships, evidence of the residence, in the County Wexford, of the parents or guardians of each candidate for five years, prior to the 1st June 1919, must be furnished to the County Council."

Food & Drugs Acts.

Under date 15th July 1919, a letter was read from the County Inspector, R. I. C., Wexford, asking that the following appointments of ex-officio Inspectors under Food & Drugs Acts be made:-

Sergeant Michael Doyle	for P. S. District of Wexford.
Sergeant Henry Murphy.	" " Enniscorthy.
Sergeant James Murrinhy	" " Oulart.

On the motion of Mr Scallan, seconded by Mr Redmond, appointments of Ex-officio Inspectors Doyle, Murphy, and Murrinhy, were agreed to as per letter of County Inspector, R. I. C., under date 15th July 1919."

Train Arrangements-Dublin & New Ross.

The following resolution was read from New Ross Urban District Council:-

"That the Wexford County Council be asked to assist this Council in the purchase of tickets from the Dublin and South Eastern

Railway Company, better train facilities between Dublin and Waterford than exist at present, and that the personal co-operation of the individual members of the County Council who are affected by the train service, be solicited."

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

"That we consider the Dublin & South Eastern Railway Company, should favourably entertain the request of the New Ross Urban Council for a connection with the town of New Ross by the train leaving Dublin at 6.5 p.m., instead of, as at present, by the train leaving Dublin at 10.15 a.m., as with present arrangement, persons having business in Dublin must spend two days in going and returning."

Analyst's Report.

The following report was read:-

City Laboratory

Chatham Row, DUBLIN.

20th June 1919.

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 1919.

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

<u>Article</u>	<u>Number.</u>
Milk	28
Whiskey	12
Margarine	9
Butter	8
Buttermilk	8
Gin	4
Ale	4
Porter	3
Mustard	3
Brandy	3
Port Wine	3
Lard	3
Cheese	3
Stout	2

<u>Article</u>	<u>Number</u>
Cocoa	2
Olive Oil	1
Separated Milk	1
Coffee & Chicory	1
Tea	1
Rice	1
Cornflour	1
Baking Powder	1
Sugar	1
Oatmeal	1
Ginger Wine	1
Vinegar	1
Pepper	1
Bread Soda	1
Cream of tartar	1
Epsom's Salts	1
Castor Oil	1
Sherry Wine	1
Total	<u>112</u>

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 Tuohy, Gorey, for specimen of milk adulterated with at least 10 per cent of added water.

There were two specimens of butter analysed by directions from the Department of Agriculture, Upper Merrion Street, Dublin, which were taken up in the County Wexford, and were pure.

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

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

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

Total analyses.....140

C. A. Cameron.

Marked "Read"

Ballingly & Ballyconnick Quarries.

In his report to the Finance & Roads Committee the County Surveyor pointed out that Mr R. O'Connor who was working the Ballingly and Ballyconnick Quarries, wrote that he could not continue working at 4/6 per cubic yard, the present price for prepared material.

On the motion of Mr Scallan, seconded by Mr Kehoe, the following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was adopted:-

"That Mr R. O'Connor be offered a sum of 6/- per cubic yard for prepared material in Ballingly and Ballyconnick Quarries."

Hanlon's Quarry.

The County Surveyor in his report to the Finance & Roads Committee pointed out that the terms for the working of Hanlon's quarry at Ballygarvan had been under consideration by the Committee sometime ago. He had communicated the decision of the Committee to the Solicitors representing both landlord and tenant. The tenant's Solicitor did not consider it advisable to complete the agreement and the landlord, Mr place, was apparently also unsatisfied with the terms.

The County Surveyor considered if a settlement could not be come to proceedings at Petty Sessions should be taken and the quarry entered in the ordinary manner.

On the motion of Mr Scallan, seconded by Mr Kehoe, the following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was adopted::

"That the County Surveyor be directed to instruct Mr R. W. Elgee, Solicitor to the County Council, to take proceedings to enable the Co Council to procure material for road metalling from Hanlon's Quarry, Ballygravan."

Defaulting Road Contractors.

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

"That the County Surveyor be empowered to proceed against the following road contractors or take up their roads under the 54th section of Grand Jury Act, unless they carry out his instructions as regards these roads:- 53W John Roche, Ballinlay, 88W Willima Murphy, Ballinlay, 89W, 90W 91W, Daniel Connors, Ballinlay."

Kerlogue Quarry.

In connection with the proposal of the Council to proceed against

Moses Power, Kerlogue, (Contractor for supply of material from Kerlogue Quarry) and his Sureties, Mr Elgee, Solicitor, stated that he had received a letter from the County Surveyor under date 2nd August 1919, stating that he (County Surveyor) considered it would be well to postpone issuing proceedings for the present as the contractor had been working at the quarry recently and the breaker was now working there, and proceedings would seem strange while the work was going on.

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

"That proceedings against Moses Power, Kerlogue, Contractor for supply of quarry material from Kerlogue quarry and his sureties be held over for the present."

Dates of Representation of The People Act 1918.

A resolution was received from the Tyrone County Council demanding the revocation of the Order in Council of 8th May 1919, fixing dates in Representation of The People Act 1918, and asking that seven days at least should be added to each period of objecting and other changes affecting the Public convenience carried out according to suggestions made by Tyrone County Council.

"The resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr McGuire, seconded by Mr Kehoe."

Tuberculosis Scheme-Part Time Nursing.

Under date 28th July 1919, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 36,997: 1919, Wexford Co.,) stating that they had no objection to the proposed arrangement for "part-time" nursing services of Nurses in Enniscorthy, Gorey, New Ross, Ferns, and Newtownbarry, at a remuneration of £10 each per annum, from the funds of the Tuberculosis Committee, provided that the Proposal was ratified by the County Council and on the understanding that in cases coming under the scheme the Nurses will act under the direction and supervision of the Tuberculosis Officer.

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

"That we ratify the proposal of County Wexford Tuberculosis Committee to contribute a sum of £10 per annum each to the Nursing Associations of Enniscorthy, Gorey, New Ross, Ferns, and Newtownbarry, as dealt with in the letter of the Local Government Board under date

28th July 1919, (letter No. 38997-1919, Wexford County)."

Old Age Pension Sub-Committees.

Mr Ahearne, Clerk No. 2 Sub Committee (Tintern & Fethard) wrote under date 15th July 1919, that Rev J. Redmond P. P., Horeswood, and Rev E. Doyle C. C., Gusserane, were recommended by his Sub Committee for appointment to fill the vacancies caused by the demise of Very Rev Canon Doyle P. P., Horeswood, and Very Rev Canon O'Connor, Ballycallane.

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

"That Rev J. Redmond P. P., Horeswood, and Rev E. Doyle C. C., Gusserane, be appointed Members of No. 2 Sub-Committee (Old Age Pension Act) vice Rev Canon Doyle and Very Rev Canon O'Connor deceased."

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(Signed)

John Bolger

Presiding Chairman.

Dated this day of

1919.

SPECIAL MEETING.- 20th AUGUST 1919.

A Special Meeting of the Wexford County Council, was held in the Co Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford, on Wednesday, 20th August 1919.

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

Also:- Messrs R. Scallan, James Codd, J. A. Doyle, Joseph Redmond, W. H. McGuire, M. Maddock, M. Clooney, and J. J. Kehoe.

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

War Bonus to Officials.

Circular letter of the Local Government Board, under date 20th February 1919, No. 4727-1919, Miscellaneous, was read:-

This called attention to the wide variations existing in the amount of War Bonus given by local authorities in Ireland to their Officials, and stated that the Board thought it right that the war bonus awarded permanent civil servants should be given to all permanent whole-time local officers, who had approximately equal salaries and emoluments, as the increases in the cost of living press with practically equal severity in all parts of the Country.

Under date 13th June 1919, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 99M-1919 Miscellaneous) forwarding Award 84 of the Conciliation and Arbitration Board for Government Employees in accordance with which a new scale of war bonus had been authorised for Civil Servants. The Board suggested that the Council might consider it desirable to take this amended scale for guidance when fixing or amending war bonuses for their employees.

Under date 20th May 1919, Mr J. V. Lawless, Hon Sec., Irish County Councils' Officials Association, wrote calling attention to Award No. 84 of the Conciliation and Arbitration Board for Government employees, and asked that the Co Council should apply the provisions of this Award to their clerical staff. His Executive in bringing this matter forward considered that the County Councils would not be less humane than the Government. In view of the admitted depletion in the value of the £1 pre war to 8/- at the present time, and to the possibility of a further reduction in its purchasing power, the Executive of the Association felt that the Co Council would take Award No. 84 as a minimum rather than a maximum in respect of the clerical staff.

In the interest of efficiency the County Council should adopt a scale of graded salaries with annual increments, and also see that promotion was in accordance with merit from the lowest to the highest positions in their gift.

Under date 4th August 1919, Mr Lawlss wrote that Co Councils had given as a reason for the non-adoption of Award No 84 that they had already given increases of salary to their officials this year. In reply he pointed out that Civil Servants receive £10 to £50 per annum of increment, according to classification, and in some instances these annual increments have been doubled since the commencement of the War. Nevertheless the Award has been applied to them in full, and even calculated upon the increases which they received this year. the salaries of Civil Servants was much in excess of those paid to County Officials although the work performed by the latter is equally if not more important. the standard of living being the same in each case. The question of overtime had also been brought forward. This was raised before the Conciliation and Arbitration Board, and it was held that it did not affect the full application of the Award except to increase the allowance or rate per hour for such work.

This subject was before the County Council on two occasions and on the last (Meeting of 5th August 1919) the following resolution was adopted:-

"That owing to the seriousness of the question to be dealt with and, owing to the very small number present at this meeting (in consequence of various reasons) and in order to meet the demands now made, a special meeting of the Council be held on Wednesday 20th inst., (August) at 12 O'C., noon, to consider the matter. In the meantime that information be sent to each member of the Council relative to the following:-

- 1.- What is the nature of the application made and amount involved.
- 2.- Length of service of each officer applying for War Bonus.
- 3.- The salaries of these officers two years ago and to-day."

In connection with the question of War Bonus to County Officials Circular letter under date 10th February 1919, (which had been previously before the Council) from Association of County Surveyors (Ireland) was read. This pointed out that not only under Government but throughout the whole community increases or bonuses have been given to persons who lived by wages or salary, as the value of their income had been reduced by about 10/- in the £. Many County Councils had already given bonuses to their staff, or had given permanent increases. To any County Councils who had

not already done so the Association respectfully suggested that the matter was urgent. They spoke more particularly for the County Surveyor and his Staff.

Mr Brennan, Solicitor (Messrs Huggard & Brennan) appeared in support of the claim of the Clerical and Engineering Staffs and of Mr Barry, County Surveyor.

The Chairman decided the meeting would consider each case individually

He proposes that Mr Treanor, Senior Assistant Surveyor, be granted £30 per annum, in the shape of a War Bonus to date from 1st July 1919.

Mr McGuire seconded and the motion was adopted nem con.

With reference to the claim of Messrs W. H. Jones, John Kehoe, R.J. Ennis, James Kirby, and C. P. Curran, for war Bonus, Mr Scallan proposed and Mr Maddock seconded the following resolution which was passed nem con:-

"That no War Bonus be granted Messrs Jones, Kehoe, Ennis, Kirby, and Curran, Assistant Surveyors, considering the condition of the roads, the complaints received regarding them, and the fact that these officers were granted an increase of 50 per cent in their salaries recently."

Relative to the application of the Accountant, Mr McGuire proposed and Mr Maddock seconded the following resolution:-

"That no War Bonus be granted the Accountant-Mr T. A. Frizelle- as he received an increase of salary recently."

Mr Cloney proposed, and Mr Codd seconded the following amendment:-

"That Mr T. A. Frizelle, Accountant, be granted a sum of £15 per annum as War Bonus to date as from 1st July 1919."

A Poll was taken with the following result:-

For the Amendment:- Messrs Cloney, Scallan, Codd, and J. A. Doyle:-4

Against:- Messrs Kehoe, Maddock, McGuire, Redmond and the Chairman.-5

The Chairman declared the amendment lost.

The resolution that no War Bonus be granted was then put and declared carried.

Mr McGuire proposed as regards the case of Mr C. H. Richards, First Assistant Co Council Office, that he be granted an increase of £12 per annum as a War Bonus, to date as from 1st July 1919.

Mr Kehoe seconded.

Mr Maddock proposed:- "That no War Bonus be granted Mr C. H. Richards."

"This proposal was not seconded."

The Chairman then put the resolution which was adopted without dissent.

In connection with the case of Mr J. H. Cadogan, second Assistant, Co. Council Office, Mr Cloney proposed and Mr Scallan seconded the following resolution:-

"That Mr Cadogan be granted an increase of £10 per annum as War Bonus to date as from 1st July 1919."

As an Amendment Mr Maddock proposed and Mr McGuire seconded the following:- "That no War Bonus be granted Mr J. H. Cadogan"

A Poll was taken with the following result:-

For the Amendment:- Messrs Kehoe, Maddock, McGuire, Codd and Redmond.-5

Against:- Messrs Cloney, Scallan Doyle and the Chairman.-4.

The Chairman declared the amendment carried.

As regards application of Mr T. Cullen, Clerk in County Surveyor's Office, Mr Scallan proposed and Mr Kehoe seconded the following which was passed nem con:- "That Mr T. Cullen be granted an increase of £9 per annum in the shape of War Bonus as from 1st July 1919."

As regards the application of Mr Barry, County Surveyor, Mr Cloney proposed that Mr Barry, County Surveyor, be granted an increase of £200 as War Bonus as from 1st July 1919."

This proposal was not seconded.

Mr Scallan proposed, and Mr McGuire, seconded the following resolution which was adopted nem con:-

"That the County Surveyor be granted an increase of £100 per annum as War Bonus to date from 1st July 1919."

The following under date 20th August 1919, was read from Messrs T Treanor, C. H. Richards, and Thomas Cullen, to whom amounts by way of War Bonus had been granted at Meeting:-

"We the undersigned officials desire to inform the Council that we cannot accept the miserable doles granted to us to-day as War Bonuses. We have received instructions from our Union which is affiliated to the Trades Congress, not to accept less than the full Award of the Arbitration Board, which must be granted to all officials of the Council who are members of the Union, and we think it necessary to notify the Council of the fact, as it is expected that our Trades Union will communicate further with the Council in the matter."

Mr Timothy Long, Grievor, County Council, wrote under date 24th June 1919,

applying for a bonus on his salary. The salaries of the Criers were fixed a long time ago and when £1 was worth about four times what it was now. He also referred to increase in Railway fares and to the fact that all officers of the County Court without exception had been given increased salaries and allowances, and that the salaries of Process Servers had been increased by Act of Parliament."

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

"That the application of Timothy Long, Co Court Judges Crier, for War Bonus be adjourned to next meeting. In the meantime that he be asked to supply the following particulars (1) How many times per year is he on duty in County Wexford, (2) Are his expenses paid by Co Court Judge, (3) How many other Counties does he serve."

Applications Increased Wages-Co Council Quarry Employees, Etc.,

Under date 1st August 1919, the following was read from Mr R. F. King, General Secretary, Irish National Agricultural & General Workers Union:-

"On behalf of the quarrymen of the County I am instructed to apply to have the following rates paid all men engaged in quarries:-

Time work 9d per hour or a minimum of 40/6 per week.

Task work including breaking etc., 75% increase on present rates.

In the case of extra difficult quarries as Ballynabola 5/- per foot for boring with the above rates.

Quarry foremen and Time keepers 50/-

Myles hyland, drill-operator 15/- increase on present wages.

In the case of the men engaged in Clonhasten Quarry the 75% increase to be applied and the Council to stand the expense of operations.

All hands to have a half-holiday on Saturdays."

Under date 5th August 1919, the following letter was read from Mr Michael O'Donoghue, Organiser, Irish Transport & General Workers Union:-

"On behalf of the following workers:- Thomas Breen, Engine Driver, William Copeland, Oiler, Andrew Clear, Pat Morris, John Foley, and John Gaynor, labourers, employees of your Council and members of above Union, We demand the following rates of wages;-namely- Engine Driver 50/- per week Oiler 30/- per week, four labourers 1/4 per cubic yard and also 7/6 per day each for labourers when removing from one place to another. These men are a travelling gang engaged at stonebreaking by your Council, and we claim that their present wages are insufficient, especially as the work is

very heavy."

Mr King representative of the Irish National Agricultural & General Workers' Union, and Mr O'Donohoe on behalf of the Irish Transport & General Workers Union, appeared and urged the claims of the various employees.

In reply to the Chairman, Mr Treanor, Senior Assistant Surveyor, stated that the present rates in quarries were per hour 7d, piece work or task work 10d per cubic yard for breaking, 1/2 per cubic yard for quarrying and banking after a big blast, and 2/- per cubic yard for quarrying without blasting.

The Chairman said according to the demand of Mr King the time rate was to be raised from 7d to 9d per hour, the breaking from 10d per cubic yard to 1/5, the quarrying and banking after Rook Drill blast from 1/2 to 2/-, and the quarrying without blasting 2/- to 3/6.

In connection with Ballinaboola quarry and other quarries which were hard to work, Mr King stated that the 5/- per foot mentioned in his letter referred to two men so the remuneration for each man would be 2/6 per foot, when engaged ~~at~~ this work, the time rate was to cease.

After considerable discussion Mr Scallan moved:- "That the application from Irish National Agricultural & General Workers Union, and from Irish Transport & General Workers Union on behalf of employees of the County Council be referred to the meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee to be held on Wednesday 3rd September 1919, in the meantime that a return as to the wages earned by the individual men in the various quarries be prepared and submitted by the County Surveyor to the Finance & Roads Committee meeting mentioned in this resolution."

Mr Codd seconded the resolution which was adopted nem con.

Mr King before the resolution was adopted said he regretted that he could not agree to the postponement and should press for a decision one way or other that day, otherwise Mr O'Donoghue and he would have to bring the matter before the meetings of the Standing Committees of their Unions that night, and there was no course open to them but to order a stoppage of the work in all the quarries of the County.

After the adoption of the resolution Mr King said the Unions would declare a state of War between them and the Co Council and the individuals who had turned down the application of the Unions that day.

Resignation Mr N. Moore, Rate Collector.

Under date 16th August 1919, the following letter was read from Mr N. Moore, Rate Collector:-

"Owing to failing health I am obliged to tender my resignation as Poor Rate Collector for No. 3 Collection District. I regret that I am unable to continue in office until the close of the present half-year, but from the present state of my health I would not be able to perform the duties with satisfaction to the County Council. I enclose you a certificate from Dr O'Brien, Bannow, I am 35 years in office the 25th of next October, and I am 70 years of age. I am sure, after my long service Gentlemen, you will grant me the amount of superannuation to which I am entitled."

Under date 1st August 1919, Dr M. K. O'Brien, certified that he had this day medically examined Nicholas Moore, Ballyfrory, was of the opinion that owing to his age and Cardiac Degeneration Mr Moore would not again be fit for duty as Rate Collector.

On the motion of Mr Seallan, seconded by Mr Codd, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the question of the resignation of Mr N. Moore, Rate Collector, for No 3 District, be referred to the meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee of 3rd September 1919, and in the meantime that Mr Moore be requested to nominate a deputy Collector in order to close the collection in respect of half-year ended 30th September 1919."

/ Road Limits-Enniscorthy, Gorey, & Wexford Districts.

Under date 19th August 1919, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 26169-1919, Wexford County) that in order to regularise the excess expenditure on roads for year ended 31st March last, in the Rural Districts of Enniscorthy, Gorey, and Wexford, the County Council should make formal application to the Local Government Board under section 27 (2) of the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898 for the necessary extensions of the road limits for last financial year.

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

"That, as in consequence of the payment of War Bonus to a number of Road Contractors the financial Road limit on roads in Enniscorthy, Gorey, and Wexford, have/exceeded, we request the Local Government Board to extend Road limits for these districts in respect of financial year ended March 1919 and 1920." 18. 8d, Gorey

from £7727. 16. 7d to £7873. 16. 3d and Wexford from £8500 to £8606.14.3d"

Representation of The People Act 1919.

At the last meeting of the County Council the following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed:-

"That the application of the Registration Officer for an advance of £900 be adjourned to next meeting, and, in the meantime that the Registration Officer be requested to furnish details (so far as possible) of the amounts to which the advance will apply."

In reply to this resolution the following letter under date 9th August 1919, was read from Mr H. L. Meadows, Registration Officer:-

"I am in receipt of the resolution of the County Council at their meeting on 5th inst., re advance of £900 under the above Act (Representation of the People Act 1919). The details are (for 1918) Number of Voters on Register for 1918:- 46992, Amount paid overseers and Rate Collectors for work done in connection with same (under Order in Council) £960. 1. 10d. From the statistics available up to the present the coming Register is likely to exceed 50000 electors, consequently the amount required as remuneration for Overseers and rate Collectors will exceed amount paid last year.

These officials were not paid in 1918 until the Register was completed. It has since come to my knowledge that some of them complained of the delay in paying their claims. The Local Government Board has since authorised the payment of an advance to them in proportion to the amount of work done, the balance being paid on completion of the Register."

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

"That advance of £900 requisitioned by the Registration Officer in connection with work under Representation of the People Act 1918, be paid to this officer at the meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee on 3rd September 1919."

University Scholarship Scheme.

The Secretary submitted the particulars of marks supplied by the Intermediate Education Commissioners and obtained by applicants for four University Scholarships, in so far as same referred to the syllabus of the County Council's University Scholarship Scheme:-

The following was the result :-

1.-	William McAuliffe, Johnstown, Clonegal.	1195 Marks.
2.-	Myles Moore, 30 New Street, Enniscorthy.	1126 "
3.-	Thomas J. Lambert, 11 William Street, Wexford.	1105 "
4.-	Edward J. Redmond, Seamount Cottages, Courtown.	1055 "
5.-	James Hayden, Curragh, Kilanerin.	920 "
6.-	Mary Ellen P. O'Rourke, 8 St Peter's Sq., Wexford.	575 "
7.-	Mary C. Kelly, Garrrynisk, Edermine.	469 "

At the meeting of the Co. Council on 5th August 1919, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That in order to ascertain that all Candidates comply with the condition attaching to the award of the County Councils' University Scholarships, evidence of residence in the County of the parents or guardians of each candidate for five years prior to the 1st June 1919 must be furnished to the County Council."

The Secretary stated that in the case of all applicants, except that of Edward J. Redmond, the necessary information had been furnished. In the case of Mr Redmond the latter submitted the following from the Earl of Courtown:-

"I beg to state that Edward John Redmond, was born in Courtown Harbour and has lived for five years in either Courtown or Riverchapel."

This did not cover the query raised by the Council which dealt with the residence of the parents or guardians of applicants, but not with the applicant himself.

Mr William M. Ryan, Wellington Place, Wexford, University Scholar, wrote applying for an extension of his Scholarship. He was unable to avail of Scholarship last year owing to ill-health."

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

"That University Scholarships be awarded Messrs William McAuliffe, Johnstown, Clonegal, Myles Moore, 30 New Street, Enniscorthy, and Thomas J. Lambert, 11 William Street, Wexford, as these Candidates have received the highest award of marks at recent Intermediate Examinations in the subjects set out in the Co Council syllabus for University Scholarships. That as regards the award of fourth scholarship no order be now made, but that Mr Edward J. Redmond, who obtained fourth place in the list of Candidates be requested to furnish the evidence of a Clergyman or Magistrate that his parents or guardians have resided in the County

Wexford for a period of five years immediately preceding 1st June 1919."

As regards the application of Mr William M. Ryan, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the request of Mr Ryan for an extension of his University Scholarship in Commerce be referred to Finance & Roads Committee on 3rd September 1919."

Increases Salaries-Enniscorthy R. D. School Attendance

-----Committee-----

In connection with recommendation of Enniscorthy R.D.School Attendance Committee to increase the salaries of Miss Kelly, and John Fox, School Attendance Officers from £27. 10/- to £35 and of Mr Jasper Whitty, Secretary from £10 to £15 per annum, the County Council at their meeting on 5th August 1919, adopted the following resolution:-

"That as the expenses of the Enniscorthy Rural District School Attendance Committee are levied as a district charge we would be glad to have the opinion of Enniscorthy R. D. Council before dealing with the proposal to increase the salaries of the officials of the Committee."

Under date 18th August 1919, Mr Jasper Whitty, Acting Clerk, Enniscorthy R. D. Council, wrote that the following Order had been made on the resolution of the County Council:-

"Council consider increase reasonable and recommend the Co Council to approve of it."

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

"That as from 1st July 1919, the salaries of John Fox and Miss Kelly School Attendance Officers, Enniscorthy Rural District S.A.Committee be fixed at £35 each and the salary of Mr Jasper Whitty, Secretary, at £15 as from this date."

Proposed Hut at Courtown Harbour.

Under date 14th August 1919, the following letter was read from Mr A. Kinsella, Gorey, County Councillor:-

"The Misses L. & M. Warren, of this town have asked me to write you with reference to Hut which they propose to erect in the Square, Courtown. The place where they propose to erect the hut (a temporary wooden structure) has been utilised for a similar purpose before and I may say it will not be any obstruction to the public in any way."

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

"That the request of Misses Warren, Gorey, for permission to erect a hut in the Square at Courtown Harbour, be acceded to, provided the structure and site are approved by the County Surveyor and on condition that the hut must be removed at any time on a fortnight's notice in writing given on behalf of the County Council."

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(Signed)

John Bolger

Presiding Chairman.

Dated this day of

1919.

SPECIAL MEETING.- 3rd SEPTEMBER 1919.

A Special Meeting of the Wexford County Council, was held in the Co. Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford, on 3rd September 1919.

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

Also:- Messrs J. J. Stafford, M. Doyle, M. Maddock, James Codd, N. J. Fowler, W. H. McGuire, James Lynch, A. Kinsella, L. Barry.

The Secretary, County Surveyor, Mr R. W. Elgee, Solicitor, and Mr T. Treanor, Senior Assistant Surveyor, were in attendance.

Applications Increased Wages-Co Council Quarry Employees.

Under date 1st August 1919, the following was read from Mr R. F. King, General Secretary, Irish National Agricultural & General Workers Union:-

"On behalf of the quarrymen of the County, I am instructed to apply to have the following rates paid all men engaged in quarries:-

Time work 9d per hour or a minimum of 40/6 per week.

Task work including breaking etc., 75% increase on present rates.

In the case of extra difficult quarries at Ballynabola 5/- per foot for boring with the above rates.

Quarry foreman and Time keepers 50/-

Myles Hyland, drill-operator 15/- increase on present wages.

In the case of the men engaged in Clonhasten Quarry the 75% increase to be applied, and the Council to stand the expense of operations.

All hands to have a half-holiday on Saturdays."

Under date 5th August 1919, the following letter was read from Mr Michael O'Donoghue, Organiser, Irish Transport & General Workers Union:-

"On behalf of the following Workers:- Thomas Breen, Engine Driver, William Copeland, Oiler, Andrew Clear, Pat Morris, John Foley, and John Gaynor, labourers, employees of your Council and members of above Union, We demand the following rates of wages, namely- Engine driver 50/- per week, Oiler 20/- per week, four labourers 1/4 per cubic yard and also 7/6 per day each for labourers when removing from one place to another. These men are a travelling gang engaged at stonebreaking by your Council, and we claim that their present wages are insufficient, especially as the work is very heavy."

Mr William Murphy, Machinery Overseer, applied for time and a half when working overtime, and also for travelling expenses.

Mr J. J.O'Gorman, Overseer, travelling gang, applied for an increase of £1 per week in his present wages of £2,

The Secretary explained that at the Special Meeting held on 20th August 1919, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the applications from Irish National Agricultural & General Workers Union, and from the Irish Transport & General Workers, Union, on behalf of employees of the County Council be referred to the meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee to be held on Wednesday 3rd September 1919, in the meantime that a return as to the wages earned by the individual men in the various quarries be prepared and submitted by the County Surveyor to the Finance & Roads Committee meeting mentioned in this resolution."

On receipt of this resolution the two Labour Unions wrote demanding that a special meeting should be held on 27th August 1919, but as time did not admit of this, it was agreed that a special meeting of the Co Council be held on 3rd September 1919.

Messrs King and O'Donoghue the representatives of their respective Unions having addressed the meeting retired.

The County Surveyor submitted the earnings from July to September of the workmen in the various County Council quarries.

The Meeting considered all the circumstances of each case with the result that the following was agreed to:-

- 1.- That the present rate of 7d per hour paid quarrymen be increased to 8d per hour.
- 2.- That the rate of 10d per cubic yard paid for putting material through stonebreaker be increased to 1/2 per cubic yard.
- 3.- That the present rate of 1/2 per cubic yard for preparing material after blasting for breaker be increased to 1/5 per cubic yard.
- 4.- That the present rate of 2/- per cubic yard for quarrying and banking material for breaking be increased to 2/6 per cubic yard.
- 5.- That the wages of Myles Hyland, drill-operator, be fixed at £2. 17. 6d per week.
- 6.- That the wages of Thomas Breen, Engine driver, be fixed at £2. 5/- per week.
- 7.- That the wages of William Copeland, Engine Oiler, be fixed at £1. 10/- per week.
- 8.- That the wages of William Murphy, Machinery Overseer, be fixed at

£3. 10/- per week.

9.- That the wages of J. J. O'Gorman, Overseer of travelling gang and several quarries, be fixed at £2. 10/- per week.

10.- That the wages of quarry foremen Doyle (Riland) Doyle (Cherryorchard) Hendrick and Kelly be fixed at £2 per week.

11.- That the wages of Patrick Byrne, foreman Tara Hill Quarry, be fixed at £2. 10/- per week.

That above increases are given on condition that they be agreed to by the Unions concerned on behalf of the men to remain in force for at least twelve months, and that all increases are to date as from 20th August 1919."

Poisons & Pharmacy Act.

On the motion of Mr Scallan, seconded by Mr Lynch, a licence under Poisons & Pharmacy Act was granted to Mr Joseph J. Haughton, Ferns.

Rate Collector N. Moore.

Under date 3rd September the following letter was read from Mr N. Moore, Rate Collector for No. 3 District:-

"I desire to inform you that I appoint Mr Edward Ryan, Ballygoman, as my deputy to complete my collection for half-year ended 30th September 1919.

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

"That we approve of the appointment of Mr Edward Ryan, Ballygoman, as deputy to Mr N. Moore, Rate Collector for No 3 District, in respect of the collection for half-year ended 30th September 1919."

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(Signed)

John B. G.

Presiding Chairman.

Dated this 8th day of October 1919.

MEETING.- 8th OCTOBER 1919.

A Meeting of the Wexford County Council was held in the County Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford, on Wednesday, 8th October 1919.

Present:- Mr Michael Doyle (Vice-Chairman) and subsequently Mr John Bolger (Chairman) presided.

Also present:- Messrs W. H. McGuire, P. N. O'Gorman, W. Thorpe, J. J. Stafford, T. Asple, N. J. Fowler, J. Redmond, J. A. Doyle, P. Quigley, M. Maddock, R. Scallan, M. Cloney, J. J. O'Byrne, J. J. Kehoe, J. Lynch, N. J. Cowman.

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 Mr M. A. Ennis.

On the motion of the Chairman (Mr Bolger).

Seconded by Mr Scallan, the following resolution was adopted:-

"This being the first meeting of the Wexford County Council since the unexpected and lamented death of our late Colleague-Mr Michael A. Ennis. We beg to tender to his Sister, Miss Ennis, our deepest sympathy at the great loss she has sustained by the death of her brother. Not only has Wexford suffered a great loss but the whole of Ireland, as Mr Ennis has for many years devoted all his time and great energies to the advancement of his Native Land both socially and economically. These and the many other services he has rendered will be a lasting tribute to his Memory. Mr Ennis was for many years a prominent active and valued member of this Council, and his exertions on behalf of the welfare of his Country - so whole-heartedly and so unselfishly given- more particularly in the field of local government deserve the recognition of all who are concerned with local administration. He spent his energies "without fee and without reward" in the service of his country and we deplore the removal of his familiar figure from Irish public life."

The late Mr Michael Hickey, Garryrichard.

Mr Asple proposed, and Mr D'Byrne seconded the following resolution which was adopted unanimously:-

The Council, through Mr Michael Hickey, our sincere

condolence in the loss which they have sustained in his demise. Mr Hickey was for very many years connected with the public life of the County Wexford, and always discharged his duties with integrity and ability. As our Colleague on the County Council he endeared himself to this fellow members, and his death removes from our community one whose many good qualities earned for him the esteem and respect of all with whom he came in contact."

Sealed Orders.

Sealed Orders No. 43497-1919, and dated 18th September 1919, was read from the Local Government Board fixing Taghmon and Glynn Dispensary District as the area of charge for improving the water supply at Taghmon.

Sealed Order No. 44625 and dated 24th September 1919, was read from the Local Government Board fixing Broadway Dispensary District as the area of charge for improving the water supply at Rosslare.

"No Order"

War Bonus-County Surveyor.

Under date 18th September 1919, letter No. 41657-1919, Wexford Co., was read from the Local Government Board stating that they would raise no objection to the proposal of the Wexford County Council to grant the County Surveyor a war bonus of £100 a year to date from the 1st July 1919.

Marked "Read"

War Bonus-Senior Assistant Surveyor.

Under date 19th September 1919, letter No. 41657-1919, was read from the Local Government Board stating that they would raise no objection to the proposal of the Wexford County Council to grant Mr Treanor, Senior Assistant Surveyor a war bonus of £30 a year dating from 1st July last, provided that Mr Treanor devoted his whole time to the service of the Council.

"The Secretary stated that Mr Treanor had refused to accept the amount which the Council had granted."

Road Limits.

Under date 3rd September 1919, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 41839-1919, Wexford County) that they had assented to the extensions of the limits of expenditure on roads in the Rural Districts of Enniscorthy, Gorey, and Wexford, to £13823. 18. 8d, £7873. 16 3d and £8606. 14. 3d respectively for year ended 31st March 1919.

Sealed Order of the Local Government Board under date 28th August 1919, (37,266-1919) fixing the road limit for Enniscorthy R. D. Council at £16305 for financial year 1919-20, was read.

Marked "Read"

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

"That the Local Government Board be asked to sanction the extension of the Road Limit of expenditure to £8631. 7. 3d"

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Scallan, seconded by Mr Cloney:-

"That the Local Government Board be asked to extend the Road Limit for Gorey R. D. Council for year ending 1919-20, to £8631. 7. 3d in compliance with the terms of the resolution of the Gorey R. D. Council."

Amalgamation & Transfer of Ida & Idrone Districts.

Under date 25th August 1919, letter No. 142M, 1919, Miscellaneous was read from the Local Government Board forwarding copy of letter addressed by them to the Board of Guardians of New Ross Union re Idrone and Ida Rural Districts.

The Local Government Board proposed:-

- 1.- to amalgamate the Ida Rural District with the adjoining Rural District of Thomastown, and the Idrone Rural District with the adjoining Rural District of Carlow, under the provisions of Section 7 of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1919, and,
- 2.- to transfer the Ida and Idrone Districts from New Ross Union to that of Thomastown and Carlow respectively.

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

"That the Local Government Board be informed that, in the opinion of this Council, the views of the New Ross R. D. Council should be favourably considered by them as regards the proposed transfer of Ida and Idrone Districts."

Housing (Ireland) Act 1919.

Under date 25th August 1919, letter No. 145M 1919, Miscellaneous, was read from the Local Government Board, stating that Part 2 of the Housing (Ireland) Act 1919, which received the Royal Assent on the 15th August 1919, made important changes in some of the limitations imposed by

the Small Dwellings Acquisition Act 1899, and consisted of Section 34 of the recent Act and might be cited along with the Act of 1899 as the Small Dwellings Acquisition (Ireland) Act 1899 to 1919. It would be observed that the section increases from £400 to £800 the limit on the market value of a house for the purchase of which by its occupier a Local Authority for the purposes of the Act of 1899 may make advances, empowers the Local Authority to advance up to 90 per cent of the market value instead of 80 per cent as hitherto, and substitutes 50 years as the maximum period which the Authority may allow for the purpose of repayment.

The Section also repealed the proviso in Section 1 of the Act of 1899, which fixed a definite maximum for advances in any particular case.

"No Order"

Soldiers & Sailors in Lunatic Asylums.

Under date 28th August 1919, the Inspectors of Lunatic Asylums forwarded Circular containing instructions relating to the classification and treatment of soldiers and sailors as "service" patients.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Scallan, seconded by Mr Cloney:-

"That Circular from the Inspectors of Lunatic Asylums under date 28th August 1919, dealing with the classification and treatment of soldiers and sailors as "service" patients in Lunatic Asylums be referred to the Enniscorthy Lunatic Asylum Committee for their guidance."

Audits-Public Bodies.

The Local Government Board forwarded reports of their Auditor on his audit of the Accounts of Gorey Union and R. D. Council in respect of the half-year ended 31st March 1919.

"No Order"

Importation of Sheep from Scotland Order.

Under date 4th August 1919, the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction forwarded importation (Sheep from Scotland) Order of 1916 (No. 3) Suspension Order of 1919 (No. 2) suspending the Order preventing importation of Sheep from Scotland.

"No Order"

Conveyance of Live Poultry (Ireland) Order of 1919.

The Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction forwarded Conveyance of Live Poultry (Ireland) Order of 1919, dealing with protected poultry conveyed by water, rail and by road or

exposure for sale etc., The Order is No. 482 under date 16th June 1919.

"No Order"

Criminal Injuries (Ireland) Act 1919.

Under date 1st October 1919, the Local Government Board forwarded Circular letter No. 42530: 1919, Miscellaneous, stating that on a considered Opinion their Legal Adviser held that Section 1 (4) of the Criminal Injuries (Ireland) Act 1919, should be confined strictly to payment of compensation for injury to the person and that the new Act did not make any modification in the existing law with respect to payment of compensation for injury to property. He was clearly of opinion that sub section (4) makes the general County funds under the Control of the Treasurer applicable to the payment, on demand, of all Decrees made after the 16th April 1919, for compensation for injury to the person.

"No Order"

Hay & Straw Movement Order 1919.

Under date 4th August 1919, the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction forwarded Order prohibiting the importation of hay and straw from Great Britain unless it was required for military use, or not intended for use as fodder or litter for animals.

"No Order"

Ministry of Pensions Administrative Expenses Local Committee

Under date 25th August 1919, (F.L.C. 326 I.A.) the Director General of Finance, Ministry of Pensions, wrote that with reference to the claim of Wexford County Council for £119. 17. 7d, in respect of the administrative expenses of the County Wexford War Pensions Local Committee for the nine months ended 31st December 1918, the actual expenditure for the period under review is in excess of the proportion of the amount approved for the period by £28. 13. 6d, and before repayment can be made application should be made to the Local Government Board for their approval of this excess expenditure.

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

"That as the excess expenditure for General Administration in respect of period ended 31st December 1918, was incurred by the County Wexford War Pensions Committee without the approval of, or reference to, the County Council, we decline to apply to the Local Government Board for sanction of the same."

That the Ministry of Pensions be requested to have the Council's claim for £119. 17. 7d being 2/3rds of the approved estimate in respect of period ended 31st December 1918, discharged as soon as possible."

War Pensions Committee.

The Secretary stated that Messrs J. J. O'Byrne, James Codd, A. Kinsella, and P.O'Neill, County Councillors, had resigned their Membership of the War Pensions Committee. Several attempts had been made to fill the vacancies but without success.

On the motion of Mr O'Byrne, seconded by Mr J. A. Doyle, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That Major Little, Berkley House, New Ross, be appointed a member of County Wexford War Pensions Local Committee, vice Mr J. J. O'Byrne, resigned."

Clerkship in County Surveyor's Office.

Applications from the following were received for Clerkship, (Shorthand Writer and Typist) in the County Surveyor's Office:-

Annie Cullen, 89 North Main Street, Wexford.

James Delaney, Quay, Wexford.

May E. Duggan, Dock Cottages, Rosslare.

Statia McGrath, Coole, Campile.

Bridie Wilson, Bellevue, Macmine.

Eileen Maude Norton, 42 Rutland Square, Dublin.

A Poll was taken with the following result:-

For Miss Cullen:- Nil.

For Miss Duggan:- Mr M. Doyle.-1.

For Miss McGrath:- Messrs Cloney, and O'Byrne.-2

For Mr Delaney:- Messrs Quigley, Maddock, and Scallan.-3

For Miss Wilson:- Messrs Fowler, Redmond, J. A. Doyle and Asple.-4

For Miss Norton:- Messrs Thorpe, Cowman, McGuire, Stafford, Lynch, O'Gorman, and the Chairman (Mr Bolger).-7

Miss Cullen and Miss Duggan having dropped out a second poll was taken with the following result.

For Miss McGrath:- Messrs Cloney and O'Byrne.- 2

For Mr Delaney:- Messrs Quigley, Maddock, M. Doyle and Scallan.-4

For Miss Wilson:- Messrs Redmond, J. A. Doyle, Asple and Fowler.- 4

For Miss Norton:- Messrs Thorpe, Cowman, McGuire, Stafford Lynch,

O'Gorman, and the Chairman.-7

Miss McGrath having dropped out a third poll was taken with the following result:-

For Mr Delaney:- Messrs Quigley, Maddock, Michael Doyle, Cloney, and Scallan.-5.

For Miss Wilson:- Messrs Fowler, Redmond, J. A. Doyle, and Asple.-4

For Miss Norton:- Messrs Thorpe, Cowman, McGuire, Stafford, Lynch, O'Byrne, O'Gorman, and the Chairman.-8

Miss Wilson having dropped out the final poll was taken between Mr Delaney and Miss Norton, with the following result:-

For Miss Norton:- Messrs Thorpe, Cowman, McGuire, Stafford, Lynch, J. A. Doyle, O'Byrne, O'Gorman, Asple, and the Chairman.-10.

For Mr Delaney:- Messrs Quigley, Fowler, Maddock, M. Doyle, Cloney, Redmond, and Scallan.-7.

Mr Kehoe did not vote.

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

"That Miss Eileen Maude Norton, be appointed Shorthand-typist in the office of the County Surveyor at a salary of £70 per annum, and that the County Surveyor arrange when Miss Norton will take up duty."

"Miss Norton returned thanks for her appointment."

University Scholarship Scheme.

In connection with the appointment of Mr Thomas Bookey, Ferns, for payment of balance standing to the credit of the University Scholarship of his daughter (Annie Bookey) deceased, which had been referred to the Solicitor to the Council, Mr Elgee, the latter wrote under date 5th September 1919, that the Council would have no power to pay the expenses claimed by Mr Bookey, as they had no funds available to meet them, as of course on Miss Bookey's death her Scholarship lapsed. He (Mr Elgee) presumed that at that time all the money due her had been expended. Doubtless it was a hard case but the Council would have no power to pay the expenses presented by Mr Bookey, as they did not come within the ambit of the Scholarship.

Under date 22nd September 1919, the Enniscorthy Urban Technical Instruction Committee forwarded a resolution asking the County Council to increase the annual amount of University Scholarships (£50). A.

Student would not be taken in a hostel for less than £46. 10./ while £31 was only allocated under Scheme and this with fee for University and cost of books was far above the monetary value of the Scholarships which were intended to provide a University Education for the children of parents who were unable to pay for it.

Mr William McAuliffe, to whom a University Scholarship had been awarded wrote asking the Council to increase the amount of Scholarship or to defray all his hostel and college expenses.

Mr William M. Ryan, Wellington Place, Wexford, wrote asking for an extension of his University Scholarship in Commerce for a further two years for a postgraduate course. He was prevented by ill-health from making application last year.

The Finance & Roads Committee submitted the following recommendation:-

"That the County Council be recommended to extend the University Scholarship of Mr William M. Ryan, Wellington Place, Wexford, (who has obtained the degree of Bachelor of Commerce) for a further two years, as provided by the Council's University Scholarship Scheme."

Miss Mary Kehoe, Mulrankin, Bridgetown, wrote that she had passed with Honours the examination of the National University for the Degree of Bachelor of Science. She had been advised to pursue research work in Industrial Science during the coming year under Dr Ryan, Professor of Chemistry, and would feel grateful to the Council if they would kindly grant her an extension of her Scholarship.

Dr Hugh Ryan, Professor of Chemistry, National University, wrote under date 23rd September 1919, that he had great pleasure in strongly recommending an extension of Miss Kehoe's Scholarship to enable her to devote the coming year to a research in Organic Chemistry which may have important industrial applications.

Mr James O'Connor, 166 Peel Road, Bootle, Liverpool, wrote asking the County Council to pay the balance of £8. 10/- on his first year's University Scholarship to enable him to travel to Dublin to interview the Education Officer relative to obtaining an ex-service Student's University Grant.

The Finance & Roads Committee submitted the following recommendation

"That Mr O'Connor be informed in reference to application for payment of £8. 10/- balance of his Scholarship for first year, that the Finance & Roads Committee would have no objection in recommending the County Council to pay him same if he were about to take up his Scholarship, but the Committee consider Mr O'Connor should experience no difficulty in obtaining the amount necessary to cover his travelling expenses to Dublin in connection with award of ex-service students' University Grant from the Liverpool War Pensions Committee."

Under date 6th September 1919, Mr O'Connor wrote that as the appointments Department of the Ministry of Labour had fully inquired of men looking for ex-service students University Grants, as to any money available for them from outside sources, he concluded that in his case the ex-service grant would in reality be only supplementary to the scholarship money. As to applying to Liverpool War Pensions Committee, he knew from regretful experience what his efforts would be worth, and he knew from his own lot and that of others the length of time which would elapse before the arrival of any monetary aid. That is, on the doubtful supposition that he would be considered entitled to such aid. The £8. 10/- for which he now applied (to allow him to cross to Dublin in order to be interviewed) was required to assist him in obtaining the ex-service student grant which in turn would enable him to continue his scholarship.

As regards the award of fourth Scholarship for the forthcoming year the Finance & Roads Committee had made the following recommendation:-

"That Mr Edward John Redmond, a candidate for the award of University Scholarship from the Wexford County Council, be informed that a statement has been made to the County Council that at the outbreak of the War his parents were living in Waterford, and it was after August 1914, that the family came to reside in Courtown Harbour. The Council request his observations thereon, and also as to the date when the family last left Waterford to take up residence in Courtown Harbour."

From statements received from Rev John O'Grady, C. C. Riverchapel, it appeared that the parents of the boy Edward John Redmond lived in Waterford for a short time but on the outbreak of the War his father being a soldier went away, and his wife and family came back to reside in Courtown Harbour in April 1915. The father and mother were natives of Riverchapel and had lived there with

his Mother and Grandmother for years. It was a fact that the parents were not living in the County Wexford for the five years preceding 1919.

In connection with the claim of Mr Bookey the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Cloney, seconded by Mr O'Byrne:-

"That Mr Bookey be informed that the County Council are precluded (according to the advice of their Solicitor) from payment of hospital fees, medicines etc., But they would be prepared to entertain a claim for payment of travelling expenses or cost of books if particulars of these items when supplied are approved of by the Solicitor to the County Council."

In connection with the application for increase in amount of Scholarship

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

"That no action be taken to increase amount of University Scholarship. That the Enniscorthy Technical Instruction Committee and Mr W. McAuliffe, be informed that if any variation is to be made in the syllabus of the Council for their University Scholarships, including amounts granted for same, it can be effected by Notice of Motion."

As regards the application of Mr William Ryan for an extension of his University Scholarship, the recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee, as given above, was confirmed on the motion of Mr Cloney, seconded by Mr Scallan.

In reference to the application of Miss Mary Kehoe, for an extension of her University Scholarship, the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Cloney, seconded by Mr O'Byrne:-

"That University Scholarship of Miss Mary Kehoe, be extended for one year to enable her to carry out a research in Organic Chemistry."

As regards the application of Mr James O'Connor, for advance on his Scholarship for travelling expenses, the recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee as given above, was confirmed on the motion of Mr Scallan, seconded by Mr Kehoe."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Cloney, seconded by Mr Asple:-

"That considering the facts raised in the correspondence with Mr James O'Connor as to payment of the balance of his University Scholarship

the County Council are perfectly willing to pay amount of his scholarship when he takes up his Scholarship."

As regards award of fourth Scholarship, Mr Fowler stated that he would give notice of motion for next meeting to enable the County Council to award their fourth University Scholarship to Mr Edward John Redmond, as he (Mr Fowler) considered that to all intents and purposes Mr Redmond and his family should be regarded as residents of the County."

Claim for Extra Police Payment.

In connection with the claim of the Authorities of the R. I. C., for payment of £53. 3. 2d for extra police, a resolution had been adopted by the Council to obtain Counsel's opinion as to whether the Council were liable for payment, seeing that the claim was made in respect of half-year ended 31st March 1919, and was not furnished to the Secretary of the County Council until 16th July 1919.

Mr Elgee, Solicitor to the Council, submitted opinion of Mr John E. Walsh, B. L., pointing out that it was a general rule of law that the Crown was not bound by Statute in the absence of any express provision to that effect, and in his (Mr Walsh's) opinion this rule applies in reference to the restrictions as to time prescribed by Section 51 (7) of the L. G. Act and that the Police Authorities are not bound by these restrictions. Accordingly they are not precluded from pressing their claim by reason of the fact that the time limit imposed by the Sub Section had expired.

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

"That Pay Order for £53. 3. 2d be issued from meeting of the County Council to be held on 10th December 1919, to defray claim made by R. I. Constabulary Authorities for extra police in respect of half-year ended 31st March 1919."

Proposed Agreement as to Wages with Quarrymen Etc.,

Under date 13th September 1919, Mr O'Donoghue, Organiser, Irish Transport & General Workers' Union, wrote that on behalf of the men he accepted the new scale of wages proposed by the Council. It was however not customary for Trade Unions to bind the men for such a period as twelve months, but it was improbable that any further demands would be made on the men during the period of twelve months. Personal circumstances

Justify same.

Mr R. F. King, Irish National Agricultural & General Workers' Union, which is principally concerned with quarrymen, wrote that from information to hand he thought all the men were satisfied with the cash side of the settlement, but were not content to sign the agreement, as most members were of opinion that the signing of any such thing would hold them some what, and while they believed that for the period mentioned no further increases will be asked still there is the objection that cannot be got over."

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

"That the attention of the Organising Secretary of the National Agricultural & General Workers' Union, be called to the terms of the acceptance of the agreement between the Wexford County Council and their Workers as set out in the letter of Mr O'Donoghue, Organising Secretary of the Irish Transport & General Workers' Union, and that he be requested to furnish to the Council a communication couched in similar terms as otherwise the Council cannot regard the agreement as accepted by the National Agricultural & General Workers' Union."

Application Increase Wages Etc.,

Under date 12th September 1919, Mr M. J. O'Kelly, Quarry Overseer, Ballynabola, Wexford, wrote applying to have his wages increased from £2 to £2. 10/- per week, the latter being the wages paid Mr J. J. O'Gorman the other quarry overseer. He was overseer in charge of five quarries and also of the roads between Ballynabola and New Ross. The work required a good deal of travelling, and the cost of living had been steadily increasing as has also the amount of work in connection with quarries and roads.

On the motion of Mr Scallan, seconded by Mr M. Doyle, the following recommendation of Finance & Roads Committee was adopted:-

"That Mr M. J. O'Kelly be informed that his wages were fixed at £2 per week at the meeting of the County Council of 20th August, and as it was then accepted by the representative of his Union, the County Council be recommended not to take further action in the circumstances."

Application Co Court Crier for War Bonus.

At a recent meeting of the County Council an application for War

Bonus was considered from Mr Timothy Long, County Court Judge's Crier, when the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the application of Mr Timothy Long, County Court Judge's Crier, for War Bonus be adjourned to next meeting. That in the meantime he be asked to supply the following particulars:- (1) How many times per year is he on duty in County Wexford, (2) Are his expenses paid by the County Court Judge, (3) How many other Counties does he serve."

Under date 4th September 1919, the following reply was read from Mr Long:-

"In reply to the resolution of the County Council of the 21st ulto., I wish to say that I attend Quarter Sessions in County Wexford four times each year. My expenses are not paid by the County Court Judge. I also serve the Counties Carlow, Kildare, and Wicklow, for each of which I receive £10 per annum.

I most respectfully point out that these salaries were fixed in the year 1836, when the value of money was very different from what it is now and when the Crier travelled on the Chairman's Carriage and hotels were cheap.

Trusting that the Council will take a favourable view."

"It was decided that the application of Mr Long be referred to next meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee."

Resignation of Mr Moore, Rate Collector.

Under date 16th August 1919, Mr N. Moore, Rate Collector for No.3 Collection District, wrote that owing to failing health he was unable to continue in office for the then current half-year, and forwarded certificate from Dr O'Brien, Bannow. He had been 35 years in office and was 70 years of age. He was sure that after his long service the County Council would grant him the amount of superannuation to which he was entitled.

In connection with the superannuation to be allowed Mr Moore, the Solicitor to the Council, Mr Elgee, wrote that Mr Moore was entitled to the retiring allowance provided by Section 8 of the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1919.

The County Council at their meeting of 20th August 1919, adopted the following resolution:-

"That the question of the resignation of Mr N. Moore, Rate Collector for No.3 Collection District be referred to the meeting of the Finance

& Roads Committee of 3rd September 1919, and, in the meantime that Mr Moore be requested to nominate a deputy Collector in order to close the collection in respect of the half-year ending 30th September 1919."

Mr Moore in compliance with this resolution appointed Mr Edward Ryan, Ballygoman, as his deputy to close the collection for the half-year ended 30th September 1919, and the nomination had been confirmed by the Council.

Under date 12th September 1919, the Local Government Board wrote (44013-1919, Wexford Co.,) inquiring if the Sureties of Mr Moore had approved of the appointment of Mr Ryan as deputy, and added that "the sureties had not been released from their obligation under the bond of Mr Moore until the full year's rate had been accounted for".

The Secretary stated that Messrs John Cullen, St Tenants, Cleariestown, and Thomas French, Johnstown, Duhcormack, sureties of Mr Moore, had been furnished with a copy of the letter of the Local Government Board (No. 44013 1919, Wexford Co.,) and had written that they were satisfied with the appointment of Mr Ryan, as deputy.

Under date 24th September 1919, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 47407-1919, Wexford County) that in view of the concurrence of Mr Moore's sureties, they would not object to the appointment of Mr Edward Ryan as deputy for the completion of the collection.

The Secretary stated that Mr Moore had out on the 30th September 1919, £1697. 2. 9d, and that the books were handed the deputy on 30th September to close the collection.

"Mr Elgee mentioned that as the Local Government Board in their letter of 12th September 1919 (44013-19) pointed out the sureties of Mr Moore should not be released for their obligation under their bond until the full year's rate had been accounted for.

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

"That Mr N. Moore, Rate Collector for No. 3 Collection District, be informed that in the opinion of the Local Government Board, and of the Solicitor of the Council, it was not possible to release him or his sureties from the obligation of completing the collection for the year ended 31st March 1920, either by himself or by his deputy. That the question of filling the vacancy in the office of Rate Collector vice Mr Moore be referred to the Council for consideration of the amount of

superannuation to be allowed to Mr Moore be considered at meeting at which new appointment is to be dealt with."

Enniscorthy R. D. Council and District Bridges.

Under date August 18th 1919, the following was read from Enniscorthy R. D. Council:-

"At Wednesday's meeting of the Council the County Surveyor made application to expend £100 on Newtownbarry Bridge by Sudden Damage Order. The following Order was made:- "County Surveyor be asked why this work was not done last August when his attention was called to the matter. County Council's attention to be directed to the matter. Also the County Council be requested to have all the Bridges in the Rural District of Enniscorthy inspected at once and a report as to their condition be submitted to this Council within a month as several complaints have been made concerning them."

"The Secretary stated he had furnished a copy of this communication to the County Surveyor."

The following recommendation was submitted from the meeting of Finance & Roads Committee of 3rd September 1919:-

"That Mr Barry, County Surveyor, be instructed to have Newtownbarry Bridge repaired during the present good weather. That Enniscorthy R.D. Council be informed that the County Surveyor states that during last Summer it was not possible to obtain cement for the work, and in October when cement was available the weather did not permit of the work being carried out. That as requested by the Enniscorthy R. D. Council the County Surveyor inspect the bridges of the District and present a report to the District Council within the period specified."

"The above recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed on the motion of Mr Asple, seconded by Mr Cloney."

Posting Valuation Notices.

Under date 1st August 1919, William Donovan, Enniscorthy, applied for an increase in the amount of £2 allowed for the posting of valuation notices in the Enniscorthy Rural District as the distance covered to the various places at which Notices had to be posted was close on 15 miles.

On the motion of Mr Cloney, seconded by Mr Redmond, the following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was adopted:-

"That Mr William Donovan, Enniscorthy, be allowed a sum of £3 for the

posting of all future valuation notices in the Enniscorthy District."

Damage Motor Car.

Under date 1st September 1919, Dr J. B. Keogh, Carrigbyrne, Newbawn, wrote that on that day in a rain storm a heavy traction engine and two lorries laden with heavy timber had passed over the road from Carrigbyrne to New Ross, and if this were allowed to continue the road from Carrigbyrne to Cullenstown Chapel etc., would soon be as impassable as the road from Cullenstown to Foulksmills, which was a disgrace to any County, even this, in which the roads are so generally bad. He intended to seek redress for the injury to his motor car caused by the execrable condition of the road opposite the Chapel of Cullenstown on 25th May last.

The Finance & Roads Committee submitted the following recommendation:-

"That Dr J. B. Keogh, Carrigbyrne, Newbawn, be informed relative to his letter of 1st September as to motor lorries passing over Wexford-New Ross Road; that the County Council have no power to prevent these vehicles using the roads, but that proceedings are pending against the owners for the damage which they have caused to the roads."

"The above recommendation was confirmed on the motion of Mr Cloney, seconded by Mr Redmond."

County Surveyor's Report.

Arising out of report of County Surveyor to Finance & Roads Committee the following recommendations of the Committee were submitted:-

Road Board & Enniscorthy-New Ross Road:- "That the County Surveyor be requested to apply to the Road Board for a grant for the repair of the Road from Enniscorthy to New Ross."

Ferryarrig Bridge:- "That we approve of the steps taken by the County Surveyor to have the railings on the bascule of Ferryarrig Bridge repaired."

Dredging Kilmore Harbour:- "That the County Surveyor be instructed to apply to the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction for a grant in aid of the dredging work necessary at Kilmore Harbour. The fishermen using the place are considerably hampered as it is only certain stages of tide they can get in and out of the harbour, and it is almost impossible at present to berth coal vessels at the pier owing to the siltage."

Gorey Town Commissioners and erection of Pig Pens:- "That the County Council be recommended to the application of Gorey Town Commissioners

for the erection of permanent pig pens in Market Square, Gorey, provided the structures are put up to the satisfaction of the County Surveyor, and that they be removed on two months' notice in writing served at anytime by the County Council on the Gorey Town Commissioners."

Ballyconnick & Ballingly Quarries:- "That the County Surveyor ask Mr O'Connor, former Contractor, what is the lowest price for which he will carry out the work of quarrying in the quarries of Ballyconnick and Ballingly."

"The above Recommendations were confirmed on the motion of Mr Scallan seconded by Mr Kehoe."

Poisons & Pharmacy Act Licences.

On the motion of Mr Scallan, Seconded by Mr Cloney, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That Poisons & Pharmacy Licence held by Mrs Margaret Roche, Ballyanne, New Ross, be renewed for twelvemonths."

Cinema Licences.

Applications for Cinema Licences were received from James Moore, Kilmore, for Kilmore Hall, and Thomas Ennis, Bridgetown, for Bridgetown Hall.

The County Surveyor reported that in his opinion Kilmore Hall complied with the regulations.

The application for Bridgetown Hall had only been received on 6th October.

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

"That licence under Cinematograph Act 1909 be granted Mr James Moore, Kilmore, for Kilmore Hall. That our Secretary be empowered to issue licence under Cinematograph Act 1909 to Thomas Ennis, Bridgetown, provided the County Surveyor reports that this Hall complies with the regulations which have been made under the abovementioned Act."

Clohamon Bridge.

Mr John Browne, Contractor, Wexford, wrote under date 20th September 1919, that the Enniscorthy R. D. Council had refused to pay £16. 10/- for work done by him at Clohamon Bridge under Sudden Damage Order. There was also a balance due him on the Contract for repair of the Bridge. He wished the County Council to deal finally with the matter. Failing this,

he would be obliged to take legal proceedings. In reference to letter which he had received from the County Surveyor re Weir, he was not responsible for injury done to land adjoining the bridge, as the Weir was left open for the convenience of the Fishery Board of Conservators.

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

"That having considered the statement of the County Surveyor, and of our Chairman, as to the amount due to Mr Browne, under his claim on Sudden Damage Order for work at Clohamon Bridge. We consider the amount claimed by him (£16, 10/-) should be paid."

"The County Surveyor stated he had received on 1st October a letter from Mr T. J. Murphy, Ryland House, stating that he wished to know what the Council intended doing to compensate for land washed away while weir at Clohamon Bridge was open, Unless he was compensated and protection for his land built he would take proceedings."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Stafford, seconded by Mr Kehoe:-

"That Mr Browne, (Contractor) be requested to interview Mr T. J. Murphy, Ryland House, as to his claim re damage to his land etc., and report to the Council. Also as to how he stands as regards Mr Murphy, the Co. Council, and the Fishery Conservators."

Blasting at Doran's Hill Quarry.

The Finance & Roads Committee submitted the following recommendation:-

"That in view of the fact that the dwelling house of Mrs Borthistle, Effernogue, Ferns, was injured by blasting at Doran's Hill Quarry, as well as her crops injured, the question of the amount of compensation to be paid her, be again referred to the County Surveyor for a further report from Mr Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, for the district."

Under date 13th August 1919, Mrs Borthistle wrote that she would be satisfied to settle her claim for damage caused by blasting operations at Doran's Hill Quarry for £5."

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

"The County Surveyor stated that the report had not yet come to hand."

Claim for Quarrying.

Under date 18th August 1919, James Keeley, Rathquile, Adamstown,

wrote claiming £3. 10. 10d balance due him for quarrying in Barmoney Quarry.

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

"That as Mr Treanor, Senior Assistant Surveyor, considers that there were only approximately 15 cubic yards of material remaining in the quarry after breaking, we offer Mr James Keeley 15/- in settlement of his claim for quarrying."

Claim for Increased War Bonus by Road Contractor.

Mr James Brien, Glenteigue, Glenbrien, Road Contractor, (through Messrs John A. Sinnott & Co., Solicitors, Enniscorthy.) wrote applying for an increase in the War Bonus on his Roads and considered he was unfairly treated as compared with other contractors. The difference Mr O'Brien's Solicitors contended, was £92. 14. 3d, which was a serious loss to him.

The County Surveyor submitted the following Report:-

"I am in receipt of your letter of to-day's date enclosing letter from Messrs Sinnott & Co., Solicitors, on behalf of James Brien, Glenteigue which letter I now return you. From the Solicitors' communication

it would appear that Mr James brien considers himself aggrieved on account of the difference in War Bonus allocated by the County Council to contractors who prepared their own material, as against contractors who obtained material from County Council Quarries. At the time of fixing the War

Bonus it was considered that contractors doing all the work of preparing their own material would be entitled to a higher War Bonus than those who obtained material prepared by the County Council, as the price of this latter was a fixed item, arranged at the time of taking the contract, but could not be increased though the cost on the Council of preparing the material was greater than formerly. The 2/6 referred to in Messrs

Sinnott's letter as allowed the contractors is not a correct statement. No contractor was allowed this, but the several district Councils were

asked to, and have made good the difference between the cost of material and that charged contractors. The amount allowed to contractors getting

ing material from Council quarries was four-sevenths of 20% which works at something under 11½% and not 12½% as stated, i.e., that the extra

3½% Bonus was calculated to cover the extra cost of preparing material, and the 11½% in both cases was calculated to cover the extra labour.

Under these circumstances I do not consider Mr James Brien has any special grievance, and if the matter be taken up by the County Council, every contractor in the County who prepared his own material can make the same claim.

I should not that the statement that Mr Brien had to pay 6/6 per cubic yard for stones is misleading. The County Council had nothing whatever to do with the cost of material to Mr Brien, and though it may have cost him 6/6 we have no evidence of same, and he was not certainly charged that by the County Council. I should further note that he obtained the use of County Machinery at the former price, and the loss on same was made good by the District Council."

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

"That Mr James Brien, Glenteigue, Glenbrien, be informed that no action was taken on his claim for increased War Bonus on his roads as the circumstances of each class of Road Contractor were considered most carefully by the County Council when the amounts of War Bonus for Contractors was fixed."

Application for release from Road Contract.

The following was read from Patrick Bailey, Clohamon, Ferns, Contractor for Road No. 36R:-

"Will you kindly leave these few lines before the Council to see would they do anything for me. I have taken a road from Clohamon Cross to Strahart Cross for the sum of £34. 9/- to apply 132 yards for which I cannot do it now for which I would be inclined if I could. I have lost £20 per year on it and this year labour has gone up more, so I think no law would compel me to make it. I could not put out stones at 6/- per cubic yard, rise them and break them and spread them, so I hope you will put up this road for fresh tender."

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

"That the County Council cannot see their way to release Mr Patrick Bailey, Clohamon, from his contract for Road No. 36R."

Proposals for Payment.

Proposed by Mr Scallan. Seconded by Mr Kehoe, and adopted:-

"That the County Council cannot see their way to release Mr Patrick Bailey, Clohamon, from his contract for Road No. 36R."

fixed amounts in respect of quarter ended 30th September 1919, and as recommended by the Finance & Roads Committee and by the Proposal Committee be and are hereby adopted."

Proposals for Works.

Proposed by Mr Scallan, Seconded by Mr Kehoe:-

"That the several Proposals set out on Form 20 for County-at-Large Works presented to the Meeting, be and are hereby adopted, subject to any modifications entered thereon and initialled by the Chairman."

"Passed"

Confirmation Minutes Proposal Committee.

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

"That the Minutes of Proposal Committee of 8th October 1919, be and are hereby confirmed."

Kilanerin Farmers Association and the Roads of their District.

The following resolution was read from the Kilanerin Farmers Union:-

"That we the Kilanerin Farmers' Union are of opinion that the roads in this district want some improvements, and the first step to take would be to modify the quarry system at Tara Hill County Council Quarry, as the stones are broken so large that it takes them two years to make a surface that you can pass over with any kind of safety. If the tonnage on all renewing contracts was reduced 25% and that 25% go to pay the workers' increase and the wear on machinery, and break the stones to 1½ inch gauge, we assure you the stones will be satisfactory as in this hilly district the roads are getting too much material of a very unsuitable quality, most of them not 2 inch but 3 inch gauge. Then the contractors are busy all seasons collecting them and throwing them in the gries, also tearing down the ditches and throwing the rubbish out to try and cover them. This should not be the case as there should be "fines" from the quarry specified for that purpose. This change would not entail any additional cost on the ratepayer or on the contractor.. We have formed this from our ideas on the condition we see the roads in, and from the information of some of the very best contractors in the district who are prepared to give information by word, if required."

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Scallan, the following

resolution was adopted::

"That the communication from the Kilanerin Farmers' Union be referred to the County Surveyor, and that he be requested to comply with the wishes of the Association as regards the maintenance of the roads of their district as far as he possibly can."

Oulart Courthouse,

Under date 5th August 1919, Mr P. Cooney, Oulart, wrote:-

"I duly received your letter enclosing copy of Mr Elgee's letter re rent Oulart Courthouse and note his remarks. I beg to say I have decided to extend my Shop by letting in Courthouse, therefore I will be applying in course for possession of same. Messrs O'Connor & Co., Solicitors, will give due notice."

A copy of this letter was furnished Mr Elgee, Solicitor to the County Council, who wrote as follows under date 18th August 1919:-

"In reference to your letter re Oulart Courthouse, I have been looking into the matter and as far as I can learn from Messrs Stopford & Turner, Agents for Mr Bruen, this Courthouse was held under a tenancy from year to year, and therefore would be determinable by service of a Notice to Quit. This Notice I would say should be a year's notice and therefore, if now served, would run to September 1920, and as Mr Cooney wants the place to extend his Shop, I think the late Act of Parliament as to taking up possession does not apply. This being so I think your Council should now take the necessary steps towards providing a new Sessions house for the District."

Under date 15th August 1919, in connection with the question of fuel for and cleaning of Oulart Courthouse, Mr O. R. Lee, Petty Sessions Clerk, Oulart, wrote:-

"In reply to your letter of 7th inst., I beg to state that the landlord made an allowance of £2 per annum for coals and cleaning of Oulart Courthouse. For sometime past I have to pay this amount to the woman who cleans it and lights the fires, so that all the fuel is paid for from my own pocket, but while the landlord was paying this I could not well approach the County Council for a grant.

At least one ton of coal would be required each year, and the sum which I am already paying £2."

"The Solicitor Messrs O'Connor & Co., Solicitors,

Wexford, had served notice to quit on the County Council to determine the tenancy of Oulart Courthouse as from 30th June next."

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

"That an annual sum of £4 be allowed Mr O. R. Lee, Petty Sessions Clerk, for the purpose of cleaning the Courthouse and providing fuel for same."

Dublin-New Ross Train Service.

At the meeting of the County Council on 5th August 1919, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That we consider the Dublin & South Eastern Railway Company, should favourably entertain the request of the New Ross Urban Council for a connection with the town of New Ross by the train leaving Dublin at 6.5 p. m., instead of as at present by the train leaving Dublin at 10.15 a.m., as with present arrangements persons having business in Dublin must spend two days in going and returning."

Under date 20th August 1919, Mr John Coghlan, D. & S. E. Railway, wrote, that he was sorry he could not see his way to recommend any alterations in the service at present. It was clear that the 4 p.m., train from Macmine junction to New Ross and Waterford, better serves a larger number of people than would be the case if the train were altered to await the arrival of the 6.5 p.m, train from Dublin. The cost of working an extra passenger train between New Ross and Macmine Junction would undoubtedly leave a large deficit while the serious position of the coal output would not warrant the Company in running an extra train for the convenience of so few people as he was convinced would use it.

"No Order as the train service is so much disorganised at present and further changes in the D. & S. E. Railway System are in contemplation."

Application for Galignite.

Mr P. Hanrahan, Borough Surveyor, Wexford, applied for 50 lbs of galignite for quarry work for the Wexford Corporation, and would be obliged if the Council could let him have the amount from stock. The Corporation would replace the galignite and pay proportion of the expenses of the escort.

On the motion of Mr McGuire, seconded by Mr Scallan, the following

resolution was adopted:-

"That the application of Wexford Corporation for loan of 50 lbs Gelignite be agreed to subject to the conditions of the letter of Mr Patrick Hanrahan, Borough Surveyor, (under date 15th September.)"

Arbour Day.

Under date 27th August 1919, Mr Robert Barton, wrote bringing under the notice of the Council that under a recent decree of Dail Eireann, November 1st had been declared a general holiday for the purpose of holding an Arbour Day, and asked the Council to co-operate in making Arbour Day a National festival.

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

"That Mr Barton be informed that the Wexford County Council are prepared to support any steps which may be taken for the establishment of an Arbour Day in Ireland."

Irrecoverable Rates.

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

"That the Finance & Roads Committee be empowered to deal with the examination etc., of Irrecoverable Rates received from Rate Collectors in respect of half-year ended 30th September 1919."

Member General Council Irish Co Councils.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr O'Byrne, Seconded by Mr Quigley:-

"That Mr Michael Doyle, be appointed as a representative of this Council on the General Council of Irish County Councils, vice Mr M. A. Ennis, deceased."

National Development Company of Ireland Ltd.,

A Circular letter under date 27th August 1919, was read from Mr J. H. Rice, Secretary to the above, calling attention to the fact that the Company had succeeded in arranging for an advance of £150,000,000, for Irish Housing repayable at 5 per cent per annum in 50 years.

"No Order"

Frozen Meat for the Army.

The Irish Cattle Traders' & Stockowners Association, forwarded a

resolution learning with surprise of the intention of the Military Authorities to restrict the supply of home killed meat to the Troops stationed in Ireland from 1st January next, to one day a week. The Association regarded this as a breach of faith on the part of those ~~at~~ whose instance Irish Farmers had increased their flocks and herds.

"The resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Scallan, seconded by the Chairman."

Condemnation of Murders & Outrages.

A resolution was received from Westmeath County Council condemning the Murders and outrages that are occurring in various parts of the Country, which were a stain on the National character. They hoped the warnings of the Catholic Hierarchy would put an end to those cowardly and criminal follies.

"The resolution from Westmeath Co Council was adopted on the motion of Mr McGuire, seconded by Mr Quigley."

Irish Superannuated Employees Association.

The Officers of above wrote under date 20th September 1919, asking the County Council to adopt a resolution from Dublin Corporation asking the Government to introduce legislation to enable local bodies to increase the pensions of employees as the plight of the great bulk of these pensioners now approaches the stage of destitution.

"No Order"

Wexford Gas Company.

The Wexford Gas Company forwarded copy of an application made to the Board of Trade for an Order that the Statutory Provisions regulating the price of Gas in Wexford should be modified by authorising the Company to declare a dividend on the "A" Shares of 72 per cent, and on the "B" and "C" Shares of ~~32~~ per cent, notwithstanding that the price of Gas may exceed the price provided for by Clause 26 of the Wexford Gas Order 1903, as modified by the Wexford Gas (Temporary Increase of Charges) Order 1919.

On the motion of Mr McGuire, seconded by Mr Quigley, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That we confirm the decision of the Wexford Corporation as regards the application of the Wexford Gas Company to the Board of Trade for power to pay dividends on certain shares and to increase the price of Gas, as the matter is one which most concerns Wexford town."

Prosecuting Road Contractors.

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

"That the County Surveyor be empowered to proceed against the following road contractors, or take up their roads under the 54th section of the Grand Jury Act, whichever course he considers most desirable:-
31R Daniel Grace, 46R John Hayes, 53R Patrick Freeman, 106R Patrick Kelly, 171R James Evoy, 172R John Byrne, 183R James Ahearne, 184R John Byrne, 139R Patrick Reilly, 63E, 74E Thomas Dempsey, 64E, 11E, C. Molloy, 36E Patrick Bailey, 354E John Waters, 131G Michael Byrne."

Ballymitty Village Hall.

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

"That Rev J. Murphy C. C., Ballymitty, be allowed to bring out wall on Road 138W at Ballymitty to the extent of about two feet in order to allow of erection of proposed Village Hall."

Illness of Mr Curran, Assistant Surveyor.

In connection with the illness of Mr Curran, Assistant Surveyor, Mr Barry, County Surveyor, produced a certificate from Dr Ryan, that Mr Curran would require at least three weeks leave of absence.

The following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was adopted on the motion of Mr Scallan, seconded by Mr Kehoe:-

"That the County Surveyor make arrangements for Mr Treanor, Senior Assistant Surveyor, to carry out the duties of Mr Curran during the latter's illness and that means of locomotion by motor car be provided Mr Treanor for the purpose."

Ballingly & Ballyconnick Quarries.

As regards the working of Ballingly and Ballyconnick Quarries, the County Surveyor read a letter from Mr O'Connor, late Contractor, stating he could not carry out the work for less than 8/- per cubic yard. The amount paid in other quarries was from 4/6 to 6/6 per cubic yard.

The following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was adopted on the motion of Mr Scallan, seconded by Mr Kehoe:-

"That Mr Richard O'Connor, Waddingtown, Cleariestown, be offered 7/- per cubic yard for the working of Ballingly and Ballyconnick Quarries,"

Co Council Staff and Irish Clerical & Allied Workers' Union.

Under date 8th September 1919, the following letter was read from Mr D. Logue, General Secretary, of above Union:-

"I have been instructed by the National Executive Council of this Union to forward the following claim on behalf of our Members employed on the Staff of your Council:-

That the provisions of Award 84 of the Conciliation and Arbitration Board be made to apply in their case, and that all accrued arrears be paid without delay."

I am further instructed to point out that the provisions of this Award have been made applicable to employees in similar Offices in Ireland."

The above communication was considered at Finance & Roads Committee of the Council on 17th September, when the following recommendation was adopted:-

"That the letter from the Irish Clerical & Allied Workers' Union as to application of Award No. 84 of the Conciliation & Arbitration Board to the Staff of the County Council be referred to meeting of the Committee to be held on 8th October 1919."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr J. A. Doyle, Seconded by the Chairman:-

"That the demand from Clerical and Allied Workers' Union, on behalf of the Members of the Staff of the County Council, be discussed in Committee."

The following resolutions were adopted:-

Proposed by Mr Michael Doyle, seconded by Mr Lynch:-

"That the salary of Mr T. Cullen, Clerk County Surveyor's Office be fixed at £110 per annum."

Proposed by Mr Kehoe, seconded by Mr Fowler:-

"That Mr J. H. Cadogan, Clerk in County Council Office, be granted an increase of £24 per annum."

Proposed by Mr Michael Doyle, seconded by Mr O'Gorman:-

"That Mr C. H. Richards, Clerk in County Council Office, be granted an increase of £25 per annum."

Proposed by Mr Thoppe, Seconded by Mr McGuire:-

"That Mr Treanor, Senior Assistant Surveyor, be granted an increase of £50 per annum."

Proposed by Mr Stafford, Seconded by Mr Scallan:-

"That Mr T. A. Frizelle, Accountant, be granted an increase of £25 per annum."

Proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Mr Michael Doyle:-

"That no change be made as regards the present salaries of the ordinary Assistant Surveyors."

Analyst's Report.

City Laboratory,
Chatham Row, Dublin.
11th August 1919.

Report of Sir Charles Cameron, C. B., M. D., Public Analyst for the County of Wexford, on articles submitted to him for Analysis during the Quarter ended 30th June 1919.

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

<u>Article.</u>	<u>Number.</u>
Milk	41
Butter	39
Buttermilk	12
Whiskey	11
Margarine	11
Lard	7
Wine	7
Brandy	4
Cheese	4
Gin	3
Cocoa	3
Rice	3
Tea	2
Oatmeal	2
Bread	2
Salt	1
Mustard	1
Sugar	1
Tobacco	1
Bass Ale	1
Crushed linseed	1

<u>Article</u>	<u>Number</u>
O'Connell's Ale	1
Pepper	<u>1</u>
Total	<u>160</u>

One certificate was sent to Sergeant Doyle, Enniscorthy, for specimen of milk deprived of at least 36 per cent of its fats.

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

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

For Shillelagh Union which is partly situated in the County Wexford, six drugs were analysed. One was incorrect.

Total analyses... 181

Adulterated & defective articles... 5

C. A. Cameron.

"No Order."

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(Signed)

John Rogers

Presiding Chairman.

Dated this 10 day of Dec 1919.

STATUTABLE HALF-YEARLY MEETING.-10th DECEMBER 1919.

The Statutable Half-Yearly Meeting of the Wexford County Council, was held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford, on Wednesday, 10th December 1919.

Present:- Mr John Bolger (Chairman) presiding.

Also:- Messrs Louis Barry, M. Cloney, M. Codd, Richard Scallan, P.N.O'Gorman, J. A. Doyle, M. Maddock, J.J.Kehoe, W. H. McGuire, James Lynch, N.J.Fowler, W. Thorpe, and N. J. Cowman.

The Secretary, County Surveyor, and Mr John Elgee, Solicitor, (representing his brother Mr R. W. Elgee, Solicitor who was ill) were in attendance.

Confirmation of Minutes.

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and confirmed.

Mr M. Doyle (Vice-Chairman) wrote that he could not attend owing to another engagement.

Replies to Votes of Condolence.

On the motion of Mr Kehoe, seconded by Mr Scallan, the following replies to Votes of Condolence were ordered to be inserted on the Minutes of Meeting.

"Miss Ennis returns most grateful thanks to the Chairman, Secretary and Members of the Wexford County Council, for their very kind resolution of sympathy in her recent sad bereavement, the death of her dear brother the late Michael A. Ennis."

"I thank you very sincerely for your kind letter of sympathy on my Father's death, and for the personal appreciation expressed therein.

Will you kindly convey to the members of the County Council our sincere thanks for their sympathy in our bereavement.

Yours faithfully

M. L. Hickey."

The late Rev Maurice O'Byrne.

The following resolution was submitted from meeting of Finance & Roads Committee of 19th November 1919:-

"That we offer our esteemed Colleague-Mr J. J. O'Byrne - our deepest sympathy in the loss of his brother-Rev Maurice O'Byrne- Grahamstown, South Africa, a great Churchman, and a wise administrator, who, while ever

mindful of his native land, was foremost in every movement for the advancement of his adopted Country."

"The above resolution was confirmed on the motion of Mr Kehoe, seconded by Mr Scallan."

Application County Council Staff for War Bonus.

Under date 3rd November 1919, Mr D. Logue, Secretary, Irish Clerical Workers' Union, wrote as follows:-

"With reference to the claim forwarded by this Union on 8th September, that Award 84 of the Conciliation & Arbitration Board dated 31st March '19, be applied, and all accrued arrears paid according to provisions of same, and to your letter of 9th October, notifying your Council's willingness to grant increases as set out thereon, I have been instructed by my Committee to point out that the offer cannot be accepted, as the minimum claim made by the Union is for the application of the Award in its entirety.

Trusting your Council will expedite settlement of this just claim."

The Secretary stated that following this letter a telegram was received from Mr Logue as follows:-

"National Executive this Union demand special meeting your Council 19th inst., to decide application of Award 84 and to receive Alderman Corish to state case."

The matter was put before the meeting of Finance & Roads Committee of 8th October, when it was decided that it should be referred to the County Council Meeting.

Under date 19th November 1919, Alderman R. Corish, President of Wexford Trades Council, wrote on behalf of the officials who are Members of the Clerical Workers' Union, demanding that a special meeting of the County Council be held on 26th November, to deal with the granting of Award 84 War Bonus, as directed by the National Executive of Irish Clerical Workers' Union. In default of the holding of the meeting he would have to call on the officials to cease work until the matter was definitely settled."

The Chairman consulted the Members of the Council, who were not in favour of having a special meeting.

Under date 2nd December 1919, the Secretary, Irish Clerical Workers' Union, wrote:-

"With reference to the claim preferred by this Union, I shall be glad if your Council will receive Alderman Corish at their next Meeting. This

Gentleman has full power to act on behalf of this Union."

The following telegram under date 9th December 1919, was read from Mr D. Logue:-

"National Executive decided to withdraw clerical labour Saturday 13 inst if demand not granted."

Alderman Corish laid the claim of the County Council Staff before the meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee who made a recommendation that War Bonus be fixed on the pre-war salaries of Staff, and that any increase in salaries since the beginning of the War be withdrawn.

The following letter was read from Alderman Corish, under date 10th December 1919:-

"I laid the proposal of your Council before the men concerned, who are prepared to accept same provided increases given during the War exclusive of October are allowed to stand.

If these increases were to be scrapped your offer would be practically useless, failing this we insist that in fixing new Rates War Bonus should be calculated on salaries as they stood on April 1st of this year, which coincides with the terms of the Award which your Council have had so often before them.

Failing a satisfactory settlement on either of these lines, your staff will cease work on Saturday next, in accordance with decision of the Executive of the Irish Clerical Workers Union.

In the event of either of the above being offered, it shall have to be retrospective as from July 1st the date of County Surveyor's increase."

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

"That the undermentioned officers be paid as salary and War Bonus the following sums, being the War Bonus calculated on pre-war salaries, and withdrawing any increases granted since the beginning of the War:-

T. A. Frizelle, Accountant.	£130 per annum.
C. H. Richards, 1st Clerk	£136 "
J.H. Cadogan, 2nd "	£122 "
T. Cullen, Clerk Co Surveyor's Office	£153 "
T. Treanor, Senior Assistant Surveyor	£300 "
W.H. Jones, Assistant Surveyor	£180 "

R. J. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor		£180 per annum.
C.P. Curran,	"	£180 "
John Kehoe,	"	£130 "
James Kirby,	"	£135 "

these figures to become operative as from 1st October 1919."

Mr Fowler proposed and Mr O'Gorman seconded the adoption of the recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee, stating that it was in accordance with the "full terms as asked by the Clerical Staff".

The Secretary stated the Staff denied this. The Staff held that in making the Award the salaries as in force on 1st April 1919, should have been taken into consideration as provided by the terms of Award No. 84 of the Conciliation & Arbitration Board, and not the pre-war amounts as had been done by the Council.

"The recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed."

Payment Salaries Monthly.

Under date 12th May 1919, the following letter from Assistant Surveyors T. Treanor, R. J. Ennis, James Kirby, and C. P. Curran, was read.

It was not considered at an earlier meeting as owing to Standing Orders of the Council the proposal having been refused could not be brought up for reconsideration until six months had elapsed.

"Sometime ago we applied to the County Council to have our salaries paid monthly, but our application was refused. We are sure if this matter receive your considered judgment you will readily see the justice of agreeing to it. Under the present system we are paid at meetings held in February, April, August, and October, so that for two periods in the year we have to do without payment for four months. For example our salaries were paid last April and it will now be August before we are again paid, which is really a hardship, particularly when it is taken into account that the amount received in April is mostly paid out to meet expenses incurred from previous quarter, thus necessitating our getting credit until again paid, which is not a very enviable position to be placed in.

As we believe the monthly system of payments would not to any appreciable extent affect the County Council finances, and as it would be of considerable advantage to Assistants we confidently expect you will meet us in this matter."

The following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Scallan:-

"That the salaries of Assistant Surveyors for the future be paid fortnightly as is the case with the members of the permanent staff of the Council."

Ballyboggan & Carrigfoyle Quarries.

Under date 18th October 1919, Mr M. O'Donoghue, Organiser Irish Transport & General Workers' Union, wrote that in making demands on the Council on behalf of quarrymen, the name of Michael McEvoy, employed as foreman at Ballyboggan and Carrigfoyle, was inadvertently omitted, and consequently the Union now requested that this man's wages be raised to the same standard as that paid other quarrymen in the Council's employment.

The following recommendation was submitted by Finance & Roads Committee:-

"We recommend that the wages of Michael McEvoy, foreman at Ballyboggan and Carrigfoyle Quarries, be fixed at £2 per week as from 20th August 1919."

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

Opposition to Road Contract.

Mr T. B. Dunbar, Solicitor, Enniscorthy, wrote he would object to contract for Road No. 5E being given to John Kehoe, Baylands, Camolin, on the grounds that the sureties or one of them was not duly qualified as surety.

Mr Kelly L. L. B., Solicitor, New Ross, appeared on behalf of Mr Dunbar and withdrew the objection."

Proposals for Works.

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

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

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 Rural District Councils, on Form 22, and transfers to Public Bodies financed by the County Council, be and are hereby adopted, as recommended by the Finance & Roads Committee and by the Proposal Committee."

Road Limit-Gorey Rural District.

The Local Government Board forwarded Sealed Order No. 50,824 (under date 27th November 1919) fixing the limit of Road Expenditure for Gorey Rural District for year ending March 1920, at £8631. 7. 3d.

Audit Accounts-Public Bodies.

The Local Government Board forwarded reports of their Auditor on his audit of the accounts of the following Public Bodies:-

County Wexford Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction.

County Wexford Infirmary.

County Wexford Tuberculosis Committee.

Marked "Read"

Death of Mr Francis Blake, Rate Collector.

The Secretary reported that Mr Francis Blake, Rate Collector for No.4 Collection District, died on 21st November 1919. The amount of Rates collected and lodged by deceased was £126. 6. 11d and the amount outstanding £2098. 4. 5d total amount of warrant for second moiety £2224. 11. 4d.

The Local Government Board and Insurance Company had been informed of the death.

Under date 28th November 1919, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 60071-1919 Wexford County) that the sureties of the late Collector Blake should not be released from their obligation under the bond until the rate for the entire year has been accounted for.

The following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr O'Gorman:-

"That the National Benefit Life & Property Assurance Company, be called upon to close the Rate Collection of the late Mr Francis Blake, Rate Collector, or in the alternative, the County Council to appoint a deputy Collector, subject to the Insurance Company guaranteeing the deputy by fidelity guarantee bond."

Gorey R. D. School Attendance Committee.

Under date 13th October 1919, the Clerk, Gorey R. D. School Attendance Committee, forwarded the following resolution which had been adopted by his Committee:-

"That the Secretary write to the County Council asking them to increase the amount to their Secretary, Gorey R. D. School Attendance Committee, by £5, to defray the law expenses of the Committee owing to the increase for the service of summonses to Civil Bill Officer and other expenses."

The following recommendation was submitted from Meeting of Finance & Roads Committee of 19th November:-

"That the amount of Imprest Account of the Secretary of the Gorey Rural District School Attendance Committee be increased from £5 to £10 in consequence of the increased fees payable to Civil Bill Officer, etc., said increase to be subject to the sanction of the Local Government Board."

Under date 1st December 1919, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 59654-1919, Wexford County) that they would not raise any objection to the proposal of the Finance & Roads Committee in this matter."

The recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr O'Gorman.

War Bonus to Solicitor.

Under date 7th October 1919, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 49226-1919, Wexford County) that they would not raise objection to the proposal of the Council to grant their Solicitor a bonus of 25 per cent on his salary.

"No Order"

Register of Electors.

Under date 10th November 1919, the Superintendent H. M. Stationery Office, Dublin, wrote that he had decided to terminate the contracts for printing lists and Registers of Electors and was preparing new contract forms. He expected that under present circumstances, together with the experience gained, the cost of preparing Registers in future years would be considerably lessened.

"No Order"

Orders Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction.

Under date 14th October 1919, the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction wrote that the Importation (Sheep from Scotland) Order of 1916 (No. 3) Suspension Order of 1919 (No. 2) had been revoked.

Under date 18th November 1919, the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction forwarded copies of Tillage (Ireland) General Order 1920.

No Order

Surety for Secretary County Wexford Insurance Society,

Mr W. Hutchinson, Secretary County Wexford Insurance Society, submitted the name of Mr Laurence McCarthy, Charlotte Street, Wexford, as one of his sureties, vice Mr Peter Hutchinson, deceased.

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

"That Mr Laurence McCarthy, Charlotte Street, Wexford, be accepted as surety for Mr Hutchinson, Secretary, County Wexford Insurance Society, vice Mr Peter Hutchinson, deceased."

Death of Mr George Newsom, V.S.,

Under date 27th October 1919, a letter was read from Mr Newsom V. S., that he would be obliged owing to the condition of his heart to take a month's absolute rest in bed.

The Finance & Roads Committee recommended that if any reports of Contagious Disease in animals were received they should be attended to by Mr James maone V. S., Gorey.

"The Secretary stated that Mr Newsom had since died. He was a transferred officer under the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898, in respect of Moyacomb District Electoral Division, which had been transferred from County Wicklow to County Wexford. The salary paid the late Mr Newsom by Wexford County Council was £2. 7. 8d per annum, and provision should now be made for the performance of the work."

The following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr O'Gorman:-

"That Mr W. J. Doyle, V. S., Enniscorthy, be asked if he will undertake the duties of Veterinary Inspector for the District Electoral Division of Moyacomb under the Contagious Diseases Animals Acts at a salary of £2. 10/- per annum, vacant through the death of Mr George Newsom, V.S._"

University Scholarship Scheme.

Mr Fowler moved the following of which he had given previous Notice:-

"I hereby give notice of my intention to move at next meeting of the above Council that the fourth University Scholarship be awarded Edward John Redmond, Courtown Harbour, notwithstanding the fact that his parents did not reside in County Wexford for the full five years preceding 1st January 1919, as provided by syllabus of University Scholarship Scheme."

He and his parents were born at Riverchapel or Courtown Harbour, and were temporary absent in an adjoining County for a short period. But to all intents and purposes Edward John Redmond and his parents should be regarded as residents of the County Wexford."

Mr Maddock seconded the motion, which was adopted.

Under date 5th November 1919, Major Richards, Ardamine, wrote that Redmond's people were essentially Co Wexford people on both father and mother's side. Both were born in Riverchapel as was the boy himself. His Grandparents at both sides and their successors, have been, and now are, tenants upon his (Major Richards') Ardamine estate. His Mother's people have been constant ratepayers for over 50 years. To him (Major Richards) it would appear hard to disqualify the boy owing to the fact that his father had not constantly been a ratepayer, especially as the County Council have a clause which empowers them to meet exceptional cases. Mr Owen Redmond, father of the boy, had been a tenant of his (Major Richards) at Seamount Courtown Harbour, since April 1915.

Under date 15th October 1919, James Hayden, Annagh, Kilanerin, Gorey, who was next in award for University Scholarship, wrote again pointing out that Mr Redmond did not fulfil the conditions as set down in the Syllabus. It was not the case that Redmond's family lived in Courtown except for a short time. This was not the case as they lived in Dublin previously and also in some part of England.

Poisons & Pharmacy Act.

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

"That renewal of licence under Poisons & Pharmacy Act be granted to Mr Alexander Kinsella, Main Street, Gorey."

Road Contractor's Grievance.

The following letter from Mr James Brien, Glenteigue, Enniscorthy, to the Enniscorthy R. D. Council was forwarded by that body to the County Council with the following resolution:-

"That a copy of this letter be forwarded to the Co. Council, and that they be asked to take into consideration the cases of Contractors who may feel aggrieved owing to it being necessary for them to get the material out of the Co Council Quarries, and that we request the Co Council to give the matter their favourable consideration."

"I hold certain contracts which expired on the 31st March last, and I had several times in the years 1916 and 1917 applied in person to your Council asking you to take these contracts off my hands, but on each occasion you asked me to hold the Contracts and you promised to treat me very fairly.

When War Bonuses were awarded to Contractors, I received a Bonus of 20% whereas other contractors received a bonus of 12½% plus 2/6 per cubic yard for the material taken from Council Quarries. At the time the bonus was awarded this proportion was fair, but subsequently the price of material went up very much, with the result that I had to pay 6/6 per cubic yard for stones and materials, and consequently, was in a far worse position than those contractors who were awarded a bonus of 12½% and 2/6 per cubic yard for material. I need hardly say that this difference has caused me a serious loss which I estimate at £92. 14. 3d, and I should be very grateful indeed to your Council if they would kindly take these facts into consideration and endeavour to do what they can to recompense me for the loss which I have sustained in carrying out these contracts.

I may say that I have been a Contractor for the repair of roads since the Local Government Act came into force, and I do not think the Surveyors have ever had any fault to find with the work which I have done.

"Adjourned to next Meeting."

Dates of Meetings.

On the motion of Mr Kehoe, seconded by Mr Scallan, the following dates of meetings were agreed to:-

Proposal Committee.-	Wednesday 11th February 1920,	11 0'C.,
Do.,	" 7th April 1920 -	11 0'C.,
Gorey R. D. Council.-	Thursday-8th April 1920,	11.30 0'C.,
Wexford "	Saturday-10th "	11 0'C.,
New Ross "	Tuesday, 13th "	11.30 0'C.,
Enniscorthy "	Wednesday-14th "	11 0'C.,
Co Council Half-yearly Meeting-	Wednesday-12th May 1920,	12 noon
Adjourned Proposal Committee	" "	"

Irish Education Bill.

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

"That we protest against the provisions of proposed Education Bill for Ireland, as being undemocratic and reactionary. Under the semblance

of quasi-popular all power in educational matters is centred in three nominees of Government. We consider that the amount of financial support given by the Government under the Bill entirely inadequate and devised on an improper basis. Further, we fail to understand why it should be proposed to impose heavy additional taxation on the ratepayers without making some effort to consult their representatives, the County Councils of Ireland. We suggest this matter should be taken up by the General Council of Irish County Councils."

County Surveyor's Office.

Under date 28th November 1919, the County Surveyor wrote:-

"Will you please bring before the Council the matter of cleansing of my office which is at present in a disgraceful condition."

In connection with above Messrs O'Connor & Co., Solicitors, Wexford, wrote on behalf of Mrs McNally:-

"We have been asked by Mrs McNally, Courtkeeper in the Courthouse, Wexford, to write to you with reference to her remuneration for caring and cleaning the offices of the County Surveyor.

We are informed that the matter is coming before the County Council meeting on Wednesday next, and we shall be glad if you will kindly place our letter before the Council. We understand that before the present County Surveyor, Mr Barry, was appointed, Mrs McNally was always paid by the former County Surveyors, Mr Webster and Mr Stafford Gaffney, for looking after their offices while they held the position of County Surveyors, but since Mr Barry's appointment he has refused to make any payment to Mrs McNally. This is manifestly unfair, as of course, no one would expect Mrs McNally to do this work without receiving reasonable payment.

Mr Barry complains that his offices are in a disgraceful condition, but recently Mrs McNally has refused to carry out any work at all there, until there is some understanding about payment for her work, as she could not see her way to continue working without remuneration.

We have referred the matter to the High Sheriff and he states he has nothing to do with any arrangement about having the offices kept in order. He also states that in his opinion the cleaning of the offices is not included in the duties of the Courtkeeper.

If therefore, the County Council think that Mr Barry is not liable for these expenses, we would respectfully submit that the Council should make some provision for payment to Mrs McNally for her work in connection with these offices.

The following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr O'Gorman:-

"That Mrs McNally, Courthouse Keeper, Wexford, be voted a sum of £3 per annum, for the cleaning of County Surveyor's offices."

Office of Clerk of Crown & Peace.

Under date 26th November 1919, Mr J. N. Scallan, Clerk Crown & Peace, wrote as follows:-

"I would respectfully call your attention to the condition of the Entrance to the Offices of Clerk of the Crown & Peace and Local Registrar of Titles Office in Wexford. To say the least of it, it is disgraceful. The pathway of Flags are all smashed and is practically impassable during wet weather:

Further, the Spout carrying the rain water from the roof of the Courthouse is broken and all the water forms into a lake or pond in front of the offices.

The condition of the roadway is extremely bad and people are allowed to block up same with loads of timber and other articles.

I would, therefore, feel obliged if you would let me know or inform me who is responsible for the upkeep of this, and unless something is done forthwith I shall be reluctantly compelled to bring it under the notice of my Authorities and take their directions on same."

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr O'Gorman, the following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was adopted:-

"That a copy of the letter of Mr J. N. Scallan, Clerk Crown & Peace be furnished the Wexford Harbour Board for their observations."

Working of Hanlon's Quarry

The following extract from the Report of the County Surveyor to the Finance & Roads Committee of 19th November 1919, had been referred from that meeting to the County Council Meeting:-

"At the New Ross District Council a resolution was passed that 4d per cubic yard should be paid to Mr Hanlon for material from his quarry at Ballygarvan and I ask your directions in the matter."

"Postponed to next meeting."

Blasting at Doran's Hill Quarry.

At the meeting of the County Council on 3rd September 1919, a letter was read from Mrs Borthistle, Effernogue, Ferns, under date 13th August 1919.

that she would be satisfied to accept £5 for damage done her corn and premises at Doran's Hill Quarry.

The Council adopted the following resolution:-

"That in view of the fact that the dwelling house of Mrs Borthistle, Effernogue, Ferns, was injured by blasting at Doran's Hill Quarry as well as her crops injured, the question of the amount of compensation to be paid her be again referred to the County Surveyor for a further report from Mr Ennis, Assistant Surveyor for the district."

The County Surveyor read a report from Mr R. J. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, who stated that having again seen Mrs Borthistle, he thought it advisable that she should be paid £5 for the injury done to her dwelling house and crops. It would be well (Mr Ennis continued) that it should be made clear to Mrs Borthistle that this amount was in settlement of all claims to date, as she had since been complaining of injury to a mowing machine by stones.

On the motion of Mr McGuire, seconded by Mr Thorpe, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the County Surveyor furnish the Insurance Company with a copy of report of Mr Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, and ask them to settle with Mrs Borthistle on the terms proposed."

Kerlogue Quarry.

At the meeting of the County Council on 5th August 1919, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That proceedings against Moses Power, Kerlogue, Contractor, for supply of material from Kerlogue Quarry, and his Sureties, be held over for the present."

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

"That the question of instituting proceedings against Moses Power, Kerlogue, Contractor, for supplying material from Kerlogue be again adjourned."

Clohamon Bridge.

Under date 15th October 1919, Mr John Browne, Contractor for repairs, Clohamon Bridge, wrote that he had seen Mr Thomas Murphy, Ryland, as requested by the Council. Mr Murphy was satisfied to leave the question of the damage done to his land to arbitration, and had named Mr Myles

O'Connor, Clohamon, and Mr C. J Irwin, Auctioneer, as Arbitrators, the Council to name two more, and appoint a day to meet. the matter required immediate attention and if there were any floods the land would be further damaged.

"Adjourned to next Meeting."

Cinema Licence.

The Finance & Roads Committee submitted the following recommendation:-

"That Cinema licence be issued to Mr Patrick Breen, for old school house in Castlebridge, provided that after inspection, the County Surveyor reports to the Secretary that the premises comply with the requirements of the Cinematograph Act of 1909."

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

Kilmore Pier & Harbour.

Rev J. W. O'Byrne, P. P., Kilmore, forwarded the following resolution which had been adopted at a meeting of the fishermen of Kilmore Quay:-

"That the County Council be asked to make a grant in aid of the improvement of the Harbour and breakwater."

A petition from the fishermen and people of the district in favour of the work was also submitted.

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

"That Mr Barry, County Surveyor, bring in a proposal to the February 1920 meeting of the Proposal Committee for repairs etc., Kilmore Pier, in the meantime that he call the attention of the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction (Fisheries Branch) to the necessity of the Department providing half amount of cost of dredging Kilmore Harbour. Unless this is done the place will be absolutely no use to the fishermen of the locality."

Waterproof Clothing.

The Finance & Roads Committee submitted the following recommendation:-

"That we approve of provision of waterproof clothing for operators of Rock Drill, and agree to payment of £3. 4/- for Bills for same presented to this meeting."

On the motion of Mr Scallan, seconded by Mr Kehoe, the above recommendation was adopted.

Prosecution Road Contractors.

On the motion of Mr O'Gorman, seconded by Mr McGuire, the following

recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee directing the County Surveyor to proceed against Road Contractors whose names are set out on Page 305 of the Minute Book of Finance & Roads Committee, or to take such further action against these Contractors as he may consider necessary to have the terms of their contracts enforced, was adopted.

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

"That the County Surveyor be empowered to proceed against the following road contractors for non-fulfilment of their Contracts, or take such action against these contractors as he considers necessary:- William Roberts, 92E, 88E, David Lennon 258E."

Injured Employee.

Under date 10th November 1919, Mr T. B. Dunbar, Solicitor, Enniscorthy, wrote applying for compensation pursuant to the provisions of The Workmen's Compensation Act 1906, for injury caused to his Client's (John Murphy, Clonee) right eye while engaged in quarrying at Doran's Hill Quarry.

The County Surveyor stated that this matter was being dealt with by the Insurance Company.

"No Order"

Quarrying in Barmoney Quarry.

In connection with claim of Mr James Keeley, Rathquile, Adamstown, for £3. 10. 10d for quarrying in Barmoney Quarry, the Council adopted a resolution offering Mr Keeley 15/- in settlement.

Mr Keeley under date 16th October 1919, wrote that the 15/- could be sent "on account as it will be making the bill smaller".

The Finance & Roads Committee adopted the following recommendation:-

"That if Mr James Keeley, Rathquile, informs the Council that he is prepared to accept the 15/- passed by the Council as discharge in full for their liability on foot of his claim for quarrying in Barmoney, a Paying Order for this amount will issue from next meeting.

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

Technical Class at Wexford Industrial School.

The following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was

adopted on the motion of Mr Cowman, seconded by Mr Scallan:-

"That in the event of a Domestic Economy Class being continued for girls of Wexford Industrial School we hereby agree to contribute as from May 1919, the sum of 5/- per pupil not exceeding twenty pupils for each session up to and including year 1922."

Proposal Joint Industrial Council.

Mr D. F. Condon, Secretary National Union of Municipal Officers, (Ireland) wrote calling attention to the recommendations of the Whitley Report, which provided for the formation of a Joint National Industrial Council composed of a representative of Local Authorities in Ireland and their officers, for the purpose of securing the largest possible measure of combined action between both sides in the development of Local Government in Ireland, and the regulation of the service condition of all those engaged therein.

"Adjourned to next Meeting."

OLD AGE PENSION BUSINESS.

Proposed Resignation of No. 7 Sub-Committee.

Mrs Howard, Clerk No. 7 Sub Committee, under date 8th December 1919, wrote as follows:-

"At a Meeting of above on Saturday the 6th inst., my Committee on hearing the decision of the Local Government Board refusing a pension to Mr J. Maddock, Templeshelin, (in whose case the P. O. appealed against Committee's decision) refused to do any further business as they considered the applicant had been unfairly and unjustly treated, and that a fair and impartial investigation will prove him qualified for the pension and, unless this investigation be made they refuse to act on the Committee in future."

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

"That in view of the attitude of No. 7 Sub-Committee Old Age Pension Committee as to action of Pension Officer in the case of J. Maddock, Templeshelin, we request the Local Government Board to send down a special Inspector to deal with the matter."

Old Age Pension Act.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Thorpe, Seconded by Mr Kehoe:-

"That in the event of any amendment being proposed to the Old age Pension Act, we consider a provision should be embodied to give an appeal by the applicant for pension to the County Court Judge."

County Surveyor's Report.

Road Board Grants & Machinery:- The County Surveyor reported to the Finance & Roads Committee that the Road Board had sanctioned the grants already referred to in former reports and which were before the District Council Meetings. The total amount of the grant is £16,600 towards an expenditure of £22573. In connection with this matter he (County Surveyor) had been in communication with the Road Board's Engineering Inspector with regard to cost of the work, and he suggests that the County Council would be well advised to purchase plant in order to reduce the cost.

"In consideration of the heavy work that is to be undertaken"-the County Surveyor continued in his report- "it is essential that we should have plant of our own for some portion at any rate of the work, and I suggest that one or two rollers should be purchased. An extra Rock Drill also will be required as one of the present drills will be almost exclusively at work in Tara Hill Quarry. We will also require at least two steam lorries with trailer waggons. Sometime ago the Rural District Meetings in Enniscorthy and New Ross passed resolutions asking the Co Council to purchase rollers for their use but owing to War conditions it was impossible to obtain same. If rollers be now purchased for the Road Board work they will be allocated afterwards for work in the two districts named, and as regards steam lorries there will always be enough work to keep them employed.

At present there is a second-hand roller in County Kildare for sale, and I ask for authority to visit the place and see it at work, taking with me Mr Murphy, Machinery Overseer. Perhaps the machine might suit and it could be obtained for a reasonable figure."

The following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Scallan--

"That the County Surveyor be instructed to advertise in a Mechanical paper for engine and roller combined, rock drill steam lorry with two trailers (both tilting) and living van."

Courtown Harbour:- In his report to the Finance & Roads Committee, the County Surveyor stated:-

"During the Summer with the aid of a grant from the Department of

Agriculture, I was able to build a concrete wall at Courtown Harbour. This as you are already aware was consequent of the river embankment having been breached early this year. The work is now completed and is a satisfactory job. Subsequent to this I had holes filled in the south pier of the Harbour, as the fishermen made complaint that the sand was stopping the channels between the piers. With the exception of one small hole which has not been filled yet the work is now completed and there is no ingress of sand at present. As the weather conditions suit the remaining hole will be filled in.

On the 1st inst., a portion of the retaining wall adjoining the river at Courtown Village collapsed to the extent of some forty lineal feet. I have made some temporary arrangements for fencing but it will be necessary to rebuild the wall. I inspected the site on the 3rd inst., and suggest that an advertisement be inserted asking for tenders for rebuilding. The work will be fairly heavy and will require a large sum of money, particulars of which I shall have for the Meeting."

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Scallan, the following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was adopted--

"That the County Surveyor be directed to advertise for gravel at Courtown Harbour and that a Sudden Damage Order amounting to about £35 be issued to cover cost of same and to enable the gravel to be obtained in good time."

Illness of Mr Kirby, Assistant Surveyor.

In his report to the Finance & Roads Committee, the County Surveyor stated:-

"On the 2nd inst., Mr Kirby, Assistant Surveyor for Gorey District, wrote me enclosing Doctor's certificate from which it would appear he will be unable to do duty for a couple of weeks. Mr Kirby himself states he will be able to attend to necessary office work himself though he will not be able to make outside inspections."

The County Surveyor stated that since issuing his report he had a letter from Gorey that Mr Kirby was suffering from severe septic throat and would not in all probability be able to attend to his duties before the new year."

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Scallan, the following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was adopted:-

"That the question of having the duty of Assistant Surveyor carried out in Gorey District, in consequence of the illness of Mr James Kirby, be left in the hands of the County Surveyor."

Aggrieved Contractors.

Mr J. R. Brennan, (Messrs Huggard & Brennan, Solicitors) appeared on behalf of 43 Road Contractors of Wexford and New Ross Districts, and who stated they were unable to carry out their contracts at the prices at which they were taken. The Contractors in question wished to be released from their contracts or to obtain a War Bonus in which none had been given, and an increased war bonus where war bonus had been granted.

After some discussion the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Thorpe, seconded by Mr O'Gorman:-

"That the application of 43 Road Contractors as to cancellation of Road Contracts or for War Bonus be referred to the County Surveyor for report to next meeting."

Analyst's Report.

The following report of Sir Charles Cameron, 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 30th September 1919.

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

<u>Article.</u>	<u>Number.</u>
Milk	15
Butter	9
Margarine	6
Buttermilk	5
Brandy	4
Cheese	3
Rum	3
Cocoa	3
Tea	3
Sugar	3
Cornflour	3
Mustard	3
Tobacco	3
Gin	2
Rice	2
Port Wine	2
Geneva	1
Sherry	1

<u>Article</u>	<u>Number.</u>
Lard	1
Oatmeal	1
Currants	1
Whiskey	2
Total	<u>77</u>

One certificate was sent to Sergeant Doyle, Wexford, for specimen of buttermilk adulterated with at least 13 per cent of added water exclusive of 25 per cent allowed for churning purposes.

For the Guardians of Gorey Union six drugs were analysed. One was incorrect.

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	14.000
Including	
Albuminoid Ammonia	0.005
Saline Ammonia	0.008
Nitric Acid	3.120
Chlorine	1.390

A Good Water.

A most careful analysis failed to trace poison in specimen of water received from F. W. Taylor, Esq, V. S., New Ross.

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

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

Total analyses 109

Adulterated & Defective articles..... 5

"Marked Read"

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(Signed)

John Bolger

Presiding Chairman.

Dated this 23 day of December 1920.

Special Meeting.- 23rd December 1919.

On 23rd December 1919, by directions of the Chairman (Mr John Bolger) a Special Meeting of the Wexford County Council was held in the Co Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford, to re-consider the resolution of the Co. Council adopted on the 10th December 1919, relative to the application of the Co Council Staff for War Bonus.

Mr John Bolger (Chairman) presided.

Also present:- Messrs M. Codd, M. Maddeok, N. J. Cowman, L. Barry, M. Cloney, R. Scallan, and Michael Doyle (Vice-Chairman).

The Secretary and Mr John Elgee (acting for his brother, Mr R. W. Elgee Solicitor to the Council, absent through illness) were also in attendance.

War Bonus to Staff.

The Chairman having explained that the figures arrived at by the Council at the meeting of the 10th inst., as War Bonus to the Staff had been based on the misunderstanding that Award 84 of Arbitration & Conciliation Board applied only to salaries as they stood pre-war, stated, that having interviewed the Ministry of Labour, and also Mr Logue, Secretary to the Clerical Workers' Union, he decided to act on the advice he received from the Ministry and Mr Logue, and direct a special meeting to be summoned to re-consider the matter.

The meeting then considered the circumstances of each officer as regards salary, length of service, position, etc., after which the following resolution was unanimously adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Scallan--

"That a sum of £35 each be voted as War Bonus to Assistant Surveyors J. Kirby, C. P. Curran, and R. J. Ennis, making salary and war bonus in each of these cases £185. That Messrs Kehoe and Jones, Assistant Surveyors, be granted, owing to long service, a War Bonus of £50 making salary and War Bonus in these cases £200. That Mr T. Treanor, Senior Assistant Surveyor, be granted War Bonus of £100, as his salary has never been increased, and which will make his salary and war Bonus £300 per annum. That Mr Thomas Cullen, Clerk in County Surveyor's Office, be granted a War Bonus of £62 making his salary and War Bonus £153 per annum. That Mr Cadogan, Clerk in County Council Office, be granted a War Bonus of £80 making his salary and War Bonus £170 per annum. That Mr C.H. Richards,

First Clerk in County Council Office, be granted a War Bonus of £91 making his salary and War Bonus £234. That Mr T. A. Frizelle, Accountant, be granted a War Bonus of £92 making salary and War Bonus £277 per annum. These figures to take effect in each instance as from 1st August 1919." 2

"That the Local Government Board be asked to sanction these figures in respect of officers with whom they are concerned."

Mr T. Treanor, Senior Assistant Surveyor, accepted the proposals of the Council on behalf of the Staff.

Appointment Temporary Rate Collector.

In connection with the death of Mr Francis Blake, Rate Collector, the following resolution was adopted at the meeting of the Co Council on 10th December 1919:-

"That the National Benefit Life & Property Assurance Company, be called upon to close the Rate Collection of the late Mr Francis Blake, Rate Collector, or, in the alternative, the County Council to appoint a deputy collector, subject to the Insurance Company guaranteeing the deputy by fidelity guarantee bond."

Under date 13th December 1919, the District Secretary, National Benefit Assurance Company, Ltd., wrote as follows:-

"Replying to your favour of the 12th inst., we shall be obliged if your Council will immediately proceed and appoint a deputy Collector in the place of Mr Francis Blake."

Proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Mr Cloney:-

"That our Secretary be directed to advertise for temporary Rate Collector for No. 4 Collection District, poundage to be 7d in the £ and appointment to be made on Wednesday 7th January 1920."

"Passed"

Veterinary Inspection-Moyacomb Electoral Division.

At the meeting of the County Council on 10th December 1919, a resolution was adopted asking Mr W. J. Doyle, V. S., to take charge of Veterinary Inspection of Moyacomb District Electoral Division, at a salary of £2. 10/- per annum.

Under date 16th December 1919, the following was read from Mr W. J. Doyle V. S. :-

"I wish to thank the Council for appointing me to the position which has

become vacant by the death of the late Mr Newsem, but I find it would be impossible for me to take it unless they allow me £10 per annum, as owing to the high cost of everything it would be impossible for me to drive such a distance. I sincerely hope the Council will consider this application."

Under date 20th December 1919, the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction (V.B., 3649-1919) wrote stating they would be prepared to approve of the appointment at £2. 10/- per annum.

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

"That, on re-consideration, we are satisfied to increase our offer to Mr W. J. Doyle, V. S., to deal with Diseases of Animals Act in Moyacomb District Electoral Division, at a salary of £5 per annum, and that the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction (Veterinary Branch) be requested to sanction this arrangement which the Council consider the most satisfactory possible in the circumstances."

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(Signed) _____

Presiding Chairman.

Dated this day of 1920.

SPECIAL MEETING.-7th JANUARY 1920.

A Special Meeting of the Wexford County Council, was held in the Co. Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford, on 7th January 1920.

Present:- Mr Michael Doyle, (Vice-Chairman) presided.

Also:- Messrs N. J. Cowman, James Codd, Louis Barry, Michael Cloney, W. Therpe, R. Scallan, M. Codd, T. Asple, P. Whelan, M. Maddock, A. Kinsella, N. J. Fowler, P. N. O'German, and Joseph Redmond.

The Secretary, County Surveyor, and Mr J. Elgee Solicitor, (acting for Mr R. W. Elgee, absent through illness) were also in attendance.

Appointment Temporary Rate Collector.

In connection with appointment of temporary Rate Collector vice Mr Francis Blake, deceased, applications were received from the following:-

- 1.- John T. Barry, Kilmere Quay.
- 2.- Richard Brett, Ballynaas, Ballycogley.
- 3.- Joseph Day, Ballyhealy, Kilmere.
- 4.- John Dempsey, Crumlin, Co. Dublin.
- 5.- M. Doyle, Houselands, Murrintown.
- 6.- Patrick Furlong, Mulgannen, Wexford.
- 7.- Patrick Healy, Castlebridge.
- 8.- Rederick O'Connor, Redmondstown, Rathaspeck.
- 9.- John H. Rossiter, Walshestown, Ballycogley.
- 10.- Patrick Treacy, 11 High Street, Wexford.

Letters under date 13th December 1919, and 30th December 1919, were read from the National Benefit Assurance Corporation agreeing to the appointment of a temporary collector to close the Collection to the 31st March 1920.

A Poll was taken with the following result:-

- For Barry:-** Mr Fowler.-1
- For Brett:-** Messrs Cloney, Therpe, and the Chairman.-3.
- For Day:-** Messrs James Codd, L. Barry, R. Scallan, and M. Codd.-4.
- For Healy:-** Messrs Cowman, Maddock, Asple, and Redmond.-4.
- For Rossiter:-** Messrs Whelan, Kinsella, and O'German.-3

Barry having fallen out the following was the result of the second Poll:-

- For Brett:-** Messrs Cloney, Therpe, and the Chairman.-3.

For Day:- Messrs James Codd, Barry, Scallan, and Mark Codd.-4.

For Healy:- Messrs Cowman, Maddock, Asple, and Redmond.-4.

For Rossiter:- Messrs Whelan, Kinsella, O'German, and Fowler.-4.

Mr Brett having fallen out a third poll was taken with the following result:-

For Day:- Messrs James Codd, Barry, Cloney, Fowler, Scallan, and M. Codd-6.

For Healy:- Messrs Cowman, Maddock, Asple, and Redmond.-4.

For Rossiter:- Messrs Whelan, Kinsella, Thorpe, and O'German.-4.

The Chairman declined to vote.

Mr Healy and Mr Rossiter having received an equal number of votes a poll was taken between them with the following result:-

For Healy:- Messrs Cowman, Maddock, Scallan, Mark Codd, Asple, and Redmond.-6.

For Rossiter:- Messrs Whelan, James Codd, Barry, Kinsella, Cloney, Fowler, Thorpe, and O'German.-8.

The Chairman declined to vote.

Mr Healy then fell out and the final poll between Day and Rossiter resulted as follows:-

For Day:- Messrs Cowman, James Codd, Barry, Cloney, Fowler, Scallan, Mark Codd, Asple, and Redmond.-9.

For Rossiter:- Messrs Whelan, Maddock, Kinsella, Thorpe, O'German, and the Chairman.-6.

The following resolution was then proposed by Mr Cowman, seconded by Mr Barry and adopted:-

"That Mr Joseph Day, Ballyhealy, Kilmore, be appointed as temporary Rate Collector for No. 4 Collection District, vacant through the death of Mr Francis Blake, at a poundage fee of 7d in the £ to cover uncollected moiety of rate £2098. 4. 5d. And that the National Benefit Assurance Co., Ltd, and the Local Government Board, be requested to approve of this appointment."

Medical Inspection & Treatment of School Children.

Under date 19th December 1919, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 61034-1919, Miscellaneous) forwarding copy of Public Health (Medical Treatment of Children) (Ireland) Act 1919, under which the Board pointed out that under this Act it became the duty of County Councils to make arrangements for the medical inspection of school children and for

attending to their health and physical welfare in accordance with Regulations to be issued by the Board.

Pending the issue of Regulations the Council were advised to make due financial provision in their estimates for the introduction of a scheme of school medical service in the coming financial year.

Half the cost of scheme would be borne by the Rates and half by the Exchequer. The Board suggested that the Council might proceed to ascertain the number of elementary schools in their areas and the number of children on the Rolls, and as to accommodation available in such schools with a view to securing data for calculating the amount which might be required for the School Medical Service for 1920-21.

An Urban District having a population of not less than 6,000 could by consent administer the Scheme in its own district.

The following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was adopted unanimously on the motion of Mr Scallan, seconded by Mr O'German:-

"That the question of the administration of medical inspection of School Children by this Council be adjourned indefinitely."

Tuberculosis Scheme.

Under date 19th December 1919, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 64545-1919) that as regards treatment of tuberculosis patients the Inter-departmental Committee which investigated the question of the provision of residential treatment expressed the opinion that the existing sanatorium and hospital accommodation available for the male population is seriously inadequate and on consideration of the Report of the Inter-departmental Committee the Treasury had agreed to a resumption of issues of the Capital Grant which had been set aside for the purposes of treatment of tuberculosis. The Local Government Board considered that while the provision for intern accommodation for early cases was reasonably sufficient, facilities for institutional treatment for advanced cases called for expansion on a large scale.

The Committee had reported that it was preferable to admit to the one sanatorium patients in all stages of the disease if they could be graded in different wards and pavilions and if within reasonable distance of the area from which the patients were drawn. In this way the multiplication of institutions and the expense and difficulty of separate new establishments would be avoided. The new issues from the Capital Grant were subject to

the conditions (1) that the contributions from the grant shall not exceed £180 per bed, (2) that where a subsidy from Capital Grant is asked for expenditure not covered by the population share of the original Sanatorium Grant a contribution of two-fifths of the cost should be forthcoming from local sources, (3) that proposals, plans, etc., should be submitted to the Local Government Board not later than 30th June 1920, and (4) that the works should be completed not later than two and a half years from the date of the approval of the Local Government Board. The annual Grant of 50 per cent of the net deficit on the Council's Tuberculosis a/c., would be available in aid of repayment of principal and interest of Loans raised to defray the Capital cost of providing additional accommodation.

The Disposal Board for surplus Government Property would be prepared to afford priority to Local Authorities for the acquisition of huts.

If the Council contemplated adopting this method of providing additional accommodation the Local Government Board asked to be furnished with a statement showing the number of huts required, where and for what purposes to be used, and the situation of any huts known to the Council to be suitable for tuberculosis purposes.

In connection with the above Circular letter as to accommodation of advanced cases of tuberculosis the following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was submitted and adopted on the motion of Mr Asple, seconded by Mr O'German:-

"That letter of Local Government Board under date 19th December 1919, (64545-1919) as to provision of residential accommodation for advanced cases of tuberculosis be referred to new County Council to be appointed in June next."

Order under River Navigation Improvement (I) Act 1914.

Order of the Local Government Board under date 19th November 1919, (No. 196M-1919) prescribing procedure to be adopted in cases in which County Councils consider their expenses under Section 5 of the above Act should be an Urban or Rural District Charge, was read.

"No Order"

Sealed Order-Woodtown Water Supply.

Under date 8th December 1919, the Local Government Board forwarded Sealed Order-No. 58589-4-19, (improving the supply of water at Woodtown, area of charge Broadway Dispensary District.

"No Order"

Reports of Audits of Accounts-County Bodies.

The Local Government Board forwarded reports of their Auditors as to his audit of the accounts of Gorey Union and Enniscorthy District Lunatic Asylum for the half-year ended 30th September 1919.

"No Order"

Veterinary Inspection-Moyacomb Electoral Division.

Under date 23rd December 1919, Mr W. J. Doyle V. S., Enniscorthy, wrote accepting £5 per annum for the work under Diseases of Animals Acts in Moyacomb Electoral Division (vacant by the demise of Mr George Newsom V.S.).

Under date 1st January 1920, the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction (V.B. 3763-19) wrote that they noted that Mr Doyle had accepted the offer of the Council of a salary of £5 per annum, and his appointment at this figure could accordingly be regarded as approved from the date of the Council's meeting at which he was asked to succeed Mr Newsom.

Bovine Tuberculosis Order 1914.

Under date 18th December 1919, the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction forwarded Order No. 487 re-enacting the provisions of Bovine Tuberculosis Order of 1914.

Writing under date 22nd December 1919, the Department (letter No. V.B., 3718-19) stated as from the 1st January 1920, the practice of charging the Exchequer funds three quarters of the gross compensation paid in respect of animals slaughtered in accordance with the Order would be resumed.

The fact assured that Local Authorities would welcome a means of engaging again in a work from which so much benefit to live stock owners and to the community in general was to be anticipated.

"The Secretary stated he had advertised the re-enactment of the Order and on the motion of Mr Thorpe, seconded by Mr O'German, the action of the Secretary was approved."

New Ross R. D. School Attendance Committee.

Under date 9th December 1919, Mr J. J. Rochford, Secretary to New Ross R. D. School Attendance Committee wrote that a vacancy existed on the Committee in consequence of the absence (for over six months consecutively) of Mr Philip Kehoe B. C., Lacken, and also requesting the County Council to appoint a member vice Mr Kehoe.

On the motion of Mr O'German, seconded by Mr Cleney, the following

resolution was adopted:-

"That New Ross R. D. Council be requested to nominate for appointment a member for their School Attendance Committee vice Mr Philip Kehoe, D.C., Lacken, disqualified through non-attendance."

War Pensions Committee.

Mr J. L. Rensiter, Hon Sec., Wexford Branch Comrades of the Great War, wrote under date 30th December 1919, that as Mr J. E. Bell has resigned his membership of the Local War Pensions Committee, Mr G. Miller, 2 Allen Street, Wexford, had been selected to represent the ex-service men on the Local Pension Committee.

On the motion of Mr Cowman, seconded by Mr Maddock, the appointment of Mr G. Miller, 2 Allen Street, Wexford, as a member of County Wexford Local War Pensions Committee was approved."

Ex-officio Inspectors.-Food & Drugs Act.

Mr J. R. Sharpe, County Inspector, R.I.C., wrote asking that Sergeant Michael J. Carney, R. I. C., should be appointed Food & Drugs Inspector for Taghmon district, vice Sergeant Peter Ruane, and Sergeant James Brennan, vice Sergeant Henry Murphy for Enniscorthy District.

On the motion of Mr Asple, seconded by Mr O'Gorman, the following resolution was adopted:- "That Sergeant Michael Carney, R.I.C., be appointed Ex-officio Inspector under Food & Drugs Acts for Taghmon Petty Sessions District, and that Sergeant James Brennan, R.I.C., be appointed Ex-officio Inspector under same Acts for the Petty Sessions District of Enniscorthy."

County Wexford Insurance Society.

In connection with vacancy on Managing Committee of County Wexford Insurance Society owing to the death of Mr Philip Keating, the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Cowman, seconded by Mr Maddock:-

"That the name of Mr W. H. McGuire, M. C. C., be added to the Executive Committee of Co Wexford Insurance Society, vice Mr Philip Keating, deceased."

Quarries Wexford District.

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

"That the resolution of the Council asking the County Council not to purchase any additional quarries be rescinded, and that they now be requested to purchase as many new quarries

as the County Surveyor considers it would be advantageous to the District to acquire."

On the motion of Mr Fowler, seconded by Mr Thorpe, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:-

"That the resolution of the Wexford R. D. Council as to acquirement of quarries in Wexford District be referred to the County Surveyor for his favourable consideration."

Poisons & Pharmacy Act.

Mr Thomas Trayner, Manager, Wexford Branch Enniscorthy Co-operative Agricultural Society, Trinity Street, Wexford, applied for licence under above Act.

On the motion of Mr Maddock, seconded by Mr Thorpe, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That licence under Poisons & Pharmacy Act be issued to Mr Thomas Trayner, Trinity Street, Wexford, Manager of Wexford Branch, Enniscorthy Co-operative Agricultural Society."

Injury to Pony.

Under date 23rd December 1919, the following was read from Messrs W.P. & R. Odium, St Mullins' Graigue, Co. Kilkenny:-

"Owing to the disgraceful state of the main road between Poulmenty and Ballybanogue cross on the New Ross road, our Pony fell into a large hole in the centre of the road and cut her knees so badly that she is quite useless to us for further driving. We intend claiming £30 compensation. We will do nothing further until we hear from you. This road is a disgrace to the County, at the spot where this accident occurred the foundation had evidently gone down and a hole about 18" long and at least 12" deep remains. We have several witnesses to give evidence if necessary."

On the motion of Mr Asple, seconded by Mr O'German, the following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was unanimously adopted:-

"That the letter of Messrs W.P. & R. Odium, Millers, St Mullins, as to injury to pony on road between Poulmenty and Ballybanogue cross be referred to our Solicitor."

New Ross Bridge Contractors & War Bonus.

Under date 6th December 1919, the following was read from Messrs E. Lawler & Son, Bridge Quay, New Ross:-

"We respectfully beg to apply for an increase in the amount allowed us for our services as Caretakers, etc., of New Ross Bridge.

In June 1915 we were appointed Caretakers at £37. 10/- per year, and have never applied for, or received, a bonus or increase.

Expenses have advanced much beyond all anticipations, and the cost of labour required in opening and closing the bridge for the passage of vessels and steamers to the berths of six business firms whose premises are situated above bridge, as well as the cost of oil for Turntables, are you will admit, much heavier items of expense now than they were at the time of our appointment 4½ years ago.

The late Mr Keogh, a former caretaker, was in receipt of £50 per annum, in pre-war days, being £12. 10/- per year more than we receive for the same services.

In view of all the circumstances, we hope you may see your way to grant us a bonus, or increase, of say £15 per annum, dating from say June 1916, the commencement of our second year as Caretakers, etc.,

We leave our case in your hands with every confidence, relying on you to deal with us considerately."

The following recommendation of the Finance & Roads committee was adopted on the motion of Mr Asple, seconded by Mr O'German:-

"That a War Bonus of £8 per annum, as from 31st March 1919, be allowed to Messrs Lawler & Sons, Contractors for New Ross Bridge, in consequence of increased cost of labour and material etc., since they entered on contract June 1915, this bonus to be subject to the approval of the Local Government Board."

Working of Hanlon's Quarry.

The following extract from the Report of the County Surveyor to the Finance & Roads Committee of 19th November 1919, had been referred from that meeting to the County Council Meeting:-

"At the New Ross District Council a resolution was passed that 4d per cubic yard should be paid to Mr Hanlon for material from his quarry at Ballygarvan and I ask your directions in the matter."

"The County Surveyor stated that he had arranged for the working of this quarry paying Mr Hanlon 3d per cubic yard."

Office-Clerk Crown & Peace.

In connection with an application from Mr J.N. Scallan, Clerk, Crews, to the County Council, in reference to the disgraceful condition of the entrance to his

offices, the pathway of flags, he stated, was all smashed and the place was practically impassable.

At the meeting of the Council on 10th December 1919, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That a copy of the letter of Mr J. N. Scallan, Clerk Crown & Peace, be furnished the Wexford Harbour Board for their observations."

Under date 16th December 1919, the following was read from Mr P. Heran, Secretary Wexford Harbour Commissioners :-

"Your letter of the 11th inst., was before a meeting of my Board held to-day, and I was instructed to write and inform you that the Commissioners have no jurisdiction over the Lane, as it is only a right of way to private property. The people who are using the lane are responsible for its maintenance."

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

"That the Clerk of the Crown and Peace be informed that the County Council have only a right of way through Courthouse Lane and in consequence feel they cannot agree to any expenditure in connection with the place. That a copy of the letter of Secretary to Wexford Harbour Board under date 16th December 1919, be forwarded Mr Scallan, Clerk Crown & Peace."

Read Contractor's Grievance.

At the meeting of the County Council on the 10th December 1919, a resolution from Enniscorthy R. D. Council asking the Co. Council to entertain favourably an application from James Brien, Road Contractor, Glenteigue, was adjourned.

Mr Brien in his communication to Enniscorthy R. D. Council complained that as the War Bonus which he received in connection with several roads was 20% of contract, while other contractors received 12½% plus 2/6 per cubic yard for material taken from Co Council Quarries as the price of material went up to 6/6 per cubic yard he had lost £92. 14. 3d, and he wished the Council to recompense him for same.

On the motion of Mr Asple, seconded by Mr O'German, the following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was adopted:-

"That the application of Mr James Brien, Glenteigue, Edermine, as per his letter of 28th October 1919, to Enniscorthy R. D. Council, be

refused, as the County Council cannot see their way to re-open the question of War Bonus to Road Contractors."

Proposed Joint Industrial Council.

Letter from Mr D. F. Condon, Secretary, National Union of Municipal Officers (Ireland) calling attention to the recommendations of the Whitley report providing for the formation of a Joint National Industrial Council, and adjourned from last meeting was considered.

"No Order".

Application War Bonus-County Court Judge's Crier.

In connection with the application of Mr Timothy Long, Co Court Judge's Crier, for War Bonus, the following resolution was adopted at a recent meeting of the Council:-

"That the application of Mr Timothy Long, County Court Judge's Crier, for War Bonus be adjourned to next meeting. That in the meantime he be asked to supply the following particulars:-

- 1.- How many times per year is he on duty in County Wexford.
- 2.- Are his expenses paid by the County Court Judge.
- 3.- How many other Counties does he serve."

In reply to this the following under date 4th September 1919, was read from Mr Long:-

"In reply to the resolution of the County Council of the 21st ult., I wish to say that I attend Quarter Sessions in the County Wexford four times each year. My expenses are not paid by the County Court Judge. I also serve the Counties Carlow, Kildare, and Wicklow for which I receive £10 per annum.

I most respectfully point out that these salaries were fixed in the year 1836, when the value of money was very different from what it is now, and when the Crier travelled on the Chairman's carriage and hotels were cheap.

Trusting that the Council will take a favourable view."

On the motion of Mr Asple, seconded by Mr O'German, the following recommendation of Finance & Roads Committee was adopted:-

"That the application of Mr Timothy Long, County Court Judge's Crier, for War Bonus be refused."

Travelling Allowance-County Surveyor.

Under date 28th November 1919, the following was read from the Co. Surveyor:-

"As the period for which travelling allowance to me has now expired I shall be glad if you will bring up the matter at next Meeting of the Council, my request for further allowance to cover travelling expenses."

Mr Therpe proposed:- "That the County Surveyor be granted a travelling allowance of £75 per annum, as from 6th November 1919.

Mr O'German seconded.

Mr Scallan proposed as an amendment, and Mr Cowman seconded:-

"That the County Surveyor be granted a sum of £50 per annum as travelling allowance to run as from 6th November 1919."

On a poll there voted for the amendment (£50) :-

Messrs Whelan, Maddeck, James Codd, Cowman, Cloney, Asple, Scallan, and the Chairman.-8

Against:- Messrs O'German, and Therpe.-2

The other Members had left.

The Chairman declared the amendment carried.

Food & Drugs Act.

Under date 4th December 1919, the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction wrote (letter No. G7006-19) that four samples of butter obtained by one of their officers in Enniscorthy on 19th October 1919, were found on analysis to be pure.

"No Order"

County Wexford Insurance Committee.

Under date 28th November 1919, the Secretary, National Health Insurance Commission wrote (letter No. 52295-19, Wx) that as Mr Michael Doyle, Commercial House, Newtownbarry, had not attended a meeting of the County Wexford Insurance Committee for a period of six months the Insurance Commission had declared his seat vacant. They requested the County Council to appoint a new member in succession to Mr Doyle.

The Secretary stated that Mr Doyle would not remain on the Committee.

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

"That Mr P. Whelan, M. C. C., be requested to submit to the meeting

of the County Council on 11th February 1920, the name of a successor to Mr Michael Doyle, Commercial House, Newtownbarry, as member of County Wexford Insurance Committee."

University Scholarship Scheme.

In connection with continuing Scholarships, the Secretary submitted report from the Registrar, University College, stating that the attendance and conduct of the Students holding continuing Scholarships had been very satisfactory.

The following recommendation was submitted by Finance & Roads Committee:-

"That continuing Scholarships to be held at the National University be granted to Messrs Peter J. Sinnott, Patrick O'Neill, James E. K. Cosgrave, James Carty, John Travers, James O'Connor, and to Misses Ellen T. Kehoe, Julia Doyle, and Anna Whelan, as the registrar of the University has reported that the attendance and conduct of these Students have been very satisfactory."

The recommendation was confirmed on the motion of Mr Asple, seconded by Mr O'German.

Under date 21st October 1919, Mr John J. Connolly wrote that he was returning to the National University to complete his studies, and asking that he might receive the final instalment of his scholarship.

The Finance & Roads Committee submitted the following recommendation:-

"That Mr Connolly be asked to state what course he is at present taking in the University as the County Council understands he has been Awarded his B. A., degree."

The recommendation was confirmed on the motion of Mr Asple, seconded by Mr O'German.

Under date 3rd November 1919, Mr James O'Connor, wrote for payment of the balance of his Scholarship.

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

"That as Mr O'Connor has taken up his University Scholarship we recommend the County Council to pay over to Mr O'Connor the £8. 10/- due on his first year's Scholarship."

The motion of Mr Asple, seconded by Mr O'German.

Mr Thomas J. O'Rourke, under date 20th October 1919, wrote asking payment of the balance of his University Scholarship.

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

"That Mr Thomas J. O'Rourke, be paid £3. 13. 4d the amount standing to the credit of his University Scholarship."

Confirmed on the motion of Mr Asple, seconded by Mr O'German.

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

"That the question of increasing the amount of University Scholarship be considered at the County Council Meeting of 10th December 1919, in view of increase of amount of hostel fees."

The Secretary stated that this recommendation had been adopted in view of Hostel fees in Blackrock being increased from £31 to £45, in Lereto Convent, Stephen's Green, Dublin to £39, and in Hatch Street Jesuit Hostel to £57.

Mr Thomas Beekey, Ferns, wrote applying for £8. 10/- balance of University Scholarship for his daughter (Miss Beekey) deceased, to cover cost of entrance fee, books, and travelling expenses.

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

"That Mr Beekey be paid £8. 10/- balance of University Scholarship on foot of his deceased daughter's Scholarship to cover cost of entrance fee, books, and travelling expenses."

"Mr Corman intimated his intention of serving notice of motion with a view to having amount of University Scholarship (£50) increased."

Wexford Guardians & Checking Rate Collectors' Accounts.

The following resolution was received from Wexford Guardians:-

"That we request the County Council to appoint our Clerk as Deputy Checker of the Poor Rate Collectors Accounts in his District, a duty which was performed by his predecessor, the late Mr Kehoe, since the passing of the Local Government Act-20 years ago."

The Secretary stated that acting on the terms of Article 99 of the Public Bodies Order, he had on the death of Mr Kehoe, late Clerk of

and should this not be possible under the Ministry of Transport Act, we call upon the Government to amend same so as to allow of the recommendations above made being put in force.

We are further of opinion that in carrying out this Act the work of the Transport Ministry in Ireland should be done by Irish Officials acquainted with the special circumstances and problems of the country, and able to work with the people, as neglect of this matter in the past has led to the mistakes which has almost invariably attended Governmental projects of this kind in Ireland, and that copies of this resolution and our Co. Surveyor's Report be sent to each County Councils in Ireland, and to the General Council of County Councils of Ireland, to the Ministry of Transport to the Chief Secretary of Ireland, and to the leaders of the different Parliamentary Parties in Ireland."

"Adopted on the motion of Mr Scallan, seconded by Mr Asple."

Condemnation of Outrages.

The following resolution was received from North Tipperary County Council:-

"That we the County Council of the Tipperary N. R., wish to place on record our horror at the outrages that have occurred in our County and throughout Ireland generally. That we condemn in the strongest possible manner such outrages, and register our belief that such acts are the acts of irresponsible persons with whom no responsible member of the community could have the slightest sympathy. We hereby call on every public body in Ireland to resolve to use their best efforts to bring the perpetrators of such crimes to justice. We further call on all the Clergy of all denominations to condemn the said outrages."

"Adopted on the motion of Mr Cowman, seconded by Mr James Codd."

Complaint re Road Bridge.

The following letter under date 8th December 1919, was read from Mr M. T. Hickey, Misterin, Adamstown:-

"I beg leave to report to County Council the very bad and scandalous state of a protection wall of a bridge here, on the road between Raheen and Misterin.

It is a number of years now since the first break came in it (wall) there was only two large stones (one yard) off and a Can of mortar and said © WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL ARCHIVES new the wall five yards of it down.

If any Surveyor inspected this road within the last two or three years of course he would or ought to see and report on it.

I reported this matter to Mr Barry (Surveyor) 8 or 10 months ago, of course he let the thing go by for longer thereby still heaping up the ever rising rates.

This is very gross neglect of duty for which us poor ratepayers must pay."

The County Surveyor stated he had brought in a proposal for this work but could get no one to take it.

On the motion of Mr Asple, seconded by Mr O'German, the following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was adopted:-

"That the County Surveyor be directed to have bridge on road between Raheen and Misterin repaired as soon as possible."

Wexford Medical Practitioners & the State of the Roads.

The following was submitted from Dr W. W. Murphy, Coelgreany:-

"At a meeting of the Medical Practitioners of County Wexford held at Wexford on 24th September it was unanimously resolved that the County Council's attention be drawn to the present bad condition of the roads, and to show the Council the great additional expense the Medical men have to incur in the carrying out of their professional duties, they would like to know if the Council would receive a deputation, so that they might more fully explain the difficult conditions under which they have to work."

"The Secretary stated he had communicated with the Chairman, and the latter was in favour of the deputation being received."

In a further letter Dr Murphy stated that the Members of the deputation were Drs T. J. Kelly, and C. R. Boyse, Enniscorthy, and Drs S. V. O'Connor, and James Ryan, Wexford.

The members of the deputation attended, and Dr Kelly having made a statement as to the condition of the roads and the expense incurred by medical practitioners in the carrying out of their professional duties, called upon Dr Boyse to read the following statement:-

"There are two outstanding causes for the present deplorable condition of the County Wexford roads, namely:-

(a) The want of classification of contractors, and

(b) The comparatively small amounts allowed for the different

contracts considering the present abnormal prices.

Contractors should be classified by the County Surveyor in some such manner as the following:-

1st Class- very satisfactory.

2nd class- good

3rd class- careless.

When a very satisfactory contractor puts forth a tender for a road, advertised for contract at the half-yearly road session, he should get the contract irrespective of the fact that a contractor of the 2nd or 3rd class tendered at a lower sum.

If no contractor of the first class does tender, the good contractor should get the work irrespective of the difference in the amounts of the tenders.

The present practice works out thus:-

A very good man gets a road for, say 5 years. He keeps the road in good condition. The renewal term comes on. A careless contractor, keeping in mind the good state of the road, undertenders the original contractor by, probably, a few shillings. He gets the road. Practically all work on the road is suspended, or, at the very best, carelessly attended to. The contractor receives some part of the money,--the rest is cut off and never again expended on the road. The result is, the very satisfactory contractor, having no guarantee that the road will be his contract after having brought it to a good condition, leaves contracts severely alone.

NOTE:- I can point out to one road in North Wexford where £180 has been cut off during the past 3 years and will never be expended on this road. The condition of the road can be imagined.

Point 2.- The present amounts allocated to the County Surveyor are not large enough, considering cost of material, labour, etc.,

If amounts of contracts were made attractive and guarantee given that the good work of the satisfactory contractor would be recognised in the renewal of the contract, the roads would ~~be~~ in a very short time be in a far more satisfactory condition.

A minor cause of bad roads is that the materials are not spread at the proper time of the year to secure they they would be properly bonded. Harsh treatment of a very satisfactory contractor by a subordinate official should not be tolerated by the County Surveyor.

Stones should be broken smaller than at present, particularly in the

case of hard flint varieties, such as those from Tara Hill Quarry.

Narrow roads should be kept as wide as possible by grass being removed at sides.

Watertables should be cleaned up to provide for proper drainage.

Hedges should be cut low and trees removed at corners and sharp bends to prevent possibility of accidents.

There should be no drains on surface of roads as frequent occurs on hills-the centre of the road should be kept high.

Contractors should be allowed to get stones locally and not required to draw them long distances.

Instances of cost of tyres and repairs to Co Wexford Doctors' meters for the past year:-

Dr A.	£170
" B	120
" C	100
" D	100
" E	100
" F	72

When Doctors' Cars are undergoing repairs, cars have then to be hired, and, at present rate of 1/- per mile, expenses are alarmingly increased!

Dr O'Connor, Dr Ryan, and the County Surveyor having dealt with the matter, it was decided that the statements submitted by the deputation be considered at a future meeting of the Council.

Dr Kelly returned the thanks of the Deputation to the Council for their patient hearing.

New Ross Bridge.

The County Surveyor in his report to the Finance & Roads Committee stated:-

"I have been in communication with the Urban Council of New Ross, with regard to the maintenance of New Ross Bridge, formerly this work was undertaken by the Urban Council, and consequently there was no occasion to define between the County Council portion and that under the Urban Council. I shall be glad if this matter can now be decided."

On the motion of Mr Asple, seconded by Mr O'German, the following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was adopted:-

"That having regard to the statement of the County Surveyor, and to the terms of previous contracts, as to repair of New Ross Bridge, we are of opinion as advised by our Solicitor, that the approaches to the Bridge form part of the structure of the New Ross Bridge."

Mountgarrett Bridge.

The County Surveyor in his report to the Finance & Roads Committee stated:-

"I have communication from Mr Burden, County Surveyor, Kilkenny, re Mountgarrett Bridge. Some years ago proposals were passed for the re-building but owing to the War intervening the work was not able to be proceeded with. It would now appear that the bridge is in a very defective condition and its maintenance will run into very heavy expenditure. If the new work be undertaken it will now cost a great deal more than formerly estimated, and Mr Burden has been in communication with the Road Board Engineer with a view to obtaining grant. I shall be glad of your instructions in the matter and shall submit figures at your meeting."

On the motion of Mr Asple, seconded by Mr O'German, the following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed--

"That we request the County Surveyor to arrange with the County Surveyor of County Kilkenny for a joint application to the Ministry of transport (Roads Branch) with a view to obtaining a grant towards the erection of Mountgarrett Bridge on the same basis as grants are given at present towards improvement of roads by Steamrolling etc.,"

Clohamen Bridge.

Under date 15th October 1919, Mr John Browne, Contractor for repairs Clohamen Bridge, wrote that he had seen Mr Thomas Murphy, Ryland, as requested by the Council. Mr Murphy was satisfied to leave the question of the damage done to his land to arbitration, and had named Mr Myles O'Conner, Clohamen, and Mr C. J. Irwin, Auctioneer, as Arbitrators, the Council to name two more and appoint a day to meet. The matter required immediate attention and if there were any floods the land would be further damaged.

In his report to the Finance & Roads Committee the County Surveyor stated:-

"At a former meeting it was decided that Mr John Browne's claim

for extra work at Clehamen Bridge should be paid, but I have not been able to get local district Councillors to sign damage order for the amount and I shall be glad if you will deal with the matter."

In view of the fact that the Enniscorthy Rural District Council had approved of the work covered by Sudden Damage Order, and that Mr Browne had threatened legal proceedings, Mr Whelan and Mr Cadd agreed to sign Sudden Damage Order.

In connection with the claim of Mr Murphy, Ryland, for injury to his land no order was made, the County Surveyor ^{having} stated that Mr John Belger, (Chairman) and Mr Hall-Dare who were Fishery Conservators had agreed to pay compensation to Mr Murphy.

Reads-Courtnacuddy District.

A resolution was read from the Courtnacuddy Farmers' Society protesting against the dangerous and utterly neglected condition of certain roads of their district, and asking the County Council to order that these roads be put into ordinary repair without unnecessary delay.

The County Surveyor submitted a detailed report on the roads complained of, from Mr Ennis, Assistant Surveyor.

On the motion of Mr Asple, seconded by Mr O'German, the following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was adopted:-

"That a copy of report of Mr Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, as to roads in Courtnacuddy District be furnished Mr Thomas Dunne, Hon Sec., Courtnacuddy Farmers' Association."

Read No. 131G.

On the motion of Mr Asple, seconded by Mr O'German, the following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was adopted:-

"That the County Surveyor be directed to have Read 131G put into repair immediately, and either prosecute the Contractor and his sureties, or take over the road under the 54th section of the Grand Jury Act."

Read No. 25E.

On the motion of Mr Asple, seconded by Mr O'German, the following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed:-

"That the attention of the County Surveyor be called to the condition of road 25E and that he be directed to have it put into proper order as soon as possible."

Cutting Hedges.

On the motion of Mr Asple, seconded by Mr O'German, the following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee, was confirmed:-

"That the attention of the County Surveyor be directed to the great necessity of having hedges on roads cut and especially those at corners to provide for the safety of the public, and that further instructions with regard to this matter be issued by the County Surveyor immediately."

Cleaning Office of County Surveyor.

In connection with the cleaning of the office of the County Surveyor, Messrs O'Conner & Co., Solicitors, for Mrs McNally, Courthouse Keeper, Wexford, wrote that their client could not carry out the work for £3 per annum. About seven years ago Mrs McNally received from a former County Surveyor £5 per annum for this work.

On the motion of Mr Asple, seconded by Mr O'German, the following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed:-

"That we agree as from 1st January 1920, that Mrs McNally, Court Keeper, County Courthouse, be paid a sum of £5 for cleaning etc., of office of County Surveyor."

Commission Inquiry Resources & Industries in Ireland.

Under date 17th December 1919, Mr Darrell Figgis, Secretary of above, wrote that the Commission considered it an essential part of its work to appear before the Co Councils and to explain to them the lines upon which the Commission was working and the progress of the work. The Commission considered it of first importance that information which they had as regards agriculture and industry should be placed in possession of the County Councils of Ireland.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Cloney, seconded by Mr Cowman:-

"That Mr Darrell Figgis, Secretary, Commission of Inquiry into the Resources & Industries of Ireland, be informed that the Wexford County Council will be pleased to hear from the members of the Commission any information they have at their disposal, as to the agricultural and industrial development of the Country."

Rate Collection.

On the motion of Mr Asple, seconded by Mr Scallan, the following

resolution was adopted:-

"That our Secretary communicate with any Rate Collector who has not (up to the 31st December last) collected at least 12 per cent of his collection and point out ^{that} at the meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee on 21st January 1920 a very substantial improvement will be expected."

Oulartwick Bridge.

The County Surveyor submitted an application from Mr Bryan Murphy, Ballinagere, Blackwater, for the loan of 20 planks from the County Council to enable him to carry out repairs to Oulartwick Bridge, for which he is Contractor.

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

"That as the planks applied for by Mr Bryan Murphy, for work at Oulartwick Bridge are the property of Eaniscerthy R. D. Council, the communication of Mr Murphy be forwarded this Rural District Council for their consideration."

Transport facilities in Shelburne Barony.

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

"That the attention of Mr H.G. Burgess, Director General of Transport (Irish Department) be called to the lack of transport facilities for the people of the southern portion of the Barony of Shelburne, viz:- Fethard, Duncannon, and The Hook, and we consider that steps should be taken by the Ministry to link up these centres by motor transport service with their nearest Railway Stations."

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(Signed)

John Bolger
Presiding Chairman.

Dated this 11 day of

July

1920.

QUARTERLY MEETING.-11th FEBRUARY 1920.

The Quarterly Meeting of the Wexford County Council, was held in the County Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford, on 11th February 1920.

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

Also present:- Messrs L. Barry, M. Cloney, Mark Codd, R. Scallan, J. A. Doyle, M. Doyle, Michael Maddock, J. J. Kehoe, W. H. McGuire, N. J. Fowler, William Thorpe, N. J. Cowman, James Codd, and J. J. Stafford.

The Secretary, the County Surveyor, and Mr J. Elgee, Solicitor, (acting for Mr R. W. Elgee, Solicitor to the Council, absent through illness) were also in attendance.

Confirmation of Minutes.

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and confirmed.

Treasurer's Advice Note.

Treasurer's Advice Note for £9397. 14. 8d was examined and signed.

Adoption of Estimate of Rate.

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

"That we hereby adopt the Estimate of Rate for General and Separate Charges for financial year 1920-21, as recommended by Finance & Roads Committee and agree that the Rates in the £ to be levied off the several Rural Districts of the County be as follows:-

District	Land	Other Hereditaments.
Enniscorthy.	7/4	9/-
Gorey.	6/5	7/9
New Ross.	7/5	9/2
Wexford.	6/3	7/9

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

District	General Charges	Separate Charges	Total.
Enniscorthy.	1903. 1. 2	92. 2. 5	1995. 3. 7
New Ross.	2334. 19. 0	22. 3. 6	2357. 2. 6
Wexford.	4213. 15. 4	5. 17. 6	4219. 12. 10

In connection with the above the following recommendation submitted from Finance & Roads Committee, was confirmed on the motion of Mr Scallan, seconded by Mr Kehoe:-

"That we regret to observe that notwithstanding the Resolution of Enniscorthy Rural District Council to raise £2582 amount of deficit for working of quarries and machinery in their district for 1918, this amount has not been included in estimate of the Rural Council. We must request some guarantee from Enniscorthy R. D. Council that the amount will be provided for in next Estimate."

County & Rural District Council Elections.

The Secretary submitted Order of the Local Government Board (No. 220M-1919) as to forthcoming local elections and also Memorandum issued by the Board in connection with Proportional Representation (No. 219.M. 1919).

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

"That the election of County, Rural District Councillors, and Guardians in Urban Districts, be held on Tuesday, 1st of June 1920, We are distinctly of opinion that in order to save expense and to convenience the ratepayers these elections should be held on the one day, as regards County and Rural District Elections, under the one Returning Officer, with the Clerks of Unions acting as Deputies."

Motor Permits Order.

The following resolution was submitted from Drogheda Corporation:-

"That this Council elected under Proportional Representation and representative of all Classes of the Community, calls for the withdrawal of the Motor Permit Regulation as subversive of the best interests of Irish Trade and Commerce."

"No Order as objection to Motor Permit Regulations had been withdrawn owing to modification."

Planting trees in Clonroche Village.

Under date 30th January 1920, Rev P. F. Kehoe, P. P., Clonroche, wrote asking the permission of the Council for planting about a dozen shade trees on the sides of Clonroche Village street.

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

"That in view of the report of our County Surveyor, permission by granted to Rev P. F. Kehoe, P. P., Clonroche, to plant shade trees on the village of Clonroche."

County Surveyor's Travelling Expenses.

Under date 29th January 1920, (1601-1920, Wexford County) the Local Government Board wrote stating they would raise no objection to the proposal of the County Council to allow the County Surveyor a sum of £50 for one year as travelling expenses.

"No Order"

Road Contractors & War Bonus.

Under date 3rd February 1920, Messrs Huggard & Brennan, Solicitors, Wexford, wrote that as Mr Barry, County Surveyor, was making out a list of all Road Contractors with the present and former prices, with a view of consideration of War Bonus, they wished to have the matter mentioned on agenda paper.

This application was in connection with their application at the meeting of the Council on 10th December last on behalf of 43 Road Contractors.

Mr Brennan, Solicitor, (Messrs Huggard & Brennan) attended and stated that his firm now represented 61 Road Contractors, who wished to have their Contracts cancelled in the event of the County Council refusing to grant additional War Bonus.

Walter Roche, Ballycogley, Contractor for 33W and James Keating, Baldwinstown, Contractor for No. 43W were examined by Mr Brennan, in order to show that the war bonus of 20 per cent given by the Council to Road Contractors whose contracts began in 1915, 1916, or 1917, was now inadequate.

After considerable discussion the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Thorpe, seconded by Mr Scallan:-

"That the application of Messrs Huggard & Brennan, Solicitors, Wexford, on behalf of 61 Road Contractors in Wexford and New Ross Districts, be referred to the Rural District Councils concerned. That as we understand from the County Surveyor that there are about 250 Road Contractors in the same category as the Clients of Messrs Huggard & Brennan, we instruct Mr Barry to furnish list of such contractors with the particulars of their contracts to the Rural District Councils, and that the latter be requested to make some recommendation to the County Council (1) as to cancelling the present contracts (2) as to granting additional war bonus in respect of contracts taken in 1916 and 1917, (3) refusing the application."

Glanders or Farcy (Ireland) Order 1900 Amendment Order 1920.

The Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction forwarded copy of above Order, under date 21st January 1920, prohibiting the movement of horses, asses, or mules, suffering from Glanders or Farcy etc., without certificate of Veterinary Inspector.

"No Order"

Bovine Tuberculosis Order 1914.

Under date 29th January 1920, the Veterinary Branch of the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction wrote (V. B., 258-20) that the County Council, could, if they thought fit give their Veterinary Inspectors general authority to serve the necessary forms on owners of animals when the necessary examinations have been made.

As regards the question of making microscopical examinations of milk samples the Board assumed that the arrangement under which Mr R. Malone, V. S., conducted these examinations for the whole County, was being continued pending reconsideration of rates of payment for duties under the Order.

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

"That we hereby issue general authority to our Veterinary Inspectors, to serve the Scheduled forms under Bovine Tuberculosis (Ireland) Order 1914, on owners., etc., when necessary examinations of animals have been carried out.

That we approve of each Veterinary Surgeon carrying out milk tests for his own district provided he has the requisite instruments to enable him to do so."

Superannuation of Mr N. Moore, late Rate Collector.

The Secretary stated it was necessary for some Councillor to serve Notice of Motion as to grant of superannuation allowance to Mr N. Moore, late Rate Collector for No. 3 Collection District, and which would be considered at the meeting of the County Council to be held on 7th April next."

"It was decided that the Secretary communicate with Mr Quigley, County Councillor for the District, and ask him would he give notice of motion necessary."

Application.-Increases Wages.

Mr D. Doran, Secretary, Irish National Agricultural & General Workers' Union, wrote under date 29th January 1920, applying for increase in the present weekly wages of Messrs J.J.O'Gorman, and M. J. O'Kelly, by £1 and £1. 10/- and £2.

The Secretary stated that on 3rd September 1919, the latter figures were fixed by the Council, and they were accepted by the Workers' Union on 15th October 1919, and was to remain in force for 12 months as from 3rd September 1919.

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

"That as the wages of Messrs M. J. O'Kelly, and J. J. O'Gorman, were fixed by the County Council on the 3rd September 1919, we cannot see our way to agree now to the increase asked for."

Proposed War Bonus to Contractors-New Ross Bridge.

In connection with the proposal of the Council to pay a War Bonus of £8 per annum as from 31st March 1919, to Messrs E. Lawler & Sons, Contractors New Ross Bridge, the Assistant Secretary, Ministry of Transport, wrote under date 29th January 1920, (R.I/6) that it would not appear the Minister had any authority to approve the proposal. It was of course recognised that having regard to increase in cost of labour and material, excessive hardship might be caused to a contractor if he were held rigidly to his obligations, and if the Council was of opinion that the application by the Contractors was reasonable they might consider the advisability of cancelling the contract and ascertain from the contractor the minimum price at which he would be willing to perform the work for the balance of the period of the contract and then issue advertisements for tenders for the completion of the work.

The Secretary stated that in reply to this letter he had written the Ministry of Transport, that the contract would expire in June 1920, and as the meeting of the County Council for consideration of such matters would not be held until May no advantage would be gained by cancelling the contract for a month.

Under date 31st January 1920, the Assistant Secretary, Ministry of Transport, wrote that the course suggested in his letter of 29th January presented certain difficulties having regard to the fact that the contract expires in June 1920.

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

"That the Ministry of Transport be requested to sanction proposed War Bonus to Messrs Lawler & Son, New Ross, Contractors for New Ross Bridge. These Contractors took the work at a low figure in May 1915, when it was not possible to foresee the conditions brought about by the War, and

as the amount involved is only £10 we consider there should be no difficulty in the Ministry of Transport agreeing to payment.

The County Council consider this a very special application and would further point out that Road Contractors who entered into contracts with the Council prior to 30th June 1915, received generally a War Bonus of 20 per cent which was sanctioned by the Local Government Board."

Roads in Glynn District.

Under date 27th January 1920, Mr P. Kehoe, Hon Sec., Glynn Branch, County Wexford Farmers' Union, wrote asking the County Council to receive a deputation from his Association to lay before the Council the neglected state of the roads in Glynn district, if something was not done with them very soon they would become impassable.

"It was decided to adjourn the reception of deputation from Glynn Farmers' Association to the Council re roads until next meeting as one of the members of the deputation found it impossible to attend."

Sub Committee-Old Age Pension Act.

Under date 29th January 1920, Mr William Stafford, Clerk to Sub-Committee No. 1, wrote that his Committee recommended the appointment of Mr Joseph Duggan, Bridgetown, vice Mrs Gough, Ballyharty, resigned.

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

"That Mr Joseph Duggan, Bridgetown, be appointed a member of No. 1 Old Age Pension Sub-Committee, vice Mrs Gough resigned."

Under date 21st January 1920, the Local Government Board wrote (letter Appeal No. L.B. 5037) that the case of James Maddeck was not at present before the Board, and they could not therefore take any action with regard to it. The Board pointed out, that, in reply to a letter from James Maddeck, the Board informed him that it was open to him to make a fresh application.

The Secretary stated that this letter was in reply to a resolution from the meeting of the County Council on 10th December, asking the Local Government Board to send down a special Inspector to deal with the case of James Maddeck, as No. 7 Sub-Committee had decided not to carry on any further unless a full investigation as to the case of James Maddeck, had been made, as the Committee considered he had been unfairly and unjustly treated.

"Mr Thomas stated that Maddeck would come in under the revised scale

of Pensions and he therefore think it necessary to have any further resolution adopted in connection with the matter."

Read Limits-Enniscorthy & Wexford Rural Districts.

The following was submitted from Enniscorthy Rural District:-

"That we request the County Council to apply to the Local Government Board to increase the limit of expenditure on roads in the Enniscorthy Rural District to £21131. 7/- so as to cover the County Surveyor's estimate and the less on the working of quarries, etc., last year."

The following was submitted from Wexford Rural District Council:-

"That the County Council be asked to request the Local Government Board to fix the limit of expenditure for the upkeep of roads etc., in this district at £10,500 for the year ending March 1921."

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

"That the Ministry of Transport in accordance with the request of the Rural District Councils concerned, be asked to raise the Road Limit in Enniscorthy Rural District to £21,131, 7. 0d and in Wexford Rural District to £10500 for financial year ended 31st March 1921."

Commission-Inquiry Resources & Industries of Ireland.

The following resolution was adopted at the meeting of the Council on 7th January 1920:-

"That Mr Darrell Figgis, Secretary Commission of Inquiry into the Resources and Industries of Ireland, be informed that the Wexford County Council will be pleased to hear from the Members of the Commission any information they have at their disposal as to the agricultural and industrial development of the Country."

Under date 27th January 1920, Mr Figgis wrote, that delegation from the Commission of Inquiry would attend the meeting of the Council on 11th February.

Mr Tweedy, and Mr D. Figgis, appeared on behalf of the Commission, and went very fully into various matters affecting food (milk, meat, and fishing industry) Power, (coal water and peat) Industrial alcohol, Cow Testing etc.,

On the motion of Mr Stafford, seconded by Mr Doyle, a hearty vote of thanks was adopted to the deputation.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Doyle, seconded by Mr Cowman:-

Help Society:- Lady Maurice Fitzgerald, Johnstown Castle, Miss Kathleen Doyne, Wells, Federation of Discharged Soldiers & Sailors:- William Fitzharris, 2 George Street, Enniscorthy, Others-representing County Council- Messrs Maddock M. C. C., J. Redmond M. C. C., Richard Scallan, M. C. C., John H. Kehoe, M. C. C., William Thorpe, M. C. C., M. Cloney M. C. C., Frank Carty, Selskar Street, Wexford, C. A. Pim, 41 Upper Fitzwilliam Street, Dublin (Regional Director) Major Little, Berkley House, New Ross, N. Byrne, Draper, Main Street, Wexford."

The Secretary stated that over a week ago he had asked the Workmen's Clubs the National Agricultural & General Workers' Union, the Comrades of the Great War, etc., to nominate representatives, but had not received any reply.

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

"That the Ministry of Pensions endeavour to obtain nominations to Local War Pensions Committee from Associations and Bodies which have not exercised their power of nomination on this Committee to the present."

Courtown Harbour Committee.

On the motion of Mr Kehoe, seconded by Mr Maddock, the following were appointed as a Committee for the Management of Courtown Harbour as from 1st March 1920, and to hold office until 1923:-

Lord Courtown, Major Richards, Mrs Richards, Rev J. O'Grady, Rev Mr Talbot Messrs J Kavanagh, John Byrne, Spencer, K. McNeill, R. Garland, J. McGarry, A. Williams, C. Clarkin."

County Insurance Committee.

At the meeting of the County Council on 7th January 1920, Mr P. Whelan, County Councillor, was asked to submit to the present meeting the name of a member of County Insurance Committee vice Mr Michael Doyle, Commercial House, Newtownbarry, disqualified for non-attendance at meetings.

"As Mr Whelan was not in attendance the matter was adjourned to the meeting of Council to be held on 10th March 1920."

Confirmation Minutes of Committees.

On the motion of Mr Kehoe, seconded by Mr Scallan, the Minutes of Meetings of Proposal Committee (since last confirmation) were confirmed.

The following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee were confirmed on the motion of Mr Kehoe, seconded by Mr Scallan:-

Temporary Rate Book Staff:- "That our Secretary be empowered to employ the

usual extra temporary clerical staff for preparation of Rate Books and Receipt & Demand Note Books, for financial year 1920-1921."

Accountant:- "That Mr T. A. Frizelle, Accountant, County Council, be granted three weeks' leave of absence as from Monday 2nd February 1920."

Proposals for Works.

On the motion of Mr Thorpe, seconded By Mr Kehoe, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the several Proposals for New Works as appearing on Form 20 from Proposal Committee be and are hereby approved."

Proposals for Payments.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Kehoe, seconded by Mr Thorpe:-

"That the several proposals for payment as submitted by our Secretary and recommended by Finance & Roads Committee and also Proposal Committee, be and are hereby approved."

Cleaning Office of County Surveyor.

Under date 26th January 1920, Mrs McNally, Courthouse Keeper, Wexford, wrote that the Council had offered her £5 per annum for cleaning out the office of the County Surveyor.

This was at the rate of 4d per day, and as it cost her 5/- for an occasional charwoman, she could not take less than £10 per annum for the work. She considered she should be paid a reasonable extra sum having regard to what she had to pay herself to get work done now.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Thorpe, seconded by Mr Seallan:-

"That as Mrs McNally, Courthouse Keeper, refuses to accept an annual payment of £5 for cleaning the County Surveyor's office, we empower the Co. Surveyor to have his office cleaned at a cost not exceeding £5 per annum."

Application-Loan National Bank.

In connection with application to National Bank for loan of £1522 for steamrolling certain roads in Wexford District, the following letter under date 9th February 1920, was read from Mr C.J. Feely, Manager, National Bank, Wexford:-

"With reference to the County Council's application for a loan of £1522 at 3% my Board feel that the County Council cannot expect the Bank in these times to

throughout the Country have consented to an increased rate on further accommodation required by them. In view of the present high rates ruling for money I am sure the Council will agree to 4% as a favourable rate for this advance.

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

"That the directors of the National Bank be reminded that one of the conditions on which the account of the County Council was transferred from the Provincial to the National Bank, was that all loans required by the Council should be advanced at 3 per cent, and the directors should make up their minds to advance the loan required by the Council, otherwise the County Council must consider the advisability of determining the agreement entered into with the National Bank."

Weekly Payments to Quarrymen.

Under date 21st January 1920, the following telegram was read from Mr D. Doran, Secretary Irish National Agricultural & General Workers Union:-

"Tara Hill Quarrymen must be paid weekly, arrange accordingly."

Under date 22nd January 1920, Mr D. Doran wrote, that the quarrymen, who were members of his Union, were dissatisfied because weekly payments are not arranged as was the case previously in Tara Hill. He wished the Council to make arrangements to have the men paid weekly, otherwise there would be trouble.

On the motion of Mr Scallan, seconded by Mr Thorpe, it was decided that this matter be adjourned to next meeting.

Re Sanatorium Grant.

At the meeting of the County Council on 7th February 1920, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the letter of Local Government Board under date 19th December 1919, (64545-1919) as to provision of residential accommodation for advanced cases of tuberculosis be referred to new County Council to be appointed in June next."

In connection with this resolution the Local Government Board wrote that the Treasury concession was subject to a time limit as regards the submission of proposals, and if the Council wished to participate in the grant they would do well to take an early opportunity of considering the details of any institutional provision which may seem to be required.

Ida & Idrene Rural Districts.

Under date 14th January 1920, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 142M: 1919 Miscellaneous) that they did not intend to proceed with the amalgamation of Ida and Idrene Rural Districts with the Rural Districts of Thomastown and Carlew, or to alter New Ross Union.

"No Order"

Old Age Pension Act 1919.

Under date 9th January 1920, the Local Government Board wrote (No. 2M-1920 dealing in detail with rate of Old Age Pensions under the Act of 1919, the Statutory Conditions, Disqualifications, Calculation of Means, Minor Amendments and Existing Pensions.

Under date 16th January 1920, the Local Government Board wrote, (letter No. 7882 1919) explaining how outstanding claims etc., were to be dealt with.

"No Order"

Housing (Additional Powers) Act 1919.

Under date 22nd January 1920, the Local Government Board wrote (No. H. 501,178: 1920 Miscellaneous) calling attention to section 8 of above Act, which empowered County Councils to borrow money by means of the issue of bearer bonds or other securities to bearer for the purposes of the Act.

Marked "Read"

Vacancies New Ross School Attendance Committee.

Under date 19th January 1920, Mr John J. Rechford, Secretary, New Ross School Attendance Committee, wrote that a vacancy existed on the Committee in consequence of the absence for the past eight months of Mr M. J. Kenny D. C., Ballykeerogue, Campile, from the Committee meetings, and requesting the County Council to appoint a member in his place.

The Secretary stated he had written Mr Rechford on the 20th January 1920, asking him to request the Rural District Council to nominate someone as a Member of the R. D. School Attendance Committee vice Mr M. Kenny, and also vice Mr Philip Kehoe, whose disqualification was dealt with at a previous meeting of the County Council.

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

"That no appointments be made to New Ross R. D. School Attendance Committee for the present as the Committee will have immediately under consideration a Notice of Motion to discontinue their operations."

University Scholarship-Amount of Subsidy

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

"That the amount of University Scholarship be increased from £50 to £70 per annum, in consequence of increase in Hostel fees and travelling expenses. That this proposal, if carried, take effect on award of Scholarships by the Wexford County Council in 1920, and remain in force until rescinded or modified on Notice of Motion."

Mr Stafford seconded.

A poll was taken with the following result:-

For the Motion:- Messrs James Codd, McGuire, Barry, Cowman, Fowler, Stafford, Scallan, Mark Codd, and the Chairman.-9.

Against:- Messrs M. Doyle, Maddeck, Wm Therpe, J. A. Doyle, and Cloney.-5.

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Mr James O'Connor wrote under date 24th January 1920, that on account of the Christmas vacation having expired he was now at liberty to take up his University Scholarship anew. He made application for payment of arrears and for support for ten weeks Michaelmas term, also for board and lodging for present term.

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

"That payment on foot of University Scholarship be made Mr James O'Connor provided evidence is received from the National University that he has entered upon his studies, and that said payment is supported by adequate vouchers dealing exclusively with University Scholarship."

Mr John J. Connolly, wrote under date 15th January 1920, that he had taken up a course of dentistry, and wished for a renewal of his Scholarship. He had been awarded his B.A. honorary degree on account of War Service. From any grant given him by the Government is deducted the amount of any Scholarship awarded by any public body.

On the motion of Mr Cowman, Seconded by Mr Maddeck, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That as Mr Connolly has secured his B. A., degree we consider he has no further claim on University Scholarship Scheme."

Under date 3rd January 1920, Mr E. J. Redmond, Seamount Cottages, Courtown, Wexford, advised that he had received the sum provided he

was unable to avail of the University Scholarship. He wished to thank the Council for having awarded Scholarship to him even though unable to make use of it.

Rev Patrick J. Walsh, Dean of Residence, University College, Dublin, wrote under date 31st January 1920, approving of 30 Curzen Street, Dublin, as a suitable residence for Mr Myles Moore, University Scholar.

Auditor's Report-County Council Accounts.

The following report of Mr C. D. Barry, B. L., Local Government Auditor, under date 4th January 1920 (732-1920 Wexford County) was read:-

"I have the honour to report that I have audited the accounts of the County Council of Wexford for the half-year ended September last, and I forward herewith a certified abstract thereof in pursuance of your Order. The accounts were prepared and submitted in a very satisfactory manner and no item of expenditure calls for any remark upon my part."

"No Order"

War Bonus to Surveyors.

Under date 28th January 1920, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No 6624-19-1920) that they would raise no objection to the proposal of the County Council to grant war bonus of £35 to Messrs J. Kirby C. P. Curran, and R. J. Ennis, Assistant Surveyors, £50 to Messrs Kehoe, and Jones, Assistant Surveyors and £100 to Mr Treanor, Senior Assistant Surveyor.

"No Order"

Application Increase Salary-Mr Fretton Courtkeeper, New Ross.

Under date 7th January 1920, Mr William Fretton, Courtkeeper, New Ross, applied for a small increase in his salary of £9. His salary from the Grand Jury had been £8, but on County Council coming into office it was fixed at £9. Since then there had been a good deal of extra work in connection with the Courthouse owing to the closing of Rosbercon Court, and the occupation of New Ross Courthouse by Police, workmen, children, and the public from 10.am., to 7 p.m., for two or three months every year adjusting weights and measures. This was provided for by Board of Trade regulations, and for which extra work he had never received a penny though it was going on for past three years. He need not mention the depreciation of money owing to war conditions. He had 43 years service.

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

"That the salary of Mr William Fretten, Courthouse Keeper, New Ross, be fixed at £15 per annum, as from this date."

Application-Coals-New Ross Courthouse.

Mr Fretten, Courtkeeper, New Ross, applied for an extra allowance for coal. He had to use a great deal of extra coal recently, owing to vaccination prosecutions, etc.,

"No Order"

Application Increase Salary-W. Kehoe, Harbour Master

-----Kilmere-----

Under date 2nd January 1920, Mr W. Kehoe, Harbour Master, Kilmere, applied for an increase of wages, as the amount he was receiving he considered altogether inadequate having regard to the price of feed. The least he could carry on with would be £1 per week.

Mr Maddeck proposed:- "That the application of Mr W. Kehoe, Harbour Master Kilmere, for increase of salary, be refused."

Mr Stafford seconded.

Mr McGuire proposed that the salary be fixed at £38 per annum, but this was not seconded, and the motion of Mr Maddeck was passed Nem con.

Application Roadmen & Quarrymen.

Under date 5th January 1920, Mr O'Donoghue, Transport Union Organiser, Enniscorthy, wrote that Loughlin Doyle, and John Doyle, employed as roadmen and quarrymen in Kiltalee district were only receiving 26/- per week, and he (Mr Donoghue) held that the rate of wages should be 8d per hour payable from 19th August 1919, i.e., 32/- to 36/- per week, according to hours of work (8 or 9). He asked that the cases of these men should be brought before next meeting of the Council, and that their wages should be fixed at 32/- per week as from 19th August 1919.

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

"That Loughlin Doyle, and John Doyle, referred to in letter of Mr O'Donoghue, Organiser from Transport Union, under date 5th January 1920, be paid at the rate of 8d per hour for actual number of hours worked when engaged at quarry."

Appointment Rate Collectors No. 3 & 4 Collection Districts.

On the motion of the Chairman, Seconded by Mr Scallan, the following

resolution was adopted:-

"That permanent Rate Collectors be appointed for Nos. 3 & 4 Collection Districts at meeting of Council to be held on 10th March 1920. Poundage 7d in the £. Emoluments - fees under Voters and Jurors Acts."

Rate Collection.

On the motion of Mr Kehoe, seconded by Mr Scallan, the following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed:-

"That our Secretary communicate with the Rate Collectors who have less than half the amounts of their warrants for the present moiety collected, and point out that the Finance & Roads Committee are of opinion that there is no excuse for the conduct of any Collector who has not 50 per cent of his collection obtained within six weeks of the closing day.

Serious notice will be taken of any Collector in whose case a most substantial improvement is not found by next meeting of the County Council to be held on 11th inst."

Under date 21st January 1920, Mr John A. Ryan, Rate Collector, Ballygoman Barntown, wrote that owing to illness he was unable to finish his Rate Collection, and nominated his brother-Philip Ryan- as his deputy.

Dr Ryan, Selskar House, Wexford, under date 20th January 1920, certified that he had been attending Mr John A. Ryan, for sometime, that he was seriously ill, and should cease work for three months.

Under date 14th January 1920, the Local Government Board wrote, that if the illness of Mr John A. Ryan, was likely to be of a prolonged character, the Council should consider the question of appointing a deputy for the collection of the current collection.

The following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed on the motion of Mr Kehoe, seconded by Mr Scallan--

"That subject to the sanction of the Local Government Board and to confirmation by meeting of County Council, we hereby agree to the appointment of Mr Philip Ryan, Ballygoman, Barntown, as deputy collector for his brother Mr John A. Ryan, during the latter's illness."

Under date 28th January 1920, the Local Government Board wrote letter No 6146 : 1920, Wexford County, that they would raise no objection to the appointment of Mr Philip Ryan, as deputy for Collector John A. Ryan, for the completion of the collection, provided the consent of the sureties has been obtained.

Certificate under date 14th January 1920, was read from Dr Delany, Bree, that Mr John Mullett, Bree, Rate Collector, was still suffering from cold and nephritis and would be unfit for duty for another fortnight.

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

"That Mr Mullett, Rate Collector, be requested to state when he will be in a position to return to duty."

Under date 14th January 1920, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 2404-1920, Wexford County) stating they saw no objection to the proposal of the Wexford County Council to appoint Mr Joseph Day, for the completion of the current year's collection in No. 4 Collection District.

"The Secretary stated that all the necessary forms had been forwarded the Guarantee Society and he was waiting their directions to hand the Collecting books to Mr Day."

Meter Transport.- Barony of Shelburne.

Under date 5th February 1920, the following letter was read from Mr H. G. Burgess, Ministry of Transport, (Ireland) :-

"With reference to your letter of the 24th ultimo, in regard to the establishment of Meter Transport Services in the Southern portion of the Barony of Shelburne, Co Wexford, I shall be glad to know whether the inhabitants of the district in question have taken any steps in the direction of establishing such services for themselves as it appears to me that the district is a fairly prosperous one, (when compared with those where the Government have found it necessary to make advances for such purposes), and one in which it would not be difficult to find the necessary capital."

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

"That we desire to point out to the Ministry of Transport, that if the people of Shelburne had the capital available, they would not have applied to the Ministry for the development of such a project."

Road Machinery.

"The County Surveyor in his report to the Finance & Roads Committee stated:-

"As directed by the Council at the December Meeting, I issued advertisements asking for tenders for the supply of road machinery, and I shall submit

to this meeting prices which I have received and all particulars. With regard to this matter of machinery I have communicated with the purchaser of Kynocks in Arklow with regard to purchase of boiler for working rock-drill at Tara-Hill Quarry. It is essential that we should have an independent boiler for this work as otherwise the drill and breaker cannot run concurrently, and it will be difficult to supply large quantity of material which will be required for the work. If boiler be not required when Road Board Work is completed it can easily be disposed of."

He laid before the meeting tenders for the supply of the following machinery:-

Combined Traction Engine & Roller, Steam lorry for haulage purposes and two trailer waggons, Rock Drill, Living Van for Quarrymen.

The Chairman stated that the amount of the tenders submitted came to £3395.

After considerable discussion the following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed on the motion of Mr Kehoe, seconded by Mr Scallan:-

"That the County Surveyor be empowered to purchase rock drill from Messrs Fleming & Co., Glasgow, cost £135, two waggons from Messrs Benton & Co., cost £380, boiler referred to in his report at a cost not to exceed £100, total £615, and that he be empowered to hire Rollers and Traction Engines to carry out Road Board Work."

Defaulting Road Contractors.

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

"That the County Surveyor be empowered to take up the roads of the following Road Contractors under the 54th section of the Grand Jury Act, or take such proceedings against them as he considers necessary, in order to have the roads put into proper repair:-

125E A. Ryan, 149G Special Work-R. Deran, 126 Special Work-R. Deran, 88W William Murphy, 33W Walter Roche, 53W J. Roche."

Removal of Material from Roads.

The County Surveyor in his report to the Finance & Roads Committee stated:-

"Both Mr Kehoe and Mr Curran report to me a case of removal of material from County Roads, and I shall deal further with this at your meeting

"The County Surveyor stated that John White, Scar, Duncormick, Contractor for Read No. 160W, had taken two loads of stones from Ballyconnick Quarry, and according to the statement of his son, had put these stones in his haggard. He had also taken two further loads of stones from Rev P. Doyle P. P., Rathangan.

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

"That the Solicitor of the County Council be directed to institute proceedings against John White, Scar, for material the property of the County Council, taken by him from Ballyconnick Quarry."

The U. S. Naval Air Station at Ferrybank.

The County Surveyor in his report to the Finance & Roads Committee stated:-

"With regard to the read at Ferrybank No. 85W. I have to report that the footpath on this read has been very seriously injured by the removal of the water mains laid by the U.S. Naval Authorities when obtaining permission to have these mains removed an undertaking was given to restore the pathway and though I have communicated with Donnelly several times, I cannot get this work done. I ask you to put the matter in the hands of your solicitor. Also in connection with this read, I wish to know what steps I am to take with regard to the Iron Gates at the U.S. Naval Air Station, and also with regard to concrete read across the roadway at Ely House."

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

"That this matter be referred to the Solicitor to the County Council for his advice."

Application for Road Material.

The County Surveyor in his report to the Finance & Roads Committee stated--

"I have received application from some men in Effernoge, Ferns, asking to be allowed to obtain material from Deran's Hill Quarry, or Carrigeen Quarry. In the past you have allowed this, and I ask now for your instructions."

"The County Surveyor stated that the application was from Aidan Walsh, and three others, for road metalling from Deran's Hill Quarry for the

maintenance of the lane leading to their premises.

On the motion of Mr Kehoe, seconded by Mr Scallan, the following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed:-

"That as all the material obtainable at County Council Quarries is required for the maintenance of County Roads, none can be supplied to private individuals."

Gravel Pit at Killinick.

The County Surveyor in his report to the Finance & Roads Committee stated:-

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"Sometime ago/Mr Kehoe, I made inspection of gravel pit near Killinick, and hoped to be able to make arrangements to have quarry opened. I now understand that it will be very unlikely that we will be able to come to an Agreement with the owner. On the day of my inspection, I visited several other sites and this appears to be the only satisfactory place. A quarry in this locality is absolutely essential as Ballynaas is almost run out."

On the motion of Mr Kehoe, seconded by Mr Scallan, the following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed:-

"That Mr Michael Doyle, Vice-Chairman, County Council, and the County Surveyor, be instructed to interview Mr P. Browne, Ballysheen, owner of the Gravel Pit referred to in the Co Surveyor's Report, and ascertain if it be possible to come to some arrangement in the matter with Mr Browne as road material is very badly needed in this district."

Inspection of Roads by County Surveyor.

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

"That the County Surveyor be directed to make annually a systematised inspection of the Roads in the County, so as to cover at least 200 miles of each Assistant Surveyor's district, and report to the first available meeting of the Council."

Curraghduff Quarry.

On the motion of Mr Stafford, seconded by Mr Kehoe, the following resolution was adopted:- "That the Chairman on behalf of the Council sign agreement with Mr Michael Byrne, Curraghduff, Kiltale, and that the Seal of the Council be attached thereto."

SPECIAL MEETING.- 10th MARCH 1920.

A Special Meeting of the Wexford County Council, was held in the County Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford, on 10th March 1920.

Present:- Mr M. Doyle, (Vice-Chairman) presiding.

Also:- Messrs P. Quigley, N. J. Cowman, M. Cloney, T. Asple, J. J. Stafford, P. Whelan, P. O'Neill, W. Thorpe, J. J. O'Byrne, Kehoe, Scallan, M. Codd, N. J. Fowler, James Codd, Kinsella, Redmond, Barry, McGuire, Maddock, and O'Gorman.

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

Appointment Rate Collector No. 3 Collection District.

In connection with the appointment of Rate Collector for No. 3 Collection District, vacant through the resignation of Mr N. Moore, the Secretary referred to the Public Bodies Order 1920, under date 16th February 1920, and under which the County Council had power to elect a woman as Rate Collector.

Applications were received from the following:-

John Barry, Carrig-on-Bannow,

J. J. Berry, Scar, Duncormick.

Patrick Boyce, Blackhall, Bannow,

John McCormick, Arnestown, Ballymitty.

A Poll was taken with the following result:-

For Mr Barry:- Messrs Fowler, Asple, and O'Gorman.-3.

For Mr Berry:- Messrs Cowman, Whelan, Barry, Cloney, James Codd, Thorpe, and Quigley.-7.

For Mr Boyse:- Messrs Kinsella, McGuire, O'Neill, Kehoe, and M. Codd.-5

For Mr McCormack:- Messrs O'Byrne, Maddock, Stafford, Scallan, Redmond, and the Chairman.- 6.

Mr Barry then fell out, and a poll was taken between Messrs Berry, Boyce and McCormack with the following result:-

For Mr Berry:- Messrs Cowman, Whelan, Barry, Cloney, J. Codd, O'Gorman, Thorpe, and Quigley.-8.

For Mr Boyse:- Messrs Kinsella, McGuire, Fowler, O'Neill, Kehoe, M. Codd, and Asple.- 7.

For Mr McCormack:- Messrs O'Byrne, Maddock, Stafford, Scallan, Redmond, and the Chairman.-6.

Mr McCormack then fell out, and a final poll was taken between Messrs Berry and Boyse, with the following result:-

For Mr Berry:- Messrs Cowman, O'Byrne, Whelan, Maddock, Barry, Scallan, Cloney, J. Codd, Thorpe, and Quigley.-10.

For Mr Boyse:- Messrs Kinsella, McGuire, Fowler, O'Neill, Kehoe, M. Codd, Redmond, and Asple.-8.

Messrs O'Gorman, Stafford, and the Chairman did not vote.

The Chairman declared Mr Berry elected.

Mr Berry returned thanks for his election.

Appointment Rate Collector for No. 4 Collection District.

Applications were received from the following as Rate Collector for No. 4 Collection District, vice Mr Francis Blake, deceased:-

Mrs M. A. Blake, Tullibards Great, Bridgetown.

Richard Brett, Ballynaas, Ballycogley.

James Byrne, Newtown, Bridgetown.

Joseph Day, Ballyhealy, Kilmore.

Patrick Healy, Castlebridge.

John J. Murphy, Coddstown, Killinick.

P. Treacy, 11 High Street, Wexford.

John J. Rossiter, Walshestown, Ballycogley.

A Poll was taken with the following result:-

For Mrs Blake:- Messrs Cowman, O'Neill, Kehoe, Cloney, and James Codd.-5

For Brett:- Messrs Thorpe, and M. Doyle.-2

For Joseph Day:- Messrs O'Byrne, McGuire, Barry, Fowler, Scallan, M. Codd.-6.

For J. J. Rossiter:- Messrs Kinsella, Stafford, O'Gorman, Quigley.-4.

For Healy:- Messrs Whelan, Maddock, Redmond, Asple.-4.

Messrs Brett, Byrne, Murphy, and Treacy, then dropped out, and a second poll was taken with the following result:-

For Mrs Blake:- Messrs Cowman, O'Neill, Kehoe, Cloney, J. Codd.-5

For Mr Day :- Messrs O'Byrne, McGuire, Barry, Fowler, Scallan, M. Codd.-6

For Mr Healy:- Messrs Whelan, Maddock, Redmond Asple.-4.

For Mr Rossiter:- Messrs Kinsella, Stafford, O'Gorman, Thorpe, and Quigley.-5

The Chairman did not vote.

Messrs Brett and Healy then dropped out and a vote was taken between Mrs Blake, Day and Rossiter, with the following result:-

For Mrs Blake:- Messrs Cowman, O'Neill, Kehoe, Cloney, and J. Codd.- 5.

For Mr Day:- Messrs O'Byrne, Whelan, McGuire, Barry, Fowler, Scallan, M. Codd, Redmond, and Asple.-9.

For Mr Rossiter:- Messrs Kinsella, Maddock, Stafford, O'Gorman, Thorpe, and Quigley.- 6.

The Chairman did not vote.

Mrs Blake then dropped out, and the final poll was taken between Messrs Day and Rossiter, with the following result:-

For Mr Day:- Messrs Cowman, O'Byrne, Whelan, McGuire, Barry, Fowler, O'Neill, Scallan, M. Codd, J. Codd, Redmond, and Asple.-12.

For Mr Rossiter:- Messrs Kinsella, Maddock, Stafford, Kehoe, Cloney, O'Gorman, Thorpe, Quigley, and the Chairman.-9.

The Chairman declared Mr Day elected.

Mr Day returned thanks for his election.

Forthcoming Elections for County and R.D. Councillors.

The Secretary read the constitution of County and District Electoral Areas, for election of County and Rural District Councillors as set out in Schedule to Order of the Local Government Board (No. 35168 & 35169-1919) under date 5th February 1920.

"No Order"

Audit of Accounts.

Under date 3rd March 1920, the Local Government Board forwarded report of their auditor on his audit of the Accounts of Enniscorthy Union (17871-20) and Enniscorthy Rural District Council (No. 17872-1920) both in respect of half-year ended 30th September 1919.

Under date 2nd March 1920, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 17146-1920) forwarding report of their Auditor on his audit of the Accounts of New Ross Union for half-year ended 30th September 1919, and under same date the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 17145-1920) forwarding report of their Auditor on his audit of the accounts of New Ross Rural District Council, for same period.

"No Order".

Land Commission Annuities.

Under date 2nd March 1920, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 17012-1920, Miscellaneous) that the sums withdrawn from the Guarantee Fund (Land Purchase Annuities) were less than the repayments made to the fund by £353. 13. 1d and accordingly this amount would be credited to the County in the Death Duty Grant payable in the course of the month.

as compared with pre-war days. Travelling facilities have also gone up equally high. The necessary expenditure which will accrue in the performance of our duties under this Act is a matter which we hope you will take into account in arranging for us a workable salary.

You must remember that the sovereign pre-war was worth 20/-, now it is only value for 8/3.

In lodging before you the attached forms, you can see for yourselves that the clerical duties to be performed will be both arduous and difficult.

Considering all these matters the least we can expect is a salary of £150 per annum. A workable salary is what we require to make the performance of our duties a success, and we hope that taking everything into account you will also remember the dignity of our profession."

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

"That we recommend the local officials in charge of the administration of the Tuberculosis Order should receive an increase of 25 per cent on the amount of fees which were in existence before the War."

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

"That our Secretary inquire from Messrs James Malone V. S., Arthur Dobbins V. S., F. W. Taylor, V. S., and W. J. Doyle V. S., if they are prepared to procure the necessary apparatus for testing milk under Tuberculosis Order, or if they would prefer to have this work carried out by Mr R. Malone V. S.,"

Application Wages-Steam Stonebreaking Gang.

Under date 26th February 1920, the following letter was read from Mr O'Donoghue, Organiser, Irish Transport & General Workers' Union, Enniscorthy Branch:-

"A complaint has been made to us, that Andrew Clear, Andrew Morris, John Foley, and James Gaynor, of the Steam Stonebreaking Travelling Gang, were deprived of six days' wages through no fault of their own, during the week previous to Christmas or thereabouts. No coal was supplied during this week to the men by the County Council, and no notification was given the men to cease work and consequently the men turned up to work each morning.

These six days were claimed for on the Time Sheets of the men, we are informed, but no payment was made by the County Council, for same.

We now therefore demand payment for six days' wages to the men concerned, and we trust that same will be ratified at the next meeting of the County Council."

Mr Barry, County Surveyor, submitted the following report:-

"The gang attending Stonebreaker in Ballybrennan Quarry, finished work on Wednesday, 17th December, the stock of Coal was consumed, and the man that had the contract for carting coal from Machinery Yard to the quarry, refused to take Coal to the quarry until the County Council Officials' Strike would be ended. When the Strike was settled, I notified the Gang to resume work on Monday morning, 29th December.

The Gang did not go to the quarry any day during week the Strike was on."

The following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Scallan--

"That as there appears to be a divergence of opinion on questions of fact as to the attendance of men to work at Ballybrennan Quarry, their application be adjourned for the present."

Claim for Breaking Quarry Material.

Under date 4th March 1920, the following letter was read from Mr M. O'Donoghue, Organiser, Irish Transport & General Workers Union:-

"Constant and persistent complaints have been made to us during the past few months by the stone breaking gang that when in Barmoney Quarry about March 1919, 440 yards of stone were broken, but that payment was made by the Council only for 250 yards, leaving a balance of 190 yards unpaid for.

This would mean that 190 yards at 10d per yard, the rate then obtaining, or a total of £7. 18. 4d is still due to the men who were at the time in the employment of the Council in Barmoney Quarry.

We trust the Council will rectify this error and grant payment of the above amount."

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Cloney, the following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed:-

"That in accordance with the statement of Mr Treanor, Senior Assistant Surveyor, the quarrymen employed at Barmoney Quarry be allowed for 53 yards, and also in view of the statement of Mr O'Gorman, Quarry Foreman, that the men were prepared to accept this ^{as} settlement of their claim."

Weekly Payments to Quarrymen.

At the meeting of the County Council on 11th February, a letter was

received from Mr D. Doran, Secretary, Irish National Agricultural and General Workers' Union, asking that arrangements should be made to have the men at Tara Hill Quarry paid weekly.

"The Council decided to postpone consideration of the matter until next meeting."

Mr D. Doran, Secretary, Irish National Agricultural & General Workers' Union, appeared before the meeting and it was explained to him that it was now illegal to have an Imprest Account, and it would be well if his Union pointed out to the Tara Hill Quarrymen, that the County Council have on several occasions asked the Local Government Board to allow an Imprest Account with some official, but the Board felt that, in view of the decision of the late Lord Chief Baron, they were precluded from agreeing to same.

"No Order"

Application Increase Wages-Quarry Foremen.

At the meeting of the County Council on 11th February, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That as the wages of Messrs M. J. O'Kelly and J. J. O'Gorman (Quarry Foremen) were fixed by the Co Council on the 3rd September 1919, we cannot see our way to agree to the increase asked for."

"This in O'Gorman's case was £1 and in O'Kelly's £1. 10/-"

Under date 18th February 1920, the following letter was read from Mr D. Doran, Secretary, Irish National Agricultural & General Workers' Union:-

"I am in receipt of your letter of the 13th inst., notifying me of the resolution passed by your Council on the 11th inst., re my application for O'Gorman and O'Kelly. I may in the first instance state that I am very

much surprised at same, because as your Council are well aware, very many extra duties have been given to these two men since the fixing of the wages.

It appears from the Press that the question of an agreement for 12 months was discussed, and although this does not appear from your letter, still I presume same was the basis of the Council's argument. In this respect

I would refer you to the letters written by Messrs O'Donoghue and King, from which you will see that no agreement was entered into.

Now take O'Kelly's case- before the 3rd September 1919 he had only one quarry and a road to look after, - to-day he has charge of five quarries and the road leading from Ballynabola to New Ross, and his remuneration is £2 per week. In O'Gorman's case- three additional quarries have been

put on to him. Besides, these men owing to the long journeys they are obliged to travel by day, are compelled to do all their office work (i.e. reports etc) at night, when they should be in bed. On these exceptional circumstances are our demands based, and I would point out to your Council that the wages paid to them is not sufficient to enable them to keep their families, and my Executive are of the opinion that the increases asked for are very reasonable. In the circumstances they have directed me to inform your Council that unless they at once agree to pay these increased demands, I am to make arrangements to declare a general strike.

If your Council are anxious to avoid this course they will reconsider their decision within the next few days.

Awaiting an early reply."

The following report was read from the County Surveyor as regards the conditions of employment of Messrs O'Gorman, and O'Kelly:-

"I am in receipt of yours of the 19th inst., with copy of letter from the Secretary of the Workers' Union. In reply to your queries I find we never had any specific agreement with either of these men re their duties, they were both employed as Gangers and Foremen for whole time, and the understanding was of course that they should carry out any County job, either Road Work or Quarry work, as might be put in their charge.

In the case of O'Kelly, all his work lies in or about Ballinaboola, where he resides, but O'Gorman has a larger area to deal with. Sometime ago, when the travelling gang was brought to Ballinaboola and Tinnecarrig side, and the question of being paid extra remuneration for being employed at a distance from home came up before the County Council, Mr Treanor was directed to so arrange that they would not be brought such a distance from home. Accordingly, now it is arranged that they are not brought down to this locality.

With regard to O'Kelly's case, the Secretary of the Workers' Union states he had only one quarry before September 1919, whereas I find he had the five quarries as under:-

Ballinaboola .-	August 1916.
Tinnecarrig.-	May 1918, Constantly since June 1919.
Carrigbyrne.-	July 1918.
Tomgarrow.-	June 1918.
and Palace.-	June 1919.

As regards roads O'Kelly has been employed on the same lot between

Ballinaboola and New Ross since he started the work on them.

In O'Gorman's case he has a great number of quarries to look after in whole or in part. The quarries he has are as under:- On these he has to attend to quarrying and breaker but has nothing to do with Rock Drill Work.

Killabeg.- October 1917, This quarry was shut up for some time but was re-opened in November 1919.

Tinnesarrig.- November 1917.

Carrigeen.- May 1919.

Doran's Hill.- July 1919.

Clonhasten.- September 1919.

Besides above he has attended with the travelling Gang to do breaking in the following quarries:-

Ryland.- January 1918.

Curraduff.- January 1918.

Ballyrehan.- March 1918.

Barmoney.- March 1919.

Cherryorchard.- November 1919.

Courtnacuddy.- December 1919. Only a few hours in this quarry.

In the case of these quarries the work O'Gorman has to do is to superintend the work while the breaker is at work in the quarry and while the travelling Gangers are with it. You will please note that in the case of this list he would only have to attend to one quarry at a time as of course there is no breaking going on in the others concurrently, also the quarrying and preparation for breaking is carried out by the local gangers.

In the case of Ryland Gravel Pit this has been worked altogether in connection with the Road Board Work. As this work lies between Scarawalsh and Ferns, and Scarawalsh and Newtownbarry, this is quite convenient to O'Gorman's residence.

I must say that neither of these men should find it necessary to stay up at night to finish their returns when they ought to be in bed. The Office work is limited to a few measurements and Wages sheets for the fortnightly payments and a small amount of correspondence."

The following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Scallan:-

"That the wages of Mr J. J. O'Gorman, quarry foreman, be fixed at £3 per week, and the wages of Mr M. J. O'Kelly, quarryforeman, at £2. 15/- as from Saturday 6th March."

Complaint as to condition of New Ross Roads.

Under date 4th March 1920, the following letter was read from Dr W. F. Hearn, L. L. D., Solicitor, New Ross:-

"As I understand from a report of a meeting of the Council recently published that Mr Barry stated he only inspects places to which he attention is called, I would therefore feel obliged if you direct Mr Barry's special and immediate attention to the dangerous condition of the main road between Camross and Larkin's Cross. Its present condition is beyond description, and is certainly a discredit in the extreme, to any County.

I am prepared to pay the expense of a motor car to convey any Member of your Council over this road and abide by his report on the condition of this road. I feel bound also to request that you bring this complaint under the notice of the next meeting of your Council.

The condition of the road compels me in going to Wexford from New Ross (which is frequent) to proceed by Clonroche and Sparrowsland, and so avoid the main and direct road.

I will thank you to say what action your Council intend to take in the interest of taxpayers and the users of the Road."

The County Surveyor explained the difficulty he had in securing any sub-contractor for this road, and also the repairs which he was carrying out.

On the motion of Mr Stafford, seconded By Mr Scallan, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That Dr Hearn be informed, that the County Surveyor is putting the New Ross Road into repair with as much despatch as possible in view of the difficulties which he has had in obtaining a sub-contractor for same. In consequence of the extra timber traffic on this road we approve of the issue of Sudden Damage Order to cover any extra cost of repair necessary."

Roads in Glynn District.

At the meeting of the County Council on 11th February, a request was read from Glynn Farmers' Union to the County Council to receive a deputation as to neglected condition of certain roads in Glynn District.

"The matter was adjourned as one of the members of the deputation found it impossible to attend."

"No action was taken as no Members of deputation attended."

Road Drain.

Under date 19th February 1920, Messrs M. J. O'Connor & Co., Solicitors, wrote calling attention to a ditch and drain at the side of the road adjoining the land of Mr Hugh O'Connor, Waddingtown, and which they held it was the duty of the Road Contractor to look after. Unless the work was properly carried out, Mr O'Connor would take proceedings against the Co Council.

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

"That the County Surveyor be instructed to have drain on road adjoining premises of Mr Hugh O'Connor, Waddingtown, properly cleaned up."

Suretyship for Road Contracts .

Under date 28th February 1920, Messrs Michael Stafford, and Laurence Sinnott, sureties for Michael Cogley, Donanore, Davidstown, deceased, Contractor for Roads Nos. 303E, 316E, and 318E, wrote asking that the contracts should be cancelled and re-opened for tender, as Mr Cogley left no one who was able to take up the work.

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

"That in the circumstances mentioned in application of letter of Michael Stafford, and Laurence Sinnott, we hereby agree to cancellation of Contracts Nos. 303E, 316E, and 318E."

Road Limits of Expenditure.

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

"That the County Council be requested to formulate an application to the Ministry of Transport to have the limit of Road Expenditure extended from £8928. 18. 4d to £9,929. 18. 4d for year ending March 31st 1921."

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

"That the Ministry of Transport be requested to fix the Road Limit for New Ross Rural District at £9929. 18. 4d for year ending 31st March 1921."

Correspondence was read from the Ministry of Transport, that the applications of the County Council for extension of Road Limits for Enniscorthy and Wexford Rural District Councils were under consideration.

New Ross Bridge.- War Bonus to Contractors.

In connection with the proposed War Bonus to Messrs Lawler & Sons, New Ross, Contractors for New Ross Bridge, the Ministry of Transport wrote under date 18th February 1920, (R.I.6 Wexford:) that as the County Council could not cancel the contract to Messrs Lawler & Sons, New Ross Bridge Contractors, until May, and as Contract expired in June, the Ministry regretted that they had no authority to approve of the proposal to grant War Bonus to Messrs Lawler & Sons, unless on the terms of their letter of 29th January last.

"Adjourned to next Meeting."

Grants for Tarring Roads.

Under date 23rd February 1920, the Ministry of Transport wrote stating that the Treasury had set aside new Grants of £250,000 for Great Britain and Ireland, to be confined to expenditure on works of surface dressing with refined tar on important roads.

"Referred to County Surveyor."

New Ross Rural District School Attendance Committee.

A resolution was received from New Ross Rural District Council nominating Messrs Edward Neill, D. C., Ryleen, New Ross, and William Byrne, D. C., Camblin, New Ross, vice Messrs Philip Kehoe, and M. J. Kenny, disqualified for non-attendance.

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

"That Messrs Edward Neill, Ryleen, New Ross, and William Byrne, D. C., Camblin, be appointed members of New Ross R. D. School Attendance Committee, vice Messrs Philip Kehoe and M. J. Kenny, disqualified for non-attendance."

Courtown Harbour.

In connection with malicious injury to lamp at Courtown Harbour the Secretary stated that the necessary informations with a view to claiming £5 compensation had been sworn by the Harbour Master.

Mr Elgee, Solicitor to the County Council, asked for instructions as to whether the application would be proceeded with.

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

"That in view of the small amount involved the Co Council take no further action in respect of application for payment of £5 compensation

for injury to lamp at Courtown Harbour."

Proposed Erection of Stores.

Mr Martin Howlett, Campile, Secretary for Shelburne Co-operative Agricultural Society, wrote under date 25th February 1920, asking for permission to erect Stores the end of which would be at a distance of only 16 feet from the centre of road, and six feet from face of road fence.

On the motion of Mr Thorpe, seconded by Mr James Codd, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That permission be given to the Shelburne Co-operative Agricultural Society for the erection of Stores at Campile in view of the facts set out in letter of Mr Martin Howlett, Manager, and having regard to the statement of the County Surveyor that the buildings would not cause any obstruction to traffic."

Re Motor Car Speed.

Under date 20th February 1920, Mr P. J. Shaw, Town Clerk, Enniscorthy, wrote calling attention to the resolution of his Council re by-law restricting the speed of Motor Cars in Towns and Villages and requesting that some steps should be taken.

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

"That the County Council are prepared to apply to the Local Government Board for an Order to restrict the speed of motor cars in any of the Enniscorthy Streets suggested by the Enniscorthy Urban Council, on condition that the said Urban Council will be responsible for the cost of public inquiry, without which it is improbable that the Local Government Board will issue such Order."

Working of Courtown Harbour.

The following is an extract from the Minutes of Courtown Harbour Committee for 3rd February:-

"The Committee beg to call the attention of the County Council to the large increase in the price of coal bags, about 200 will probably be required this year, which will cost about £17. 10/- per hundred, as compared with about £6 before the War. The charge for the use of bags is at present three pence per ton, which will not pay for repairs of damage done to the bags, so we recommend that the charge for the use of the bags be raised.

On the motion of Mr Kehoe, seconded by Mr Cowman, the following

resolution was adopted:-

"That in view of the present great cost of coal bags we consider the time has arrived when the Coal Merchants using Courtown Harbour, should take steps to acquire coal bags for their own use."

In connection with the Minutes of the Courtown Harbour Committee for meeting of 3rd March 1920, the following note was attached to Minutes by Lord Courtown:-

"These proceedings are entirely informal as the business was finished before the advertised hour of meeting, 12 noon, before I arrived."

The following note was put on the Minutes by the Chairman of the Meeting:- "At the Meeting the business was not started until 12 noon, it was 12. 10 when Lord Courtown arrived. All the members present (McGarry, Garland, Williams, and O'Byrne) agree the meeting did not start until the time appointed."

The Harbour Master wrote:- "As to Lord Courtown's statement that the meeting was held before the appointed time, I have nothing to add to the Chairman's remarks."

"No Order, as the Council felt they were bound to accept the view of the majority of the members of the Courtown Harbour Committee as regards the time at which the meeting was held."

War Pensions Committee.

Under date 13th February 1920, Mr Thomas McCarthy, Secretary, Irish National Trade & Labour Insurance Society, wrote that the Society had nominated Messrs Wm Boggan D. C., Whiterock, Wexford, Michael Ryan, Ballineroode, Oulart, and John Murphy, Taghmon, as Members of County Wexford War Pensions Committee.

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

"That Messrs W. Boggan, D. C., Whiterock, Wexford, Michael Ryan, Ballineroode, Oulart, and John Murphy, Taghmon, be appointed representatives of Irish National Trade & Labour Insurance Society on County Wexford War Pensions Committee."

Poisons & Pharmacy Act.

On the motion of Mr Scallan, Seconded by Mr Cloney, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That licence under Poisons & Pharmacy Act held by Mr Richard Breen, Commercial Quay, Wexford, be renewed for one year."

Small Dwellings Acquisition Act 1889, etc.,

Under date 3rd March 1920, the following resolution was received from Gorey Rural District Council:-

"That the County Council of the County Wexford be asked to consent to the Rural District Council of Gorey being constituted the Local Authority for the Rural District of Gorey, for the purposes of the Small Dwellings Acquisition Act 1899, and the Housing Act 1919."

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

"That the Wexford County Council hereby consents to the Rural District Council of Gorey being constituted the Local Authority for the Rural District of Gorey for the purposes of the Small Dwellings Acquisition Act 1889, and the Housing Act of 1919."

The Irish Language

The following resolution was received from the Gaelic League:-

"That we call on the Councils and Public Bodies to give official recognition to the Irish Language by having Cheque Books and stationery headings printed in the Irish language."

"The above resolution was approved on the motion of Mr Stafford, seconded by Mr O'Byrne."

Cost of Lunatic Asylums.

The following resolution was received from Tyrone County Council: -

"That the burden imposed upon the Ratepayers arising from the increased cost of the District Asylum is excessive and oppressive, and that the contribution of the State, through the Exchequer, is, under present circumstances, totally inadequate, and should be at least doubled, in view of the imperative character of the main part of the expenditure."

"The above Resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Scallan, seconded by Mr Cowman."

Letter Box at Monaseed.

Mr M. Carbery, Postmaster, Gorey, applied for permission to have a letter box attached to a post erected at Monaseed.

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

"That permission be granted for erection of letter box to be attached to the post erected at Monaseed."

Proposed Fishery Inquiry.

The Department of Agricultural & Technical Instruction, forwarded Notice of Inquiries into salmon and trout fishing in the River Slaney, at Tullow on 23rd March, and Enniscorthy on 27th March.

"No Order"

Application for Loan to National Bank

At the meeting of the County Council on 11th February 1920, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the directors of the National Bank, be reminded that one of the conditions on which the consent of the County Council was transferred from the Provincial to the National Bank, was that all loans required by the Council should be advanced at 3 per cent, and the directors should make up their minds to advance the loan required by the Council, otherwise the County Council must consider the advisability of determining the agreement entered into with the National Bank."

Under date 9th March 1920, the following was read from the Manager, National Bank, Wexford:-

"With further reference to the Council's application for an advance of £1522 at 3% I am directed to say that when taking over the accounts of the Wexford County Council, no undertaking was given or implied that the rate on advances was to remain 3% for all time.

Seeing that this rate under present conditions involves a loss to the Bank, the Board feel that in allowing the existing loans to remain outstanding on the old terms they are going as far as their duty to the Shareholders will allow. In view of this they consider that any fresh advance should bear a rate of 4% at least, which is 2% below bank rate and is barely higher than current Deposit Rate.

Other County Councils have adopted the Bank's view and agreed to pay more.

I beg to remind the County Council that the Bank reduced the rate of Interest on the Wexford Rural District Council's loan of £17000, and the Council are enjoying the benefit of this reduction since 1912."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Seallan, Seconded by Mr O'Neill:-

"That we request the Manager, National Bank, Wexford, to state what was the rate of Interest allowed on the credit balances of the County Council for

the past twelve months."

Mr Cowman moved, and Mr Maddock seconded, the following resolution which on a show of hands was carried by 8 to 6 Votes:-

"That we adhere to our agreement with the National Bank, and request them to advance loan for £1522 for steamrolling at 3 per cent."

Road Machinery.

The following is an extract from the report of the County Surveyor, to the Finance & Roads Committee:-

"With regard to the purchase of road machinery I wish to point out the great difficulty in arranging for the transport of material and furthermore we cannot arrange satisfactorily for the work being carried out in due time without having our own plant. I shall submit Memo with regard to the necessity for the County Council owning their own machinery to deal with the enormously increased work in the quarries and other haulage generally."

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Kehoe, the following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was adopted:-

"That Mr Barry, County Surveyor, be empowered to procure the necessary machinery, viz:- steamrolling and motor lorry for Scheme of Steamrolling at a cost not exceeding £4000 on condition that this amount can be provided from the Government Grant of £16000 for steamrolling, and subject to the approval of the Ministry of Transport and to the confirmation of tenders and quotations at subsequent meeting of the County Council."

Large New Rock Drill.

The following is an extract from the County Surveyor's Report to the Finance & Roads Committee:-

"At the meeting of the 11th February, I was authorised to purchase amongst other things a Rock Drill cost not to exceed £135. This will cover only the cost of the smaller drill and I have delayed ordering same as I consider the larger drill with 20 feet boring rods should be purchased. This by recent quotation will cost £173. 19. 10d and I ask for permission to substitute this for the smaller one."

On the motion of Mr Kehoe, seconded by Mr Stafford, the following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed:-

"That the County Surveyor be empowered to purchase a large Rock Drill with 20 feet boring rods at a cost of £173. 19. 10d instead of smaller drill."

Material taken from Road.

At the meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee on 11th February 1920, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the Solicitor to the County Council be directed to institute proceedings against John White, Scar, Duncormick, Road Contractor, for material the property of the County Council taken by him from Ballyconnick Quarry."

Mr Elgee, Solicitor, explained that Rev P, Doyle P. P., Rathangan, was unaware that the material which had been put on the grounds of the Catholic Church was taken from the County Council Quarry.

The following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was adopted on the motion of Mr Kehoe, seconded by Mr Scallan:-

"That in view of the statement of our Solicitor-Mr R. W. Elgee- and Mr Barry, County Surveyor, we agree to accept £2 cost of material taken by Mr John White, Scar, from Ballyconnick Quarry, and cancel directions to institute proceedings in regard to same."

Defaulting Road Contractors.

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

"That the County Surveyor be instructed to take such proceedings as he considers desirable against the following road contractors to oblige them to fulfil the terms of their Contracts:-

Road 163W-Rep John O'Reilly, Corramacorra, 61W Michael Whelan, Saunders-court, Crossabeg."

Proposals for Works.

Proposed by Mr Kehoe, seconded by Mr Scallan:-

"That the several proposals for New Works as submitted on Form 20 from Proposal Committee be and are hereby adopted."

Proposed Railway Siding at Rathgarogue.

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

"That the directors of the D. & S. E. Railway be requested to provide a Goods' Siding at Rathgarogue Railway Station. Not only would that be a great convenience to the general public but also to the County Council as a very large quantity of road material must pass through this Station. We are sure that if siding was provided sufficient revenue would be realised by the

Railway Company to pay for erection and working."

The proposed Education Bill.

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

"That we, the Representatives of the people of Wexford, pledge ourselves by every legitimate means in our power to prevent the children of the people of the County attending the Godless Schools proposed to be set up under the new Education Bill."

Temporary Clerical Staff- Application for Increase.

Under date 3th March 1920, the following letter was read from Mr Richard Corish, Secretary, Irish Transport & General Workers' Union, (Wexford Branch):-

"I am directed by the Temporary hands employed by your Council, who are members of the above Union, to request that their remuneration should be raised from 9d to 1/3 per hour.

They will have no difficulty, I feel sure in reconciling their minds to the fact that the rate these men are at present paid is a ridiculously low one, and altogether inadequate to provide them with the necessaries of life, and hope they will treat this application with the consideration it deserves."

The following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Scallan:-

"That the temporary staff employed for the preparation of Rate Books for the present year be paid in respect of work for 1920 at a rate of 1/- per hour, that the permanent staff be paid 1/- per 30 ratings for original rate books, 1/- per 35 ratings for copies of Rate Books, and 1/- per 18 Receipt & Demand Notes."

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(Signed)

John Bolger
Presiding Chairman.

Dated this 7 day of

April

1920.

SPECIAL MEETING.- 7th APRIL 1920.

A Special Meeting of the County Council, was held in the County Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford, on 7th April 1920.

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

Also:- Messrs J. J. Stafford, P. N. O'Gorman, John J. Kehoe, W. H. McGuire, James Codd, N. J. Cowman, R. Thorpe, R. Scallan, L. Barry, M. Cloney.

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

Confirmation of Minutes.

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and confirmed.

Striking Rate for Financial Year 1920-21.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Stafford, Seconded by Mr O'Gorman--

"That we hereby strike the Rate for General and Separate Charges for financial year 1920-21, as agreed to at meeting of County Council on 11th February 1920, 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 Presiding Chairman and two Members present at this Meeting, be adopted, attested by the Seal of the Wexford 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 Wexford County Council on the Urban Councils of Enniscorthy, New Ross, and Wexford, be duly signed and sealed, the amounts demanded from said Urban Councils after allowing for credit items being--

District.	Co.Charges.	Union Charges.	Separate Charges.	Total.
Enniscorthy	944. 5. 5	958. 15. 9	92. 2. 5	1995. 3. 7
New Ross.	932. 0. 5	1402. 18. 7	22. 3. 6	2357. 2. 6
Wexford.	2030. 15. 10	2182. 19. 6	5. 17. 6	4219. 12. 10

Rate Collection.

The Secretary stated that all Collectors had closed their collections with the exception of Messrs Moore and Day. The former had taken over the collection from his deputy, and had as from 31st March last £913. 12. 11d to lodge. He asked for six weeks extension.

Mr Day had received the approval, as temporary Collector, of Guarantee Society only on the 27th March, and he would also require an extension.

On the motion of Mr Cloney, seconded by Mr O'German, the following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was adopted:-

"That Rate Collectors Moore, and Day, be granted (subject to the sanction of the Local Government Board) an extension of time to 15th May 1920, to allow them to close their Rate Collection in respect of half-year ended 31st March 1920."

Rats & Mice (Destruction) Act.

The Local Government Board forwarded under date 12th March 1920, (No. 13229-1920, Miscellaneous) copy of Rates and Mice (Destruction) Act 1919, which empowered County Councils etc., as local authority, to compel persons whose premises were infested with rats and mice to take such steps as may be necessary and reasonably practicable for the destruction of such vermin, and provided for a fine not exceeding £20 for failure to comply with this provision of the Act. Power was also given to the local authority to destroy vermin in the event of the occupier of land neglecting or refusing to do so, recovering from the occupier under Civil Bill the amount of reasonable expenses. The powers of the local authority can be delegated to a District Council or Committee of the local authority. A prosecution cannot be instituted except by the authority of the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction.

"No Order"

Motor Car Act.

At the meeting of the County Council on 10th March the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the County Council are prepared to apply to the Local Government Board for an Order to restrict the speed of motor cars in any of the Enniscorthy Streets suggested by the Enniscorthy Urban Council on condition that the said Urban Council will be responsible for the cost of public inquiry, without which it is improbable that the Local Government Board will

issue such Order."

Under date 30th March 1920, (letter No. 22834-1920, Wexford Co.) the Local Government Board wrote that their functions in relation to Motor Vehicle had been transferred to the Ministry of Transport.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Scallan, seconded by Mr Cloney:-

"That when an assurance has been received from Enniscorthy Urban Council, that they are prepared to bear the expense of any local inquiry which may be held in connection with the proposed limitation of speed of Motor Vehicles in Enniscorthy Streets, this Council will apply to the Ministry of Transport for Order of restriction."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr O'Gorman, seconded by Mr Barry:-

"That in order to have the administration of Motor Car Collection duty effectively carried out, we request the Postmaster General to direct Postmasters not to accept declarations as to payment of motor duty unless the Identification Marks and Index Numbers are clearly set out thereon. Otherwise it will be impossible to identify motor vehicles in respect of which Motor Duty has been paid."

Bovine Tuberculosis Order.

Under date 26th March 1920, the Veterinary Branch of the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction, wrote that as regards the proposal to pay an increase of 25 per cent on the amount of fees in existence before the War in connection with the administration of the Bovine Tuberculosis Order, they desired to point out that in 1915, the Veterinary Inspectors were paid by salaries, not fees, for work under the Order. In the circumstances the Department wished to know whether they were to understand if payment by fees is to be substituted for payment by salary, and, if so, what Scale of fees the Council had in view.

The Secretary stated he had informed the Department that the salaries of 1915 paid to the Veterinary Inspectors had been based on amount of fees prior to that year, and the decision of the Council was that the fees which obtained prior to 1915, should be revived and 25 per cent added to them.

The following application was read from the Veterinary Inspectors in connection with this matter:-

"In connection with our previous application for remuneration under the Tuberculosis Order, We desire to point out to you, that when the Order was previously in force we were paid by salary. We are convinced that leaving aside the personal element, it would tend to have the Order properly worked if Veterinary Inspectors were paid by salary. Taking into consideration the present high prices of cattle there may, we fear, be considerable hesitation on the part of farmers to report animals which will be suspected to be suffering from the disease, and particularly in view of the fact that people have not been in the habit of reporting under this Order for more than four years past.

We feel that if some provision be not made to have Veterinary Inspectors placed in a position to induce them to carry out a general supervision within their districts, the Order will be more or less of a "dead" letter.

It has been stated that about 30 per cent of our cattle are affected with Tuberculosis and we certainly hold that the disease should in the interests of the community be stamped out. But to do so the Veterinary Inspectors should not be required to carry out their duties at a loss, which will occur if payment for their services be fixed by fees made on reports from Stockowners.

In view of these matters we would respectfully request the County Council to reconsider their decision and have our remuneration fixed by salary instead of fees.

The figure we asked the Council to fix in our former application was arrived at after consideration. In this regard we would ask the Council to contrast the cost of living and travelling expenses previous to the War.

They will then find that the actual purchasing power of the salary we now ask below the salaries we had when the Order was first adopted, and when the necessity for stringent enforcement of the Order was not so absolutely necessary as at the present time."

The Secretary stated that at the meeting of the County Council on 10th March 1920, a resolution had been adopted asking him to inquire from Messrs James Malone V.S., Arthur Dobbyn, V. S., F. W. Tayler V.S., and W. J. Doyle, V. S., if they were prepared to procure the necessary apparatus for testing milk under Bovine Tuberculosis Order, or if they would prefer to have this work carried out by Mr R. Malone V. S.,

Under date 12th March 1920, Mr F. W. Tayler V. S., New Ross, wrote that he had apparatus for testing milk, and should prefer to test his own

samples on receiving same fee as paid to Mr Malone. At the same time if the other Veterinary Inspectors were sending on their samples to Mr Malone, he would be very pleased to meet the wishes of the Council if they would rather have this course adopted.

The following recommendations of the Finance & Roads Committee were confirmed on the motion of Mr O'German, seconded by Mr Thorpe:-

"That the Veterinary Inspectors of the County Council be paid by salary instead of by fees for work under Bovine Tuberculosis Order."

"That £130 be paid for each Union of the County for work under Bovine Tuberculosis Order."

"That Mr R. Malone V. S., receive a remuneration of £130 per annum, for work under Bovine Tuberculosis Order for Wexford Union, Mr W. J. Doyle V. S., £130 for Enniscorthy Union, Mr James Malone V S., £130 for Gorey Union, Mr F. W. Tayler V. S., and Mr A. Dobbyn V. S., £65 each for work in New Ross Union."

Mr Tayler V. S., mentioned that the fee for testing milk under Bovine Tuberculosis Order had been fixed at a guinea per sample by the Veterinary Association, and no Veterinary Inspector would carry out this work at a lesser figure.

The following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was adopted on the motion of Mr Stafford, seconded by Mr O'German:-

"That any Veterinary Inspector of the Wexford County Council desirous of testing milk under the Bovine Tuberculosis Order be paid at the rate of one guinea per sample."

Dredging Kilmore Harbour.

Under date 27th March 1920, the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction (Fisheries Branch) wrote that the Development Commissioners were prepared to recommend a grant (not exceeding £500) of one half of the cost of dredging at Kilmore Harbour.

"Referred to Proposal Committee for consideration."

Proposed War Bonus.-New Ross Bridge Contractors,

Letters from Ministry of Transport (R.I.6, Wexford) under date 29th January 1920, and 18th February 1920, re proposed War Bonus to Messrs Lawler & Sons, Contractors, New Ross Bridge, was read. The Ministry stated it would appear they had no authority to sanction the proposal, but stated that the Council might favourably consider an application from the Contractors.

to cancel the contract and issue advertisements for the balance of the period. However as the contract would expire in June 1920 this course was not feasible. But except as stated the Ministry could not approve of the proposal of the Council.

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

"That we regret in view of the communications from the Ministry of Transport, the Council are unable to obtain sanction to payment of War Bonus in favour of Messrs Lawler & Sons, Contractors for New Ross Bridge."

Defaulting Land Purchase Annuitants.

Under date 15th March 1920, the Irish Land Commission forwarded list of defaulting Land Purchase Annuitants in the County, against whom legal proceedings had been directed for the recover of instalments.

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

"That from names appearing on list of defaulting annuitants under Land Purchase Acts we consider no reason exists why amounts of instalments were not paid within the prescribed period."

"The Council will in future publish names of defaulters in the Press."

Application Tuberculosis Officer.-War Bonus or Increase
-----of Salary-----

Under date 31st March 1920, the following was read from Dr W. O'Conner Tuberculosis Officer:-

"In the hope that the cost of living would come down I put off until now asking you to increase my salary or supplement it by way of bonus.

The present value of the salary including the amount allowed for travelling expenses is scarcely equal to a pre-war salary of £200.

Instead of prices falling they are going still higher.

I am not allowed to take any private fees and so am depending altogether on my salary.

I do not expect to be put in as good a position as before the war, but in view of your treatment of your other officers, I hope you will grant me a reasonable increase."

On the motion of Mr O'Gorman, seconded by Mr Stafford, the following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed:-

"That Dr O'Conner, Tuberculosis Officer, be granted as from 1st April 1920, a War Bonus of £140 per annum, subject to the sanction of the Local Government Board."

Tara Hill Quarrymen.

The following application under date 23rd March 1920, was read from Tara Hill Quarrymen:-

"We the Tara Hill Quarrymen take the liberty in writing to ask if you could see your way of granting us an increase of pay, our present wages is not near enough to meet our liabilities, the cost of living being so high. you must take into consideration last time we have through bad weather. Also your kind consideration of weekly payments."

On the motion of Mr Cowman, seconded by Mr McGuire, the following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed:-

"That the quarrymen at Tara Hill Quarry as from 3rd April 1920, be paid at the rate of 8¹/₂d per hour for work in connection with this quarry."

Application Increase Wages-Michael McEvoy, Quarry Foreman.

Under date 19th March 1920, the following was read from the Secretary Wexford Branch, Irish Transport & General Workers' Union:-

"Would you be good enough to bring before your next meeting of the Council, the following application for Mr Michael McEvoy, for £3 per week, as this man, as your Council are aware, has to look after two quarries, hoping they will give it the consideration it deserves, as he is a very good servant of the Council since he took up office."

On the motion of Mr O'Gorman, seconded by the Chairman, the following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed:-

"That the wages of Michael McEvoy, quarry foreman, in the employment of Council, be fixed at £2. 15/- per week, as from 3rd April 1920."

Salaries New Ross R. D. School Attendance Officers.

Under date 9th March 1920, the following resolution was read from New Ross Rural District School Attendance Committee:-

"That the salaries of each of the School Attendance Officers be increased by £10 (ten pounds) a year, as from 1st April next, and that the approval of the County Council be requested thereof."

The following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was adopted on the motion of Mr Cloney, seconded by Mr Kehoe:-

"That we approve of increase of salaries of School Attendance Officers New Ross R. D. School Attendance Committee by £10 each per annum, provided the School Attendance Committee secures the sanction of the Rural District Council to the proposal."

Application War Bonus-Road Contractors.

At the meeting of the County Council on 11th February 1920, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the application of Messrs Huggard & Brennan, Solicitors, Wexford, on behalf of 61 Road Contractors in Wexford and New Ross Districts, be referred to the Rural District Councils concerned. That as we understand there are about 250 Road Contractors in the same category as the clients of Messrs Huggard & Brennan, we instruct Mr Barry, (County Surveyor) to furnish list of such Contractors with the particulars of their contracts to the Rural District Councils, and that the latter be requested to make some recommendation to the County Council, (1) as to cancelling the present contracts, (2) as to granting additional War Bonus in respect of contracts taken in 1916, and 1917, (3) refusing the application."

Under date 4th March 1920, the Clerk, R. D. Council, Enniscorthy, wrote that his Council considered new contracts should be entered into with the Contractors mentioned."

Under date 30th March 1920, the following resolution was adopted by the Gorey Rural District Council:-

"That we recommend the County Council to grant a substantial War Bonus to the contractors whose names appear on the requisition before us, the bonus to commence on present half-year's work."

Under date 19th March 1920, the Clerk New Ross Rural District Council wrote that the application of Road Contractors for War Bonus was unanimously refused.

Under date 29th March 1920, the Clerk, Rural District Council, Wexford, wrote that after a full discussion, his Council recommended the County Council to give contractors who are at present in receipt of a War Bonus an extra bonus of 20 per cent, and also a bonus of 20 per cent to the other contractors, on whose behalf application had been made.

"It was decided to adjourn the consideration of question of War Bonus to Road Contractors to Meeting in May."

Applications Extensions University Scholarships.

Miss Anna Whelan, George Street, Wexford, applied for a year's extension of her University Scholarship, to enable her to obtain a teaching diploma.

"The Secretary stated that in this case it would be necessary to give Notice of Motion to agree to extension, as an extension specifically for teaching was not covered by the Scheme."

Miss Johanna Fortune, Kereight, Kyle, applied for an extension of her University Scholarship for a year to enable her to do a year's research in Chemistry. She enclosed recommendation from Professor Hugh Ryan, University College, who pointed out that a fourth year's course of research in Chemistry was very desirable if not indispensable.

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

"That Miss Johanna Fortune, be granted an extension of her University Scholarship for one year, as extensions for scholarship for branches of Science applicable to Agriculture, Commerce or Industry, are specially provided for in University Scholarship Syllabus."

New Ross-Wexford Road.

Under date 23rd March 1920, the following was read from Dr W. F. Hearn, Solicitor, New Ross--

"Referring to the order made by the County Council at their last meeting. I desire to call attention to the fact that now the complaint is being dealt with, but in what manner?.

Beyond Larkin's Cross, the material put out is so large that you could not drive over it. Surely it is better to delay a little longer and prepare the material properly rather than pretend that the duty of the responsible official is discharged by such a performance, which suggests either that he gave no personal attention to the subject, or that he is deficient in common sense.

My next point suggests clearly the same complaint, viz:- the absence of common sense, or that the County Surveyor has not inspected the road and given proper or any instructions on the parts of the road that need urgent attention.

In many places between Camross and Larkin's Cross there are very deep ruts with the road surface turned up, the same as a sod of ground by a

plough. In those cases it is incredible to say what is done is, the stones are put in the hole and also on ^{up} top of the/turned surface. In that long distance (Camross to Larkin's Cross) in a few instances an attempt was made at Camross to level the road. How long are we to submit to this want of intelligence about the roads. It is clear having regard to what is left undone and what is being done the whole methods of the County Surveyor's office is radically wrong, and the whole fault lies in that department.

At the road leading down to Ballyshannon Bridge going from Carrigbyrne there was a cutting made across the road, and when finished left in a state that calls for the dismissal of some one, and is still in a very bad way.

I know of no County in Ireland that displays more incompetency. Who is wrong?. The County Surveyor or the County Council? Other Counties can manage their roads, why not County Wexford.

Would you please bring this before the County Council."

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

"That Dr Hearn, Solicitor, be informed that his letter was considered by the County Council, who directed the County Surveyor to attend to New Ross-Wexford Road at once. The County Surveyor informed the Council that it is only now he is in a position to provide the necessary material for the road."

Enniscorthy Urban Council & Rate for Criminal Injuries.

The following resolution of the Enniscorthy Urban Council, adopted at meeting of 26th March 1920, was read:-

"That the Council refuse to strike a rate for separate charges- Criminal Injuries- amounting to £92. 2. 5d, included in County Council Demand, and that the said demand be reduced by that amount."

The following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed on the motion of Mr O'Gorman, seconded by Mr Kehoe:-

"That Enniscorthy Urban Council be informed in connection with their refusal to raise their share of criminal injury decrees, that in the existing state of the law the County Council will be obliged to proceed by Mandamus against Enniscorthy Urban Council, for any portion of demand by the County Council on the Urban Council remaining unpaid on 1st June 1920, 1st September 1920, 1st September 1920, and 1st March 1921."

Oulart Courthouse.

The Under Secretary, Dublin Castle, wrote under date 9th March 1920, that as regards the question of procuring Courthouse in Oulart, it was understood that the owner of the present Courthouse was prepared to sell the premises. The alternative premises offered were not considered as suitable, and there did not appear to be any premises in the locality other than the present Courthouse the purchase of which seemed to be the best way out of the present difficulty.

Under Section 10 of the L. G. (Ireland) 1898 Act, and Article 15 (3) of the Schedule of the Local Government (Application of Enactments) Order 1898, the County Council had power to purchase a petty sessions house, and this power would not seem to be limited by the provisions of section 77 of Grand Jury Act 1836.

In any event it would be open to the Council to apply to the Local Government Board for a determination under Article 15 (3) of Application of Enactments Order."

The Secretary stated that Mr Cooney, owner of the present premises had written that he was prepared to sell the premises.

He had been asked by the Secretary to name a price for the purchase but up to the present had not done so.

The following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was adopted on the motion of Mr O'Gorman, seconded by Mr McGuire:-

"That Mr P. Cooney, owner of Oulart Courthouse, be requested to state at what price he was prepared to sell the fee simple of Oulart Courthouse."

Proposed Loan for Steamrolling.

In connection with the proposed loan for steamrolling roads in Wexford Rural District, the following resolution was adopted at the meeting of the Council on 10th March:-

"That we adhere to our agreement with the National Bank and request them to advance loan for £1522 for steamrolling at 3 per cent."

The Secretary stated that he had forwarded copy of this resolution to the Manager of Wexford Branch of the National Bank. He had received the following reply:-

"In reply to your inquiry the rates at which interest was allowed on the County Council's credit of balances for past twelve months were:-

20th March 1919 to 6th November 1919.-2½ per cent.

7th November 1919 to present date.- 3per cent."

The Secretary stated that no reply was made to that portion of the resolution asking the National Bank to advance the amount of the loan.

Mr Thorpe stated he would give notice of motion for Meeting in May that the agreement entered into with the National Bank as regards advances of loans at 3 per cent be determined, and that the County Council accept the offer of the bank under date 9th March 1920, to advance future loans (including the present application for loan for £1522 for steam-rolling) at 4 per cent."

Licences Poisons & Pharmacy Act.

On the motion of Mr Thorpe, seconded by Mr McGuire, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That renewal of licence under Poisons & Pharmacy Act be granted to James Codd, Enniscorthy Co-operative Agricultural Society, Ltd., and that new licence under Poisons & Pharmacy Act be issued to Patrick Doyle, Ballycanew, Manager for Branch of Enniscorthy Co-operative Society, and James Cullen, Kilmuckridge, Manager for branch of Enniscorthy Co-operative Society, provided no objection be made to same by the Constabulary Authorities."

Irrecoverable Rates.

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

"That the Finance & Roads Committee be empowered to deal with lists of refunds for amounts of Rates claimed by Rate Collectors as irrecoverable."

Railway Siding at Rathgarogue.

Under date 18th March 1920, the Secretary, Dublin & South Eastern Railway Company, wrote that the resolution of the County Council as to erection of railway siding at Rathgarogue had been referred for report to the General Manager and Chief Engineer.

Irish Flax Producers' Association.

Under date 25th March 1920, the following letter was read from the Secretary, Irish Flax Producers' Association:-

"Will you please pass as soon as possible a resolution demanding the immediate decontrol of flax, stating in it that any further official interference with our flax crop will be highly detrimental to the sowing

for 1920, and that the suggested settlement of the Flax Scandal is nothing short of an insult, as it is an attempt to put off the flax grower with only a bare fraction of the market value. Further, that the grower is justly entitled to receive at least double what has been paid all season, and that we therefore recommend them to reject such a contemptible compromise as has been proposed."

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

"That we call on the Government to de-control flax without further delay. We consider the compromise offered to growers as regards price miserably inadequate and believe that flax-growers are justly entitled to their demands."

War Pensions Committee.

Under date 18th March 1920, the Regional Director Ministry of Pensions (letter No. 5591) wrote approving of the Supplemental Scheme of Constitution for County Wexford Local Committee.

Under date 5th April 1920, the following resolution was received from Mr John Fitzpatrick, Sec., South Wexford Branch, Irish Transport & General Workers Union:-

"That we respectfully ask the County Council to have a representative of the South Wexford Branch of the Irish transport & General Workers' Union, appointed on the War Pensions Committee."

The Secretary stated that Mr Cloney, Member of the County Council, had resigned membership of the Committee.

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

"That Mr Christopher Culleton, Hilltown, Ballycogley, be appointed a member of the County Wexford War Pensions Committee, vice Mr M. Cloney, M. C. C., resigned."

Road No. 175E.

Mr Scallan called attention to the condition of Road 175E which was badly cut up and flooded.

The following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed on the motion of Mr O'Gorman, seconded by Mr Cowman:-

"That Mr Curran, Assistant Surveyor, be directed to attend next general meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee to explain what steps he has taken in connection with the repairs of this Road."

The Ballagh Murder.

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

"That Mr Elgee, Solicitor to the County Council, be empowered to employ Counsel to represent the County Council at the hearing of application for compensation for £3000 in connection with the murder of Ellen Morris, Ballagh, Enniscorthy."

Proposals for Payment.

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

"That as recommended by the Proposal Committee and Finance & Roads Committee proposals for payment for fixed items etc., be and are hereby agreed to."

Analyst's Report.

City Laboratory,
Chatham Row,
DUBLIN.- 19th March 1920.

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 1919.

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

<u>Article.</u>	<u>Number.</u>
Milk	36
Butter	18
Whiskey	13
Margarine	9
Buttermilk	7
Cheese	5
Lard	4
Tea	3
Mustard	2
Cornflour	2
Bread Soda	2
Rum	2
Brandy	1
Cocoa	1

One certificate was sent to Sergeant Murrhy, Oulart, for specimen of whiskey, which was 32 degrees under proof, and was therefore adulterated with 9.1 per cent of water.

There were two specimens of butter analysed by directions from the Department of Agriculture, Upper Merrion Street, Dublin, which were taken up in the County Wexford, and were pure.

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

For the Guardians of Enniscorthy Union three drugs were analysed and were correct.

Four specimens of water analysed for C. F. Tottenham Esq, Killowen, New Ross, had the following compositions. One imperial gallon contained in grains.:-

	<u>No. 1.</u>	<u>No. 2.</u>	<u>No. 3.</u>	<u>No. 4.</u>
Total solid matter	16.100	15.100	16.100	20.300
Including				
Albuminoid Ammonia	0.0045	0.007	0.040	0.105
Saline Ammonia	0.0005	0.0005	0.006	0.006
Nitric Acid	Trace	Trace	Trace	Trace
Chlorine	1.290	1.490	1.580	1.780

Nos 1 & 2 were good waters, Nos 3 & 4 were polluted.

For Shillelagh Union which is partly situated in the County Wexford, seven drugs were analysed. Three were incorrect.

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.....124.

Charles A Cameron.

Old Age Pension Business.- Vacancies on No. 7 Sub-Committee.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr O'Gorman, seconded by Mr Thorpe:-

"That as recommended by No. 7 Sub-Committee Old Age Pensions, Rev D. A. Kavanagh, C. C., Messrs C. Kavanagh, I. H. Slater, Joseph Brown Junr, and A. P. Bolger, be appointed members of this sub-committee, vice Messrs G. Moran, Joseph Brown Sehr., and Patrick Bolger, deceased, and Messrs D. Cummins, and B. Fitzhenry, disqualified through non-attendance."

(Signed)

James Stappord
1920. Presiding Chairman.

Dated this 5th day of

may

STATUTABLE HALF-YEARLY MEETING.-5th MAY 1920.

The Statutable Half-Yearly Meeting of the Wexford County Council was held in the Co Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford, on 5th May 1920.

Present:- Messrs N. J. Cowman, P. N. O'Gorman, W. H. McGuire, M. Cloney, M. Codd, L. Barry, James Codd, R. Scallan, J. J. Stafford, J. J. Kehoe, J. A. Doyle, N. J. Fowler.

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

On the motion of Mr Kehoe, seconded by Mr Fowler, the Chair was taken by Mr Stafford.

Confirmation of Minutes.

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and confirmed.

The late Mr John Cloney, Old Ross.

Proposed by Mr O'Gorman, seconded by Mr Fowler and adopted:-

"That we offer our esteemed Colleague, Mr Michael Cloney, our heartfelt sympathy in the loss he has sustained in the death of his father-Mr John Cloney, Old Ross- who during a long and honoured life held the respect and affection of all who knew him.

That a copy of this resolution be furnished to Mr Michael Cloney, M. C. C. Mr Garrett Cloney, Old Ross, and Rev T. Cloney P. P., Templetown."

The late Mr O'Hanlon Walsh, Rate Collector.

Proposed by Mr O'Gorman, seconded by Mr Fowler, and adopted:-

"That we desire to place on record our expression of regret on the demise of Mr Nicholas O'Hanlon Walsh, a valued and trusted official of this Council and who carried out (during a long term of office) his duties as Rate Collector to the great satisfaction of the Members and Officials of this Council.

That a copy of this resolution be furnished our worthy colleague-Mr J. J. O'Byrne, nephew of deceased."

Superannuation,-Mr N. Moore, ex-Rate Collector.

In the absence of Mr P. Quigley, the following motion of which he had given previous notice, was by permission of the meeting, proposed by Mr Kehoe:-

"I hereby give notice of my intention to move at the meeting of the Wexford County Council to be held on 5th May 1920, that the question of

agreeing to superannuation to Mr Nicholas Moore, late Rate Collector for No. 3 Collection District, be considered, and, if it meets with the views of the Council, that the amount of said superannuation be fixed in view of section 8 of 9 & 10 Geo., 5 Cap 19 (Local Government-Ireland- Act 1919)."

Mr Cloney seconded.

"Passed"

In connection with the above proposal the following letter under date 28th August 1919, was read from Mr R. W. Elgee, Solicitor to the Co Council:-

"With reference to your query as to the Application of Section 8 of the 9 & 10 George IV, Cap 19 to the retiring allowance to be granted to above on his resignation as poor Rate Collector.

From reading the Section I think it would apply as there is no reservation in it, as to its application, although on first reading it might be taken as only having reference to Officers of Rural Districts amalgamated under section 7 of the Act. However sub-section 2 of Sec 8 does away with this impression.

This being so I think Mr Moore is entitled to the retiring allowance provided by Section 8 of the Local Government Act (Ireland) 1919."

The following Certificate of Dr M. K. O'Brien, Bannow, under date 1st August 1919, was read:-

"I certify that I have this day medically examined Nicholas Moore, Ballyfrory, I am of opinion that owing to his age and Cardiac degeneration he will not again be fit for duty as Rate Collector."

The Secretary stated that the Council under Section 8 of 9 & 10 Geo., V Cap 19 Local Government (Ireland) Act 1919, could give Mr Moore, two-thirds of his salary and emoluments, which would amount to £100. 16. 1d. If they did not agree to this they could award two-thirds of Mr Moore's salary and emoluments on a three years average allowing one-twelfth for good and faithful service and which would amount to £82. 12. 5d, and they were bound to award Mr Moore superannuation as per his 35 years service on Civil Service Scale, amount £72. 5. 10d.

The Finance & Roads Committee had by a majority recommended that Mr Moore be granted superannuation allowance of £82. 12. 5d per annum.

On the motion of Mr Kehoe, seconded by Mr Cloney, the following resolution was adopted:- "That as recommended by the Finance & Roads Committee, Mr Nicholas Moore, Rate Collector for No. 3 Collection District be granted a superannuation allowance of £82. 12. 5d per annum, to take effect as from the date on which he closes his Collection in respect of the period

ended 31st March 1920."

University Scholarship Scheme.

Mr Stafford moved the following of which he had given previous Notice:-

"That University Scholarship of Miss Anna Whelan, be extended for one year in order to allow her to obtain her teaching diploma."

Mr Kehoe seconded the motion which was passed.

Under date 31st March 1920, a letter was read from Miss Whelan, pointing out that she could not obtain her teaching diploma without a further year at the University, as under the Birrell Scheme no teacher is employed in any Secondary School unless she has teaching diploma.

National Bank and Loans to Council.

The following motion of which he had given previous notice stood in the name of Mr Thorpe:-

"That the agreement entered into with the National Bank as regards advances of loans at 3 per cent be determined, and that the County Council accept the offer of the Bank under date 9th March 1920, to advance future loans (including the present application for loan of £1522 for steamrolling) at 4 per cent."

In the absence of Mr Thorpe, this motion was by permission of the meeting moved by Mr Scallan, seconded by Mr Fowler, with the following addendum:-

"That this resolution is not to interfere in any way with the amount of Interest charged for loans which have been already advanced by the National Bank."

"passed"

Application Increase Salary-Walter Kehoe, Harbour Master.

Under date 6th April 1920, the following letter was read from Walter Kehoe, Harbour Master, Kilmore, to the County Surveyor:-

"You are already aware that I applied to the Members of the County Council for an increase of salary which they refused. I am writing to you now if you would please bring before the meeting on Wednesday that if they don't allow me £1 a week now, I am going out on strike on 7 days notice, as I cannot possibly live on the wage I am receiving at present, as £1 a week now would not be half pay they are giving some of their labourers now under the Council."

Mr Barry proposed:- "That as from this day's meeting the salary of

Mr W. Kehoe, Harbour Master, be fixed at £1 per week, to cover all work performed by him in connection with the caretaking Kilmore Harbour, burial of carcasses, etc

Mr McGuire seconded the motion which was adopted nam con. AV

Printing Register.-Parliamentary & Local Government Electors.

Under date 9th April 1920, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 20017-1920) as to printing of Third Register under the Representation of the People Act 1918.

The following tenders were received:-

Messrs J. English & Co., Quay, Wexford. "The Free Press" South Main St., Wexford. W. Hanrahan, South Main St., Wexford.

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

"That we recommend the Stationery Office for acceptance the three tenders received at this day's meeting for the printing of the Parliamentary Register. We consider that the printing of the Register should as far as possible be allocated to these tenderers."

Machinery Overseer and travelling Expenses.

Under date 5th April 1920, the following letter addressed to the County Surveyor, was read from Mr William Murphy, Machinery Overseer:-

"For sometime I have been keeping an account of what it costs me to travel round the country in connection with my work for County Council, and after deducting this from my wages I find that it hardly amounts to as much as they pay to their labourers, who have fixed hours and no responsibility whatever. In view of the above I have decided that unless the County Council allow me reasonable travelling and out-of-pocket expenses when away from home I will have no option but to resign my position.

Mr Kehoe proposed-- "That the salary of Mr William Murphy, Machinery Overseer, be fixed as from this day's meeting at £1 per week extra, to enable him to meet cost of travelling expenses."

Mr Fowler seconded.

"Passed"

Steam Drill Workers- Tara Hill Quarry.

Under date 24th March 1920, the following application addressed to the County Surveyor from John Walsh was read--

"Will you please bring before next meeting an application from George Costello, and myself who are at present working steamdrill, for an advance in pay. The work is a lot heavier than ordinary quarry work and requires more. Understanding you promised a rise here long ago I don't see why we should be

working at it while others are getting a lot more wages. We ought to be entitled to £2. 5/- a week."

In a second letter John Walsh wrote that he expected to be paid £2. 15/- per week.

On the motion of Mr Fowler, seconded by Mr Barry, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That Messrs John Walsh, and George Costello, Steam Drill Workers, at Tara Hill Quarry, be as from the date of this meeting paid at the rate of 1/- per hour."

Irish Clerical Workers Union & Arbitration Award No. 101.

Under date 21st April 1920, the following was read from Mr G. Griffin, Acting General Secretary, Irish Clerical Workers Union, 1 College Street, Dublin:-

"I am directed by my Executive Committee to request that your Council will be good enough to put into immediate operation the terms of recent award, and to point out that even if our members were receiving the full amount of same-they would still be very poorly paid."

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

"That the application by the Executive Committee of Irish Clerical Workers' Union, on behalf of the Staff of the Council, be postponed."

Application Increase Wages.- Quarrymen Etc.,

Under date 27th April 1920, the following was read from Mr M. O'Donoghue, Organiser, Irish Transport & General Workers' Union, (Enniscorthy Branch):-

"On behalf of the undermentioned I am instructed to make the following demands to be considered at the next meeting of your County Council:-

First:- That the wages of Thomas Breen, Engine Driver, on Steam Stone Breaker be increased to £3. 5/- per week.

Secondly:- That the rates paid to quarrymen at Ferrycarrig be increased to 1/- (one shilling) per hour, that Aidan Mernagh, Foreman, be paid £3 per week, and that the Carters employed at the quarry be paid at the rate of 6/- (six shillings) per cubic yard.

Thirdly:- That the question of the men on the Steam Stone Breaker thrown idle about Christmas week through non-delivery of coal, which question was adjourned at a previous meeting of the Council, be now re-considered and payment sanctioned for them."

Mr Cloney proposed, and Mr Scallan seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That as from this day's meeting the wages of Thomas Breen, Engine Driver, be fixed at £2. 15/- per week."

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

"That the wages of quarrymen at Ferrycarrig be fixed at 10d per hour as from this day's meeting."

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

"That the wages of Aidan Mernagh, foreman Ferrycarrig Quarry, be fixed at £2. 10/- per week, as from this day's meeting."

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

"That Carters at Ferrycarrig Quarry be paid 3/- per cubic yard for each mile of average draught."

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

"That the application of men on Steam Stone Breaker for payment for idle time during Christmas week be refused."

Expenses Registration Act.

Under date 21st April 1920, Mr J. N. Scallan, Registration Officer, applied for an advance of £100 to pay current expenses incurred in the preparation of the Third Register under The Representation of the People Act 1918.

On the motion of Mr Fowler, seconded by Mr Cloney, the following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was adopted:-

"That an advance of £100 be made to Mr J. N. Scallan, Registration Officer for current expenses in connection with the preparation of next year's Parliamentary & Local Government Register."

Advance Election Expenses.

An application was read from the Returning Officer for an advance of £300 towards cost of election expenses under article 6 (3) of Local Government (Application of Enactments) Order 1898.

The number of local government electors on the Register is 36,315.

On the motion of Mr Fowler, seconded by Mr Kehoe, the following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was adopted:-

"That a sum of £300 be advanced to Mr N. J. Frizelle, Returning Officer, for County Council Elections, under Article 6(3) of Local Government (Application of Enactments) Order 1898."

New Ross R. D. Council & County Council Elections.

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

"That the Wexford County Council be requested to take steps immediately to explain to the voters how to record their votes at the Polls at the forthcoming Elections, which are to be held under the Proportional Representation System of Election."

"The Meeting discussed the resolution as above but made "No Order"

Reported proposed Raid on Rate Books Etc.,

The following report was read from the Secretary to the Council:-

"On 21st April 1920, the County Inspector, R. I. C., called at the Co. Council Office and informed me that information had been obtained by the Police that a raid was about to be made on Rate Books, Valuation Lists, etc., of the Council.

In view of this I arranged that the books and other documents in question should be stored in George Street Police Barracks each night and brought to the County Council Office each morning.

This arrangement remained in force from 21st April until 28th April 1920 (inclusive).

Since the last mentioned date I have been able to store the books etc., in the strong room of the Council, as the copies of the rate books have been sent to the four Union Offices.

The Carriage to and from the Barracks entailed an expenditure of £2. 12/- for which I ask your approval."

On the motion of Mr Cowman, seconded by Mr McGuire, the following resolution was adopted:- "That the sum of £2. 12/- be allowed for carrying Rate Books etc., to Constabulary Barracks Wexford, as per report of our Secretary."

Co-ordination of Work of Technical Instruction.

The following was read from Mr P. Hickey, Acting Secretary, (Conference for Co-ordination of Work of Technical Instruction Committees in County Wexford) :-

"At a meeting of the Sub-Committee on the question of co-ordination in the matter of Technical Instruction, held at the Technical Institute, Enniscorthy, on Saturday, 13th instant, it was decided that a letter be

addressed to you as Secretary of the County Council, pointing out that any scheme for this purpose will probably require the striking of an extra county rate of $\frac{1}{4}$ d in the £,

I am to point out that the idea of co-ordination emanated from the County Committee and that the Urban Councils of Wexford, Enniscorthy, and New Ross, have already responded by striking an extra 1d making a total of 2d in the £ (which is the maximum rate) in each of the Urban Districts.

If the County Council decided to strike the small additional rate mentioned above an extensive scheme of Technical Instruction can be provided for during the next academic year. The Scheme would include Engineering, Building, Domestic Science, and Commercial Subjects.⁸

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Cloney, seconded by Mr Cowman--

"That we recommend to the new County Council for their favourable consideration the new scheme of Technical Instruction in Engineering and allied subjects, and suggest that they should agree to the request of the Technical Instruction Committees concerned, and strike a farthing rate in the £ to meet the expenses of said Scheme."

War Bonus.- Tuberculosis Officer.

Letter No. 27933-1920, from Local Government Board, dated 21st April 1920, sanctioning War Bonus of £140 per annum to Dr W. O'Connor, Tuberculosis Officer, was read.

"No Order"

Increase Salary.-Court Keeper, New Ross.

Under date 20th April 1920, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 12828-1920 Wexford Co.,) that if the additional duties which Mr Fretton, Courtkeeper, New Ross, has to discharge are not covered by the payment made to him as Courtkeeper, they would raise no objection to the payment of the extra remuneration of £6 a year proposed by the Council.

Proposed by Mr O'Gorman, seconded by Mr Cloney, and adopted:-

"That this Council are of opinion that the duties performed by Mr Fretton, Courtkeeper, New Ross, in connection with the use of New Ross Courthouse for testing of Weights & Measures are not covered by his appointment as Courtkeeper."

Audit of Accounts.- Public Bodies.

The Local Government Board forwarded Reports of their Auditor on his audit of accounts of Wexford Union (27326-1920.-1st April 20.,)

Wexford R. D. Council, (26,857-1920.-30th March 1920) Gorey R. D., Council, (29,081-1920.-13th April 1920).

"No Order"

Sanction to Loan of £1522-Steamrolling.

Under date 17th April 1920, the Ministry of Transport (I.R.B. 32/Wexford) wrote that they had notified the Local Government Board that they approved of the Works estimated at £5522 proposed to be carried out on the Wexford-Enniscorthy and Wexford-New Ross Roads in connection with which the Council propose to raise a loan of £1522.

Under date 22nd April 1920, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 29718-1920 Wexford County) sanctioning loan of £1522 in pursuance of Article 22 of the Schedule of the Local Government (Application of Enactments) Order 1898, and section 60 of the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898, repayment to be spread over a period of five years.

Rate Collectors Berry & Day.

Under date 12th April 1920, the Local Government Board wrote (26770-1920, Wexford County) stating they would defer the consideration of the appointments of Messrs Berry and Day as poor Rate Collectors until the Collection for the past year in the districts to which these Collectors had been appointed had been completed.

Under date 12th April 1920, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 49647-1919, Wexford co.,) that Collectors Moore and Day should be urged to lose no time in closing their Collections.

The Secretary stated that the directions of the Local Government Board had been carried out.

Mr Day appeared before the meeting and asked for a further extension of time to close.

On the motion of Mr Cowman, seconded by Mr Scallan, it was decided that Mr Day be granted to 1st June 1920, to close his collection.

Examination of Assistant Surveyors.

The Local Government Board wrote under date 29th April 1920, (30587-1920) that an examination of Candidates for qualification as Assistant Surveyors in Ireland, will be held under the direction of the Board at the Office of the Civil Service Commission, 23 St Stephen's Green, Dublin, at 10 O'C., a.m., on Thursday and Friday, 27th and 28th May 1920.

Bovine Tuberculosis Order.

Under date 20th April 1920, the Department of Agriculture &

Technical Instruction wrote (V.B., 1014-20) that, after careful consideration of all the circumstances the Department regretted they could not sanction the proposed increases regarding the remuneration of the Veterinary Inspectors of the Council for work under Bovine Tuberculosis (Ireland) Order.

Under date 1st May 1920, the following letter (No. V.B., 1014-20) was read from the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction:-

"Adverting to your further letter of 21st ultimo, on the above subject, I have to state that it would appear, from the reports received in the Department, that since the revival of the Bovine Tuberculosis (Ireland) Order, the number of cases dealt with thereunder in County Wexford amounted only to three, viz:- two in Mr Taylor's division of New Ross Union, and one in Mr J. Malone's district, Gorey Union. Thus three out of the five Veterinary Inspectors for the County appear not to have so far dealt with any duty under the Order.

When the Order was previously in force, the approved intention was that the remuneration for tuberculosis work should be £40 per annum for three of these Inspectors (Messrs J. Malone, R. Malone, and Doyle) and an equivalent amount for the two remaining Inspectors (Mr Dobbryn and Taylor). If in the present circumstances the Local Authority consider that such work is about to develop as would justify an increase of the foregoing rates of payment, the Department would be prepared to sanction the following revision of the arrangements:-

<u>District</u>	<u>Inspector</u>	<u>Appropriate remuneration.</u>
Wexford Union	Mr R. Malone V.S.,	£50 per annum.
Gorey "	Mr J. Malone V.S.,	£50 " "
Enniscorthy "	Mr W.J. Doyle V.S.,	£50 " "
New Ross (part of)	Mr F.W. Taylor, V.S.	{ A proportionate amount for each, on a basis of £50 for the entire district in Co. Wexford.
" "	Mr A. Dobbryn V.S.,	

It is open, however, to the Veterinary Inspectors to accept the alternative of payment by fees on the customary scale adopted for such work.

As regards the fee of £1. 1/- proposed in your letter of 8th ultimo, for microscopic examination of milk for tuberculosis bacilli, I have to add that the Department could not see their way to sanction a rate exceeding 10/6 per specimen. Instruments for such examination have been supplied by the Local Authority free to Mr R. Malone."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Kehoe, seconded by Mr Cloney:-

"That copy of the letter of the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction under date 1st May 1920 (V.B., 1014-20) as to remuneration of Veterinary Inspectors for work under Bovine Tuberculosis Order be furnished the Veterinary Inspectors of the County to allow them to make any representations they wish at a subsequent meeting of the Council."

Food & Drugs Act-Samples.

Under date 1st May 1920, (letter No. G2345/20) the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction wrote that an officer of the Department obtained in New Ross on 23th March 1920, two samples of butter for analysis.

The samples were found on examination to be pure.

"No Order."

Grants Roads damaged by Timber Traffic.

Under date 26th April 1920, the Joint Roads Committee, Ministry of Transport, Roads Department, 7 Whitehall Gardens, London, S. W. 1. wrote that they had received authority to settle claim of the Wexford County Council in respect of damage to roads injured by timber traffic by the payment of £821. 16. 11d, towards the cost of works estimated at £1146. 5/-.

"No Order"

Road at Seaplane Station, Ferrybank, Wexford.

Mr R. W. Elgee, Solicitor to the Council, forwarded for consideration by the Council letter from Capt Loftus Studdert, General Head Quarters (Ireland) Parkgate, Dublin, under date 16th April 1920, asking if the Council would be prepared to accept a lump sum in lieu of reinstatement of road at Seaplane Station, Ferrybank, and, if so, what amount.

The following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was adopted on the motion of Mr Fowler, seconded by Mr Cloney:-

"That this Council is prepared to agree to proposal of the War Office to accept a definite sum in lieu of reinstatement of road at late Seaplane Station. That the County Surveyor be requested to submit to next meeting of the Council for their consideration the amount which he considers the Council should accept."

Application for Compensation for damage to Cart.

Under date 12th April 1920, Messrs M. J. O'Connor & Co., Solicitors, Wexford, wrote on behalf of Mr Philip Browne, Bleachlands, Oylegate, claiming £10 for damage to his Spring Cart on 3rd April by the condition of the road between Oylegate and Wexford. The Cart is was alleged sank in a

slough on the road and both wheels were broken.

On the motion of Mr Fowler, seconded by Mr Cloney, the following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was adopted:-

"That the letter of Messrs M. J. O'Connor & Co., Solicitors, claiming £10 damage on behalf of Mr Philip Browne, for injury to his cart be referred to our Solicitor.

Application War Bonus.-Road Contractors.

In connection with application from Road Contractors, for War Bonus, particulars of which appear on minutes of last meeting, the following was read from Mr J. J. Fanning, Clerk, Gorey R. D. Council, under date 23rd April 1920:-

"At the adjourned meeting of the District Council held on 22nd inst., the following resolution was unanimously adopted:-

That the Road Contractors of Gorey District be granted a 50 per cent Bonus on all contracts including those at present on the agenda sheet for tender and the amount of bonus paid to be proportional to the amount of work done."

Will you please bring this resolution before your County Council at their next meeting."

Mr Brennan, Solicitor, appeared on behalf of the Road Contractors, and stated that those Contractors who entered into their contracts in 1916, 1917, and 1918, could not possibly have foreseen the upward trend of the cost of labour, etc.,

The County Surveyor stated there were about 250 Contractors involved.

After a long discussion the following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Scallan:-

"That in connection with the application of Mr Brennan, Solicitor, on behalf of certain contractors for War Bonus we hereby agree to the following:-

That a graduated Scale of War Bonus be adopted as follows-

Contractors already in receipt of War Bonus, viz:- those whose contracts were entered into prior to 30th June 1915 be granted an additional war bonus of 20 per cent.

Contractors whose contracts began in 1916 to receive a War Bonus of 17½ per cent on their contracts, those whose contracts began in 1917 to receive a war bonus of 15 per cent on their contracts-, those whose contracts started in 1918 to receive a war bonus of 12½ per cent on their contracts; those whose contracts started in 1919 to receive a war bonus of 10 per cent on their

contracts. Bonus in each case to commence as from 1st April 1920, and to apply to all contracts mentioned on list presented by the County Surveyor to this meeting."

Under date 4th May 1920, the Clerk, Enniscorthy Rural District Council, forwarded the following resolution:-

"That we request the County Council to deal with the application of Mr James Brien, for war bonus on material supplied by him in 1918 and 1919, for contracts entered into in 1913 and 1914, as we consider some allowance should be made to him in connection with these contracts".

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

"That Mr James Brien, be granted a War Bonus of £30 as this figure is considered by the County Surveyor fair and reasonable in the circumstances of Mr Brien's contracts."

Dates of Meetings of Councils.

On the motion of Mr Scallan, seconded by Mr Kehoe, the following dates were fixed for meetings of Councils:-

Co. Council & Proposal Committee.- Wednesday, August 4th, 11.a.m.,

Co Council Meeting.- Wednesday, 6th October, 11.a.m.,

Wexford R. D. Council.- Saturday, 30th October, 11.a.m.,

New Ross R. D. Council.- Thursday, 4th November, 11.30 a.m.,

Gorey R. D. Council, Tuesday, 9th November, 11.30 a.m.,

Enniscorthy R. D. Council.- Thursday, 11th November, 11.a.m.,

Co Council Half-Yearly Meeting.- Wednesday, 8th December, 12 noon.

Cinema Licence.

Mr P. Walshe, Ballinaboola, Wexford, wrote applying for Cinema Licence for portable building.

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

"That Cinema Licence be granted to Mr P. Walshe, Ballinaboola, for portable building, provided the County Surveyor considers that the structure meets the requirements of Cinematograph Act."

Poisons & Pharmacy Act.

Mr Patrick Codd, Main Street, Newtownbarry, wrote applying for licence under Poisons & Pharmacy Act.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Kehoe,

Seconded by Mr Cloney:-

"That licence under Poisons & Pharmacy Act be issued to Mr Patrick Codd, Main Street, Newtownabry."

Oulart Courthouse.

In connection with the proposal to purchase Oulart Courthouse, Mr P. Cooney, Oulart, owner, wrote under date 1st May 1920, that he did not intend making any proposal at present to sell the building.

Letter from Under Secretary, Dublin Castle, under date 9th March 1920, and appearing on Minutes of County Council of 7th April 1920, was read. In this it was pointed out that as there appeared to be no suitable premises in the district for a Courthouse, the purchase of the existing building seemed to be the best way out of the present difficulty as to securing the premises. In the event of owner declining to sell it was open to the County Council to apply to the Local Government Board for a determination under Article 15 (3) of the Schedule to the Local Government (Application of Enactments) Order 1898.

Under this the County Council had power with the consent of the Local Government Board to alienate any land or buildings transferred by virtue of the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Scallan,
Seconded by Mr Kehoe:-

"That as Mr P. Cooney, owner of Oulart Courthouse, has served notice to quit on the County Council in order to determine the tenancy of Oulart Courthouse, and as no other suitable premises can be procured in the district for the purpose of holding petty sessions etc., we inform Mr Cooney we can call upon the Local Government Board in the exercise of the power conferred on us by Article 15 (3) of the Schedule to the Local Government (Application of Enactments) Order 1898, to take such steps as are necessary to enable the Co. Council to purchase Oulart Courthouse at a reasonable figure."

Ministry of Transport & Minutes of Co Council Meetings.

Under date 21st April 1920, the Ministry of Transport (Roads Dept) wrote asking to be supplied to their office as from 1st January 1920, with a copy of the Minutes of the proceedings of the Council at each meeting as soon as possible after such meeting.

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

"That the question of supplying copies of the Minutes of Council to

Ministry of Transport be referred to the new County Council."

New Ross School Attendance Officers.

Under date 15th April 1920, Mr J. J. Rochford, Clerk Rural District Council, New Ross, wrote that his Council at their meeting on 10th April, unanimously adopted a resolution approving of the increases of £10 per annum, granted by New Ross R. D. School Attendance Committee to each of the School Attendance Officers.

Appointment Ex-officio Inspector-Food & Drugs Act.

Mr J. R. Sharpe, County Inspector, R. I. C., wrote applying for appointment of Sergeant Thomas Abbott, Taghmon, as ex-officio Inspector under Food & Drugs Act, vice Sergeant M. J. Carney.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Kehoe, seconded by Mr Barry:-

"That Sergeant Thomas Abbott, R. I. C., be appointed ex-officio Inspector under Food & Drugs Act for Taghmon Petty Sessions District, vice Sergeant M.J. Carney."

Hibernian Insurance Company.

Under date 18th March 1920, the General Manager, Hibernian Insurance Co., wrote that they were willing to grant a reduction of Ten per cent on yearly premiums paid by the Council subject to the latter agreeing to leave Insurance with them for a period of five years, the premiums as heretofore to be paid annually in advance.

Under date 22nd March 1920, the General Manager, Hibernian Insurance Co., wrote that they were now undertaking insurances under Workmen's Compensation Act, and have inaugurated a new Accident Department under expert Irish Management. They asked for a transfer of the Council's Insurances and would be pleased to accept the business on the same terms as the holding Company.

On the motion of Mr Fowler, seconded by Mr Cloney, the following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed:-

"That a share of the Co Council Insurances be placed with the Hibernian Insurance Co., the business to be arranged through Messrs Coyle & Co., Insurance Brokers, Dublin. We consider one-third of our business should be placed with the Hibernian Insurance Co.,"

Piercestown Farmers' Association & Wexford Harbour.

The following resolution was submitted from Piercestown Farmers' Association:-

"That we the Members of the Piercestown Branch of the County Wexford Farmers' Union, solemnly protest against the Wexford County Council taking any action that would in anyway involve the liability of the Ratepayers for the upkeep of Wexford Harbour."

"No Order"

Conveyance of Prisoners-Charge for Motor Cars.

The Secretary called attention to items in account of Gorey Constabulary District for hire of motor cars for conveyance of prisoners, viz:- 2/6 per mile and in addition 8/6 per hour.

The following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was adopted on the motion of Mr Fowler, seconded by Mr Cloney:-

"That we protest against the charges made by the Gorey Motor Car owners for conveyance of Prisoners, Witnesses, etc., viz:- 2/6 per mile, and 8/6 per hour. That District Inspector Wilson R.I.C., Gorey, be informed that the Council considers these charges exorbitant, in fact absurd, and the Co Council are not prepared to pay same."

Newtownbarry Streets.

Under date 4th May 1920, the following resolution was received from Enniscorthy Rural District Council:-

"That we request the Local Government Board to have the streets of Newtownbarry regularly inspected."

"Adjourned to next Meeting".

Retaining Walls Deeps Bridge & Courtown Harbour.

In his report to the Finance & Roads Committee the County Surveyor reported that he had been unable to obtain satisfactory tenders for the works of retaining wall at Courtown Harbour and the tying of the retaining wall at Deeps Bridge. He had received an offer for the work at Deeps Bridge but at an enhanced price. He suggested that he should re-advertise.

On the motion of Mr Fowler, seconded by Mr Cloney, the following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed:-

"That work in connection with retaining walls at Courtown Harbour and Deeps Bridge be re-advertised by the County Surveyor. That tenders be submitted by him to the next meeting of the Council."

Roads damaged by Timber Traffic.

In his report to the Finance & Roads Committee the County Surveyor stated he had been notified by the Joint Roads Committee that compensation on account of damage to roads by timber traffic had been agreed to, the

Government paying £821. 16. 11d and hauliers £244. 8. 1d. He had notified the hauliers concerned (and who had agreed to payment) but in only two cases had he received payment.

On the motion of Mr Fowler, seconded by Mr Cloney, the following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed:—

"That the Secretary make application for payment to the Hauliers referred to in the report of the County Surveyor, and notify them that if payment to the Council (as agreed to) be too long delayed the Council will be obliged to place the matter in the hands of their Solicitor."

Mountgarrett Bridge.

The County Surveyor reported to the Finance & Roads Committee that in conjunction with Mr Burden, County Surveyor, Kilkenny, he had made a thorough examination of Mountgarrett Bridge and this would require extensive repairs unless the rebuilding of the structure in reinforced concrete is put in hands. He (County Surveyor) suggested that they might possibly build a temporary bridge which in any event would be necessary during reconstruction and this would serve for the present. He however, understood that Mr Delap, Consulting Engineer, was against this proposal, and in favour of putting in hands the reconstruction of the old bridge. The cost would now be about £8,000 about three times the figure that was adopted by the Council for the work pre-war.

On the motion of Mr Fowler, seconded by Mr Cloney, the following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed:—

"That the question of erecting a temporary bridge at Mountgarrett be referred to the new Council. We consider we would not be in a position to deal with the matter until the County Surveyor has obtained further information from Mr Delap as to his opposition to the erection of a temporary bridge, and also from Mr Burden, County Surveyor, Kilkenny, as to his correspondence with Mr Delap. Delay in the matter will not add to the cost as it is probable a grant from the Ministry of Transport will be available next year and which does not seem forthcoming at present."

Storage of Gelignite.

The County Surveyor in his report to the Finance & Roads Committee reported that he had had several interviews with the County Inspector, R.I.C., as to future blasting operations in quarries, and it was very difficult to arrange as to storage of explosives. He had communicated on three different occasions with the Competent Military Authority as to using Arklow Military Barracks for a Store and unless this could be done there would be a large

deficit in the amount of road material available for contractors. The boring work was now held up and a number of quarries would have to be closed down if no place for the storage of explosives could be obtained.

"The County Surveyor stated that since he had written his report he had received a communication from the Competent Military Authority authorising him to use Arklow Military Barracks as a Store for Gelignite."

Cleaning Office of County Surveyor

The County Surveyor in his report to the Finance & Roads Committee, reported that as Mrs McNally, Courthouse, Keeper, Wexford, had refused to accept the sum of £5 for cleaning out his office, the amount had been put in his hands, but he found it impossible to arrange with any one to carry out the work. He asked the Council to make such arrangements as will enable the office to be cleaned out regularly.

On the motion of Mr Fowler, seconded by Mr Cloney, the following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed:-

"That Mrs McNally be granted a sum of £10 per annum for the cleaning of the office of the County Surveyor."

Checking Rate Collectors Accounts.

On the motion of Mr Fowler, seconded by Mr Cloney, the following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was adopted:-

"That our Secretary be empowered to appoint deputies for checking the accounts of the Rate Collectors at the following remuneration, viz:- Enniscorthy District £30 per annum, Gorey, New Ross, and Wexford districts at 5/- per 100 Ratings."

Re Payment of Rates.

The Secretary reported that a representative of Mr Devereux, Harveystown, reported that the latter had paid rates amounting to about £24 for first moiety to the late Mr Francis Blake, Rate Collector, on 5th June 1919, and for which he had not obtained receipts at the time. On the 4th November 1919, Mr Blake he alleged called on Mr Devereux and was paid the second moiety after altering them in writing so as to make them apply to the second moiety.

Mr Day, Collector vice Mr Blake, appeared before the Finance & Roads Committee, and stated that receipts now produced from Mr Devereux's representative had been altered from the time he saw them at Mr Devereux's the words "First" having been struck out as applied to moiety and date also changed. These changes in writing he stated were not on the receipts

when he saw them at Mr Devereux's.

On the motion of Mr Fowler, seconded by Mr Cloney, the following recommendation of Finance & Roads Committee was adopted:-

"That having investigated the question relating to payment of rates of Mr Devereux, Harveystown, the only course open is for Collector Day, to proceed for the recovery of the second moiety of the rates and receipts for which are at present in his collecting Books."

Resignation of Mr R. Earle, Rate Collector.

Mr R. Earle, Rate Collector No. 16 Collection District, appeared before the meeting and handed in his resignation as from the beginning of the financial year, as Rate Collector, and in which he pointed out that he had been in office for 46 years and was unable to continue owing to failing health. He thanked the Council for their kindness and in this he wished to include the courteous Secretary to the Council-Mr Frizelle.

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

"That the resignation of Mr Robert Earle, as Rate Collector, for No. 16 Collection District, be accepted as from 31st March 1920.

That a successor to Mr Earle be appointed at a special meeting to be held on 26th May 1920, at 2.15 p.m., remuneration to be as follows:- 7d poundage fees and statutory fees under Voters and Juries Acts, the latter not to be effective until the year 1921, as Mr Earle is at present engaged in carrying out this work for 1920."

Votes of Thanks to Chairmen.

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

"That the best thanks of this Council be given to Mr John Bolger, Chairman of this Council for so many years, for the courteous and able manner in which he carried out the duties of the Office."

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

"That our best thanks be conveyed to Mr Michael Doyle, Vice-Chairman of this Council, who at all times performed his duties with tact, ability, and consideration, during his period of office."

Irrecoverable Rates.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr McGuire, the lists of Rate

Collectors Irrecoverable Rates were agreed to and it was decided they should be signed by the Chairman and reported to the Local Government Board for payment."

Proposals for Works.

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

"That the several proposals for road contracts and new works, etc., as appearing on Form 20 from Proposal Committee and Rural District Councils of the County, be and are hereby agreed to."

Proposals for Payment.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Kehoe, seconded by Mr Cloney:-

"That the several proposals for payment as appearing on Form 22 from Proposal Committee and from Rural District Councils of the County, as regards Roads and Works, and from Proposal Committee as regards other items and also transfers to Public Bodies financed by the County Council be and are hereby agreed to."

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(Presiding Chairman)

Dated this day of 1920

