

Wexford County Council minute books

WXCC/1/1 - WXCC/1/141

141 volumes



© Wexford County Archive

All rights reserved.

No part of this film may be reproduced or
transmitted in any form without the permission of
Wexford County Archive

Microfilm first produced: July 2010

Filmed by: Datagroup

Minute book
Wexford County Council

WXCC/1/8

26 May 1920 – 17 July 1922 (I)

© Wexford County Council

Date of meetings

1920			1921		
		Folio			Folio
Special meeting - 26 th May		1	Special Meeting	22 nd Nov	426
Annual " 18 th June		9	Meeting	22 nd Nov	431
Special " 1 st July		29	"	16 th Dec	432
Quarterly " 11 th August		47	Special Meeting	31 st Dec	457
Special " 24 th Aug.		73	"	23 rd Dec	453
Special " 2 nd Sept		102		1922	
Meeting 7 th October		108	Meeting	25 th Jan	458+
Special 28 th Oct		134	"	1 st Feb	460
Meeting 4 th Nov		136	Special Meeting	4 th Feb	485
" 17 th Nov		150	Meeting	1 st March	496
Half-Yearly Meeting - 7 th Dec		166	"	13 th Mar	507
Special " 22 nd Dec		178	"	3 rd April	528
Meeting 1921					
" 4 th January		190	" Proposal Comt.		
" 11 th Jan		207	(Transferred to Proposal Committee Book)	3 rd April	537
Special Meeting 25 th Jan		219			
Quarterly " 8 th Feb		228	Meeting	10 th April	539
Meeting 24 th Feb		234	Roads Co. Meeting -	13 th Mar	569
" 15 th March		245	"	25 th Mar	574
" 30 th March		259	"	29 th Mar	578
" 5 th April		267	"	3 rd April	587
" 20 th April		272	Meeting	8 th May	593
" 11 th May		276	Special Meeting	29 th May	616
" 27 th May		287	Meeting	26 th June	642
Special Meeting 8 th June		296	"	17 th July	672
Annual " 18 th June		306			
Meeting 29 th June		313			
" 14 th July		317			
" 27 th July		323			
Quarterly Meeting 30 th Aug		332			
Conference Union					
Amalgamation 20 th Aug		349			
Meeting 20 th Sept.		359			
Roads Co. Meeting 20 th Sept		375			
Meeting 4 th Oct		378			
(Amalgamation Conference)					
Meeting 4 th Oct		381			
" 12 th Oct		382			
" 26 th Oct		397			
" 8 th Nov.		412			

Advertising Contract - 494, 548, 610,
 Application Advances of money - 455,
 Administrative Committee - 389,
 appointment of Rate Collector Fowler. 2, 35, 47;
 X Appointment of Rate Collector - 102, 362, 385, English & Arithmetic
 Application Increased Salary from Co. Surveyor - 58
 Advertising on Motor Driver Licence Forms - 148
 Application for Funds - 304,
 appointment of additional co. councillors - 9
 Appointment of Edward Roe - 247,
 Applications University Scholarships - 311,
 apptmt chairman & vice chairman - 9.
 " Deputy vice chairman - 10.
 " Assistant Secretary - 259,
 appointment Finance Committee - 12, 211, 307, 642.
 " Proposal " 12, 211, 219, 228, 307, 642,
 " Asylum " 13, 39, 210, 219, 228, 259, 328, 337,
 " Co. Comtee of agriculture &c. 14, 210, 219, 310, 329, 330, 503,
 " Tuberculosis management " 15, 210, 228,
 " Diseases (N) Act Comtee. 15,
 " Old Age Pension Sub. comtee 15, 39, 220, 228, 276, 282, 328,
 " Representatives on b. of agriculture 17.
 " " Co. Insurance Comtee 17.
 " Trustees Co. Wexford Insurance Society 17.
 " Co. Wexford Infirmary Committee - 17, 39, 210, 228, 282,
 " Clerical Assistants - 51-54, 276,
 " Coroners - 132
 " Gen. Council Irish C. C. - 211,
 Analysts Report - 40, 95, 163, 253,
 Appointment County Analyst - 254, 273, 285, 289, 631, 470, 525,
 Application Assistant Surveyors - 78, 648 (appointment) - 648,
 Auditors Reports - 23, 36, 226,
 Appointment Deputy Checkers - 326,
 Arrests of Members - 178,
 Aps. Constabulary - 38,
 Application for Loan - 321,
 Application for Use of Hall - 187,
 appointment of Fitter - 45;
 " Machinery Overseer - 124, 200, 256,
 Account Books - 330,
 Audits of Aps & Orders of L. G. 19 - 54
 Accounts - 318, 340, 399,
 Audit Public Bodies - 55
 Agreement with Co. Insurance Co - 337,
 Appointment of Accountant - 374,

Bridge, mountgarrett - 23, 44, 188, 206, 215, 224, (Co.) 250, 337,
372,
" Ferry carrig - 321,

Bridge - Wexford - 27, 46, 309, 337,

Bridges. Damage to - 672

Blake, J. (Rate collector) 7, 24,

Barton, Mr R. b. - 28, 39, 95,

Bridges. Repair & Maintenance of - 482

Bridge - Dups. (wall) 44;

Bridge - Ballymotey - 305,

Bridge - New Ross - 240, 299, 309, 315, 340, 372,

Boiler Insurance - 188

Henry J. J. sanction Rate collector 24

Ballinaboola Road - 205,

Boiler - Sarah Hill - 44,

Byrne Daniel - Appointment of - 425,

Bovine Tuberculosis Order - 56-58, 301, 371, 445,

Books etc. taken by R. J. C. - 483,

Barton Mr R. C. 95,

Ballynaboola Quarry 681.

Ballygarran Quarry. 681.

Ballinglass R.D. Council & their Officers. 98,

Byrne D. Rate Collector, Death of - 561,

Byrne Carman - 111, 535,

Belton Patrick - Re flat rate Land & Buildings. 444 - 427.

Bank Interest Allowance - 130

Bed Clothing for Blacksmith - 630,

Belfast Boycott - 157, 202, 527,

Buncoidighe Electric Light - 373,

Banville John - Applic. for Superannuation - 462, 512, 528, 603,
sanction " 647

C

Co. Wexford Infirmary Co - Vacancy - 51, 85, 112, 146,
 Council of Agriculture - 58
 Claims for War Damage - 622,
 Commandeering Co. Hall - 317, 328, Compensation for - 343, 370, 391, 481,
 Claims for Workers - 74-78,

Co. Rate & Mr. Patrick Belton - 443,
 Co. Wexford Infirmary - Audit of Aps. 81,
 " " Co - 422,

Catholic Total Abstinence Federation - 94,

Complaints of Contractors - 455,
 Croom R. D. Council & Unpur. Tenants - 99,

Claim for Valera R. I. C - 481,
 Collection of Rate - 99,

Co. Board of Health - 531, Vacancy, 531, Finances 532, 606, 607,
 Co. Council & L. G. B. - 104, 113, 238, 623,

Commission of Inquiry into Resources of Ireland - 292,
 Co. Insurance Society - 113,
 Continuance Quarry Work - 674,
 Committee for Petty Business - 483,
 Chair of Scientific Agric. in U. College - 133, 418,
 Carnegie Library for Co. Wexford - 535, 671,
 Comrades of Great War - 160,
 Co. Council Staff. Absence of members from Duty - 675.
 Complaints - Payments on Roads, 174, 280,
 Co. Council Garden etc - 670,
 County Printing - 491,
 Claim - Thos. Murphy re Clohamon Bridge - 185,
 County Bridges - 605,
 Co-opted Members - 190, 207, 219,
 Committee General Purposes. 486.
 Claims against C. C. & Insur. Co - 217,

Criminal Injuries (Ireland) Act 1920 - 225,

Cinematograph Licence - 281, 670,

conveyance of Prisoners - motor charges - 4, 34, 38;
 Coronership South Wexford - 402, 414, 426, 445, 493, 602,
 Courtown Sports - 328,
 Courtown Harbour - hauling off Rape - 5. retaining wall. 44;
 " " 82, 225, Slieve Gates, 394, 495, 497,
 " " (Income Tax) 87. (Master) 120,
 " " Co. 371,
 Complaint - Contractor Dan Connors 7.
 Complaint Men Working at Harvest taken for Road Work - 125, 144,
 Complaint - Rd. Contractor John O'Loole - 370, 392,
 Contractors - prosecution of 7; 27;
 Co. Hall - ⁴⁸¹ 503, 518, (Letting 231). (Expenditure on) 236.
 Cork Harbour & Shipping - 131
 Contractors Mr. Cullen & Joseph Cullen - 491,
 Claims - compensation burning Constabulary Barracks - 8
 Councils Bank Pass Books - 560.
 Confirmation of minutes - 9, 47, 108, 136, 150, 166, 190, 207, 228, 234,
 " " (Finance Committee) 87,
 " " (Proposal Committee) 88, 536,
 " " (Tuberculosis ") 88,
 Chairman, R. D. Councils - 9, 306, 542,
 Co. Police Force Proposed. 674.
 Contracts 159 & 162 & - 321, Cleary (RRC) app'd 365
 Clerk - Co. Council office - 32, 627,
 " Co. Surveyors' office - 33, 276,
 Clerical Staff - Co Council - 286,
 Conciliation Board - 133
 Courthouses - (outlet) - 36, 37, (Rents) 148,
 Coal, Co. Courthouse - 552,
 Conference re Estimates of Road Expenditure - 264, 267,
 Commission of Inquiry - 37.
 Conveyance of Lunatics - Expenses - 561,
 Constabulary aid - 38, 95,
 Claim for Loss of Goods - 394,
 Carrying members forbidden - 40,
 Co. Surveyors Report - 42, 82-84, 121, 140, 167, 241, 397,
 Classification of Roads - 583,
 Co. Treasurer. 50
 Co. Hospital - 606,
 Co. Committee Agriculture & Tech. Instruction - 50, 85, 111,
 Continuance of Quarry. 674. (329, —

Deferred Payments on Roads — 294, 297,

D

Dublin Castle & Local Bodies — 304,

Dispute betw. Farmers & Labourers — 359,

Dates — Half Yearly Meetings of District Councils — 396,

Deegan Michael — Appt. as Rate Collector — 362

Defective Bridges — 443, 456,

Death of Pope — 458,

Dr. S. A. Furlong & attendance at Inquests — 493,

Duplicate Pay Orders — 494,

Drinagh Cement Works — 526, 558, 638,

Dublin & South Eastern Rly. Service — 535, 611,

Difficulties as to holding Inquests — 611,

Damage to Bridges — 672,

Dail Eireann - 10.

" & Conciliation Boards - 93,

Demand, County Urban Vol. 86,

Direct Labour Scheme 89, 582, 593, 634,

Deep Bridge - (wall) 44;

Day Joseph Sancha Rate Collector 24

Deduction from Government Grants. 185.

Damaged Roads. 84, 339,

Dredging of Fethard Pier. 185.

Direct Labour Men - 491, - the trades unionists 583.

Dublin Chamber of Commerce & Irish Govt. 98,

Dublin Co Council Resolution. 187

Double Dipping of Sheep - 130

Dependents - Prisoners of War - 202,

Damages to Property - Advances in respect of. - 622,

Diseases of Animals' Acts - 214, 227,

Demands on Urban Districts - 217,

Demands of Public Bodies - 234, 248, 269, 286, 640,

Dublin Executions - 245,

Duncormick Courthouse - 274,

Defaulting Annuitants - Irish Land Acts - 279, 551, 668,

Establishment Co. Health Co. — 357,

E

Electors & jurors' Lists — 374, 389,

Ex Collector - No 21 District - Aps — 400,

Expenses of Inquests — 401, 478,

Evidence at Inquests. @^r. Furlong — 448,

Extension Parliamentary Franchise — 481, 502,

Employment of Men on Roads — 501,

Extension of Road Limits — 540, 625,

Ex-Rate Collector P. Codd — 546,

Ex-Collector M. Gobin — 547,

Expenditure of Grant of £10,000 — 578

Explosives for Quarries — 608,

Examination of Candidates for
Positions under Co. Council — 636,

Earle, Robert. (Supernumeration of) 20, 47; 108, 157, 199.

Election of Deputy Vice-Chairman — 307,

Election of Chairman — 306, 642,

" of Vice-Chairman — 306, 642.

Edgew, R. W. + malicious injury claims — 26;

Ennisworthy Machinery Yard — Rent — 258,

Explosives, Carriage of — 71, 85,

Ex-Service Men + Appts. on Public Bodies — 561,

Ennisworthy R.D. School Attend. Com — 91, 146, 293, 560, 670,

Ennisworthy Mental Hospital — 622,

Equivalent Grants for Education — 97,

Extraordinary Traffic on Roads — 106, 455, 491,

Explosive etc. Taken — 673,

Ennisworthy R.D. Council + Roads — 151,

Economy Suggested — 154,

Employment of Ex-Service Men — 184, 215, 225, 301, 315,

Ex-Service Men — Insurance — 258,

Ex-Rate Collectors + Lodgments — 232,

Ex Collector J. C. Smith — 366, 403, 424, 463,

Expenditure on Co. Hall — 236,

Expenses Winter Assizes — 256,

Erection of Hoarding etc — 266,

Ennisworthy Roads — 299.

Farmers' Union & Roads - 228, 507,
" " & Criminal Injury Decrees - 287,

Franchise & Jurors Lists - Prep. of - 334,

F

Fitzpatrick P. Rate Collector - Sanction Appt - 503,

Forthcoming Parliamentary Elections - 532,

Finance & Roads Comt. - 533, 615, 652, 676,

Funds for Subsidiary Bodies - 555,

Fidelity Bond - Rate Collectors - 601,

Finances - Quarry Work - 609,

Fowler, J. J. (appmt of) - 235, 47; (Bond of) 94,

Food & Drugs Act - Provisions - 37, 55, 215, (a/c) 255, (Inspectors) 290, 413,
447, 470, 526,

Fethard Pier - Storm Lamps at - 284,

Fitter - appmt of 45;

Ferrybank Seaplane Station - 65,

" Concrete etc 124, 340, 372, 392

Financial Position of Council - 73, 107, 181, 248,
" " " & Rate Collection - 191,

Finances Wexford Union - 121,

Finances of Asylum - 312,

Ferus Courthouse. 127,

Fethard Pier Dredging. 185.

Film Censors - 131

Finance Com. New Member of - 140,

" " Recommendations - 144,

" " Meetings & Postage - 174,

" " Agenda - 235,

Flooding of Road at Fiskerstown - 204, 226, 256,

Financial - 221,

Farmers' Union & Co. Hall, 223,

" " & Roads. 507.

Foot & Mouth Disease - 224, 294, 301, 309, 329,

Ans. Co., Wexford. - 27, 95, 171,

General Purposes Committee - 486,
Grant - Treatment of Tuberculosis - 56;

Grants - 590,
Gravel - Supply of - 46, 124,

Gelignite for Quarries - 629, (Sagare of) 673.
Gullet. Direction of - 69,

Gorey S. A. Committee - 92, 239, (+ New Ross) 281,

Gullet at Lagoat - 126

Graying System etc. Resolution as to - 131

Galway C. C. & Peace - 172, 185,

Gov. Grants - Deduction from - 185, 284, 295,
" " Stoppage of - 200,

Gorey Courthouse - 256, 276,

Government of Ireland Act 1920 - 273, 281,

General Cattle Diseases Fund - 391, 399, 449,

Gullett at Fahy's Cross - 478.
Gal. Wicklow. 680.

General Council of Co. Council & Roads - 551,

Harbour - Courtown - 5. retaining wall. 44
" Fethard - 161, dredging - 185,

Harbour, Kilmore, (dredging) 44;

Half Holiday (Proposed) for Co. Council Staff - 118, £46,

Holidays (Mr. Greanor) 222,

Hall Committee - 249, 269,

Hire of Engine - 270,

Hireage of Machinery to Wexford Corporation - 319,

Holding of Inquests - 389,

Holidays (Pnas) 450,

High Sheriffs - Appt. of - 560,

Jurors' Lists, Revision of - 128,

Juries Acts - 175,

J

Income Tax Returns - 26; 128, 148, 277, 330, 671.
 Irish Political Prisoners - 527, 637,
 Illness of Clerks - 330.
 Irish - Knowledge of - 28; 34, 49, 132, 344,
 Intermediate Examinations "North East Ulster" - 558,
 Injury to Boat at Courtown Harbour - 283,
 Inquiry - Commission of - 37.
 Irish Products League - 638,
 Interference with Material - 339,
 Irish Transport Union & Workmen - 60, 64,
 Irish National Teachers' Organisation - 668,
 Inspectors - Food & Drugs - 388,
 Irish Education - 86, 118, 159,
 Increase of Salary, Assistant Surveyors Applie^{rs} - 676,
 Internees & the Force - 359, 388,
 Irish Peace Conference - 100
 Insurance - Co. Hall - 403,
 Injury to Schooner "Clara" - 186, 203.
 Inquests - Holding of - 115, 161,
 Expenses of - 401,
 Increase Salary Appli. Road Overseer - 120,
 " " D. Radford - 570,
 Inland Fisheries - 446,
 Irish Co. Councils' General Council - 132, 282, 611,
 Income Tax Arrears - 613,
 Industrial Conference - All Ireland - 391,
 Interest - National Bank - 164
 Interned Rate Collectors - Application - 625,
 Irish Fisheries etc - 312,
 Insurances - Co. Council - 172, 284, 299, 320,
 Irish Republican Soldiers etc. Association - 506,
 Irrecoverable Rates - 177,
 Irish Manufacture - Support of - 201, 272,
 Irish Education Act - Inniscorthy R. D. S. A. Committee - 524,
 Importation of Foreign Grain - 268,
 Canadian Cattle - 279,

Knowledge of Irish - 28; 34; 49;

Kilmore Harbour. (mudging) 44; 339,

Killinick Gravel Pit - 139

Kevin Barry - 149,

Kilcarbery Mills - 209, 343,

Kinsella Michael, Ex. Rate Collector - 504,

Kirby J. Asst. Surveyor - Grey. 549, 604, 628,

Kitchen Equipment Co. Hall - 627,
Kephth John J (RC) 246

Kilmuckridge District. Quarries in. 678.

Kelby Matthew, Rate Collector 197

Loan from National Bank. 6; 86;

List of Ratepayers & Poor Rate - 286,
Larkin James. (release of) - 28; 88,

Loans for Machinery & Road Improvement - 64

Lord Mayor McSwiney - 100, 103, 134,

Leave of Absence - S. Hayes - 135 (Secretary) 259, (S. Hayes) 333, 413, 446,
" " Mr. Treanor - 274, (Co. Surveyor) 449, 539,

Larceny of Electric Exploder - 240,

Late Archbishop Walsh - 276, 295,

Location of Co. Home - 357.

Loan from An Dail - 381, 665,

Legal action re Injury to motor 203.

Limit of Expenditure on Roads - 505,

Letter from Chairman - 672,
Letting Co. Hall. 231.

Martial Law Advert. 221,

Mount St Benedict, Gorey - 223,

Ministry of Transport - Roads & Bridges - 224,
" " & Co. Surveyor - 292, 301,

Malicious Injury Charges - 239, 257, 266, 295, 302, 449, 524, 667,

Mr Treanor, Senior Assistant Surveyor - 274,

Mandamus Proceedings - 287,

Maintenance of Union Patients in Co. Infirmary - 327

Machinery - 372, 585,

Mullet J. Ex Rate Collector - applic. for Superannuation - 438, 461,

Motor Ambulance - 479, 576,

Membership of Roads Committee. - 511,

Meeting adjourned - 536,

Machinery Yard, Uniscothy - 529, 604, 668,

minutes - Confirmation of. 9, 47;

" Special Meeting Finance Com - 174,

Mrs Gray, late Prison Official - 162,

Ministry of Transport & copy of minutes - 20.

Motor Driving Licences - 615,
medical inspection of school children - 21.

Ministry of War Pensions - 559, 613,
Mountgarrett Bridge - 23, 44,

Ministry of Transport & Classification of Roads 183.
Mannix, Most Rev. Dr. 56, 93.

Motor Cycles for Assistant Surveyors - 626, 629, 659,
Maintenance Live Stock Order 1920 - 58,

Material from Mountain of Feth - 585,
Motor Car Licence Duties - 94, 226,

Machinery - Proposed Purchase of - 105, 124,

Motor Car Acts - 627, 652,

Meetings - Co Council - 105, 140 & Rural Councils - 204, 308, 374,
" Proposal Com. 163, 497, 504.

Mr. Michael Cloney, M. C. C. - 108

Members C.C. Staff - Absence from Duty - 675,
Milk Production - 132

Mandamus against Council - 167,

Meetings - Attendance at - 188,

Motor Duty - Collection of - 203, 214, 238,

Newtownbarny Street (Inspection of) 25, 93,
New Auditor - Co. Council Apes - 55,

New Ross - Wexford Road - 80,

New Co. Council Offices - 106, 109, 123, 142,

Notice of Motion - 108, 642,

New Ross Courthouse - 128, 164, 283,

New Member C.C. - 190, 228, 507,

Name of Bun Cloidighe - 199,

New Telegraph Lines - 204, 284,

New Ross R.D. School Attendance Co - 614,
New Collectors - 208, 231,

New Ross R.D. Council & Road 239 R. - 288, 302, 308, 318,
" " & Grants for Roads - 511,

National Bank, Tuamiscorthy - 341,

New Ross Workhouse - 432,

New Ross Bridge - 442,

New Road Scheme - Details - 580,

Oulart Courthouse - 56,

Old Age Pension Sub-Committee No 6 - 71, 276, 449,
" " " No 7 - 85, 112, 148, 240,
" " " No 5 - 483, 666,

Overline Railway Bridges - 298, 343, 448,

Outstanding Liabilities - 299.

Offices of Co. Council - 413, 427.

Objection to Appt. Mr. Fitzpatrick R.C. 439.

O'Brien Jas. Road Contractor - 549.

Older Officials - 602.

Order of Business - 682,

O'Rourke Kate - 682

Prosecutors & Witnesses' Expenses - 214,
Position of Co. Surveyor - 682,
Payment of Rates - Complaint re - 439,
Proposed Demeracy of Portion of Co. Hall - 222,

Proposed Co-opton of Member - 460,
Public Health (Med. Treatment of Children) Act - 226,
Petrol for Co. Surveyor - 630, 660,
Payment - Depart. of Agriculture - 248, 286,

Posting Valuation Notices - 256,
Proposed Quarries - 665,
Proclamation re Rates - 265,

Pay Orders - 274, (Missing) 303,

Payment of Poor Rates - 280

Proposed Rate for Irish - 530,
Proposed Appt. Inspector Food & Dumps Act - 280,

Payment Ministry of Transport - 302,

Personal Explanation by Mr. Cloney - 528,
Payment for Stonebreaker - 304,

Payments to Unions etc - 315, 321, 326, 381, 402, 471, 603,

Proposed Loan from Cail Vireann - 341,

People's Appeal to - 191.

Public Health Committee - 379, 388,

" " (Resignation - (Dr. Ryan) 493, 576,

Peace Resolution from Galway 185.

Payments Rates to Banks - 412,

Proposed Reduction of Lonnage - 630,

Payment to Car Owners - 424,

Public Bodies. Transfer to - 471.

Payment Income Tax - application for - 424,

Provision for the Blind - 544,

Public Health Co. Representation - 432, 460, 498, 513, 539, 666,

Quarry- Ballinaboola - material taken from - 45; 681.
" Ballynaas - 139,
" Barriguen - land adjoining - 45;
" Ballyboggan - Screenings taken from - 257,
" Kerlogue - 45, 139, 373,
" Ballymurry, Boundary Fence - 369, 391,
Quarry & Road Work - 107, 555, 586,
Quarry- Ballyegan - 373,
Quarry Foremen - 119, 166, 606,
Quarries - 573,
Quarry Ballygarrahan. 681.
Qualification of Councillors - 125, 157, 201,
Quarry Tongarrow. 87. 681.
Quarries. Reports 679.
Quarries - Closing of - 165,
Quarrymen - Ferrybank - 172,

Question of Wages & Hours for Road Workers - 574,

Quarry at Clonroche - 639,
" Diss. 680.

Quarry Work - Continuance of - 674,

Quarries in Kilmuckridge District - 678,

Prisoners - conveyance of - 4; 24,
 Poundage - application for - 546
 Proposed loan of £ 500 to Wexford Corp^{re} - 200.
 Proposed Payments Inquests - 552.
 Pearse R. N. (claim damage to motor car) - 6. 203,
 Pension Ex jail official - 559,
 Peace negotiations - 205,
 Preparation of Rate Books etc - 559,
 Poisons & Pharmacy act Licences - 6; 21; 38; 91, 171, 281, 291, 300, 309,
 328, 371, 446, 611, 670,
 Primary Scholarship Scheme - 223, 468, 518, 605, 631, 652,
 Prosecution of Road Contractors - 7; 27;
 Position of Existing Road Contracts - 571,
 Proposed Pensions for Roadmen - 492,
 Prosecution - Food & Drugs act - 37,
 Printing - Parliamentary Register - 8.
 Payments to Quarry Workers - 574.
 Payments - Weekly - 28; 31;
 Payment - Outdoor Relief - 358,
 Parliamentary Polling Districts - 540,
 Proposals for Payment - 71, 133, 177, 233, 279,
 Proposed Establishment of a Co. Police Force - 600, 634, 674,
 Proposed Rate for Up-keep J. R. A. - 505,
 Proposed Surrender of Courthouses - 81
 Payments - Courthouses etc - 100,
 Printing Jurors' Lists - 607, 638,
 Payments Compens. Crim. Injuries - Applic - 92
 Proposed Surrender Road Contracts - 585,
 Proposals for Works - 177, 205,
 Payments Witnesses &c - 105
 Proposed Loans - 666,
 Proposed Co-option of Member - 307,
 Proposed Scheme Combined Purchasing - 115, 143,
 Proposed Carnegie Library - 612,
 Payment Advertising Contract - 448,
 Payment Poundage Fees 130, 263, 274, 297, 399,
 Proposed Co. Police Force. 674.
 Printing Contract - 518,
 Prohibition Feeding Stuffs from Belgium 130
 Parliamentary Franchise. Extension. 481. 502.
 Proposed Purchase Motor Ambulance 432,

Removal Trees & Filling Trenches — 674,
 Railway Crisis — 97, 156,
 Rooms in Co. Hall — 534, 544,
 Road Contractors - Application by — 425, 428, 443, 665,
 Royal Irish Constabulary — 99
 Resumption of Road Work — 485, 548,
 Rates on Land & Buildings — 427,
 Religious or Pol. Tests & In. Employment — 100
 Rate collector No. 13 District - Appt. of — 603,
 Remuneration to Acting Sec — 447,
 Rate Collectors & Their duties — 103,
 " & the Council — 155, 178,
 Road & Quarry Work — 249,
 Road Work - Claim for — 107,
 " " Expenditure — 124, 126, (Machinery) 133, 153, 167, 270,
 Road Board Grants — 126,
 " Maintenance & Gen. Fin. Position of Council — 137, 150, 222,
 " " Meetings for Promotion — 137, (Gen. Recom.) 138,
 Road Contractor's Grievance — 127, 229,
 " Classification — 150, 170, 183,
 Roads Committee — 238, 250, 341, 453, 488, 516, 533, 562,
 Rate Collection — 129, 218, 220, 236, 247, 263, 294, 296, 311, 317, 323, 344, 361, 400,
 " Estimates — 224, 234, 264, 272, 525, (Adoption of) 534,
 Road Maintenance — 376, 442, 472,
 Raiding Athurstown Courthouse — 176,
 Rate Collectors - No 21 District — 382,
 Railway Rates — 639,
 R. O's as Inspectors Food & Drugs Acts — 176,
 Recommendations Finance & Roads Co — 628,
 Rate Collectors - No 15 District — 423,
 Road from Ballybanogue to Poulmounty — 214,
 Road Overseer - John Green — 640,
 Release of Prisoners — 402,
 Repres. of Co. Council on Council of Agriculture — 229, 240,
 Repair Secretary's Office — 638,
 Roads Trenched — 252,
 Road Overseers — 592,
 Rates & Malicious Injury Decrees — 367,
 Road Foremanship - Application — 634,
 Road at Cooleycorney Cross — 376,
 Roads & Works — 663,
 Resignation Rate Collector No. 3 District — 438,
 Reports

Radford Q. Clerk in Surveyor's Office — 671,
 Road Contractors' Applications — 665,
 Rate Collector Fowler (appmt of) 2.
 Rebate on Rate assessed, Application for — 403,
 Repairs to Goney Streets — 339,
 Resolution Dublin C. C. — 187,
 Road Contractors' War Bonus 2, 18, 29,
 Rent Co. Hall — 447,
 Re-arrest of Secretary — 316,
 Rate collection - (Irish Blake) - 7; 24; (J. A. Ryan) 27; 55
 Repairs to Bridges — 456, 487,
 Roche J. J. Coroner - 106, (P. R. Malone V. S.) 108, 146,
 Roads in Foulkenills District — 477,
 Rescinding Resolutions - 10,
 Resolution - Employment Workmen on Roads — 479,
 Road Work — 340, 367,
 Road contract 300[£] — 18, 45,
 Road " 8 R. — 488,
 Road Drainage 125, 340, 397,
 Road Contract 3 W. — 488,
 Reports of Auditors 23, 56, 226,
 Roads 25[£], 1 W, 162 W, 227[£] + 236[£] — 489,
 Removal of Workhouse Inmate - A/c for — 402,
 Reports of Analyst - 40, 95, 163, 253,
 Replies to Votes of Condolence — 496,
 Resumption of Road Work — 375, 486,
 Report of Co. Surveyor: - 42, 167, 241, 397,
 " " Secretary - 166,
 Roads 22 W, 102 W & 103 W, 23 G, 93 G + 95 G — 490, 491,
 Rate Collector E. Somers (Death of) 64
 Rate Collectors resuming Duty — 505,
 Resignation - Member C. C. — 288,
 Resignation of R. M's. etc - 71,
 Road at Milmore — 561,
 Re Publishing List - Defaulting Ratepayers — 400,
 Railway Sidings — 89, 162,
 Removal Co. Councils' Offices to Co. Hall — 560,
 Removal of Sand & Gravel — 320,
 Railway Bridges — 89,
 Roads & Road Material — 609,
 Road Board Loan — 402,
 Refund Motor Duty, Applic. for — 91, 335,
 Rate Collector for No 13 District — 620,
 Revision

R
 S
 T
 U
 V
 W
 Y

Special Roads Committee - 206, 211,

Seim Finn Clubs & Appts - 444,
Seizure Rate Collecting Books - 207,

Shooting of Protestants in Co. Cork - 614,
School Attendance Cos - 230,

Suspension of Road Work - 263,

Suspension - Five Assistant Surveyors - 264, 275,

Salary - Co. Surveyor - 273,

Striking Rates - 305, 616,

Solicitors' Bills - 671,
Seizure Motor Registers etc - 312,

Stall Holders at Courthouse - 342,

Superannuation of Local Officers - 396, 449,

Sullivan Thos. ex Rate Collector - Apco - 400,

Scheme for Abolition of Workhouses
& Establishment of Public Health Services - 407,

Seizure of Gelignite - 673,
Smith Mr Luke - 424,

Seal to Agreement - 424,

Standard of Irish for Appt - 441, (Irish)

Stones from Quarries - 443,

Sheep Dipping Inspectors (appmt of) 2, 23;

" (Swim Baths) - 37;

Sheep Dipping (Forms) 57, (Order) 278, 291, 631,

Standardised Half Holiday — 494,

Schooner "Clara" - Injury to - 186, 203,

Staff - Co. Council (War Bonus) 4, 51; Salaries - 34, 341,

Suspension of Staff - Co. Surveyor's office — 339,

Seaplane Station, Fungbarra - 4, 25, 65,

Salary of Co. Surveyor — 586,

Sanction Payment Acting Sec — 481,

Superannuation of R. Carle - 80, 47, 80, 81,

St Brigid's Industrial Home 22, 23, 69, 71,

Shed for Machinery at Co. Hall — 585,

Sanction Appnt. Mr P. Fitzpatrick — 503,

Scheme, - Direct Labour - 29;

Sheriffs (Ireland) Act 1920 - 149,

Sparrowsland Key Bridge - 44;

Strike on Roads at Ferrycarrig — 540,

Scholarships for Pupils in Primary Schools 49, 223,

" Committee - 114, 157, 171,

Sinnott P. J. (Rade College)

Superannuation - Collector Moore - 66,

" - John Banville - 462, 512, 528,

Surrender of Road Contracts - 66, 69, 79, 127, 141,

Smith J. C. Proposed Superannuation of - 512,

Sanatorium Grant - 94,

Secretary, Increased Salary, 99

Sinnott Mr John C. C - 136, 166,

Salaries of Officials — 527,

Telegraph Line - Rathaspeck to Harjestown - 6.
" " Bethyville House - 25;

Temporary Staff - 321, 330,

Treatment of Tuberculosis - Capital Grant - 26;

Tobin & Co Rate Collector - Claim 463,
Tolls at Markets & Fairs - 133,

Traffic - Boiler - 44;
Transfer to Public Bodies. 471.

Treasurer of Co. Council - 46, 232, 239, 248,
Trenches-filling & Removal of Trees. 674.

Tenure of Courthouses 50,

Tenders - Machinery Shed - 605, 634,
Tomgarrow Quarry 87. 681.

Timber Haulage on Roads - 123, 205, 213, 270,
" " (Wexford-Ballybrennan Rd) 155,

Thompson & Co. Claim - Purchase Machinery, 167, 185, 216, 235, 254, 283,
303,

Taxation of Excisable Articles - 202,

Traffic Extraordinary. 491.
Thanks for Election - 207,
Taken by R.G. Books etc. 483.

Trailer Wagons - 274, 335, 395, 424, 492, 556,
Taken. Exploder. etc. 673.

Travelling Expenses - Co. Surveyor - 290,

University Scholarship Scheme - 30, 48, 66, 89, 105, 115, 159, 187, 200,
214, 224, 298, 311, 332, 360, 383, 414,
439, 468, 506, 512, 554, 607.

Unemployment Insurances - 141,

Under-Sheriffs Clerical Assistance - 161,

Union Amalgamation - 161, 275, 285, 296, 312, 326, 350, 367, 388, 404,
" " 419, 499, 515
Report of Conference - 373
411 407
409

United States Mail Steam. Co. 164, 174, 188,

Use of County Hall - 177, 231,

Unemployment - 217, 303, 575, 640,

Use of Town Hall for Meetings - 360

Unemployment Grant - 604, 629,

Use of Co. Hall as Circuit Court - 657,

Up-keep of Courthouses - 669,

note of condolence - Edmund Hore. 1

John Cloney. 1.

" Matthew Furlong. 134.

" Mrs Devereux, 178

" Cork, Limerick & Dublin Executions - 280,

" - Ryan 359, Acknowledgment, 382,

" Simon Kehoe - 459,

" Mrs Kelly - 460,

Village Hall at Carrross - 46;

Valuation - Revision of - 92, 322, 668.

Vice-Chairman - Election of - 226,

Vegetables etc at Co. Hall - 294,

Varying Rates of Wages to Labourers - 310,

Voters Lists - 427, 483, 554,

War Bonus to Road Contractors - 2, 18, 29,

Wagon Tyres - 526,

War Bonus - Co. Council Staff - 4, 31, 34,

Working of Quarries - 660,

Wexford Seaplane Station - 4, 25,

Wexford Gas Co., 27,

Wexford Bridge 27, 46, 569,

Wexford & Ederville Bridges - 637,

Weekly Payments. 28, 31, 502,

Wexford Corporation, Applic. for Advance - 120.

Wicklow Gap. 680.

Wexford Urban Demand - 230,

Wild Birds' Protection Act - 241,

Walsh R. Co. Ex Jail Official - 633,

White Cross League - 257, 285, 303,

Woodlands - 614,

Wexford Co. Council & British Blockade - 259,

Wall at Glenbrien - Imiscorthy District - 293,

Wall at Blackwater - 301,

Water Rate, Wexford Courthouse - 329,

Welcome to Chairman & Imprisoned Members - 349,

Wexford Courthouse - 373,

1

WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL. - SPECIAL MEETING.

A Special Meeting of the Wexford County Council, was held in the Co. Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford, on Wednesday, 26th May 1920.

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

Also:- Messrs Michael Doyle, (Vice-Chairman) M. Maddock, J. J. Kehoe, James Codd, R. Scallan, J. Redmond, Mark Codd, T. Asple, W. Thorpe, N. J. Fowler, W. H. McGuire, N. J. Cowman, J. A. Doyle, M. Cloney, and L. Barry.

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

The late Mr Edmond Hore.

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

"That we offer our heartfelt sympathy to Mrs Hore, Coldblow, Broadway, on the death of her husband, the late Mr Edmond Hore, who for many years was Vice-Chairman of this Council, and who, by his uprightness of character, ability, and courtesy, and patriotism, endeared himself to his colleagues, and secured a very high place in the estimation of his fellow countrymen. In his demise Wexford mourns one of her best and most lovable of her sons.

That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Mrs Hore."

The late Mr John Cloney, Old Ross.

On the motion of Mr Scallan, seconded by Mr James Codd, it was decided that the following letter of acknowledgment from Rev T. Cloney P. P., Templetown, with reference to vote of condolence adopted to him by the Council on the death of his father, the late Mr John Cloney, Old Ross, be inserted on the Minutes of this day's meeting:-

Templetown, Fethard.

10th May 1920.

Dear Mr Frizelle,

I am in receipt of the resolution of sympathy adopted by your Co Council at their meeting last Wednesday, and so kindly transmitted by you.

Be good enough to convey to the Members of the Council, an expression of my grateful acknowledgment of their kindly action in this matter and of my appreciation of their touching reference to the deceased.

I am exceedingly grateful also for your own personal expression of condolence. I value very highly your reference to the old days, and I may assure you that your

sentiment of esteem was fully reciprocated by the deceased."

Appointment Rate Collector No. 16 Collection District.

For the Rate Collectorship for No. 16 District, vacant by the resignation of Mr Robert Earle, applications were received from the following:-

Peter Bolger, Raheenaskaa, Oulart.

Patrick Brady, Court, Monamolin.

George Earle, Brownswood, Enniscorthy.

James J. Fowler, Camolin.

Charles Nolan, Coolroe, Kilmuckridge.

John J. Sinnott, Newtown, Clonevan.

Andrew Smith, Clonevan.

Henry E. Wall, 4 Charlotte Row, Gorey.

The Chairman decided that a poll should be taken without the formality of of proposing and seconding the Candidates.

The following was the result:-

For Fowler:- Messrs Barry, Cowman, McGuire, Thorpe, Maddock, Fowler, Kehoe, James Codd, Asple, J. A. Doyle, Cloney, and the Chairman.-12.

For Bolger:- Messrs R. Scallan, and J. Redmond.-2.

For Brady:- Mr M. Codd.- 1.

For Sinnott:- Mr Michael Doyle.-1.

Fowler having obtained a clear majority of those present and voting was declared elected.

The successful candidate returned thanks.

He submitted testimonial of character from Rev N. Mernagh p.P., Balloughter.

Appointment of Sheep Dipping Inspectors.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Cowman, seconded by Mr Kehoe:-

"That Messrs James Murphy, Coolbawn, Ferns, and James Hayden, Corlican, Killurin, be appointed Sheep Dipping Inspectors, at £26 each per annum, to cover both Summer and Autumn dipping periods. Mr Murphy to supervise dipping in New-Ross Enniscorthy and Gorey Rural Districts, and Mr Hayden to supervise dipping in New Ross and Wexford Rural Districts."

Proposed War Bonus to Road Contractors.

Under date 14th May 1920, the following letter was read from Ministry of Transport (Ireland) (Roads Department) :-

"I am directed to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 8th inst., and to inform you that the Ministry fully appreciate the difficult position in which the County Council find themselves with regard to road contracts, but on the other hand they feel sure that the County Council also recognise that this Department have no power to authorise the payment of a war bonus on the basis of the resolution passed at the meeting on the 5th inst. Such authority could only be given under a statutory provision and in the absence of such provision, much as the Department desire to help you in the matter, they find themselves unable to do so in the direction indicated by you.

The difficulty experienced by you are more or less common to all County Councils in Ireland, but on the information so far before them the Ministry are not convinced that any power to pay a war bonus to contractors would enable these difficulties to be overcome, or that it would meet the case. In forming this view the Ministry having regard to the fact that conditions of labour and other matters, such as the provision of material cannot be regarded as settled, and that many Councils experience great difficulties in securing contractors even at increased prices. The question therefore would appear to arise whether the principle of executing road repairs by direct labour should not be extended and contracts entered into for shorter periods than has been the practice hitherto, in those cases where the Council consider that contracts should be entered into.

Under a direct labour scheme power could be obtained to vary the rates of pay as might be necessary, having regard to existing conditions, whilst contractors who would run less risk with contracts extending over say one year than they would if the contracts covered a longer period, would probably be more eager to submit tenders than they are at present."

In connection with this matter the following resolution adopted at a meeting of Gorey Road Contractors was read:-

"That in the event of material running short at Tara Hill Quarry owing to steamrolling in the vicinity that contractors be paid their full half-year's pay at November Meeting. And we further request that if we are put into Winter haulage thro' same cause that we be allowed 25% off the specified tonnage."

After discussion the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Cowman, seconded by Mr Kehoe:-

"That the letter of Ministry of Transport (Ireland) Roads Department.- I/R.6 (14 May 1920) relative to the proposal of the Council to pay War Bonus to certain of their Road Contractors be postponed."

Application Co Council Officials for War Bonus (Awards 84 & 101)

Under date 21st April 1920, a letter was read from Mr G. Griffin, Acting General Secretary, Irish Clerical workers' Union, asking the County Council to put into immediate operation the terms of Award 101 (Conciliation & Arbitration Board) as regards the Members of the County Council Staff. Even with this, Mr Griffin wrote, the County Council Staff who were members of the Irish Clerical Workers' Union, would be still poorly paid.

This letter was before meeting of the Council on the 5th May last, and adjourned

Under date 18th May 1920, the General Secretary, Irish Clerical Workers' Union, wrote asking that Awards should be at once put in force.

An application was received from Mr Barry, County Surveyor, asking for application of Award 101 to his War Bonus.

The Meeting after discussion adopted the following resolution on the motion of Mr Cowman, seconded by Mr Kehoe:-

"That the application of the Irish Clerical Workers' Union, and Mr Barry, County Surveyor, as regards War Bonus Awards 84 & 101 in respect of the Members of Co. Council Staff and the County Surveyor, be adjourned to next meeting."

Motor Charges for Conveyance of Prisoners.

Under date 14th May 1920, the following letter was read from Mr J.R. Sharpe, County Inspector, R. I. C.:-

"Referring to your letter of 5th inst., addressed to District Inspector at Gorey, relative to above subject, I have been directed by the Inspector General to inform you that every effort was made to induce the motor car owners to reduce their charges in the cases referred to but without avail and that the police had no option but to pay the claims."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Thorpe, seconded by Mr Maddock:-

"That the County Inspector, R. I. C., Wexford, be informed that the Council are prepared to pay the usual tariff of 1/6 per mile for hire of motor vehicles in Gorey District for Conveyance of Prisoners."

Wexford Seaplane Station.

In accordance with the instructions from last meeting of the Co. Council, the following report under date 15th May 1920, was presented to the meeting by the Co. Surveyor, as regards the proposal of the War Office to pay a lump sum in lieu of replacing public road which they had had covered with concrete in connection with

the recent seaplane station at Ferrybank, Wexford:-

"I inspected this on the 13th inst., and have estimated the cost of removing the concrete and restoring surface of roadway at not less than £180. If the War Office are prepared to pay us this sum I would be satisfied to accept the sum but if they make any difficulties about it I will ask them to take the work up themselves."

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

"That the War Office be informed the Wexford County Council are prepared to accept a sum of £180 for removing concrete and restoring surface of road 85W, as this is the amount which the County Surveyor has estimated for the necessary work."

Courtown Harbour.-Hauling Off Rope.

The Courtown Harbour Committee's Minutes of meeting held on 3rd May 1920, contained a recommendation that a hauling-off rope should be procured for the fishermen at a cost not to exceed £12.

The Harbour Master (Mr Stapleton) in forwarding Minutes stated that the fishermen never used the last rope they got, as the Bar was so good, with the result that it disappeared. Should the Council give the fishermen another rope he recommended it should be placed in charge of the watchman, as he and his brothers, were the principal fishermen and should take an interest in the matter.

The Secretary stated he had asked the Harbour Master to furnish information as to the circumstances under which the rope had disappeared etc.,

In reply, under date 10th May, the Harbour Master wrote that after the last rope had been brought ashore it was taken away by some person or persons, and as it was similar to several ropes at the Harbour, he could not identify it even if he saw it. He would be able to procure a useful secondhand rope for £4.

Mr Cowman proposed and Mr McGuire seconded the following resolution:-

"That the Harbour Master at Courtown be empowered to purchase second hand hauling off rope cost not to exceed £4, and that he be directed to take charge of and be responsible for same."

Mr Michael Doyle proposed and Mr Cloney seconded the following amendment:-

"That this Council declines to purchase hauling off rope for Courtown Harbour"

A poll was taken with the following result:-

For the Amendment:- Messrs M. Doyle, Kehoe, Redmond, Asple, J. A. Doyle, and Cloney.-6

Against:- Messrs Barry, Cowman, McGuire, Fowler, Thorpe, Maddock, James Codd, and Scallan.- 7.

The Chairman declared the amendment lost.

The resolution of Mr Cowman was then put and passed nem con.

Telegraph Line.-Rathaspeck School to Hayestown House.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Cowman, seconded by Mr Kehoe:-

"That the Wexford County Council consent to the execution of works, particulars of which are as follows:- The placing of an overground telegraphic line along the public road from Rathaspeck School to a point near Hayestown House Wexford, on the understanding that the Postmaster General is to make good any damage which may be done in placing or maintaining of the line."

Claim for damage to Motor Car.

Under date 25th May 1920, Messrs M. J. O'Connor & Co., Solicitors, wrote that they had been instructed by Mr R.H. Peare, Kilmallock Enniscorthy, to apply to the Council for £17 being the price of a spring of Mr Peare's motor car which was broken owing to the neglected state of the roads which the County Council are bound to keep in order. Unless amount was paid, Mr Peare would proceed for damages.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Asple seconded by Mr Cloney:-

"That copy of letter of Messrs O'Connor & Co., Solicitors, Wexford, claiming £17 damages on behalf of Mr R. H. Peare, Kilmallock, Enniscorthy, for injury to his motor car be furnished Messrs Coyle & Co., Insurance Brokers, 7 Anglesea Street, Dublin, and Mr R. W. Elgee, Solicitor to the Council, and that the latter be instructed to defend on behalf of the Council any proceedings which may be taken by Mr Peare."

Poisons & Pharmacy Act.

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

"That renewal of licence under Poisons & Pharmacy Act be granted to Mrs Kate Colfer, Ballymitty."

Loan from National Bank.

Under date 22nd May 1920, Mr C. J. Feely, Manager, Wexford Branch National Bank, wrote that his Board had sanctioned loan of £1522 to the Wexford County Council,

repayable at 4 percent per annum interest in respect of steamrolling work for Wexford Rural District.

Road Contractor's Complaint.

Mr Daniel Connors, Ballinacay, Killurin, Road Contractor, came before the meeting and complained as to the deferring of certain amounts on contracts which he had for special works.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Asple, seconded by Mr J. A. Doyle:-

"That the County Surveyor re-examine the circumstances under which certain amounts were deferred in the cases of Special Works which are being carried out by Daniel Connors, Ballinacay, Killurin."

Defaulting Contractors.

The County Surveyor reported Edward Freeman, Ballinavarry, Bree, (306E. & 315E) and Daniel Connors, Ballinacay, Killurin, (91W) as defaulting contractors.

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

"That the County Surveyor be authorised to take such steps as he may consider necessary to have roads 306E and 315E (Edward Freeman) and 91W (Daniel Connors) Contractors) put into proper repair."

The late Mr Blake's Rate Collection.

The Secretary reported that he had been informed by Collector Day, that on applying to Mary Day (No. 31 Tomhaggard E. D.,) for £4. 11. 9d second moiety of poor rate in respect of half-year ended March last, and the second moiety for which was in his Collecting Book, she informed him that she had paid this amount for second moiety to the former collector, the late Mr F. Blake. Mr Day also stated that Mrs Day (who was not related to him in anyway) produced a receipt signed by Blake for £4. 11. 9d for her second moiety rates, but the number of the receipt (187) did not correspond with that in his collecting book.

The Secretary stated he had furnished the particulars of this case to Mr Elgee, Solicitor, with a request that the latter should communicate with Mr Blake's sureties, the National Benefit & Property Assurance Co., Ltd., Dame Street, Dublin, and apply to them for the amount.

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

"That the action of our Secretary as regards second moiety rates of Mary Day

(31 Tomhaggard E. D.,) be approved."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Asple, seconded by Mr Cowman:-

"That in consequence of complaints which have reached this Council ratepayers are advised not to pay rates before receipt of official demand notes and receipts."

Claims for Compensation for Burning of Vacated Constabulary Barracks,

Mr R. W. Elgee, Solicitor to the Council, stated he had received about 27 claims for the burning of vacated Constabulary Barracks, and he would like to get instructions to have the places valued.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Cowman, seconded by Mr Cloney:-

"That the question of having a valuation of vacated police barracks in Wexford Rural District in respect of which claims for compensation for destruction have been received be dealt with by the Wexford Rural District Council as they have already taken steps to secure such valuation."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Cloney, seconded by Mr Scallan:-

"That the County Surveyor be authorised to make a valuation of premises lately used as Constabulary Barracks in the Rural Districts of Enniscorthy, Gorey, and New Ross, and in respect of which claims for compensation for the destruction of which have been received, and that he be allowed £2 per building for carrying out this work, and which sum is to cover attendance in Court and giving evidence."

Printing Parliamentary etc., Register.

Under date 15th May 1920, the Superintendent H. M. Stationery Office, wrote that the tenders of Messrs W. Hanrahan, "The Free Press" and J. English & Co., Wexford, had been accepted for the printing of Parliamentary etc., Register.

-----ooOoo-----

(Signed) _____

Presiding Chairman.

Dated this day of 1920.

ANNUAL MEETING.- 18th JUNE 1920.

The Annual Meeting of the Wexford County Council, was held in the Co. Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford, on 18th June 1920,.

Present:- Messrs Michael Doyle, John O'Byrne (Gorey), James Hall, Gregory Devereux, Matthew Hughes, John Murphy, John Sinnott, John Cummins, James Shannon, Michael Byrne, James Byrne, Michael Redmond, Simon Kehoe, J. J. O'Byrne (New Ross), Owen Kehoe, David Kavanagh, A. F. Smith, R. Corish, Dr Ryan, James Doyle, and C. Culleton.

The above subscribed usual Declaration of office.

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

On the motion of Mr Corish, seconded by Mr Cummins, the Chair was taken by Mr M. Doyle (late Vice-Chairman Co Council).

Confirmation of Minutes.

The Minutes of ordinary Meeting of 5th May, and of special meeting of the 26th May, were read and confirmed.

Chairman of Rural District Councils.

The Secretary stated that the Rural District Council had elected the following as Chairman :-

Enniscorthy:- James Doyle, Hillview Terrace, Enniscorthy.

Gorey:- Owen Kehoe, Coolgreany, Inch.

New Ross:- Michael Byrne, Ballinabearna, Ballywilliam.

Wexford Rural District Council appointed Gregory Devereux, Ballyfinogue, Killinick, as their representative, Mr Culleton, Chairman of the R. D. Council, being an elected member of County Council.

Additional County Councillors.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Corish, seconded by Mr Shannon:-

"That this Council hereby agrees to choose two additional County Councillors."

On the motion of Mr John J. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr James Doyle, Mr Philip Lennon, New Ross, was chosen as an additional County Councillor.

On the motion of Mr Corish, seconded By Mr John O'Byrne, (Gorey) Mr John Pender, Ferns, was chosen as an additional Councillor.

Appointment of Chairman & Vice-Chairman.

On the motion of Mr John O Byrne, seconded by Mr Corish, the following

resolution was adopted:-

"That Mr J. R. Etchingham, be appointed Chairman of this County Council to hold office until next annual meeting of the Council."

On the motion of Mr Hall, seconded by Mr Devereux, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That Dr James Ryan, be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Council to hold office until next Annual Meeting."

Dr Ryan having returned thanks for his election, subscribed declaration of office, and took the Chair which was vacated by Mr Doyle.

Deputy Vice-Chairman.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Devereux, seconded by Mr Sinnott:-

"That this Council appoints a Deputy Vice-Chairman."

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

"That Mr Albert F. Smith, be appointed deputy Vice-Chairman of this County Council for the year."

Dail Eireann.

On the motion of Mr James Doyle, seconded by Mr John Murphy, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the Standing Orders of this Council be suspended to allow of a resolution being moved by Mr James Doyle."

The motion having been agreed to, the following resolution was moved by Mr James Doyle:-

"That this Council of the elected representatives of Wexford County, at a duly convened meeting, hereby acknowledges the authority of Dail Eireann as the duly elected Government of the Irish People, and undertakes to give effect to all decrees duly promulgated by the said Dail Eireann in so far as same affects this Council. That copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Republican Minister for Foreign Affairs for transmission to the Governments of Europe, and to the President and Chairman of the Senate and House of Representatives of the U.S.A."

The resolution was seconded by Mr John Sinnott, and adopted unanimously."

Rescinding Resolutions.

Mr Smith moved:- "That the following resolutions of the late County Council under date 17th May 1916 (dealing with the "Rising" in Easter Week 1916)

and resolutions of 17th December 1915, and of 2nd February 1916, (relative to Recruiting in Ireland) be excised from the Minutes.

Resolution.-17th May 1916.

"That we deplore the lamentable rising in many parts of Ireland, which occurred during Easter Week. Particularly in the City of Dublin, where the loss of life and property has been appalling.

We firmly believe that this Criminal rebellion has been encouraged by Germany to promote her own selfish ends.

That we believe many young men that took part in the outrage had no idea of the foolishness of their action and were intimidated to join in such criminal folly

We therefore call on Mr Redmond and our Representatives in Parliament to use their influence with the Government to deal mercifully with such young men who are now prisoners.

That we hereby renew our entire confidence in Mr John Redmond and the Irish Party, and assure them of our unswerving loyalty."

Resolution 1st December 1915.

"That the Wexford County Council having heard the statement of Mr Poulter, on behalf of the Department ^{ment} of Recruiting for Ireland, and fully appreciating the importance of recruiting at this juncture, is willing to actively co-operate in the efforts of the Department.

Further, they take this opportunity of placing on record the view that it is vitally essential to the people of the Country that this disastrous War be brought to a successful conclusion."

Resolution, 2nd February 1916.

"That in view of the number of men who have already enlisted, of the number who have left the County to work at Munition factories in England and Scotland and also in Arklow, and to the number who will be required in connection with Munition Works to be established in Wexford.; and further owing to increase of tillage in the County, which ranks very high in record tillage crops, and to the great scarcity of labour, we consider no further men could be spared for the Army from the Rural Districts or from the town of Wexford. We are anxious to see as many available men as possible join the Army, and will help recruiting in every way consistent with the needs of the County."

-----o-----

Mr Murphy seconded.

As an amendment Mr Corish proposed and Mr John J O'Byrne, seconded the

the following:-

"That the Resolutions referred to in resolution moved by Mr Smith, and seconded by Mr Murphy, be rescinded but not excised from the Minutes. That Dr Ryan Chairman of this Meeting be instructed to write in red ink across the face of each of these resolutions the words "Rescinded by unanimous vote of the County Council at their meeting held on 18th June 1920."

A show of hands was taken and the amendment carried by 10 to 9.

"It was then adopted nem con as the substantive resolution."

Finance Committee.

Mr Michael Doyle moved and Mr Devereux seconded the following resolution:-

"That the Finance Committee be a Committee of the "whole house".

Mr Corish moved as an amendment:- That the Finance Committee consist of a number less than the "whole house" said number to be agreed on.

The amendment was adopted nem con.

Proposed by Mr Murphy, seconded by Mr Sinnott, and adopted unanimously:-

"That the following members comprise the Finance Committee:- Messrs Corish, Michael Doyle, Sinnott, Culleton, Devereux, Kavanagh, Smith J. O'Byrne (Gorey) and Cloney, the Chairman and Vice-Chairman to be ex-officio members, and three to form a quorum."

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

"That the functions of the Finance Committee be strictly limited to matters of finance and ^{of} such other subjects as may be specially referred to the Committee by the Council from time to time."

Proposal Committee.

Mr Sinnott moved, and Mr Culleton seconded the following resolution which was unanimously adopted:-

"That the Proposal Committee consist of three members from each of the four Rural Districts of the County, viz:- Enniscorthy, Gorey, New Ross, and Wexford."

The following were appointed:-

Enniscorthy District:- Proposed by Mr Smith, seconded by Mr Shannon:- Messrs James Doyle, John Murphy, and David Kavanagh.

Gorey District:- Proposed by Mr O'Byrne (Gorey), seconded by Mr Hall:- Messrs Owen Kehoe, Simon Kehoe, and Matthew Hughes.

New Ross District:- Proposed by Mr Michael Byrne, seconded by Mr James Byrne.- Messrs John J. O'Byrne, Cloney, and Redmond.

Wexford District:- Proposed by Mr Culleton, seconded by Mr Cummins.- Messrs Corish Devereux, and Sinnott.

It was also agreed that the Chairman, and Vice-Chairman should be ex-officio members of this Committee.

District Asylum Committee.

On the motion of Mr Sinnott, seconded by Mr Corish, the following were appointed as Representatives of the Council on the District Asylum Committee:- Messrs Murphy, Smith, James Doyle, Kavanagh, Shannon, Pender.

On the motion of Mr Murphy, seconded by Mr Shannon, the name of Mr James Hall was added to the Committee.

On the motion of Mr Murphy, seconded by Mr Shannon, the name of Mr Simon Kehoe, was added to the Committee.

On the motion of Mr Culleton, seconded by Mr Hall, the name of Mr John O'Byrne (Gorey) was added to the Committee.

On the motion of Mr J. J. O'Byrne, (New Ross) seconded by Mr Sinnott, the names of Messrs Redmond, Cloney, and Michael Byrne, were added to the Committee.

On the motion of Mr Cummins, seconded by Mr Owen Kehoe, the name of Mr Corish was added to the Committee.

On the motion of Mr Corish, seconded by Mr Sinnott, the names of Mr Devereux, and Mr Culleton, were added to the Committee.

A resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Smith, seconded by Mr D. Kavanagh, that the name of Rev J. Rossiter Adm., Enniscorthy, be added to the Committee.

On the motion of Mr Murphy, seconded by Mr James Doyle, the name of Mr Thomas McCarthy, Chairman, Enniscorthy Urban Council, was added to the Committee.

On the motion of Mr Hughes, seconded by Mr Shannon, the name of Mr John Nolan, Newtownbarry, was added to the Committee.

On the motion of Mr John O'Byrne (Gorey) seconded by Mr Hughes, the name of Mr John J. O'Byrne, Raheen, Camolin, was added to the Committee.

On the motion of Mr Devereux, seconded by Mr Murphy, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the name of Ven Archdeacon Latham, D. D., Wexford, be added to the Asylum Committee, and, in the event of his failing to accept appointment, that he be requested to recommend a person in his stead."

County Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction.

In connection with the appointment of Co Committee of Agriculture and Technical Instruction, the Secretary read letter from Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction, under date 30th April 1920, (A8967-1920) calling attention to the poor attendance given by members of County Committees in Ireland last year, and recommending that appointments of members of this Committee should be subject to the condition that any member who is absent from meetings of the Committee during a period of six months should ipso facto cease to be a member and his seat thereupon become vacant.

Mr James Byrne moved:- "That the County Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction consist of 20 members being five from each of the four Districts of the County. That the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the County Council be ex-officio members of the Committee."

Mr Redmond seconded.

Mr Hall moved and Mr J.J. O'Byrne (New Ross) seconded:-

"That the County Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction consist of 25 members, with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the County Council as ex-officio members."

On a show of hands the amendment was defeated by 9. to 12.

Enniscorthy District:- On the motion of Mr Corish, seconded by Mr Culleton:- Messrs Shannon and Smith were appointed.

On the motion of Mr James Doyle, seconded by Mr Shannon, the following were appointed to the Committee-- Messrs T. D. Sinnott, Enniscorthy, Johnson Pasha, Ballinapierce, and Walter Furlong, Dranagh, Caim.

Gorey District:- Mr O'Byrne (Gorey) proposed-- Messrs Patrick Kavanagh, Tomcoyle, Inch, W. J. Brennan Whitmore, Gorey, John Kavanagh, Ferns, Thomas Murphy, Garden City, Gorey, A. McCann, Newbridge, Camolin.

Mr Hall seconded the proposition which was passed.

New Ross district:- Mr Michael Byrne proposed, and Mr Sinnott seconded:- That the following be appointed members of the County Committee of Agriculture and Technical Instruction.- Messrs Bernard Cleary, Ballynabola, Martin Rowe, Begerin, New Ross, William Thorpe, Knockroe, New Ross, John J. O'Byrne, Cushinstown, Ballynabola, and Rev M. Hickey P.P., Clongeen.

"Adopted"

Wexford District:- On the motion of Mr Devereux, seconded by Mr Corish, the following were appointed as members of the County Committee of Agriculture and Technical Instruction.- Messrs John Sinnott, M. C. C., Frank Carty, Nth Main St., Wexford, Patrick Kavanagh, Rathmacknee, Killinick, William Maddock, Gibberpatrick,

Duncormick, Michael Doyle, Cottage, Taggart.

On the motion of Mr Corish, seconded by Mr James Doyle, the following resolution was adopted--

"That a Member of the County Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction absent from three consecutive meetings of the Committee or from six meetings in the year-without valid cause- be disqualified, and that the meetings of the Committee be held monthly."

Tuberculosis Management Committee.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Smith, seconded by Mr Kavanagh:-

"That the Tuberculosis Management Committee consist of six members of the County Council, and three non-members."

On the motion of Mr Corish, seconded by Mr Culleton, the following County Councillors were appointed members of the Committee-- Messrs Corish, Smith, Hall, Devereux, Sinnott, and Dr Ryan; and, on the motion of Mr Corish, seconded by Mr Culleton, the following non-members of the Council were appointed-- Miss Kathleen Browne, Rathronan, Bridgetown, Mrs Kelly, High Street, Wexford, and Mr Patrick Byrne, Camolin, Ferns."

Diseases of Animals Executive Committee.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Corish, seconded by Mr Owen Kehoe-- "That the County Committee of Agriculture & Technical instruction, be appointed the executive Committee for the administration of contagious Diseases (Animals) Acts.

Old Age Pension Sub-Committees

No. 1 (Bannow Rosslare and Bridgetown) On the motion of Mr Hall, seconded by Mr Devereux, the following were appointed:-

Messrs William Maddock, Gibberpatrick, Duncormick, John Roche, Ballask, Kilmore, John Fitzpatrick, Ballyminane, Ballymore, Rev P. Kavanagh C. C., Rosslare, Rev C. Ffrench C. C., Kilrane, Rev G. M. Fry, Bannow, Rev H. L. Scott, Mulrankin, Rev James J. Murphy C. C., Ballymitt, M. J. O'Hanlon, Danescastle, Bannow, Christopher Culleton, M. C. C., Ringaheen, Ballycogley, Rev M. Hickey, P.P. Clongeen, Rev Philip Doyle P. P., Rathangan.

No. 2 (Tintern & Fethard) The following were appointed on the motion of Mr Cummins, seconded by Mr Corish:- Very Rev Canon Sheridan P. P., Ramsgrange, Rev Thomas Cloney, P. P., Templetown, Rev James Redmond P. P., Horeswood, Rev

Edward Doyle C. C., Gusserane, Rev Brother Theodore, The Monastery, Ramsgrange, Rev J.C. Ludgate, The Rectory, Duncannon, M. Cloney M. C. C., Dungulph Castle, Duncannon, N. Howlett, Ramsgrange, and Frank Doyle, Arthurstown.

No. 3 (Taghmon & Killurin) On the motion of Mr Corish, seconded by Mr Sinnott, the following were appointed:- Very Rev Canon Fortune P. P., Taghmon, Rev T. W. Lowe, The Rectory, Taghmon, John Sinnott, Vice-Chairman Enniscorthy R. D. Council, Walter Boggan, Growtown, Taghmon, Denis Asple, Galbally, John Kennedy, Taghmon, Messrs James Cullen, Edward Brennan, and W. Keating, all of Taghmon.

No. 4 (Coolgreany & Gorey) The following were appointed on the motion of Mr O'Byrne (Gorey) seconded by Mr Owen Kehoe:- Messrs J. J. Marrion, 68 Main Street, Gorey, James Connors, William Street, Gorey, Peter Connolly, George Street, Gorey, Very Rev Canon Lennon P. P., Gorey, Rev P. Doyle, C. C., Gorey, Rev Owen Kehoe C. C., Monaseed, Very Rev Canon Murphy P. P., Craanford, Gorey, Rev Thomas Cleary C. C., Gorey, Rev W. H. T. Gahan, Rectory, Gorey, John O'Byrne M. C. C., Gorey, James Malone V. S., Gorey, James E. Cooke, Medical Hall, Gorey.

No. 5 (Enniscorthy & Kiltale) The following were appointed on the motion of Mr Murphy, seconded by Mr Smith:-

Rev P. Cummins C. C., Enniscorthy, Rev Canon Lyster B.D., Enniscorthy, Rev S. Cullen C. C., Marshallstown, Rev W. F. Benson M. A., Templeshambo, Rev A. McCormack C. C., Kiltale, Messrs Albert Smith, Tomnalossett, James Doyle, Hillview Terrace, Enniscorthy, Thomas Doyle, R.D.C., Coolree, Ballindaggin, James Leary, Grange, Rathnure.

No. 6 (Newtownbarry & Ferns) The following were appointed on the motion of Mr Murphy, seconded by Mr Sinnott:-

Rev A. Forrestal P. P., Newtownbarry, Rev R. Gaul C. C., Ferns, Rev Mr Talbot, Ballycarney, Messrs John Nolan D. C., Newtownbarry, Matthew Hughes M.C.C., Newtownbarry, Morgan Lacey, Cloologue, Ferns, John Kavanagh, Ferns, John Pender, Ferns, and Rev Canon Fry, Rectory, Newtownbarry.

No. 7 (New Ross & Old Ross) The following were appointed on the motion of Mr John J. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr Michael Byrne:-

Very Rev Canon Gibson, Rectory, Rosbercon, Very Rev Canon Rossiter P.P., New Ross, Messrs A. P. Bolger, South Street, New Ross, William Thorpe, Knockroe, New Ross, Charles Kavanagh, Cross lane, New Ross, James Walsh, Ballygalvert, Ballywilliam, John O'Neill, Wexford Street, New Ross, James Murphy, New Ross, and Rev D. A. Kavanagh C. C., New Ross.

No. 8 (Monamolin & Ballyhuskard) The following were appointed on the motion of

Mr Simon Kehoe, seconded by Mr Hughes--

Rev T. Quigley P. P., Blackwater, Messrs Myles Murphy, Crosshue, Nicholas Whitty, Killahard, Blackwater, Moses Brien, Killeagh, Blackwater, John Murphy, Castlebridge, Patrick Weafer, Kilmuckridge, Owen Lacey, Killela, Blackwater, Rev T. K. Moran, C. C., Monamolin, Rev J. Furlong, Screen.

Appointment of Representatives on Council of Agriculture.

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

"That we approve of Mr Michael Doyle, M. C. C., acting as one of our representatives on the Council of Agriculture, and that Mr Christopher Culleton, be appointed as our second representative on said Council, to take office should any vacancy occur, and in any event to represent the Council after 1st April 1921."

Representatives of Co. Council on General Council of Co. Councils.

On the motion of Dr Ryan, seconded by Mr John O'Byrne (Gorey) Messrs Etchingham and Smith, were appointed as the representatives of the Council on the Irish County Councils General Council.

Representatives on Co. Insurance Committee.

The following were appointed representatives of the County Council on Co. Wexford insurance Committee:- Miss Maisie Browne, Bridgetown, Mrs Stafford, St., Peter's College, Wexford, Messrs Patrick White, Secretary Trades Council, Wexford, James Gleeson, Avenue, Gorey, John O'Byrne, Gorey, Frank Carty, North Main Street, Wexford, Rev John Sinnott C. C., Wexford, and Rev Owen Kavanagh C. C., Blackwater.

Trustees of Co. Wexford Insurance Society.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Corish, seconded by Mr James Doyle:-

"That the question of the appointment of representatives of the Council on County Insurance Society Committee be referred to the Secretary and the Solicitor to the Council for report to next meeting."

County Wexford Infirmary Committee.

On the motion of Mr Michael Byrne, seconded by Mr David Kavanagh, the following were appointed members of County Wexford Infirmary Committee:-

Messrs Corish, Cloney, James Doyle, John Murphy, Philip Lennon, (County Councillors) Rev T. Hore Adm., Wexford, Ven Archdeacon Latham, D. D., Rectory, Wexford, Miss Charlotte Whelan, George Street, Wexford, Miss Kathleen Browne, Rathronan, Bridgetown, Rev R. Fitzhenry, P.P., Lady's Island, Mrs McTaminey, Quay,

Wexford, Michael Parker, North Main Street, Wexford, Rev P. Murphy M.S.S., Enniscorthy, Miss Kehoe, Mount St Benedict, Gorey, Patrick Doyle, Kellystown, Adamstown, Thomas Redmond, New Ross, Nicholas Whitty, Killahard, and Rev J. Quigley, P.P., Tagoat.

Road 300E.

Mr Smith raised the question of Contract on Road 300E (Contractor John Dempsey, Ballygilliestown, Davidstown).

After discussion the following was adopted on the motion of Mr Corish, seconded by Mr J.J.O'Byrne (New Ross):-

"That the circumstances of contract for Road 300E be referred to next meeting of the County Council, and that the County Surveyor present to said meeting a report dealing with this contract."

War Bonus Road Contractors & Ministry of Transport.

At last Meeting of the County Council a letter was read from the Ministry of Transport (under date 14th May 1920.-I.R.6) in connection with proposal of the Council to pay War Bonus to certain Road Contractors. This communication pointed out that authority to pay War Bonus proposed could only be given under a statutory provision, and in the absence of such provision, much as the Ministry would desire to help the Council, they found themselves unable to do so in the direction indicated. The difficulties experienced by Wexford County Council were more or less common to all County Councils in Ireland, but on the information at hand the Ministry were not convinced that the payment of War bonus would overcome these difficulties. In forming this view the Ministry had regard to the fact that conditions of labour, provision of material, etc., could not be considered as settled and that many Councils found great difficulty in securing contractors even at increased prices. The question would therefore appear to arise whether the principle of direct labour for repair of roads should not be extended, and in cases in which the Council consider contracts should be entered into, having them fixed for shorter periods than had hitherto been the case.

In connection with this matter a letter was read from Messrs Huggard & Brennan, Solicitors, Wexford, under date 5th June 1920, (and who acted for most of the contractors concerned) stating that their clients could not see why, when a War Bonus was given before by the County Council, the Ministry of Transport would not also have equal power to give a Bonus. In the event of a War Bonus not being forthcoming, they desired the Council to ask the Ministry of Transport would they relieve the contractors interested of their contracts.

The following resolution from a meeting of Gorey Road Contractors and adjourned from last meeting of the County Council was read:-

"That in the event of material running short at Tara Hill Quarry, owing to steamrolling in the vicinity, contractors be paid their full half-year's pay at November Meeting. And we further request that if we are to be put into winter haulage thro' same cause that we be allowed 25% of the prescribed tonnage."

The following resolution was read from Kilanerin Farmers' Association:-

"That, owing to the deplorable condition of our roads at present and their increased tendency to deteriorate owing to the difficulty of obtaining contractors and in order to facilitate existing contractors to complete their contracts, we, the members of the Kilanerin Farmers' Union, respectfully request the Council, to urge upon the Ministry of Transport, the necessity of sanctioning the Bonus which was unanimously granted by the several district councils and approved of by your late County Council."

The following resolution was received from a meeting of Gorey Road Contractors:-

"That we respectfully request the Council to urge upon the Ministry of Transport the necessity of granting to the contractors the bonus which was unanimously granted by the several district councils and approved of by the late County Council, otherwise we appeal to you to grant us thirtyfive per cent off the tonnage on all existing contracts, as we think your Council and County Surveyor have power to do so, and if not practical we lastly appeal to you to cancel our contracts and formulate some other Scheme of road repairing."

Mr Corish proposed, and Mr Sinnott seconded, the following resolution which was unanimously adopted:-

"That a special Committee be appointed to deal with the correspondence from the Ministry of Transport as regards proposed payment of War Bonus to Road Contractors. That this Committee also deal with the general system of road maintenance as at present carried out by the Council and under a Scheme of direct labour. That they present a report to next meeting of the Council. That the County Surveyor be instructed to attend the meetings of the Committee."

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

"That the special Committee to consider Road Contractors' War Bonus and Road Maintenance consist of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the County Council the Chairman or County Council Representative of each Rural District Council, Mr

R. Corish, J. J. O'Byrne, C. Culleten, and A. F. Smith. That the first meeting of the Committee be held in Co Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford, at 10.30 a.m., on Tuesday, 22nd inst.,"

Ministry of Transport & County Council Minutes.

Under date 21st April 1920, a letter was read from the Ministry of Transport, asking that, as from the 1st January 1920, a copy of the Minutes of the County Council should be furnished them, and also, as regards future meetings, copy of Minutes as soon as possible after each meeting.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr J. O'Byrne (Gorey) seconded by Mr Culleten:- "That no order be made on the letter from the Ministry of Transport, under date 21st April 1920, but that the Ministry be informed that the Council will communicate with them as regards matters in connection with road maintenance when necessary."

University Scholarship Scheme.

Applications for award of University Scholarships were received from the following:-

Stephen Hayes, Court Street, Enniscorthy.

James Hayden, Curragh, Kilanerin.

Patrick J. Gibbins, Millpark Road, Enniscorthy.

Thomas McGrath, George Street, Gorey.

Mary O'Rourke, St Peter's Square, Wexford.

Aidan Redmond, Ballysampson, Tagoeat.

Lee Sullivan, Selskar Street, Wexford.

Laurence J. Walsh, Town View, Gorey.

On the motion of Mr Michael Doyle, seconded by Mr John Sinnott, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the question of the eligibility of applicants for award of University Scholarships be referred to the Finance Committee."

Proposed Superannuation of Mr R. Earle, late Rate Collector.

The Secretary stated that the following notice of motion by Mr Fowler, late County Councillor, had been issued on 8th May 1920:-

"I hereby give notice of my intention to move at the meeting of Wexford County Council to be held on 18th June 1920, or (in the event of my non-election as County Councillor) I will arrange for another Member to move, that a superannuation allowance be granted to Mr Robert Earle, late Rate Collector for No. 16 Collection District, and that the amount of said superannuation be fixed in accordance with the provisions of section 8 of 9 & 10 Geo 5 Cap 19, Local

Government (Ireland) Act 1919."

The Secretary stated that as the new Council had not been furnished with a copy of this Notice of Motion, he held that a new Notice should be served.

Mr John O'Byrne (Gorey) stated that he would give notice of motion to be considered at August meeting as to superannuation allowance to Mr Robert Earle, late Rate Collector.

Poisons & Pharmacy Act.

On the motion of Mr Culleton, seconded by Mr James Doyle, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That new licence under Poisons & Pharmacy Act be issued to Mr Laurence Harpur, North Main Street, Wexford, and that renewal of licences be issued to Messrs John Roche, Camolin, Edward Brennan, Taghmon, W. H. McGuire, Commercial Quay Wexford, and Mrs Kate Colfer, Ballymitty."

Medical Inspection & Treatment of School Children.

Circular letter from the Local Government Board under date 19th December 1919 (61034-1919, Miscellaneous) forwarding copy of Public Health (Medical Treatment to Children) (Ireland) Act 1919, and which had been referred to the new County Council was read. An Exchequer Grant would be available towards defraying half the cost of an approved Scheme. The latter would involve the appointment of a whole time School Medical Officer (with-if necessary- Assistant School Medical Officers) one or more Dentists, qualified medical and surgical nurses, or arrangements with voluntary nursing associations for the services of such Nurses, provision for the medical treatment of children at Clinics or in Hospitals or Dispensaries, and finally provision for the requisite instruments and necessary equipment, heating etc., of premises. In the case of an Urban District with a population of not less than 6,000 the Act authorised the transfer, by mutual arrangement, confirmed by the Local Government Board, of the administration of the Scheme to the Council of the Urban District.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Shannen, it was decided that no action be taken in this matter pending receipt of draft Regulations from Local Government Board.

Application Co. Council Officials & Co Surveyor for War Bonus

-----Awards 84 & 101-----

Correspondence was submitted from Mr G. Griffin, Acting General Secretary, Irish Clerical Workers' Union, asking the County Council to put into force Award 101 (of the Conciliation & Arbitration Board for Government Employees) as regards the Staff of the County Council who are members of the Irish Clerical Workers

Union.

This matter was before the meeting of the County Council on 26th May 1920, and adjourned to next meeting.

Under date 19th May 1920, an application was read from the County Surveyor asking the Council to apply Award 101 in his case.

This application had also been before the meeting of 26th May 1920, and postponed.

Under date 17th June 1920, the following letter was read from the General Secretary, Irish Clerical & Allied Workers' Union:-

"With further reference to your letter of the 8th inst., I shall be glad if your Council will consider at their meeting on to-morrow (Friday) the application to our Members of the bonus granted as from 1st March 1920, based on the Report of the Committee appointed under the National Whitley Council.

Trusting you will submit our claim in this amended form."

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

"That the Irish Clerical & Allied Workers Union be requested to table the salaries paid to their officials by other County Councils and the mileage of each County, And that on receipt of this information the Finance Committee be instructed to consider the question of the salaries of the officers of this Council, and submit a recommendation to the Co Council thereon."

Rent St Brigid's Inebriate Home.

The Secretary stated that at the meeting of the County Council on 8th April 1919, the following letter was read from the Community of St John of God:-

"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.

The Council on this letter adopted the following resolution:-

"That the Community of St John of God be allowed to hold St Brigid's Inebriate Home at 1/- per annum as from 1st July 1919."

On the motion of Mr Corish, seconded by Mr James Byrne, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That a deputation from this Council be appointed to wait on Rev Mother, St John of God Convent, Wexford, with a view to taking over from the Community St Brigid's Inebriate Home, Wexford, as offices for the County Council."

On the motion of Mr James Byrne, seconded by Mr Kavanagh, the following deputation was appointed:- Dr Ryan, Messrs Corish, Devereux, and Sinnott, with the Secretary and County Surveyor.

It was agreed that the Rev Mother, St John of God Convent, be requested to receive the deputation at St Brigid's Inebriate Home, at 4 p.m., on 23rd June 1920.

Reports Audits.

The Local Government Board forwarded report of their Auditor on his audit of the accounts of Asylum Committee in respect of half-year ended 31st March 1920.

"No Order"

Sanction Appointment Sheep Dipping Inspectors.

Under date 31st May 1920, the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction (Veterinary Branch.-V.B., 1424-20) wrote approving of the appointments of Mr James Murphy, Coolbawn, Ferns, as Sheep Dipping Inspector for Enniscorthy & Gorey Rural Districts, and Mr James Hayden, Corlican, Killurin, for New Ross & Wexford Rural Districts, the remuneration in each case to be £26 covering both dipping periods.

"No Order"

Mountgarrett Bridge.

The County Surveyor (Mr Barry) submitted a letter from Mr Burden, County Surveyor, Kilkenny, under date 6th June 1920, stating that he (Mr Burden) had brought to the notice of the Kilkenny County Council the matter of proceeding with the erection of new bridge at Mountgarrett, and he found they were inclined to entertain it and directed him to ascertain the views of the County Council and to procure tenders. He told them that he could not get tenders but would look into the probable cost. He suggested that Mr Barry, County Surveyor, should ascertain the views of the Wexford County Council at the Annual Meeting.

On the motion of Mr Corish, seconded by Mr J. J. O'Byrne, (New Ross) the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the question of re-erecting Mountgarrett Bridge, repairing existing structure and erecting temporary bridge, be referred to next meeting of the Proposal Committee. That the County Surveyor bring forward proposals regarding same. That he make further representations to the Ministry of transport with a

view to securing a grant towards this important and expensive work which is the main channel of communication between considerable sections of the community of Kilkenny and Wexford Counties. That Kilkenny County Council be requested to make similar representations to the Ministry of Transport. That the latter be requested to state why they refused a grant in this instance altho' they provided a grant under practically similar circumstances in Portadown."

Rate Collection.

In connection with the close of the Rate Collection of the late Mr F. Blake (No. 4 Collection District) Mr Elgee, Solicitor to the County Council, wrote enclosing copy letter from District Secretary, National Benefit Assurance Co., 51 Dame Street, Dublin, in which it was stated that the Company had received a letter from Mrs Blake, widow of late Collector, to the effect that she would pay the amount £4. 11. 9d alleged to be collected from Mrs Mary Day (No. 31 Tomhaggard) over to the new Collector, and it was assumed this would put the matter right.

The Secretary stated that Mr Day had closed the collection satisfactorily on 8th June.

"the Council made no further order in view of the fact that the collection had been lodged in full."

Sanction Rate Collectors.

Under date 14th June 1920, the Local Government Board wrote (26769-1920, and 39346-1920) approving of the appointments of Mr John J. Berry as Rate Collector for No. 3 Collection District, and Mr Joseph Day as Rate Collector for No. 4 Collection District, for the current year's collection on the terms of query form which they returned. They would consider the permanent appointment of these Collectors at the close of financial year.

"No Order"

Motor Charges-Conveyance of Prisoners.

In connection with the claim of the District Inspector, R. I. C., Gorey, for a refund of payment for motor hire at 2/6 per mile and also 8/6 per hour the Co. Council at last meeting adopted a resolution offering 1/6 per mile.

In reply to this the County Inspector, R.I.C., wrote that he had been directed by the Inspector General to state that every effort was made to induce the motor car owners to reduce their charges but without avail, and the police had no option but to pay the claim.

On the motion of Mr Smith, seconded by Mr Sinnett, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That no further action be taken by this Council as regards the payment of Motor hire claimed by the Gorey Constabulary in respect of the Conveyance of Prisoners."

Newtownbarry Streets.

The following resolution was received from Enniscorthy R. D. Council: -

"That we request the Local Government Board to have the streets of Newtownbarry regularly inspected."

On the motion of Dr Ryan, seconded by Mr Cerish, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the resolution of the late Rural District Council of Enniscorthy as to inspection of Newtownbarry Streets by the Local Government Board be referred to the existing R. D. Council of Enniscorthy for their observations."

New Telegraph Line.

The Superintending Engineer, Post Office, wrote applying for permission to the placing of an overground telegraphic line along the public road from a point near Bettyville House, Wexford, to a point at the rear of Wexford Workhouse.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Cerish, seconded by Mr Devereux:-

"That this County Council consents to the placing of overground telegraphic line along the public road from a point near Bettyville House to a point at the rear of Wexford Union Workhouse, provided that the County Surveyor is consulted as to the position of the poles, in view of his complaint that instances have come to his knowledge in which poles have been erected in the watertable and have so obstructed the drainage of the road. That we consider some protection should be placed round poles so as to prevent injury to wearing apparel of persons leaning against them."

Wexford Seaplane Station.

Mr Elgee, Solicitor to the County Council, forwarded under date 2nd June 1920, copy of letter from Major G W. Hall, Chief Land Agent, General Headquarters Ireland, under date 31st May 1920, that on completion of certificate from County Council accepting £180 in full discharge of all claims arising out of interference with or damage or injury to the road leading to the premises lately occupied as an American Seaplane Station at Ferrybank, Wexford, a draft for the sum mentioned would be forwarded.

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

"That the agreement with the War Office to accept £180 in lieu of

replacement of road at Ferrybank at late American Seaplane Station be sealed and signed."

Malicious Injury Claims.

Under date 2nd June 1920, the following letter was read from Mr R. W. Elgee, Solicitor to the County Council:-

"I write to let you know that on last evening about 9 p.m., two strangers called at my house and informed that they were instructed to tell me that unless I gave an undertaking not to appear on the hearing of malicious injury claims, stronger steps would be taken to compel me to do so. Under these circumstances I gave the undertaking."

"No Order was made on this communication."

National Bank and County Council Loans.

In agreeing to loan to County Council for £1522 at 4 per cent, the Manager Wexford Branch of the National Bank, wrote under date 17th May 1920,- "Seeing however, that the Irish Banks Standing Committee have decided that no bank is in future to make new advances to a County Council at a lower rate than one-half per cent below the Irish Banks Rate, varying with a minimum of 4 per cent, that rate has necessarily to be charged on all new transactions. This would be equivalent to a present rate of 7 per cent."

On the motion of Mr Smith, seconded by Mr James Byrne, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That our Secretary communicate with the Ministry of Finance, Dail Eireann, and ascertain if the County Council can obtain money for road improvement etc., and at what per cent, having regard to the present combination amongst Irish Banks and the rate of Interest they propose charging local authorities."

Demand of Enniscorthy Urban Council.

The Secretary reported that the current instalment of Demand on Enniscorthy Urban Council had been forwarded less £23 odd amount included in demand for payment of criminal injuries as assessed on Urban Council.

"No Order"

Income Tax Returns.

Mr James Byrne proposed, and Mr Corish seconded, the following resolution which was passed:-

"That we direct our Secretary not to allow the Inspector of Taxes access to the Rate Books or any of the documents of the Council for the purposes of assessing Income Tax on any official of the Council or otherwise."

Wexford Gas Company.

Notice was received from Wexford Gas Company, that they were applying to the Board of Trade to authorise them to increase the price of gas from 6/6 to 7/- per 1000 cubic feet.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Corish, seconded by Dr Ryan:-

"That the application of Wexford Gas Company, as to increase in price of gas be referred to the Wexford Corporation, and that they be informed that we are prepared to fall in with the views of the Corporation in the matter."

Rate Collector John A. Ryan.

A letter was read from Mr J. A. Ryan, Rate Collector, stating that as he had not fully recovered from his illness he would be grateful if the Council would re-appoint Mr Philip Ryan, his brother, to act as deputy Collector for the present half-year.

A certificate was read from Dr Ryan, that Mr John A. Ryan would require another term of three months' leave before he would be able to resume work.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Michael Doyle, Seconded by Mr Sinnott:-

"That Mr John A. Ryan, Rate Collector, be granted leave of absence to 30th September 1920, and that Mr Philip Ryan, be appointed deputy Rate Collector for the period."

Wexford Bridge.

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

"That the County Surveyor submit a report as to the amount expended on the Wexford Bridge and as to its present condition and future cost. Also as to the cost of erecting the new bridge on the site opposite the Courthouse, Wexford."

Defaulting Contractors.

The County Surveyor reported the following as defaulting Contractors:- Bryan Murphy, Ballinagore, Blackwater, (Ballymoty Bridge) Michael Kelly, Rathnure (Ballyeden Bridge) and asked the permission of the Council for prosecution.

Mr Corish proposed, and Mr Sinnott seconded, the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That Messrs Bryan Murphy and Michael Kelly, be proceeded against in a Republican Court for their default in carrying out the work of repair at Ballymoty and Ballyeden Bridges respectively."

SPECIAL MEETING.-1st JULY 1920.

Present:- Dr Ryan, (Vice-Chairman) presided.

Also:- Messrs James Byrne, R. Corish, C Culleton, J. Cummins, G. Devereux, James Doyle, Michael Doyle, D. Kavanagh, Simon Kehoe, J. O'Byrne (Gorey), Michael Redmond, James Shannon, John Sinnott, A. F. Smith, Philip Lennon, and James Pender.

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

Messrs Philip Lennon and John Pender Co-opted Members subscribed the usual declaration of office.

War Bonus to Contractors & Direct Labour Scheme.

The following report was read:-

"At the meeting of the County Council on 18th June 1920, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That a special Committee be appointed to deal with the correspondence from the Ministry of Transport as regards proposed payment of war bonus to road contractors. That this Committee also deal with the general system of road maintenance as at present carried out by the Council and under a scheme of Direct Labour. That they present a report to next meeting of the Council. That the County Surveyor be instructed to attend the meetings of the Committee."

"That the question of weekly payments to men engaged in quarries etc., be referred to special Committee appointed to deal with the question of Road Maintenance."

The first meeting of the Committee was held in the County Council Offices Courthouse, Wexford, on 22nd June 1920.

The following were in attendance:- Dr Ryan (Vice-Chairman Co Council) presiding. Also:- messrs A. F. Smith, C. Culleton, Gregory Devereux, and R. Corish.

The County Secretary, the County Surveyor, and Mr T. Treanor, Senior Assistant Surveyor, were also present.

Correspondence was submitted from the Ministry of Transport pointing out that the Ministry could not, without a statutory provision, sanction payment of War Bonus to contractors. Having regard to the existing difficulties, the question appeared to arise whether the principle of executing road repairs by direct labour should not be extended, and contracts entered into for shorter periods.

The County Surveyor pointed out that for some time past contracts had been opened for an indeterminate period, contractors having the option to tender for five or any lesser number of years, but notwithstanding over 600 miles of roads out of a total of 2,000 miles for the County) came into his charge after the last meetings of the R.D. Councils.

A letter under date 5th June 1920, was read from Messrs Huggard & Brennan, Solicitors for Contractors, who had applied for war bonus, asking if the Ministry of Transport would be satisfied to relieve those concerned of their contracts.

The following recommendations were made by the Committee:-

"That public notice be given that the County Council are prepared to accept the surrender forthwith of road contracts which were in existence prior to May 1918, and, as regards contracts which have been entered into at or after May 1918, we recommend that the circumstances of each case should be specially considered by the Council or a Committee appointed for the purpose, but that no contract in this category should be determined previous to 31st March 1921.

"That recognising the absolute necessity for carrying out drainage work in connection with drainage work in connection with road maintenance, we consider that as regards roads in charge of the County Surveyor, he should supply particulars of such roads to branches of Labour Unions, who are requested to arrange with their members to have the drainage work carried out. But care must be taken by these Unions not to engage men who are at present in employment unless by overtime, and then only when the services of unemployed men are not available, work must be carried out to the satisfaction of the County Surveyor."

"That as regards the metalling of roads in charge of the County Surveyor we recommend that the County Surveyor should divide contract as follows--

(a) haulage of material from quarry, (b) spreading of material and general upkeep of Road, Relative to (a) we recommend the County Surveyor to arrange with small farmers and others, where possible, for the cartage of metalling to the road, or provide for haulage by County Council plant, whichever system he considers most economical and efficient.

We recommend the purchase of the following machinery:- four stonebreaking plants, each consisting of one breaker, one engine, (convertible to roller) and one van, three rock drills and five hauling plants. each consisting of steam lorry, two trailers and living van, Approximate Cost £21,200. This if borrowed at existing Bank rate chargeable to County Councils, viz- 7 per cent, for ten years and repayable in equal instalments of principal, with interest on

outstanding balance, would necessitate an outlay of £29,362. Allowing for depreciation at 10 per cent the hauling plants should show over and above this a saving on existing rates for this work of £750 each per annum, or a total of £3,750 on the five plants, and which can be set against £316. 4/- per annum, the average yearly interest on the loan.

It may be possible for the County Surveyor to procure some of the machinery (agreed to be purchased) at some public sale, and we recommend the Council to agree to his attendance thereat in company with the machinery overseer.

We recommend that road contracts already "set" by the County Surveyor at full or approximately full terms, should be allowed to stand.

The County Surveyor pointed out that it was not possible at present to group roads for a direct labour scheme, but as road fell out of contract, or, as contracts were surrendered, groups could be devised and placed under a foreman, each group being treated as an entity. Payment could be made by one Pay Order, for each group to the foreman concerned, and who should pay men and obtain their receipt. Sections of roads should be placed under individual workmen, and should average about three miles for the present, the foreman being responsible for the work of from 12 to 15 men. Employment to be dependent upon results, and not to be by time. Tools are to be provided by the County Council and put in charge of foreman, who is to keep an inventory, and be responsible for the safe custody of articles put in his charge, and who is to furnish a fidelity guarantee bond.

Material is to be regularly deposited in small heaps, and the labourer in charge of each section of road to be responsible for spreading.

The Committee generally approved of these recommendations. For the present however, they believed it would not be advisable to definitely decide on the manner in which Pay Orders should be dealt with.

The Committee also made the following recommendations:-

"We suggest that in any Scheme of direct labour adopted by the County Council, due consideration should be given to representations by farmers as to release of men for haymaking, harvesting, or other seasonal work.

We recommend that the Directors of the D. & S. E. Railway Co., should be requested to provide railway sidings at Sparrowsland and Rathgarogue, which would not alone help the County Council in distributing road material, but would make for the convenience of the public in the districts concerned.

Weekly Payments to Quarrymen, etc:- We recommend that the Finance Committee be empowered to make payments weekly to men engaged by direct labour on roads and

in quarries, and that for the purpose of dealing with additional clerical work thereby entailed that an extra clerk be provided in County Council Office and also in County Surveyor's Office.

In view of the importance of the recommendations of this meeting we direct that a special meeting of the County Council to consider our report should be held on Thursday, 1st July 1920, at 10.30 a.m., and that for the convenience of the Councillors a meeting of the Finance Committee be held at 12 noon on same day.

-----o-----

The Chairman moved:- "That the report of Special Committee in connection with road maintenance be received and adopted."

Mr M. Doyle moved the following amendment:- "That the recommendation of Special Committee on Road Maintenance as regards purchase of Road Machinery be forwarded to the Rural Districts of the County for their observations."

Mr Redmond seconded the amendment.

A Poll was taken with the following result:-

For the amendment:- Messrs James Byrne, Redmond, Kavanagh, Kehoe, and Doyle.-5.

Against-- Messrs Lennon, Smith, Devereux, James Doyle, Sinnott, O'Byrne (Gorey) Corish, Culleton, Shannon, Pender, Cummins, and the Chairman.-12.

The Chairman declared the amendment lost.

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

"That the National Bank be requested to state upon what terms they are prepared to advance loan of £21,200 to the County Council for the purchase of machinery. That enquiries be made from other banking institutions and from private firms and individuals as to terms upon which they would be prepared to advance said loan."

The County Surveyor mentioned that the quotations he had received for machinery amounted to £24,148 but he anticipated it might be possible to secure a grant towards the cost from the Ministry of Transport.

The resolution moved by the Chairman, and seconded by Mr Corish, as to the receipt and adoption of report of special Committee was then put and passed.

Clerk for County Council Office.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Corish, seconded by Mr Shannon:-

"That as recommended by the Finance Committee an additional Clerk (with a

knowledge of Shorthand and typewriting) be provided for the County Council Office at a salary of £156 per annum, appointment to be made at the County Council Meeting of 4th August, and successful candidate to enter on his duties on 1st September 1920."

Clerk for County Surveyor's Office.

Mr Corish moved, Mr Shannon seconded, the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That in view of the decision of the County Council to pay wages weekly to men working by direct labour on roads and in quarries, a Clerk be provided for the office of the County Surveyor, salary £73 per annum, appointment to be made at meeting of County Council on 4th August, and successful candidate to take up duty on 1st September 1920."

St Brigid's Inebriate Home.

Report of Committee of County Council

At the meeting of the Wexford County Council on 18th June 1920, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That a deputation from this Council be appointed to wait on the Rev Mother St John of Gdd Convent, Wexford, with a view to taking over from the Community, St Brigid's Inebriate Home, Wexford, as Offices for the County Council."

The members of the deputation Messrs R. Corish, G. Devereux, J. Sinnott, and Dr Ryan, with the County Secretary, County Surveyor, and Mr T. Treanor, Senior Assistant Surveyor, waited on the Rev Mother at St Brigid's Home on 23rd June 1920.

It appears that the premises are at present being used as a Nursing Home for soldiers and sailors whose treatment is provided by Local War Pension Committees. The Community have no agreement with these Committees that the premises are to be kept open as an Hospital for any particular period. Neither is there any agreement guaranteeing any particular number of patients. There were 48 under treatment on the 23rd inst. The Rev Mother who received the deputation in a most courteous manner explained that the Community could not take steps as to the surrender of the premises until they had consulted his Lordship, Most Rev Dr Codd, and she promised to do this as soon as possible.

During the course of the discussion it was stated that the Community had spent over £2,000 in fitting up the premises as an Inebriate Home."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman,

seconded by Mr Corish:-

"That the Special Committee dealing with the question of securing St Brigid's Inebriate Home for County Council Offices, be summoned when a reply has been received from Rev Mother St John of God Convent."

Official Positions & Knowledge of Irish.

Mr James Doyle had given Notice to move the following--

"That all positions in the gift of the Wexford County Council will be given only to candidates who possess a knowledge of Irish, qualifications in connection with Irish to be defined when resolution comes up for discussion."

By permission of the Council Mr James Doyle substituted the following resolution for his motion:-

"That, henceforward, all Candidates for positions under, and promotion in offices under County Council, must pass an examination in Irish, standard to be defined by County Committee of Gaelic League. That Irish be used in headings for County Council Stationery, that Cheques be printed entirely in Irish, and that the name be printed in Irish only on County Council Machinery."

Mr O'Byrne seconded the resolution which was adopted nem con.

Salaries of Officials.

At the meeting of the County Council on 18th June 1920, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the Irish Clerical & Allied Workers' Union, be requested to table the salaries paid to their officials by other County Councils, and the mileage of each County. And that on receipt of this information the Finance Committee be instructed to consider the question of the salaries of the officers of this Council and submit a recommendation to the County Council thereon."

The following recommendation was submitted by the Finance Committee:-

"That the salaries of the Secretary (Mr N. J. Frizelle), the Accountant (Mr T. A. Frizelle), 1st Assistant in County Council Office (Mr C. H. Richards), 2nd Assistant in County Council Office (Mr J. H. Cadogan), Senior Assistant Surveyor (Mr Thomas Treanor), Clerk in Co Surveyor's Office (Mr T. Cullen), be fixed at an amount equal to an increase of 33 1/3rd per cent on their present remuneration, and that the salary of Miss Norton (typist in County Surveyor's Office) be increased by 50 per cent. That as from this day's meeting the salaries of these officials be fixed at the following figures:-

Secretary, County Council	£400 per annum.
T. A. Frizelle, Accountant	£369. 6. 8d per annum.

C. H. Richards, 1st Assistant £312 per annum.
 J. H. Cadogan, 2nd " £226. 13. 4d per annum.
 T. Treanor, Senior Assistant Surveyor £400 per annum.
 T. Cullen, Clerk Co. Surveyor's Office £204 per annum.
 Miss Norton, typist Co. Surveyor's Office £105 per annum.

Mr Corish moved and Mr O'Byrne seconded the confirmation of the recommendation of the Finance Committee,

Mr M. Doyle moved and Mr James Byrne seconded a resolution that the recommendation be not confirmed.

A vote was taken with the following result:-

For the amendment (non-confirmation of Committee's recommendation):- Messrs James Byrne, P. Lennon, Redmond, Kehoe, M. Doyle, and Kavanagh.-6.

Against the amendment:- Messrs Cummins, Devereux, Smith, James Doyle, J.O'Byrne, (Gorey) Corish, Culleton, Shannon, Pender, and the Chairman. 10.

The Chairman declared the amendment lost.

Mr Lennon moved and Mr James Byrne seconded the following amendment:-

"That the question of fixing the salaries of the officials of the County Council be taken individually."

The following voted in favour of this amendment:-

Messrs James Byrne, Lennon, Redmond, Kehoe, M. Doyle, Kavanagh, and the Chairman.-7.

Against:- Messrs Cummins, Devereux, Smith, James Doyle, O'Byrne, (Gorey) Corish, Culleton, Shannon, Pender.-9.

The Chairman declared the amendment lost.

A vote was then taken for confirmation of the recommendation of the Finance Committee with the following result:-

For confirmation:- Messrs Cummins, Culleton, Devereux, Smith, James Doyle, O'Byrne (Gorey), Corish, Shannon, Pender and the Chairman.-10.

Against:- Messrs James Byrne, Lennon, Redmond, Kehoe, M. Doyle, and Kavanagh.-6.

"The Chairman declared the recommendation confirmed."

Appointment of Poor Rate Collector.

Under date 23rd June 1920, letter No. 40962-1920, the Local Government Board wrote approving of the appointment of Mr James Joseph Fowler, as Poor Rate Collector in Wexford County, for the year ending 31st March 1921. Having regard to the amount of the yearly warrant the Board considered that the amount of the bond should be not less than £1,000 and presumed that Mr Fowler would open an office in the district with stated hours of Attendance

for the collection of Rates. The Board would consider the permanent appointment of Mr Fowler at the close of the financial year.

The Secretary stated he had written to Mr Fowler that he would have to provide security in a bond of £1000, and should have an office for the collection of Rates opened in the Collection District.

"No Order"

Reports Audits.

The Local Government Board forwarded reports of their Auditor on his audit of the accounts of the Co. Wexford Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction, and of the County Wexford Tuberculosis Committee, in respect of the half-year ended 31st March 1920.

"No Order"

Oulart Courthouse.

The Secretary asked for instructions in connection with the demand for possession by Mr Peter Cooney, owner of Oulart Courthouse.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Smith, seconded by Mr Kavanagh--

"That steps be taken to surrender Oulart Courthouse to Mr Peter Cooney, the owner."

County Courthouses.

Mr Cummins gave notice of motion for next meeting of the Council that the tenancies of all Courthouses in the County be forthwith determined.

Treatment of Tuberculosis.-Capital Grant.

Under date 25th June 1920 (letter No. 42547-1920, Miscellaneous) the Local Government Board wrote, stating that they had been authorised by the Treasury to grant the undermentioned extensions of time limit within which plans and estimates should be submitted in connection with the Capital Grant in aid of the provision of residential accommodation for tuberculosis patients:-

In the case of institutions for the treatment of pulmonary tuberculosis the latest date for the submission of the relative plans and estimates will be the 31st October next.

In the case of institutions for the treatment of non-pulmonary forms of Tuberculosis the latest date for submission of plans and estimates with respect to institutions to be established by single Councils will be the 31st December next, but where such institutions for non-pulmonary tuberculosis are being provided by a combination of Councils the latest date will be the 31st March 1921.

Unless the necessary plans and estimates were submitted not later than

the aforesaid dates no Capital Grants would be payable in respect of any contemplated Scheme as the Treasury had distinctly intimated that these revised time limits must be regarded as final.

Mr Corish moved, Mr Smith seconded, and it was adopted:-

"That the Circular letters from Local Government Board under date 19th December 1919, (64545-1919) and 25th June 1920, (No. 42547-1920, Miscellaneous) be referred to the Tuberculosis Management Committee for consideration."

Prosecution Alleged Excess Water in Butter.

Letter was received from the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction as to report of one of their Inspectors and Certificate of Sir Charles Cameron, Analyst, as to excess water in butter purchased in New Ross Market from Mrs Michael Ryan, Drana, St Mullins, Co. Carlow. The Department recommended that a prosecution under the Food & Drugs Acts should be instituted in this case.

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

"That reports, etc., from Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction as to excess water in sample of butter purchased from Mrs Michael Ryan, Drana, St Mullins, Co. Carlow, be referred to a Republican Court."

Swim Baths.-Sheep Dipping.

Under date 19th June 1920, a letter was read from Mr L. Dwyer, New Ross, asking if he was to allow his swim bath to be used as usual for the dipping of sheep, to supply the dip, etc., and what price per sheep was allowed for the dipping.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr M. Doyle, seconded by Mr James Byrne:-

"That we consider swim bath at Heathpark, New Ross, the property of Mr L. Dwyer, suitable for dipping purposes."

In connection with the carrying out of Sheep Dipping Order, the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Culleton, seconded by Mr Devereux--

"That the question of carrying out of Sheep Dipping be referred to the Volunteers."

Commission of Inquiry

Under date 17th June 1920, Mr Darrell Figgis, Secretary, Commission of Inquiry into the Resources and Industries of Ireland, wrote forwarding copy of Interim Report of the Commission on Milk production lately published.

The Commission were most anxious that every means possible should be adopted for the purpose of focussing attention on the necessity for the establishment of Cow Testing Associations, the selection of Bulls with milk pedigrees, the establishment of a national Dairy Council, and active propaganda amongst farmers for the purpose of bringing home to them the necessity from a National point of view, of having the milk industry placed on a profitable basis.

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

"That we ask the people of the County concerned with the production of milk to help in every possible way any steps taken to put in force recommendation by the Commission of Inquiry into the Resources and Industries of Ireland towards the development of the dairy industry in Ireland. That we direct our Secretary to procure 150 copies of the ad interim report of the Commission of Inquiry for distribution amongst interested persons."

Poisons & Pharmacy Act.

Mr H Hill, Ballycanew, applied for a renewal of his licence under the Poisons & Pharmacy Act.

"Renewal of licence granted on the motion of Mr Culleton, seconded by Mr O'Byrne (Gorey)."

Constabulary Accounts.

The Secretary asked for instructions as to payment of the following accounts submitted by the Constabulary in respect of quarter ended March 1920:- Conveyance of Prisoners & Witnesses Expenses, £122. 7. 11d, Weights & Measures £28. 11. 8d, Food & Drugs Acts £14. 1. 4d. In connection with the a/cs for Conveyance of Prisoners were charges paid to owners of motor cars in Gorey at the rate of 2/6 per mile and an addition of 8/4 per hour, which the old Council regarded as excessive. They offered to pay at 1/3 per mile, but the Constabulary Authorities stated that the motor vehicles in Gorey could not be procured at a lower figure than what they had included.

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

"That at next meeting of the Finance Committee Paying Orders be drawn for £28. 11. 8d and £14. 1. 4d expenses of the Police under Weights & Measures, and Food & Drugs Acts, respectively, but that no payment be made for charges in respect of Conveyance of Prisoners & Witnesses Expenses. That the Constabulary be notified that no further payments will be made to them for Conveyance of

Prisoners, Weights & Measures Acts, or Food & Drugs Acts."

Appointments on Committees.

Mr M. J. Kavanagh, Registrar, County Infirmary, wrote that Rev R. Fitzhenry P. P., Lady's Island, Rev P. Murphy M. S. S., Enniscorthy, and Miss Kathleen Browne, Rathronan, Bridgetown, had declined to act as members of the County Infirmary Committee.

On the motion of Mr O'Byrne, seconded by Mr Corish, Rev M. Ryan, C. C., Camolin, was appointed a member of the Committee.

On the motion of Mr Corish, seconded by Mr Culleton, Mr Patrick White, King Street, Wexford, Secretary, Wexford Trades Council, was appointed a member of the Co Wexford Infirmary Committee."

On the motion of Mr Corish, seconded by the Chairman, Mr Matthew O'Connor, North Main Street, Wexford, was appointed a member of Co Infirmary Committee.

Rev Archdeacon Latham wrote nominating Very Rev Dean Gibson, Ferns, as a member of the Asylum Committee, as Archdeacon Latham was unable to act.

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

"That Very Rev Dean Gibson, Ferns, be appointed a member of the Enniscorthy Asylum Committee."

Rev P. Kavanagh, C. C., Rosslare, and Rev C. French C. C., Kilrane, wrote declining to act on Old Age Pension Sub-Committee, No. 1 (Bannow, Rosslare, and Bridgetown).

Mr Culleton proposed that vacancies be filled by the appointments of Rev A. Kehoe C. C., Mulrankin, and Mr Joseph Duggan, Bridgetown.

Mr Corish seconded the resolution which was adopted.

Mr R. C. Barton.

The following resolution of Westmeath County Council was adopted on the motion of Mr O'Byrne, seconded by Mr Redmond--

"That we, the Members of the Westmeath County Council, direct the attention of the Irish People to the barbarous and vindictive treatment meted out by the English Government to Mr R. C. Barton, who having been sentenced to three years penal servitude by an English Courtmartial, is now forced to associate with the lowest Political Treatment extended by every Civilised Government to its Political opponents."

Canvassing Members forbidden.

Mr Corish proposed:- "That in connection with vacant positions in the gift of the County Council, canvassing, by or on behalf of, any Candidate, will be regarded as a disqualification, but Candidates will be at liberty to submit testimonials and qualifications.

Mr James Doyle seconded the resolution which was unanimously adopted.

Analyst's Report.

The following report was read:-

City Laboratory,

Chatham Row, DUBLIN.

17th June 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 March 1920.

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

<u>Article</u>	<u>Number.</u>
Milk	12
Butter	10
Margarine	7
Buttermilk	5
Whiskey	4
Rum	2
Condensed Milk	2
Dripping	2
Cheese	2
Lard	1
Ginger Wine	1
Tea	1
Sweets	1
Honey	1
Cocoa	1
Coffee	1
Buttermilk powder	1
Port Wine	1
Flake Meal	1
Indian Meal	1
Flour	1

Total

58

One certificate was sent to Sergeant Tuohy, Gorey, for specimen of rum which was 33 degrees under proof and was therefore adulterated with 5.33 per cent of water.

One certificate was sent to Sergeant Flynn, Ballybrazil, Campile, for specimen of whiskey which was 28 degrees under proof and was therefore adulterated with 4 per cent of water.

Two certificates were sent to Sergeant Doyle, Wexford, for specimens of milk adulterated with at least 6.25 and 7.5 per cent of added water, two certificates for specimen of milk deprived of at least 13 and 20 per cent of ~~the~~ their fats respectively, two certificates for specimens of buttermilk adulterated with at least 16 and 22 per cent of added water respectively, exclusively of 25 per cent allowed for churning purposes, and two certificates for specimens of whiskey which were 26 and 29 degrees under proof and were therefore adulterated with 1.33 and 5.33 per cent of water respectively.

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

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

There were three 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.

A specimen of water analysed for Lady Esmonde, Inch, had the following composition:-

One imperial gallon contained in grains.

Total solid matter	16.800
Including	
Albuminoid Ammonia	0.004
Saline Ammonia	0.010
Nitric Acid	5.620
Chlorine	2.880

A good water.

A specimen of water analysed for P. J. Shaw, Enniscorthy, had the following composition.

One imperial gallon contained in grains.

Total solid matter	21.000
Including	
Albuminoid Ammonia	0.0365
Saline Ammonia	0.0005
Nitric Acid	6.250
Chlorine	2.880

A polluted water.

For Shillelagh Union which is partly situated in the County Wexford, three drugs were analysed and 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..... 89

Adulterated & Defective articles..... 14

Charles A. Cameron.

"No Order"

County Surveyor's Report.

The following report was read from the County Surveyor:-

"At the February Meeting of the Proposal Committee two works were passed, one for the rebuilding of portion of the retaining wall at Courtown Harbour, and the other for placing iron ties between the retaining walls at the approach to the Deeps Bridge, but no tenders were received for these. Subsequently I endeavoured to obtain tenders by private enquiries but was unable to do so, and at the Meeting in May I was directed to re-advertise the works without mentioning any financial limit. This I did and received only one tender for each job both from the same contractor, and I now submit these for your consideration.

At your Annual Meeting a discussion took place regarding the building of Mountgarrett Bridge and subsequently I have received a letter from the Ministry of Transport informing me that possibly we may get a grant of 25% of the cost of the work. I am in correspondence with Mr Burden, Kilkenny County Surveyor, with reference to the matter and to what steps the Kilkenny County Council propose to take and shall submit any further information I may have at your meeting.

At the April meeting a proposal was passed for the dredging of Kilmore Harbour on the understanding that the Department of Agriculture were to pay half the cost of the work and to carry out the dredging, and arrangements were made with the Department that the work be undertaken after the completion of the proposed work at Wexford. Recently I have been in communication with the Department and I think it would be well if the County Council would press the carrying out of the work.

At a former meeting of the County Council there was a discussion with regard to the purchase of a boiler for working the Rock Drill at Tara Hill Quarry and I was in hopes of being able to cover the cost of this out of the grant from the Ministry of Transport towards the improvements of the Gorey-

Arklow Road but, owing to the great advance in prices of the other machinery necessary for the work, the funds available will not now cover the boiler. I have an offer of a suitable boiler at present in Kynoch's Works in Arklow, and I ask for your authority to purchase this if passed by the Boiler Inspector and to pay for it out of quarry account.

Recently the D. S. E. Railway have placed notices on Sparrowsland Bridge and I have been in communication with the Company's Engineer with regard to same. The whole question of the use of Railway Bridges for heavy traffic is governed by this case and I would ask the Council to place the matter in your Solicitor's hands so that we may know exactly how we stand.

Subsequent to the Meeting of the Special Committee to deal with roads I have been in communication with the makers asking for quotations for machinery, and I hope to have these available for the consideration of the Council at the Meeting. I also wrote to the Ministry of Transport asking to have a grant made towards the heavy expenditure recommended by the Roads Committee and I expect to have definite replies in time for the Meeting.

The repair work in connection with the several breakers and other machinery belonging to the County has been up to the present entirely in the hands of Mr Murphy, Machinery Overseer, and as the work is frequently scattered over the whole County, delay occurs from not having a Mechanic who could be in charge of the more extensive repairs in the Machinery Yard in Enniscorthy, and I would suggest that a fully qualified mechanic be got who could undertake this work and also assist Mr Murphy with jobs to be done elsewhere.

At your last meeting I was directed to report on the claim of the Contractor for No. 300E for special consideration owing to the increased prices and I now submit a Memo of same. This case I believe is covered by the recommendation of the Special Roads Committee and will not require separate consideration.

Mr Treanor, reports to me, that material is being taken from Ballinaboola Quarry, for private use, I shall have particulars at the meeting.

For the efficient working of Carrigeen Quarry it will be advisable to take a small portion in angle adjoining butt of the quarry and Mr Treanor has provisionally arranged with the owner of the purchase of this at a sum of £50 The price appears to be high but it is really necessary for the quarry and will enable the work to be carried out in a better and a cheaper manner and I ask for your sanction for this.

The existing contract for the preparation and supply of material from Kerlogue Quarry is now almost completed and it will be necessary to make

arrangements for the future working of this quarry. I would suggest that advertisements be put in the local papers asking for quotations for the work."

-----oOo-----

The County Surveyor in connection with retaining wall at Courtown submitted tender from Mr John Browne, Henrietta Street, Wexford, at £420. The County Surveyor's estimate for the work was £300.

"On the motion of Mr O'Byrne, seconded by Mr Smith, it was decided that the work be carried out by direct labour."

In connection with wall at Deeps Bridge, the County Surveyor who estimated the work at £120 submitted a tender from Mr John Browne, Henrietta Street, Wexford, at £222.

"On the motion of Mr O'Byrne, seconded by Mr Cummins, it was decided that the work should be carried out by direct labour."

With reference to the erection of Mountgarrett Bridge, the County Surveyor read correspondence from Mr Burden, County Surveyor of Kilkenny Co., that his County Council were anxious to proceed with the erection of the bridge and he was making estimates for same. It was expected the cost of erection, etc., would be £15,000.

"No Order"

As regards proposed dredging of Kilmore Harbour, the following resolution was proposed by Mr Corish, seconded by the Chairman, and adopted:-

"That urgent representations be at once made to the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction with a view to having the dredging work at Kilmore carried out without delay."

With reference to Boiler for working rock-drill at Tara Hill quarry a resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Corish, seconded by Mr Cummins, that the boiler be procured at a cost not exceeding £140, the County Surveyor to submit later statistics showing the output from the quarry at the present time and the output when boiler has been working for sometime. That the County Surveyor be empowered to arrange for inspection of boiler at a cost not exceeding £3. 3/- and third class railway fare."

In connection with the reference to Sparrowsland Railway Bridge,, the Engineer, Dublin & South Eastern Railway Co., wrote to the County Surveyor under date 24th June 1920, that the notice which had been put up at the bridge was put under statutory Authority, viz-- The Locomotive Act 1865. The Company could not undertake any work in connection with their bridges beyond maintaining them sufficiently to carry ordinary traffic. The Company hoped it

would not be necessary to put up similar notices on other bridges.

It was decided on the motion of Mr Corish, seconded by Mr Smith, to refer the matter to the Solicitor of the Council for his opinion as to the powers of the Railway Company in the matter.

With regard to the employment of a mechanic to help the machinery overseer, the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr O'Byrne, seconded by Mr Corish:-

"That a properly qualified fitter be appointed at a wage of £4 per week, appointment to be left in the hands of the County Surveyor."

As regards 300E (Contractor John Dempsey, Ballygilliestown, Davidstown) no order was made as the contractor is now at liberty to surrender this contract should he so desire.

In connection with the report of the County Surveyor as to material taken from Ballinaboola quarry, a report was submitted from Mr M. J. O'Kelly, quarry Overseer, stating that Mr Patrick Byrne, Ballynaboola, had carted about two cubic yards of broken stone from Ballynaboola Quarry, and used it in gateway. He got no authority to do so.

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

"That the report of Mr M. J. O'Kelly, quarry overseer, as to material having been taken from Ballinaboola Quarry without authority, be referred to Mr Philip Lennon, to arrange for an Arbitration Court."

Relative to the proposal of the County Surveyor, as to purchasing piece of land adjoining Carrigeen Quarry to enable the quarry to be properly worked, the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Corish, seconded by Mr Smith:-

"That as recommended by the County Surveyor a sum of £50 be paid to the owner of land adjoining Carrigeen Quarry to enable the quarry to be properly worked,"

With reference to working of Kerlogue Quarry the County Surveyor submitted a letter from Moses Power, Kerlogue, present Contractor, stating that he had enough material now prepared to finish his Contract. He would be willing to continue working in quarry if he were allowed 7/9 per cubic yard.

The County Surveyor stated that price under existing contract was 4/6 per cubic yard and was of course unremunerative.

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

"That contract be entered into with Mr Moses Power, Kerlogue, for a supply of 1200 cubic yards of material (to be supplied within one year) from Kerlogue Quarry at 7/9 per cubic yard, Mr Power to enter into a bond for the performance of this contract."

Supply of Gravel.

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

"That the County Surveyor be empowered to advertise for supply of 1000 yards of seagravel from Blackwater District to be supplied in lots as specified by the County Surveyor."

Road Contracts.

Mr J. Doyle raised questions as to how payments on Roads 319E, 329E, 24E, 351E, and 79W, had been dealt with.

"Having heard reply of County Surveyor in each instance the Council made no order."

Proposed Village Hall at Camross.

Under date 28th June 1920, Mr P. Kavanagh, Hon Sec., to Hall Committee, wrote that his Committee intended building a new Hall in Camross on the waste ground at the upper crossroads and wished to obtain permission of the Council for same.

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

"That permission be granted by this Council for the erection of Village Hall at Camross, provided building is erected on site which meets with the approval of the County Surveyor."

Wexford Bridge.

Mr Corish proposed:- "That the County Surveyor be instructed to prepare preliminary plans and estimates for a new bridge for Wexford on a site opposite the Courthouse, and that our Secretary submit a financial statement as to loan etc., for same."

Mr Culleton seconded the proposition which was adopted.

Proposed New Treasurer

Mr Lennon gave notice of his intention to move at next meeting of the County Council that the Co Council take steps to use the National Land Bank instead of the National Bank, as Treasurer of the Council.

-----ooOoo-----

Dated this 11th day of August 1920 (Signed) Samuel O'Reilly
Presiding Chairman.

QUARTERLY MEETING.- 11th AUGUST 1920.

The Quarterly Meeting of the County Council, was held in the Co Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford, on 11th August 1920.

Present:- Dr James Ryan (Vice-Chairman) presiding.

Also:- Messrs Corish, Michael Doyle, John Sinnott, G. Devereux, D. Kavanagh, John O'Byrne, M. Cloney, James Byrne, Michael Byrne, J. Cummins, James Doyle, James Hall, Matthew Hughes, Simon Kehoe, John Murphy, John J. O'Byrne, Michael Redmond, James Shannon, Philip Lennon, John Pender.

The County Secretary, the 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.

Superannuation Ex-Collector Earle.

The following motion and of which he had given previous notice was moved by Mr John O'Byrne (Gorey):-

"That a superannuation allowance be granted to Mr Robert Earle, late Rate Collector for No. 16 Collection District, and that the amount of said superannuation be fixed at this meeting."

The motion was seconded by Mr Hall, and adopted.

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

"That a superannuation allowance of £50 per annum, be granted Mr Robert Earle, ex Rate Collector."

The Secretary stated that the three years average of Mr Earle's salary and emoluments to 31st March 1920 was £156. 19. 6d, and the two-thirds of this or £104. 13/- would be the amount to which Mr Earle was entitled.

Mr J. J. Fowler, Rate Collector, Personal Security of.

The following motion of which he had given previous notice was withdrawn by Mr O'Byrne (Gorey):-

"That in view of the difficulty which exists in obtaining for Rate Collectors security by fidelity guarantee bond, the resolution of the County Council making it obligatory on all new officers to give security through an approved guarantee society be abrogated for the present as regards rate Collectors, and that Mr James J. Fowler, recently appointed Rate Collector, be allowed to enter into personal security with two approved personal sureties in the sum of £1000."

In connection with this matter, Mr Fowler submitted correspondence from a large number of Insurance Companies stating they had discontinued issuing fidelity guarantee bonds to Collectors. The Hibernian Co., were prepared to guarantee against fraud or embezzlement, but not the general conduct of the Collector.

"It was in view of this latter offer that Mr O'Byrne withdrew his motion."

Mr Corish moved:- "That the County Council are prepared to accept in the case of Mr J.J.Fowler, Rate Collector, bond of Hibernian Fire & General Insurance Co., 49 Dame Street, Dublin, guaranteeing, as regards collection of rates in Mr Fowler's district, the County Council against any fraud or dishonesty on the part of Mr Fowler."

Mr O'Byrne (Gorey) seconded the motion which was adopted.

University Scholarship Scheme.- Extension Scholarship.

Mr O'Byrne (Gorey) had tabled the following motion for consideration---

"That Mr John J. Travers, Gorey, University Scholarship Holder, be granted an extension of his Scholarship for one year."

Under date 7th July 1920, Mr Travers wrote that he was granted a Scholarship three years ago, and started to do medicine in University College, Dublin. Since then he had been very successful in his studies and had passed all examinations to date. The £50 scholarship was totally inadequate and the increase to £70 did not come into force until next year. For the past three years his studies had cost him £120 per year, and would cost him a good deal more for next two years.

Mr John J. O'Byrne, proposed and Mr James Doyle seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That the application of Mr John J. Travers for extension of his University Scholarship be referred to special Committee of the Council appointed to deal with University Scholarships and also Scholarships for Primary Schools."

Leave to reside outside Hostel.

The following motion of which he had given previous notice was moved by Dr Ryan, seconded by Mr Corish, and adopted:-

"That Miss Anna Whelan, Wexford, University Scholarsip Holder, of said County Council, be granted permission to reside outside a recognised hostel for academic year 1920-21."

In a letter under date 14th July 1920, Miss Whelan wrote, that as regards her application to reside outside a hostel her case was unique. Her work for teaching diploma next year would necessitate her going to different institutions for

teaching experience, and owing to irregular hours at which it would be carried out it would be better facilitated by residence outside a Hostel.

Irish and Official Positions.

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

"That on and after January 1st 1922, major appointments in the gift of this County Council be given only to Fanneoiri. This condition will also apply to Candidates for promotion.

Until the above date Candidates for major positions and promotion must be able to read 50 pages of Seadna or similar book, and to maintain a conversation based on the text of the book chosen.

These conditions will not be enforced in the case of existing members of the Staff aged over 35 years.

Major appointments mean position of Secretary, and Clerkships in Secretary's Office, and positions of Surveyors and Clerkships in Surveyor's Office.

Until 1st January 1922, all Candidates for minor positions (Rate Collectors etc.,) must be able to read Ceachta Beaga, Part 1 or similar book, and to maintain a simple conversation based on the text of book chosen.

Candidates for major appointments aged over 35 years to be treated like those applying for minor appointments.

In all cases preference to be given to Fainneoiri other qualifications being equal."

The resolution was seconded by Mr John Sinnott, and adopted.

Scholarships for Pupils in Primary Schools.

Mr James Doyle had tabled the following motion:-

"That the County Council Scholarship Scheme be revised in order that the Council may increase the amount for each Scholarship if it deems it necessary. That arrangements be made under which Scholarships will become available to pupils of Primary Schools, and that a Conference consisting of three representatives each from Council, School Managers, and Secondary and Primary Teachers, be brought together to discuss the whole question and to report thereon to the County Council

The following resolution was read from the National Teachers County Association:-

"That we ask the present County Council of Wexford, to introduce a Scheme of Scholarships, providing for Secondary and University Education, to be confined to pupils of Rural National Schools, age limit 14 to 16 years."

After preliminary discussinn Mr O'Byrne (Gorey) moved:-

"That notice of motion standing in the name of Mr James Doyle, relative to University Scholarships and Scholarships from Primary Schools be referred to the following Committee for report to the Council:- Messrs James Doyle, Corish, John J. O'Byrne, P. Lennon, and Dr Ryan."

Mr Hall seconded the motion which was passed.

Tenure of Courthouses

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

"That the County Council determine the tenancy of each Courthouse and Petty Sessions house by the usual notice, and that our Solicitor be directed to have this served as soon as possible."

Mr Pender seconded the motion which was passed nem con.

County Treasurer.

The following notice stood in the name of Mr Lennon:-

"That we the County Council of Wexford, dismiss the National Bank, Ltd., Wexford, from the Treasurership of the County. That a copy of this resolution be furnished forthwith to the Manager of the National Bank, Wexford.

That we hereby appointed the National Land Bank as the Treasurer of the County Council."

The Chairman proposed, and Mr John O'Byrne (Gorey) seconded the following which was unanimously adopted:-

"That Notice of Motion standing in the name of Mr Lennon relative to the change of the County Council Treasurer be referred to next Special Meeting of the County Council."

Co. Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction

Letters were read from Rev M. Hickey P.P., Clongeen, James Shannon, M.C.C., John Kavanagh D. C., Main Street, Ferns, and W. J. Furlong, Dranagh, Caim, resigning the membership of Co Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Dr Ryan, seconded ny Mr Corish:-

"That as recommended by the County Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction, Messrs James O'Leary, D.C., Grange, Rathnure, Gerald Flood, Ballyboro, Clonroche, and George Culleton, Garradreen, Taghmon, be appointed members of this Committee."

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Corish, the name of Mr Patrick Rath, Clonesheeogue, Ballymurrin, was also added to the Committee."

Vacancy County Wexford Infirmary Committee.

Under date 8th July 1920, Rev Martin Ryan, C.C., Camolin, wrote regretting that it was not possible for him to attend meetings of the County Infirmary, and in consequence he could not act as a member of the Committee.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Corish, seconded by Mr Shannon:-

"That Rev G. J. Murphy C. C., The Presbytery, Wexford, be appointed a member of the County Wexford Infirmary Committee."

Appointment Clerical Assistants.

For the position of Assistant (for Shorthand writing and typing) in County Council Office, at a salary of £3 per week, applications were received from:-

Patrick Foley, Castlehill Street, Wexford.

Stephen Hayes, 6 Court Street, Enniscorthy.

John Warner, Swan View, Faythe, Wexford.

M. McCormack, Park Cottage, New Ross.

Robert Freeman, Irishtown, New Ross.

Thomas Tobin, Bohreen Hill, Enniscorthy.

The various candidates having been questioned as to their knowledge of Irish and of Shorthand and typing, Mr McCormack withdrew his application as he had no knowledge of Shorthand and typing.

It was then decided that a poll be taken without the formality of proposing or seconding candidates.

The following is the result of first Poll:-

For Hayes:- Messrs Kavanagh, Kehoe, Devereux, Cloney, M. Doyle, Hall and James Doyle.- 7.

For Foley:- Messrs M. Byrne, James Byrne, Sinnott, John O'Byrne, Hughes, Corish, Cummins, and the Chairman.- 8.

For Freeman:- Messrs Lennon, Redmond, and J.J. O'Byrne.- 3.

For Tobin:- Messrs Murphy, Pender, and Shannon.- 3.

Warner received no vote.

A poll was then taken as between Freeman and Tobin in order to ascertain which would come into second poll.

For Freeman:- Messrs M. Byrne, Lennon, Redmond, James Byrne, J.J. O'Byrne, and Cummins.- 6.

For Tobin:- Messrs Kavanagh, Kehoe, Devereux, Cloney, Murphy, Hall, Sinnott, James Doyle, John O'Byrne (Gorey), Hughes, Corish, Pender, Shannon.- 13.

Mr M. Doyle and the Chairman did not vote.

Freeman accordingly fell out.

A poll was then taken between Hayes, Foley, and Tobin, with the following result:-

For Hayes:- Messrs Kavanagh, Lennon, Redmond, John J. O'Byrne, Kehoe, Devereux, Cloney, Michael Doyle, Murphy, Hall, and James Doyle.-11.

For Foley:- Messrs Michael Byrne, James Byrne, Sinnott, O'Byrne, (Gorey), Hughes, Corish, Cummins, and the Chairman.-8.

For Tobin:- Messrs Shannon and Pender.-2.

Hayes having received a majority of those present and voting was declared elected.

On the motion of Mr James Doyle, seconded by Mr Hall, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That Mr Stephen Hayes, 6 Court Street, Enniscorthy, be appointed clerical assistant in the offices of the Wexford County Council at a salary of £3 per week, to take up duty on 1st September 1920."

Applications were received from the following for the position of Assistant in the office of County Surveyor, at a salary of £78 per annum:-

J. E. Cosgrave, 11 Lr George Street, Wexford.

John Harpur, 1 Riverview Terrace, Wexford.

Denis Radford, St Peter's Square, Wexford.

John G. Turner, Rosslare.

John O'Leary, 47 Abbey Street, Wexford.

John Murphy, Ballyhow, Screen.

Richard O'Neill, Faythe, Wexford.

Stephen J. Furlong, 16 Sth Main Street, Wexford.

Peter Browne, 45 Main Street, Gorey.

O'Neill was not in attendance and his name was therefore not put forward as personal attendance was an essential for election.

The remainder of the Candidates were questioned as to their knowledge of Irish.

It was decided that a poll between the Candidates be taken without the

formality of proposing and seconding:-

The following was the result of the first poll:-

- For Cosgrave:- Mr J. Cummins.-1.
- For Radford:- Messrs Lennon, Redmond, James Byrne, Corish, Shannon, and the Chairman.-6.
- For Turner:- Mr Michael Doyle.-1.
- For O'Leary:- Messrs Devereux, John Murphy, -2.
- For Murphy:- Messrs Kavanagh, and Kehoe.- 2.
- For Furlong:- Messrs Cloney and Sinnott.- 2
- For Browne:- Messrs J. J. O'Byrne, Hall, James Doyle, John O'Byrne (Gorey) Hughes, and Pender.-6.
- For Harpur:- Nil.
- Mr Michael Byrne did not vote.

Mr M. Doyle transferred his vote to Furlong, Mr Kavanagh, his vote to O'Leary, Mr Kehoe his vote to Radford, and Mr Cummins his vote to O'Leary

Owing to this, Cosgrave, Turner, and Murphy fall out and next poll stood as follows:-

- For Radford:- Messrs Lennon, Redmond, James Byrne, Kehoe, Corish, Shannon and the Chairman.- 7.
- For O'Leary:- Messrs Kavanagh, Devereux, Murphy, and Cummins.-4.
- For Furlong:- Messrs Cloney, Michael Doyle, and Sinnott.-3.
- For Browne:- Messrs J. J. O'Byrne, Hall, James Doyle, John O'Byrne (Gorey) Hughes and Pender.-6.

Mr Michael Byrne did not vote.

Furlong having fallen out a poll was taken as between Messrs Radford, O'Leary, and Browne, with the following result:-

- For Radford:- Messrs Michael Byrne, Lennon, Redmond, James Byrne, Kehoe, Sinnott Corish, Shannon, and the Chairman.- 9.
- For O'Leary:- Messrs Kavanagh, Devereux, Michael Doyle, Murphy, and Cummins.-5
- For Browne:- Messrs J. J. O'Byrne, Cloney, Hall James Doyle, John O'Byrne, (Gorey) Hughes and Pender.-7.

O'Leary then fell out and the final poll resulted as follows:-

- For Radford:- Messrs M. Byrne, Lennon, Redmond, James Byrne, Kehoe, Devereux, M. Doyle, Sinnott, Corish, Shannon, and the Chairman.-11.
- For Browne:- Messrs Kavanagh, J. J. O'Byrne, Cloney, Murphy, Hall, James Doyle, O'Byrne, Hughes, Pender, and Cummins.- 10.

Radford was therefore declared elected.

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

"That Denis Radford, St Peter's Square, Wexford, be appointed Clerical Assistant in the office of County Surveyor, at a salary of £78 per annum, to take up duty on 1st September 1920."

Audit of Accounts & Orders of Local Government Board.

Under date 29th July 1920, the following circular letter was read from the Local Government Board, No. 122M. 1920, Miscellaneous:-

"I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to state that their attention has been called to the series of resolutions passed by certain Local Authorities in Ireland repudiating the authority of the Imperial Parliament and declaring their intention to place every obstacle in the way of the existing administration under His Majesty's Government.

In view of the possible effect of this policy upon the responsibilities of the Departments under the control of Parliament, which regulate the issue of loans and subsidies to public bodies in Ireland, the Government have given the Board explicit instructions that no loans or grants from public funds for any purpose shall be made by the Local Government Board to any Authority without a definite assurance that they will submit their accounts to audit and be prepared to conform to the rules and Orders of the Local Government Board, as heretofore.

The Board have observed that, concurrently with the adoption of the resolutions above referred to, many local authorities are engaged in the preparation of schemes for housing, road construction and public health improvements, all of which involve loans and large subsidies from the Imperial Exchequer. They, therefore, deem it right to give early intimation that unless the applications for the loans and grants from these Authorities are accompanied by an assurance, as aforesaid, it will not be within the discretion of the Local Government Board to entertain them.

In this connection, the Board desire to point out that the new Councils seem to be under a misconception as to the purport of the regulations and orders of the Local Government Board. These Orders were not framed with a view of restricting the authority of the Councils, their sole object and intention is to secure efficiency and uniformity in the system of administration, and to safeguard the interests of the ratepayers throughout the country."

Under date 4th August 1920, a similar circular (19394-20) was read from the Under Secretary, Dublin Castle.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr John O'Byrne (Gorey) the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the letters from Local Government Board and Dublin Castle as to submission of accounts of County Council for audit and as to assurance on the part of the Council to carry out all orders of the Local Government Board, be referred to Special Meeting of the County Council to be held when direction of Irish County Councils' General Council on this matter has been received."

New Auditor.-County Council Accounts,

Under date 2nd July 1920, the Local Government Board wrote (No. 104M-1920) that the accounts of the Wexford County Council, would, until further notice, be audited by Mr J.A.Reddy, in lieu of Mr C. D. Barry K. C., resigned.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr O'Byrne (Gorey) :-

"That the letter of the Local Government Board as to appointment of Mr Reddy to audit the accounts of Wexford County Council be referred to next Special Meeting of the County Council."

Audit Public Bodies.

The Local Government Board forwarded copies of reports of their Auditor on his audit of the accounts of Enniscorthy Union and Rural District, and Wexford Union and Rural District.

"No Order"

Rate Collection.-Mr John Ryan.

Under date 13th July 1920, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 45120-1920) stating they would raise no objection to the appointment of Mr Philip Ryan as deputy Collector for his brother, Collector J. A. Ryan, during the current half-year.

"No Order"

Food & Drugs Acts.

Under date 28th July 1920, the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction, wrote that an officer of the Department obtained at New Ross Market on 11th June two samples of butter for analysis. One was found to contain 20.8 per cent water. A communication had been addressed to the Council regarding the analysis of the latter sample.

The Secretary stated that the Council had referred the report of Analyst as to alleged impure sample to an Arbitration Court.

"No Order"

Most Rev Dr Mannix.

On the motion of Mr Devereux, seconded by the Chairman, it was decided that the following telegram be sent Most Rev Dr Mannix, Archbishop of Melbourne:-

"Wexford County Council in Assembly to-day send hearty greetings and eagerly await your Grace's return to the Irish Republic."

Bovine Tuberculosis Order.

Letter from Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction under date 1st May 1920, (No. W.B., 1014-20) relative to Bovine Tuberculosis Order was referred to.

This communication, which was adjourned from a previous meeting for the views of the Veterinary Inspectors of the Council, pointed out that the Department would be prepared to sanction the following amounts as remuneration for work in connection with the Order:-

R. Malone, V. S., Wexford, J. Malone V. S. Gorey, and W. J. Doyle V. S., Enniscorthy, £50 each per annum, F. W. Taylor V. S., and A. Dobbryn, V. S., a proportionate amount for each on the basis of £50 for the entire New Ross Union District in the County Wexford. It was open to the Veterinary Inspectors to accept the alternative of payment of fees on the customary Scale adopted for such work. The Department would not agree to the fee of £1. 1/- for microscopical examination of milk, and could not see their way to sanction a higher fee than 10/6.

Under date 3rd August 1920, the following was read from the Veterinary Inspectors (to whom the communication of the Department had been submitted for their views):-

"In connection with the administration of the Bovine Tuberculosis Order, we desire to point out, that the County Council sometime ago adopted a resolution that the letter of the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction for Ireland, fixing the salaries of the Veterinary Inspectors concerned be referred to the latter to allow them to make any representations they wished at a subsequent meeting of the Council,

The salaries proposed by the Department were:- Messrs R. Malone, W. J. Doyle, and James Malone, £50 each, and Messrs Taylor and Dobbryn (New Ross Union) a proportionate amount for each on a basis of £50, further they suggested a sum

of 10/6 for each sample of milk examined.

In a previous communication the Department pointed out that when the Order was previously in force (pre war) they had intended sanctioning a salary of £40 each to Messrs R. Malone, W. J. Doyle, and J. Malone, and to divide a salary of £40 between Messrs Dobbyn and Taylor according to the extent of their districts. Now, dealing with the offer of the Department, they must admit, that the war bonus paid Civil Servants to-day is 135 per cent on their salaries so that the increase on the £40 (the suggested pre-war salary) would have brought the salary to £94 and not the £50 as stated by the Department, even taking their own figures. But considering the efficient working of the Order, we would submit that the resolution of the Council, arrived at after mature consideration, should stand. This proposed a salary of £130 each to Messrs R. Malone, W. J. Doyle, and J. Malone, and £65 each to Messrs Taylor and Dobbyn, and we submit that these figures are reasonable for the following reasons:-

- 1.- The Order is one of the gravest importance for the health of the community.
- 2.- It has been asserted that over 30 per cent of our Cattle are suffering from Tuberculosis.
- 3.- The Order should be comprehensively and rigorously carried out.
- 4.- To do this it is essential that the veterinary inspectors should be paid a salary that would furnish some inducement to have the disease stamped out.
- 5.- The cost of living and the expense of locomotion have so increased that the Council must recognise that the salaries proposed by the Department, and their suggested Scale of fees, would be merely a waste of money, and that it would not be possible for the veterinary inspectors to do what is really necessary to grapple with the disease, under the proposals of the Department without being at a financial loss.

This Order should be strenuously enforced or it should be dropped. No one will disagree with the absolute necessity (for the sake of our community and for the reputation of our live stock trade) of having the Order properly carried out and we are sure no one wishes that, if this be decided upon, the veterinary inspectors should receive a remuneration for their services which would go only a part of the way towards the payment of their locomotion expenses.

We therefore ask the County Council to request the Department to reconsider their decision and to agree to the moderate salaries adopted by the Council for your Veterinary Inspectors, and who we may observe, are carrying out the ordinary duties under the Contagious Diseases (Animals) Acts at pre-war

salaries."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr James Doyle,
Seconded by Mr Sonnett:-

"That the correspondence in connection with the question of fixing remuneration to Veterinary Inspectors under Bovine Tuberculosis Order be referred to the General Council Irish County Councils in order that uniform action be taken all over the County in connection with this Order."

Maintenance Live Stock (Calves and In-Calf Cows) Order 1920.

The Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction forwarded copy of above Order prohibiting the slaughter or exportation of Calves or in-calf cows as from 6th July 1920.

"No Order"

Council of Agriculture.

The following resolution was submitted from County Wexford Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction:-

"That we request the Wexford County Council to adopt the resolution of the County Cork Committee of Agriculture calling for the resignation of the present Council of Agriculture and Board of Agriculture and to do all in their power to secure compliance with the wishes of this Committee in the matter."

The resolution of Cork County Committee of Agriculture is as follows-

"That we call upon the Council of Agriculture and the Board of Agriculture to immediately resign as they no longer represent the people of the Country, and that we call on all other Irish Committees of Agriculture to pass a similar resolution."

The resolution of Cork Committee of Agriculture was adopted on the motion of Mr J. J. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr Kavanagh:-

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr John O'Byrne (Gorey), seconded by Mr Sinnott:-

"That copy of resolution as to resignation of Council of Agriculture be forwarded Mr John Bolger, one of the present representatives of the County Council on the Council of Agriculture."

Application Increased Salary or War Bonus from Co. Surveyor.

Under date 19th May 1920, the County Surveyor wrote that as the matter of additional War Bonus to the County Council Officials was shortly to be considered by the County Council, he wished to put forward his application for

same. At the time his war bonus was originally granted it was not to the full extent even of the Civil Service recommendation, and of course now it compared very unfavourably with the new Civil Service Scale.

The matter was brought before the meeting of the Council on 26th May 1920, and adjourned, and at the meeting of 1st July 1920, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That in view of the fact that the salaries of the Assistant Surveyors are to be considered at a future meeting, the application of the County Surveyor for War Bonus Award be adjourned to meeting at which the salaries of Assistant Surveyors will come up for consideration."

In connection with this matter the County Surveyor wrote under date 6th July 1920, that he was not connected in any way with the Municipal & County Engineers' Association referred to in the letter of the Assistant Surveyors read at the meeting of 1st July 1920, And his application was quite independent. It was under misapprehension that he agreed to his case being adjourned for consideration with that of the Assistant Surveyors. He now desired to have his case considered separately and asked the Council to grant him the same terms of salary adjustment as already granted to the other County Council Officials.

The following recommendation was submitted by the Finance Committee:-

"That the salary of the County Surveyor as from this date be fixed at £716 (which includes a sum of £50 per annum for travelling expenses) and which is to replace present salary of £500, War Bonus of £100 and locomotion allowance of £50 per annum, total £650."

The Minute of Finance Committee was confirmed on the motion of Mr O'Byrne (Gorey) seconded by Mr Devereux.

Sheep Dipping.

The Chairman called attention to the following extract from letter of Department of Local Government (Dail Eireann):-

"Clerks of County Councils should inform Sheep Owners that forms of Declaration of Sheep Dipping can be obtained at County Council Offices. Republican Members of Local Authorities should instruct farmers who have finished the work of Sheep Dipping to fill up and sign these declarations and bring the forms so completed to fairs and markets so that there can be no interference with the sale or shipping of Sheep Stock, opportunities might also be availed of at meetings of Councils which are reported in the Press to focus attention

on the fact that these forms are procurable at the County Council Offices."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr O'Byrne (Gorey) seconded by Mr Sinnott:-

"That sheep dipping forms be at once procured by our Secretary, and a supply sent to each Rural District Council Office and to each County Councillor. That advertisements be inserted in the local Papers that these forms can be obtained from the aforementioned, and also at the office of the County Council."

Irish Transport & General Workers' Union, & Workmen.

Under date 26th July 1920, the following was read from Mr O'Donoghue, Organiser of Enniscorthy Branch, Irish Transport & General Workers' Union:-

"On behalf of the undermentioned classes of workers, members of above Union, in the employment of the County Council, I am instructed to demand the following improved rates of wages and conditions:-

- | | |
|--|-------------------------------------|
| 1.- Time workers Roadmen. | 50/- per week. |
| do., Quarrymen. | 60/- " |
| 2.- Putting material through Stonebreaker. | 2/- per c. yard. |
| Stonebreaker men when travelling from one Quarry to another. | } Same rate as Quarrymen. |
| 3.- Preparing material after Blasting. | 2/6 per c. yard. |
| 4.- Quarrying and Banking. | 3/6 do. |
| 5.- Engine Drivers. | 70/- per week. |
| 6.- Engine Oilers. | 60/- do., |
| 7.- Timekeepers. | 70/- do., |
| 8.- Quarry Foreman. | 65/- do., |
| 9.- Drill Operator Aidan Nolan. | 60/- do., plus travelling expenses. |
| 10.- Breaking scablings by hand | 2/6 per cubic yard. |
| 11.- Carting material from Quarries. | 3/- per c. yard per mile. |
| 12.- Carrigeen Quarry rate to be 6d per c. yard in advance of Rate for other Quarries. | |
| 13.- A working week of 50 hours, i.e., 5 days of 9 hours each and half-day Saturdays. | |
| 14.- One week's holiday annually with payment. | |
| 15.- Payment for all Church Holydays. | |
| 16.- That wages which have been kept back from men (until they are leaving Council's employment) be paid up. | |
| 17.- That John Connolly, Thomas Carroll, John Mullett, John Murphy, and Patrick Neill, who were employed at Farrell's Quarry, Brownswood, and who were | |

stopped from working on the morning of Wednesday 7th July 1920, be given a week's wage in lieu of notice.

I trust these demands will be placed on the Agenda for the next meeting of the County Council and that the demands will receive the Council's most favourable consideration."

The Council dealt with each class of worker separately.

Roadmen:- The County Surveyor stated that these men were receiving up to the present 8d per hour.

Mr Pender proposed:- "That Roadmen be paid in future at the rate of 1/- per hour"

Mr Sinnott seconded.

Mr Cloney proposed the following amendment, which was seconded by Mr Redmond:-

"That the Roadmen be paid at 10d per hour."

A poll was taken with the following result:-

For the Amendment:- Messrs Michael Byrne, Redmond, James Byrne, J. J. O'Byrne, Kavanagh, Kehoe, Cloney, Hall.-8.

Against:- Messrs Lennon, Devereux, Sinnott, James Doyle, John O'Byrne (Gorey) Hughes, Corish, Pender, Shannon, and the Chairman.10

The Chairman declared the amendment lost.

The resolution was then put and passed nem con.

Quarrymen:- The County Surveyor stated that in most of the Quarries the rate was 8d per hour, in Tara hill 8d and in Ferrycarrig 10d the latter rate having been fixed recently.

Mr Cloney proposed:- "That Quarrymen receive an advance of 25 per cent on their present wages."

The motion was not seconded.

Mr Corish proposed, and Mr Hughes seconded:- "That quarrymen be paid 55/- per week for a week of 50 hours."

Mr James Byrne proposed:- "That quarrymen be paid 1/- per hour."

Mr Kehoe seconded.

A poll was taken on the amendment of Mr J. Byrne with the following result:-

For amendment:- Messrs Michael Byrne, Lennon, Redmond, James Byrne, John J O'Byrne, Kavanagh, Kehoe, Cloney, Hall, and the Chairman.-10.

Against:- Messrs Devereux, Sinnott, James Doyle, J. O'Byrne (Gorey) Hughes,

The amendment was declared carried and was also passed as substantive motion.

Putting material through Stonebreaker:- The County Surveyor stated that present rate was $1/2$ per cubic yard.

Mr O'Byrne (Gorey) proposed, and Mr Corish seconded:-

"That $1/9$ per cubic yard be allowed for putting material through Stonebreaker."

This resolution was adopted nem con.

Preparing Material after Blasting:- The County Surveyor stated that the old price was $1/5$.

Mr Cloney proposed $1/9$ per cubic yard, but the proposition was not seconded.

Mr Corish proposed, Mr Shannon, seconded, and it was passed:-

"That $2/12$ per cubic yard be fixed as the wage for preparing material after blasting."

Quarrying and Banking:- The County Surveyor stated that the old rate was $2/6$ per cubic yard.

Mr O'Byrne (Gorey) proposed $3/6$. Mr Hughes seconded.

Mr Cloney proposed that an increase of 25 per cent or $3/12$ per cubic yard be paid."

Mr Redmond seconded.

The following voted for the amendment:- Messrs Michael Byrne, Lennon, Redmond, James Byrne, John J. O'Byrne, Kavanagh, Kehoe, Cloney, Hall, James Doyle.- 10.

Against:- Messrs Devereux, Sinnott, J. J. O'Byrne, Hughes, Corish, Pender, Shannon, and the Chairman.- 8.

The Chairman declared the amendment carried and it was subsequently carried as the substantive motion.

Engine Drivers:- Old rate £2. 15/-

Mr Corish proposed and Mr Sinnott seconded:- That the Engine Drivers of the County Council be paid £3. 10/- per week."

Passed.

Engine Oilers:- Old Rate £1. 10/-

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Corish, seconded by Mr O'Byrne (Gorey):-

"That the question of fixing wages of Engine Oilers be adjourned. That

the Enniscorthy Branch of the Irish Transport & General Workers' Union be requested to furnish further particulars as to what is the Engine Oilers' actual work. That, in the event of an increase being granted to Engine Oilers, it is to date as from the present meeting."

Timekeepers & Quarry Foremen:- Taken together as the duties are discharged by a single official. Wages paid at present are Doyle and Hendrick £2. Mernagh and Byrne £2. 10/- each, O'Kelly and McEvoy £2. 15/- each, and O'Gorman £3 per week.

Mr O'Byrne (Gorey) proposed:- "That the wages of quarry foremen be fixed at £3. 5/- in each case."

Mr Shannon seconded.

Mr Cloney proposed-- "That the wages of quarry foremen be advanced by 5/- in each case."

Mr John J. O'Byrne seconded.

A poll was taken on the amendment:-

For:- Messrs Michael Byrne, Lennon, Redmond, James Byrne, John J. O'Byrne, Kavanagh, Kehoe, Devereux, Cloney, and Hall.-10.

Against:- Messrs Sinnott, James Doyle, John O'Byrne, (Gorey) Hughes, Corish, Pender, Shannon, and the Chairman.-8

The Chairman declared the amendment carried.

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

Road Foremen:- The County Surveyor pointed out that under the proposed scheme of direct labour Road foreman should be employed and it would be advisable to fix their wages.

Mr Cloney proposed:- "That Road Foremen be paid 55/- per week."

Mr Redmond seconded.

Mr Shannon proposed and Mr James Doyle seconded the following:-

"That Road foremen be paid £3 per week as wages."

After discussion it was decided to adjourn the consideration of this matter to next meeting of Finance Committee.

Drill Operator Aidan Nolan:- The County Surveyor stated that when engaged at working rock drill this man was paid £2. 15/- per week, and he was paid £3 when fixing drills and steels.

Mr Sinnott proposed, Mr John O'Byrne (Gorey) seconded and it was passed:- "That the wages of Aidan Nolan, Drill Operator, be fixed at £3 per week."

Breaking Scablings by hand:- The County Surveyor stated that the present rate was 2/- per cubic yard. Very little work of this kind would be necessary.

Mr Corish proposed, Mr John O'Byrne (Gorey) seconded and it was passed:-

"That the rate of breaking scablings by hand be fixed at 2/6 per cubic yard."

Carting Material from Quarries:- The County Surveyor stated that the present rate was from 1/4 to 2/- per cubic yard, except at Ferrycarrig in which quarry a special rate had to be agreed to owing to a short haulage.

Mr Sinnott proposed:- "That the fixing of rate per cubic yard per mile for carting material from Quarries and all other demands made by the Transport Union submitted to this meeting and set out on agenda paper be referred to next meeting of the Finance Committee."

Mr Devereux seconded.

"Passed"

Death of Rate Collector E. Somers.

The Secretary reported the death of Mr Edward Somers, Rate Collector, for No. 9 Collection District, and which took place on 29th July.

The Finance Committee at their meeting of 15th July 1920, made the following recommendation in view of Mr Somers' illness.

"That we recommend the County Council to approve of the appointment by Mr E. Somers of his son-James- to act as deputy Collector for No. 9 Collection District in respect of Collection for present half-year, Mr E. Somers and his Sureties to be responsible for the close of the collection. We further recommend the Council to favourably consider the granting of a reasonable extension of time for the close of the collection."

On the motion of Mr Corish, seconded by Mr O'Byrne (Gorey) the following resolution was adopted--

"That our Secretary be instructed to advertise for new collector for No. 9 Collection District vice Mr Edward Somers, deceased, Remuneration-Poundage 7d in the £ and Statutory fees under Voters & Jurors Acts, Appointment to be made on Thursday 2nd September 1920."

"That in consequence of the death of Collector Somers the recommendation of the Finance Committee as to deputy be not confirmed."

Loans for Machinery & Road Improvement.

Under date 8th July 1920, the Dail Eireann General Secretariat, wrote that as regards money for road improvement, very careful consideration

was given to this question, but the Ministry feel that it would not

be possible at present for the Dail to undertake the financing of Schemes of this nature.

Under date 14th July 1920, Mr C. J. Feely, Manager, National Bank, Wexford, wrote that his Board had sanctioned the Loans applied, for £21,000 for purchase of road machinery, and £4415 for steamrolling, when the Council has received the necessary permission from the Ministry of Transport. These loans would be for a period of five years and to bear Interest at 7 per cent.

The Finance Committee at meeting of 15th July had considered this letter and had adopted the following resolution:-

"That the Chairman, Councillor Corish, and the Secretary, wait upon Mr Cronin, Manager, Munster & Leinster Bank, and ascertain from him upon what terms his Directors would be prepared to advance loans for Road Improvement Works to the Wexford County Council."

The Secretary stated that the deputation had had a long interview with Mr Cronin. The latter wrote under date 24th July 1920, as follows:-

"In reply to yours of 16th inst., the matter of which I have put before my Directors, who are very thankful for the proposal made to them on behalf of the County Council of Wexford, but they regret they are not in a position to offer better terms as to the rate in connection with the account, than these quoted in your letter to me."

Under date 26th July 1920, the Local Government Board wrote that the applications of the County Council for sanction for these loans had been received and would receive the attention of the Board.

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

"That consideration of correspondence etc., dealing with loans be adjourned pending the receipt of decision of meeting of Co. Councils' General Council on the Circular letters from Local Government Board, and Dublin Castle as to audit of County Council Accounts etc.,"

Ferrybank Seaplane Station.

The Secretary stated that Mr Elgee, Solicitor to the Council, had received from the Chief Land Agent, General Headquarters, draft for £180 amount agreed on for acceptance by the County Council in lieu of replacing road at Ferrybank, Wexford. The amount had been lodged to the credit of the Council.

Marked "Read"

Superannuation Collector Moore.

Under date 5th July 1920, the Local Government Board forwarded Order No. 37221-1920, fixing amount of superannuation allowance to Mr Nicholas Moore, ex Rate Collector at £82. 12. 5d.

Marked "Read"

University Scholarship Scheme.

The Secretary stated that the following marks had been obtained at recent Intermediate Examinations by Candidates applying for University Scholarships:-

1.- Laurence Joseph Walsh, Town View, Gorey.	1487 marks.
2.- James Hayden, Curragh, Kilanerin, Gorey.	1293 "
3.- Leo Sullivan, Selskar Street, Wexford.	980 "
4.- Mary O'Rourke, St Peter's Sq., Wexford.	955 "
5.- Thomas V. McGrath, George Street, Gorey.	742 "
6.- Stephen Hayes, Court Street, Enniscorthy.	623 "
7.- Aidan Redmond, Ballysampsen, Taggart. (failed in Irish)	
8.- Patrick J. Gibbons, Millpark Rd., Enniscorthy. (failed in English).	

The Chairman proposed, and Mr Corish seconded, the confirmation of the following Minute of Finance Committee:-

"That University Scholarships be granted Laurence Joseph Walsh, James Hayden, Leo Sullivan, and Mary O'Rourke, these Candidates having secured the four highest places at the recent Intermediate Examinations."

Surrender of Road Contracts.

Under date 19th July 1920, Messrs Huggard & Brennan, Solicitors, Wexford, wrote forwarding list of Road Contractors who desired to surrender their Contracts. Opposite each was marked the number of cubic yards of material on contract and which had been provided by the Contractor. This should be paid for by the Council, or otherwise the Contractors reserved the right to remove it.

In conclusion Messrs Huggard & Brennan wrote:-

"In addition to this the resignation of the Contractors is without prejudice to the Contractors' rights to be paid a proportionate part of the contract from the date of the last payment to the date of the resignation and also we understand that in some cases there is a hanging quarter, which would not be paid in the ordinary course of things until the contract had expired. This quarter must be paid at the time of the resignation of the contract.

The Contracts referred to are:- 25W, 163W, 170W, 168W, 128W, 129W,

132W, 173W, 94W, 33W, 187W, 230W, 193W, 223W, 222W, 225W, 141W, 185W, 154W, 149W, 160W, 157W, 209W, 207W, 210W, 211W, 215W, 216W, 186W, 192W, 214W, 212W, 166W, 219W, 42W, 43W, 220W, 217W, 44W, 156W.

The County Surveyor wrote to Messrs Huggard & Brennan, under date 20th July 1920, that in regard to material placed on the road the Council would be willing to take it over at an agreed price, if a satisfactory settlement could not be arrived at, he (County Surveyor) suggested that value should be settled by Arbitration.

The following is an extract from the County Surveyor's letter:-

"In the case of a hanging quarter, that is, when the contract is taken in the month of June, and where, up to date of completion, a whole year's tonnage has been put out, in this case certainly the contractor is entitled to the quarter's pay from the 31st March to 30th June. In the event of their having short tonnage last year of course there would be a proportionate reduction of this quarter's pay.

With regard to the contracts having commenced in the month of March I do not consider that the majority of contractors are entitled to any payment except that as set out in paragraph one for material now on the road. It is my experience and observation that little or no real work has been done on the majority of contracts for the past three months and such little attention as may have been given is well covered by the concession made by the County Council in accepting the surrender of the contracts.

There are exceptional cases where more or less extensive work has been necessary and done by contractors in the past three months and I would be prepared to deal with these on their merits.

With regard to payment of any money that might be payable to the contractors under the terms of the surrender I think contractors will have to wait until the usual period of dealing with such, that is, next Autumn Meetings, as, in the original condition of the contracts continuing, such payment would only be made then."

Applications to surrender their contracts were also received by the Secretary from Contractors of the following:- 78G, 92G, 94G, 183G, 190G, 27E, & 28E, 174E, 6G.

The County Surveyor stated he had a letter from Messrs Huggard & Brennan, agreeing to his suggestions,

Joseph Hyland, Coolgarrow, wrote under date 7th August 1920, that he was contractor for seven roads in Enniscorthy Rural District. He was to

have been provided with a drill and breaker but the Enniscorthy R. D. Council would not guarantee to be responsible for the loss on working of quarries and machinery, so that all work of this description was stopped for over four months leaving three men and two horses idle. When the machinery was available in March 1920, it was too late to carry out the work. He was over £200 short in his money last May between what had been "struck off" and "deferred". It cost him £40 for feeding for his horses during the time the work was held up. It was only justice he should receive his deferred money, if not he would have to take action.

The County Surveyor did not dispute the statement made by Mr Hyland, who was in attendance.

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

"That the question of payment to Mr Joseph Hyland, for his road contracts in the circumstances mentioned in his letter of 7th August 1920, be referred to Arbitration."

Laurence Doyle, Ballybrittas, Bree, in asking to be relieved of Contract 329E, stated that, as he could not get material in June or July, he could not perform the contract, his horses would be immediately engaged at harvest work. In regard to road 319E, which the Council had taken off his hands, he claimed payment for sudden damage order for drainage and £1. 12. 3d for 12½ yards extra surface material.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Corish, seconded by Mr O'Byrne (Gorey) :-

"That the question for payment for Sudden Damage Order and extra material on Road 319E, be referred back to the County Surveyor to reconsider and report. That Mr James Doyle and Mr Shannon inspect this road in conjunction with the County Surveyor."

Mr James Fitzpatrick, Ballybrittas, Bree, relative to surrender of roads 328E, 331E, and 79W, hoped he would be paid for what was due on contracts, 331E & 79W.- 6 yards on 331E, and 2 yards on 79W. He was £13 short in payment last May.

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

"That the County Surveyor be instructed to furnish full report as to claim made by Laurence Fitzpatrick, Ballybrittas, in reference to his road contracts."

William Murphy, Ruanmore, Kilmuckridge, applied to the Council for a reduction of 20 yards of tonnage or an increase of £10 on Contracts 181G and 179G, which were entered into under the impression that the resolution of the Rural District Council that a War Bonus be granted Contractors would become effective.

"This Contractor was informed that the County Council could not agree to his request and the only course open to him was to surrender the contracts which he stated he was willing to do."

Mr James Rossiter, Toberlamina, Blackwater, appeared before the meeting in support of his application that the County Council should take over Road 174E.

James O'Brien, Ballytarsna, Oulart, wrote that at the Gorey R. D. Council meeting of 22nd April last, when he handed in tender for Road 183G for £56, the R. D. Council had passed a resolution to give 50 per cent War Bonus. As he saw no war bonus would be granted he asked the Council to reduce the tonnage to 56 yards.

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

"That we agree to take over road contracts of James Rossiter, Toberlamina, Blackwater, and James O'Brien, Ballytarsna, Oulart, the County Surveyor to assess the amount of any payment which he considers has been earned by these contractors.

That the correspondence of Messrs Huggard & Brennan and all other applications for surrender of Road Contracts be submitted to next meeting of the Council."

Erection of Gullet.

Laurence Doyle, Ballybrittas, Bree, applied for permission to make a gullet across the road from one of his fields to another,- road from the cross of Ballyhogue to cross of Kereight- and work to be carried out at his own expense.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Corish, seconded by Mr O'Byrne (Gorey):-

"That the application of Mr Laurence Doyle, Ballybrittas, Bree, for erection of gullet be referred to the County Surveyor for report."

St Brigid's Inebriate Home.

On the motion of Mr O'Byrne, seconded by Mr Kavanagh, the following reports of Committee dealing with the question of obtaining St Brigid's

Inebriate Home were received:-

A meeting of the above Committee was held in the Co Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford, on 2nd August 1920,

Present:- Dr Ryan (presiding) and J. Sinnott.

The County Surveyor and County Secretary were also in attendance.

Letters under date 21st July 1920, from Rev Mother St John of God, Convent, Wexford, and from Mr R. W. Elgee, Solicitor to the County Council, under date 27th July 1920, as to the tenancy of St Brigid's Home were read.

The following resolution was adopted:- "That the County Surveyor be requested to inspect St Brigid's Home and to examine the accounts of £2111 submitted by the Community of St John of God in connection with the improvements which were carried out at the building. That the County Surveyor also arrange for an inspection of the premises by the Committee prior to next meeting of the County Council."

A further meeting of the Committee was held on 9th August 1920, the following being in attendance:-

Dr Ryan, Messrs John Sinnott, and G. Devereux, The County Secretary and County Surveyor were also in attendance.

Having exhaustively examined the premises the Committee adopted the following:-

"We recommend the County Council to take over St Brigid's Inebriate Home Wexford, as County Offices and pay the Community of St John of God Wexford, a sum of £2111 which they have spent in improving the premises, as we understand from the County Surveyor that practically the entire of this expenditure should have been incurred in the first instance by the County Council had they decided on utilizing the premises as offices, after they had been handed over by the Prison Authorities, We believe that by using the premises for (1) County Council Offices and County Surveyor's Offices, (2) Machinery Ward and Shop, (3) Storage for machinery parts and for Coal, (4) setting portion of premises not required for County premises to public bodies and to private individuals, the capital sum now recommended to be repaid to the Community of St John of God Convent would be soon realised and a substantial saving effected.

No structural alterations will be necessary and the only outlay will be confined to furniture and fittings."

On the motion of Mr O'Byrne (Gorey) seconded by Mr Kavanagh, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That Pay Order for £2,111 compensation for improvements effected by

Community of St John of God at St Brigid's Home, be drawn at this meeting and paid over to the Rev Mother of the Community on her surrender of the premises. That the Committee entrusted with the consideration of this matter be authorised to take over the premises and arrange for any further details necessary to prepare the place for offices of the County Council."

No. 6 Old Age Pension Sub-Committee.

Mr Pender proposed:- "That Old Age Pension Sub-Committee No. 6 (Ferns & Newtownbarry) be requested to arrange for holding alternate meetings in Ferns and Newtownbarry as prevailed in the past. That in the event of the Clerk to this Committee refusing to arrange for meetings in Ferns we consider the Sub-Committee should call for her resignation."

Mr Shannon seconded the resolution which was adopted.

Resignation of R. Ms. D. Ls. and J. Ps.,

Mr Lennon proposed, Mr Kavanagh seconded, and it was adopted:-

"That we call on Resident Magistrates, Deputy Lieutenants, and Justices of the Peace to resign their Commission forthwith."

Proposals for Payment.

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

"That the several Proposals for Payment for fixed items etc., as submitted by our Secretary and as recommended by the Finance Committee and the Proposal Committee be and are hereby adopted. That certain claims in connection with Courthouses etc., be postponed to Special Meeting to be held after the forthcoming meeting of the Irish County Councils' General Council."

Carriage of Explosives.

In his report the County Surveyor stated:- "For sometime I have found it impossible to arrange for blasting work in the County Council Quarries. If this work cannot shortly be carried out, I would recommend the Council to close down the Quarries, otherwise we will be under heavy expense with practically no return."

The following recommendation was submitted by the Finance Committee:-

"In view of the fact that the Irish County Councils' General Council are, at a meeting to be held shortly, to deal with consideration of this (amongst other matters) we hereby adjourn consideration of same to Special meeting which will be held to consider the recommendations of the meeting of the General Council."

*
"The recommendation was confirmed on the motion of the Chairman,
seconded by Mr John O'Byrne (Gorey)."

-----ooOoo-----

(Signed) _____

Presiding Chairman.

Dated this day of 1920.

SPECIAL MEETING.-24th AUGUST 1920.

A Special Meeting of the County Council, was held in the Co Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford, on 24th August 1920.

Present:- Mr Albert F. Smith (Deputy Vice-Chairman) and subsequently Dr James Ryan (Vice-Chairman) presided.

Also present:- Messrs R. Corish, Michael Doyle, John Sinnott, C. Culleton, G. Devereux, D. Kavanagh, John O'Byrne, Michael Cloney, James Byrne, Michael Byrne, John Cummins, James Doyle, Simon Kehoe, John Murphy, J. J. O'Byrne, and Philip Lennon.

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

Financial position of Council.

The meeting was called by directions of the Chairman of the Council, (Mr J. R. Etchingham) "to consider the present and future financial position of the Council and to make any order or provision necessary thereto."

In connection with this matter Circular letter under date 29th July 1920, No. 122M. 1920, Miscellaneous, from the Local Government Board was read. The Local Government Board pointed out that no loans or grants would be made to any local authority without a definite assurance that the accounts would be submitted to audit and the local authority be prepared to conform to the rules and orders of the Local Government Board.

Under date 4th August 1920, the Under Secretary, Dublin Castle, (letter 19394-1920) wrote that the Lord Lieutenant was withholding further payments from the Local Taxation (Ireland) Account until a definite assurance is received from the Authorities concerned that they will distribute the money to the services for which it was assigned by Statute, that the Accounts would be submitted to the Local Government Board for Audit, and that the local bodies would conform to the rules and orders of the Local Government Board.

Letter from Local Government Board dated 2nd July 1920, (104M. 1920) was read stating that until further notice the accounts of the County Council would be audited by Mr J. A. Reddy, vice Mr C. D. Barry, K. C., resigned.

These letters had been referred to the present special meeting.

There was also read in connection with this matter correspondence

with the County Treasurer (National Bank, Wexford Branch), Mr C. J. Feely, Manager of Bank, wrote, under date 14th July 1920, that his Board had sanctioned Loan of £21,000 for purchase of Road Machinery, and £4415 for steam-rolling, when the Council had received the sanction of the Ministry of Transport, loans to be for a period of five years and to bear Interest at 7 per cent.

Under date 24th July 1920, Mr J. F. Cronin, Manager, Wexford Branch, Munster & Leinster Bank, wrote, that his directors were not in a position to offer any better terms for these loans than what were offered by the National Bank.

Under date 26th July 1920, the Local Government Board wrote that the application for loans had been received and would have the attention of the Board.

The following notice of motion by Mr Lennon also came up for discussion

"That we the County Council of Wexford dismiss the National Bank Ltd., Wexford, from the Treasurership of the County. That a copy of this resolution be furnished forthwith to the Manager of the National Bank."

On the motion of Mr Kavanagh, seconded by Mr Devereux, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the Secretary be instructed not to produce the books and Accounts of this Council to the Auditor of the Local Government Board."

On the motion of Mr Corish, seconded by Mr John O'Byrne (Gorey) the following resolution was adopted:-

"That consideration of letters from Local Government Board under date 29th July, No. 122M. 1920, and Under Secretary, Dublin Castle, under date 4th August 1920, all letters in connection with loans and Notice of Motion by Mr Philip Lennon as to dismissal of National Bank from County Treasurership stand adjourned for the present."

Claims for Workers.

Under date 26th July 1920, Mr M. O'Donoghue, Organiser, Enniscorthy Branch, Irish Transport & General Workers' Union, had made certain claims for increased wages. A number of these were dealt with at the meeting of the Council on the 11th August, but the following had been referred to the present meeting:-

- 1.- Engine Oilers, demand 60/- per week.
- 2.- Stonebreaker men when travelling from same rate as Quarrymen.

- 3.- Road Foreman. New Employee.
- 4.- Carting material from Quarries. 3/- per cubic yard per mile.
- 5.- Carrigeen quarry rate to be 6d per cubic yard in advance of rate for other quarries.
- 6.- A working week of 50 hours, i.e., 5 days of 9 hours each, and half day Saturdays.
- 7.- One week's holidays annually with payment.
- 8.- Payment for all Church Holydays.
- 9.- That wages which had been kept back from men until they are leaving Council's employment, be paid up.
- 10.- That John Connolly, Thomas Carroll, John Mullett, John Murphy, and Patrick Neill, who were employed at Farrell's quarry, Brownswood, and who were stopped from working on the morning of Wednesday 7th July 1920, be given a week's wages in lieu of Notice."

The following recommendation was submitted from Finance Committee:-

"That Stonebreaker gang when travelling from one quarry to another be paid at the rate of 1/- per hour."

Mr M. O'Donoghue, Organiser, attended on behalf of the Irish Transport & General Workers' Union.

Engine Oilers:- Mr Cummins proposed:- "That the wages of Engine Oilers be fixed at £3 per week."

This motion was not seconded.

Mr Cloney proposed:- "That the wages of Engine Oilers be fixed at £2 per week."

Mr Michael Doyle seconded.

Mr John O'Byrne (Gorey) proposed:- "That the wages be fixed at 50 per week the same as quarrymen's wages."

Mr John Murphy seconded.

A poll was taken on the amendment of Mr O'Byrne with the following result:-
For Amendment:- Messrs J. Cummins, Lennon, Michael Byrne, Murphy, Devereux, Kavanagh, James Doyle, John O'Byrne (Gorey) Culleton, Corish, J.J.O'Byrne, and the Chairman (Mr A. F. Smith).-12.

Against:- Messrs James Byrne, Simon Kehoe, M. Doyle, M. Cloney.-4

The Chairman having declared the amendment carried, it was then put as the substantive motion and passed nem con.

Road Foremen:- Mr Corish proposed:- "That Road Foremen be paid at the rate of £3 per week."

Mr Culleton seconded.

As an amendment Mr Lennon proposed:-

"That the County Surveyor be instructed to prepare particulars for next meeting of County Council of the roads to be maintained by direct labour and the number of men to be allotted to those Roads. That pending the presentation of this statement the Council take no action relative to the fixing of wages of Road Foremen."

Mr James Byrne seconded.

A poll was taken on the Amendment of Mr Lennon with the following result:-

For Amendment:- Messrs Lennon, James Byrne, Devereux, Kavanagh, Simon Kehoe, M. Doyle, and M. Cloney.-7.

Against:- Messrs Cummins, Michael Byrne, James Doyle, John O'Byrne (Gorey) Culleton, Corish, J. J. O'Byrne, and the Chairman (Mr A.F. Smith).-8.

Mr J. Murphy did not vote.

The Chairman declared the amendment lost.

As a further amendment Mr Michael Byrne proposed:-

"That Road Foremen be paid 55/- per week and be responsible for Roads under their charge."

Mr M. Cloney seconded.

A poll was taken on Mr M. Byrne's amendment with the following result-

For:- Messrs Lennon, James Byrne, Michael Byrne, J. Murphy, Kavanagh, S. Kehoe, M. Doyle, J. J. O'Byrne, and M. Cloney.-9.

Against:- Messrs J. Cummins, James Doyle, John O'Byrne (Gorey) Culleton, Corish, and the Chairman. (Mr A. F. Smith).-6.

Mr G. Devereux did not vote.

The Chairman having declared the amendment carried, it was then put as the substantive motion and passed.

Carting Material from Quarries:- After considerable discussion and a proposal by Mr Corish to refer the matter back to Transport & General Workers' Union, and a second proposal by Mr Michael Byrne that no action be taken pending the consideration of particulars as to how this item was paid in other Counties, Mr O'Donoghue stated he would withdraw the demand for the present and endeavour later on to present it in a more concrete form.

CarrigeEn Quarry:- No action was taken, the Council deciding to wait until it was ascertained how new rate of 2/1² for quarrying after blast works out in the case of this particular quarry.

Working Week of 50 hours:- Mr Corish proposed:- "That the demand by the Transport & General Workers' Union for a 50 hours week, i.e., 5 days

of 9 hours each, and half day Saturday be conceded."

Mr O'Byrne (Gorey) seconded.

Mr Cloney proposed that a 54 hour week be fixed for the employes of the Council.

Mr M Doyle seconded.

For the Amendment there voted:- Messrs James Byrne, Michael Byrne, Kavanagh, S. Kehoe, M. Doyle, J. J. O'Byrne, Cloney.-7.

Against:- Messrs Cummins, Lennon, G. Devereux, James Doyle, Chairman, (A.F. Smith) John O'Byrne (Gorey) Culleton, Corish.-8.

The Chairman declared the amendment lost and on the resolution being put to the meeting it was passed nem con.

Mr Michael Doyle proposed, Mr James Byrne seconded, and it was passed:- "That the manual workers of this Council in quarries and on roads be paid at the rate of 1/- per hour for each hour worked not exceeding 50 hours in each week."

Week's Holidays:- Mr Corish proposed Mr Culleton seconded:-

"That the application of the Workers of this Council for a week's annual holiday with payment be adjourned until first meeting of the County Council after conclusion of the present financial year."

"Passed".

Payment for Church Holydays:- Mr Cloney proposed and Mr M. Doyle seconded the following which was adopted nem con:-

"That the employees of the Council be paid for all Catholic holydays."

No. 9 (wages kept back):- After discussin this claim was withdrawn as it was ascertained that no wages were ever held back except for the period from Saturday to the succeeding meeting of the Finance committee, and the omitted payment was always included in next payment, so that the payment was always only three or four days in arrear.

Farrell's Quarry Brownswood:- The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Cloney, seconded by Mr J. J. O'Byrne:-

"That the demand of Messrs Connolly, Carroll, Mullett, Murphy, and Neill, be refused."

The recommendation of the Finance Committee as regards fixing the rate of payment for stonebreaker Gang when travelling from one quarry to another was confirmed on the motion of Mr O'Byrne (Gorey) seconded by Mr Culleton.

Under date 30th July 1920, the following letter was read from Mr M.

O'Donoghue2-

"I have received a complaint from Loughlin Doyle and his son John Doyle, who were employed by the County Council on the roads in the Kiltale District, to the effect that they repeatedly asked the Assistant Surveyor-Mr R. J. Ennis- for an increase in their wages of 26/- each per week, and that they received no increase. Further, that they were dismissed on the 19th June and that at that time the sum of 10/- was due to each of them.

I would be glad if your Council would inquire into these matters and see what can be done for these men."

Mr Corish proposed, and Mr Culleton seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That the complaint of Loughlin Doyle and John Doyle as to rate of wages paid them be referred to Mr Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, for an explanation and particularly as to whether those men were paid at quarry rate when engaged at quarry work."

Under date 30th July 1920, Mr O'Donoghue, wrote:-

"On behalf of William Murphy, Irish Street, Enniscorthy, in the employment of the County Council, I am instructed to demand payment of 4d per mile to cover expenses for motor cycle.

This was inadvertently omitted from General Demand presented on 26th inst."

Mr Cloney proposed:- "That the application be refused."

Mr Kavanagh seconded.

As an Amendment, Mr Corish proposed:- "That wages of William Murphy, be fixed at £5 per week, and that no locomotion expenses be paid him."

Mr Cummins seconded.

A poll was taken on Mr Corish's Amendment with the following result:-

For Amendment:- Messrs Cummins, Smith, James Doyle, John O'Byrne, (Gorey) Culleton, Corish.-6.

Against:- Messrs James Byrne, Michael Byrne, Kavanagh, Simon Kehoe, M. Doyle, J. J. O'Byrne, M. Cloney, and the Chairman. (Dr Ryan).-3.

Messrs Lennon and Devereux did not vote.

The Chairman declared the amendment lost and the original resolution was then put and passed.

Application.-Assistant Surveyors.

Under date 10th August 1920, Mr J. Smith, Hon Sec., Institution of

Municipal Engineers (Irish Branch) wrote asking the Council to make the following Orders at next meeting:-

Fixing minimum salary of each Assistant Surveyor at £400, rising (by annual increments of £20) to £600 per annum, (past service to count towards these increments) that salaries and expenses be kept as distinct items in the remuneration in all cases and be paid monthly, that locomotion expenses be allowed on the following Scale:- for hired horse drawn cars and for motor cars, - actual outlay, 1/- per mile for officers own motor cars, 6d per mile for officers own motorcycles or cycle cars, first class railway fare, £1. 1/- for each night unavoidably absent from home on official business, and 7/6 for each eight hour day absent from same cause.

The Finance Committee submitted the following recommendation:-

"That the application on behalf of Assistant Surveyors for increased salary and also for locomotion expenses be referred back to the Institution of Municipal Engineers (Irish Branch). That the latter be asked if they have affiliated with the Irish Trade Union Congress, and, if not, their reason for non-affiliation."

Under date 23rd August 1920, Mr J. Smith, Hon Sec., Institution of Municipal Engineers (Irish Branch) wrote that the question of affiliation with the Irish Trades Union Congress never came before the Council of his Institution. It was important for the Council to have an efficient and contented Staff, and the Roads and Works of the County supervised in an "expeditious" manner. The Assistant Surveyors were hard working and thoroughly loyal to their employers and the County Council should meet their demands in a fair-minded and liberal manner when good results are sure to ensue."

Mr Cloney proposed, and Mr M. Doyle seconded the following which was adopted nem con:- "That the minute of the Finance Committee be confirmed and that no further action be taken on the application of the Assistant Surveyors for increase of salary."

Surrender of Road Contracts.

Letter under date 19th July 1920, from Messrs Huggard & Brennan, Solicitors, Wexford, on behalf of a number of Road Contractors surrendering their Contracts and letter of County Surveyor under date 20th July 1920 to Messrs Huggard & Brennan, and as set out on Minutes of last meeting of the County Council, were read.

The following recommendation was submitted from the Finance Committee.

"We recommend the County Council to fall in with the suggestions of the County Surveyor in his letter of 20th July 1920, to Messrs Huggard & Brennan and to agree in principle with the proposals contained therein. That Mr Barry, County Surveyor, be requested to furnish at once what would be the cost of the surrender of each particular road contract in respect of which application for surrender has been received. That, as from this date, no further surrender of Roads, the contracts for which were entered into prior to June 1918, be entertained, as sufficient publication relative to the decision of the Council in the matter has been given."

On the motion of Mr Corish, seconded by Mr John O'Byrne (Gorey) the Minute of the Finance Committee was confirmed.

New Ross-Wexford Road.

Under date 31st July 1920, Dr W. F. Hearn, Solicitor, New Ross, wrote:- "That in spite of instructions given by the County Council to the County Surveyor as regards the New Ross-Wexford Road, the utmost that had been done was the banking out of stones, and in some places spreading, but in all cases without any display of judgment but merely dumping on the road and allowing the traffic to do the rest.

For sometime owing to the condition of the road he had been obliged to go to Wexford through Clonroche and Sparrowsland and as to that road from Ballybrennan to Killurin was bad, but it could be got over by picking one's way. The Ballybrennan and Camross section is positively dangerous and he would ask one of the Council to motor over it at his (Dr Hearn's) expense. He had asked the County Surveyor in the strongest manner possible to level the part complained of and so give it an opportunity of consolidating in the fine weather, and not leave it over to the winter when such an operation must be done and the whole surface become a quagmire.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr O'Byrne (Gorey):-

"That Dr Hearn be informed that the County Surveyor is doing what is possible in face of great difficulty to have New Ross- Wexford road put into proper repair."

Superannuation of Mr R. Earle, Rate Collector.

Under date 14th August 1920, Messrs M. J. O'Connor & Co., Solicitors,

Wrote :-

"Mr Robert Earle, of Ballynahoun, Wells, Gorey, has handed us your letter to him of the 13th inst., in which you inform him that the County Council by resolution dated 11th inst., granted him a superannuation allowance of £50 per annum as Rate Collector.

It is evident that your Council has not taken into consideration the average earnings of Mr Earle in respect of his position as poor Rate Collector for the past three years. His earnings were as follows:-

1917 - 18,	£131. 1. 11
1918 - 19,	157. 11. 9
1919 - 20.	182. 4. 10
	<hr/>
	£470. 18. 6
	<hr/>

The average on above for three years would be £156. 19. 6d. On this average he is entitled to two-thirds as superannuation allowance, namely £104. 13. 0. This is the sum which Mr Earle is entitled to receive from the Council and he does not see why he should accept any less and he will not.

We are sure that on reconsideration your Council will see that our Client is not claiming any sum that is unfair or unjust. He only wants what he is entitled to and we are sure that your Council when the matter is brought before it will give him what he is entitled to.

We shall thank you to let us hear from you in reply."

Mr Corish stated he would hand in Notice of Motion for consideration of next Meeting of the County Council that the amount of superannuation voted Mr Earle ex-Rate Collector be re-considered.

Audit of Accounts of Co. Wexford Infirmary.

Under date 18th August 1920, the Local Government Board wrote (50535-1920, Wexford Co. Infirmary) forwarding report of their Auditor on his audit of the accounts of Co. Wexford Infirmary in respect of year ended 31st March 1920.

"No Order"

Proposed Surrender of Courthouses.

Under date 14th August 1920, the following was read from Mr R. W. Elgee, Solicitor to the County Council, in connection with proposed surrender of the tenancy of the various Courthouses of the County:-

"Yours with resolution re above (Courthouses) received and I will look into the matter. The only difficulty I see is to ascertain the Tenure of the County Sessions Houses, whether they are held by Lease or not.

The Courthouses at Wexford, Enniscorthy, and Gorey, are held under lease and I have the particulars of same. The lease of Enniscorthy was made to the County Council only a few years ago.

I do not know how the Ross Courthouse is held, but I presume there is a lease on it also.

Unless the landlords consent to accept a surrender in these cases the Council are bound to keep them on.

Of course the buildings are the property of the Council."

"The meeting having considered Mr Elgee's letter decided to make "No Order" thereon."

Courtown Harbour.

The following extracts from Minutes of Courtown Harbour Committee were submitted to the meeting:-

"That the Courtown Harbour Committee desire to bring under the notice of the County Council the bad state of the Bar, boats being unable to get out which occasions much unemployment in the neighbourhood."

"That we request the County Council to increase the present inadequate wage of the Harbour Master of Courtown Harbour."

On the motion of Mr Corish, seconded by Mr John O'Byrne (Gorey) the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the County Surveyor be instructed to furnish special report as to improvements which he considers should be carried out at Courtown Harbour in order to improve the Bar."

On the motion of Mr Corish, seconded by Mr John O'Byrne (Gorey) the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the question of remuneration to be paid the Harbour Master, Courtown Harbour, be placed on agenda for next meeting."

County Surveyor's Report.

The following report was read from the County Surveyor:-

"As directed by the Council I am submitting a recommendation to the Proposal Committee for the re-building of Mountgarrett Bridge I have gone into the estimate with Mr Burden, Kilkenny County Surveyor, and Mr Delap, Consulting Engineer and we do not think it would be possible to have the work carried out under £18,000.

I also submit recommendation for the caretaking of New Ross Bridge, this item was omitted from the recommendations at the May Meeting, and as the old contract had expired I arranged with the former contractor to look

after the Bridge until the new proposal can come into operation on the 1st September, and I propose paying him under Damage Order.

I shall submit to the Meeting particulars with regard to the rebuilding of Wexford Bridge on the site opposite the Courthouse. This work cannot be carried out at a less cost than £100,000.

I had arranged with the Department Engineer to have the cleaning of Kilmore Harbour carried out by ordinary labour, but the work has fallen through owing to the difficulty about rate of wages and I submit letter from the Department on this matter.

I have as directed by the Council put in hands the work of rebuilding the wall at Courtown Harbour under "Direct Labour" and the work is now in progress.

I am making arrangements to carry out the work of tying up the retaining wall at Deeps Bridge under "Direct Labour" and have placed an order for the iron work for same after having invited tenders from a number of Firms. I propose starting the work there as soon as the iron work comes to hand.

I received a letter from Mr Elgee with regard to the Railway Bridges in the County over which public roads pass. It would appear that our agreements with the several Companies terminate shortly and I consider that new arrangements should be made with the Companies as the present cash allowance made to the County Council is quite insufficient with existing prices for maintenance. I shall submit Mr Elgee's letter at the Meeting.

I have to report that excessive damage has been caused to a number of roads by heavy traction and lorry traffic. Some of this traffic is I believe covered by ordinary rules but a portion of it is caused by haulage of timber which is "Extraordinary Traffic" and the persons causing the damage are liable for same. I would suggest that the Council appoint a Committee to deal with this matter and to advise the Council as to what steps should be taken. I submit list of damaged roads.

In conformity with the terms of the Council's resolution I put advertisement in the local papers notifying contractors that they could surrender contracts under certain conditions and I have received notification from a large number of them. In Wexford there are 95 surrendered Contracts, in New Ross 22, in Gorey 10, and in Enniscorthy 9. I expect that in Wexford District the reason so many surrendered was that they were for a long period extending back from 1915 when the prices were extremely low. In dealing with the untendered contracts and the special drainage

work ordered by the Council I found it quite impossible to group the roads until I had a list of surrendered ones also and I now have these grouped and I shall endeavour to start the work at once. With reference to the surrendered roads the money available would be insufficient and what I propose doing is to expend the money at the foot of the contract and submit supplemental proposals to the Rural District Councils at the Autumn Meetings. In order to carry out the Council's orders with regard to "Direct Labour" I propose in future to bring forward proposals for each in two parts (1) For supply of material and haulage of same to the depots on the roads. (2) For all the labour work in spreading material and caring and maintaining the road.

I shall discuss this more fully at the Meeting and shall submit amended specification governing this work.

For sometime now I have found it impossible to arrange for blasting work in the Council's quarries, if this work cannot shortly be carried out I would recommend the Council to close down the quarries otherwise we will be under heavy expense with practically no return.

The difficulty of obtaining parts for repair and upkeep of the breakers is likely to have them all thrown idle very shortly, in January last we placed an order for side plates for the breaker but they have not yet arrived and we are now with difficulty able to carry on.

Subsequent to your last meeting I placed orders for machinery as approved by the Council. The Ministry of transport had notified me that they would make a Grant of the amount of one-third the cost, the balance of the expenditure was to be obtained on loan running over a period of 10 years. As it is quite possible there may now be difficulty with regard to finance, I ask for your instructions in the matter.

The Committee nominated to deal with the taking over of the old jail for the Council Offices and Stores met on the 2nd inst., and directed me to inspect the premises and examine the vouchers in connection with the expenditure carried out by the St John of God Nuns. I shall submit supplemental report at the Meeting after I have visited the premises and you will also have recommendation of the Committee before you."

-----ooOoo-----

Damaged Roads:- On the motion of Mr Corish, seconded by Mr Kavanagh the following resolution was adopted:-

"That as suggested by the County Surveyor in his report, a

© WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL ARCHIVES

on Roads and advise the Council as to what steps should be taken in reference to same."

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

"That the Committee to consider the question of extraordinary traffic be composed of Dr Ryan, Vice-Chairman of the Co Council, G. Devereux, A. Smith, R. Corish, P. Lennon, and that the Committee meet in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford, on Friday, 27th August at 5 p.m.,"

Transport of Explosives:- In connection with the statement made in Co. Surveyor's report relative to transport of explosives, the Council consider they are not in a position to make a definite Order thereon at present.

The consideration of the remaining matters in the report of the County Surveyor was adjourned to next meeting.

Vacancies on Committees.

County Infirmary Committee:- The Registrar, County Infirmary, wrote that a vacancy existed on the Co Infirmary Committee, owing to the resignation of Mr P. Doyle, Kellystown, Adamstown.

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

"That Mr Redmond M. C. C., be requested to nominate some person from his district to serve on Co. Wexford Infirmary Committee vice Mr P. Doyle resigned."

Co. Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction.

On the motion of Mr James Doyle, Seconded by Mr Kavanagh, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That Mr Bryan O'Connor, Garryhubbock, Screen, be appointed a member of County Wexford Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction."

No. 7 Sub-Committee, Old Age Pension Act.

Mrs Howard, Clerk No. 7 Sub Committee Old Age Pension Act, wrote that Mr James Murphy had declined to act as a member of the Committee.

On the motion of the Chairman (Dr Ryan) seconded by Mr Culleton, the following resolution was adopted:- "That Mr P. Lennon, M. C. C., be requested to nominate some person from the town of New Ross to act as a member of No. 7 Sub-Committee vice Mr James Murphy resigned."

Irish Education.

A circular letter was received from the General Secretary, Irish National Teachers' Organisation, pointing out that the present system of education in the national schools was unsuited to Irish conditions and ideals. The teachers had during the last 20 years made frequent representations to the National Board, but very little response had been made by the latter. In 1916 the Board did consult Teachers, Managers, and others, but they issued a statement that their own programme was more suitable than that which had been submitted at the Conference. Since then important alterations had been made in the programme by the Board without consultation or discussion with any outside body. Believing that reform can be secured only by the joint action on the part of all interested, the Teachers at their Annual Congress had adopted a resolution instructing the Executive Committee to take steps to convene a Conference or Committee representative of those interests in order to frame a programme or series of programmes in accordance with Irish ideals and conditions due regard being given to local needs and views. The Executive Committee of the Teachers Organisation considered that at a Conference made up as follows would on the whole be found to be fairly, if not fully representative:-

1.- The Professors of Education in the five University Colleges together with four representatives from each of the following.- (2) General Council of County Councils, (3) National Labour Executive, (4) Gaelic League, (5) School Managers, (6) Irish National Teachers Organization, (7) As there were three recognised Associations of School Managers, it was suggested that two representatives be appointed by the Catholic Clerical Managers Association, and one each by the Church of Ireland Managers' Association, and the Presbyterian Managers' Association.

The above suggestion was purely tentative and was submitted for the consideration of the Council with a view to getting something practical done. The Executive Committee would be grateful for the co-operation and especially for any views or suggestions Council wished to offer towards the furtherance of the object sought to be attained by this proposal.

The Association of Secondary Teachers submitted the following resolution:-

"That this General Meeting of the Association of Secondary

Teachers, Ireland, calls upon all Corporations, County Councils, Urban Councils, Technical Instruction Committees, and other bodies, to appoint to educational or scholastic classes in Technical Schools only those who are bona fide professional teachers where available."

On the motion of Dr Ryan, seconded by Mr J. O'Byrne (Gorey) the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the communication from the Executive Committee of the Irish National Teachers Organization as to framing a programme for Irish Education be referred to the Education Committee appointed at meeting of 11th August 1920, to consider Scheme of Scholarships for pupils of Primary Schools."

"On the motion of Mr James Doyle, seconded by Mr Kavanagh, the resolution received from the Association of Secondary Teachers, was adopted."

Income Tax.-Courtown Harbour.

The Secretary submitted a bill for £1. 6. 10d from Collector of Income Tax, Gorey, in respect of Courtown Harbour.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr O'Byrne (Gorey) seconded by Mr Lennon:-

"That we refuse to pay demand for Income Tax assessed on Courtown Harbour."

Tomgarrow Quarry.

Mr Thomas Delaney, Tomgarrow, Adamstown, wrote under date 7th July 1920, claiming £2 for trespass at his quarry at Tomgarrow, and also £1. 5/- for a larch ladder pole he had across a gap which some of the County Council, Staff removed and broke it across. He further claimed for material taken from the quarry.

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

"That Mr Treanor, Senior Assistant Surveyor, interview Mr Delaney, Tomgarrow, as to his claim against the County Council, and in the event of not being able to arrive at a satisfactory settlement that the question be referred to Parish Arbitration Court."

Finance Committee.- Confirmation of Minutes.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr John O'Byrne (Gorey) the following Minutes of Finance Committee were confirmed:-

Bank Charge:- "That the County Council be recommended to refuse payment of 10/6 proposed to be charged half-yearly by the National Bank for keeping current accounts of the Council."

Payments by Treasurer:- "That the Treasurer of the County Council be informed that in no circumstances should he pay money out of the Accounts of the Wexford County Council unless by Treasurer's Advice Note signed by Chairman and two Members of the County Council, and Paying Order signed by the Secretary to the County Council."

/ Minutes Proposal Committee.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr John O'Byrne (Gorey) the Minutes of the Proposal Committee in respect of meeting held on 11th August 1920, were confirmed.

Tuberculosis Management Committee.

The following Minutes of above Committee were confirmed on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr J. O'Byrne:-

Maintenance Charge:- "That as from 1st August 1920, this Committee agrees to pay a maintenance charge of 45/6 per week for their patients in Newcastle Hospital and that the County Council be requested to sanction payment at this rate."

Beds at Newcastle Hospital:- "That in view of the difficulty of securing beds for the patients of this Committee in Newcastle Hospital, we recommend the County Council to enter into an agreement with the Hospital for five permanent beds and that this agreement remain in force from date of sanction or as soon after as beds are available and with the option of determination of same at the end of twelve months."

Appointment of Secretary:- "That Mr N. J. Frizelle be appointed Secretary to County Wexford Tuberculosis Management Committee as from 15th July 1920, for a further period of twelve months at a salary of £52 per annum."

James Larkin.- Release Committee.

The Larkin Release Committee forwarded five copies of Memorial as to immediate release of James Larkin and his return to Ireland.

Under date 12th July 1920, the General Secretariat, Dail Eireann, wrote that the Consul General of the Republic at New York at the direction of the President afforded Mr Larkin all the assistance during his trial

that a Consul is entitled to give to a citizen of the Country he represents.

The Minister of Foreign Affairs had called for a complete report upon the whole matter, and pending its receipt no further action could be taken by the Government.

"The Larkin Memorial was signed by the members present."

Railway Sidings.

Under date 5th July 1920, the Secretary, Dublin & South Eastern Railway Co., wrote acknowledging the resolution of the Council as to railway sidings at Sparrowsland and Rathgarogue. The Directors are already in touch with Major Little, New Ross, relative to the Rathgarogue siding.

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

"That our Secretary communicate with the Sec., D. & S. E. Railway Co. and ask if they are yet in a position to inform the Council as to the decision of his Directors as to application for sidings at Sparrowsland and Rathgarogue."

University Scholarships.

On the motion of Dr Ryan, seconded by Mr James Doyle, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That continuing Scholarships be awarded to the following for year 1920-21:- Thomas J. Lambert, Myles Moore, James O'Connor, Patrick O'Neill, Peter J. Sinnott, James Carty, Julia Doyle, Ellen T. Kehoe, Wm. M. Ryan.

That as regards continuation of Scholarship to W. McAuliffe, our Secretary communicate with Dr Coffey, President of the National University and ask him if in his opinion the County Council would be justified in continuing the Scholarship to this Student."

On the motion of Dr Ryan, seconded by Mr James Doyle, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the question of the extension of the Scholarship awarded to John J. Travers be deferred pending the Report of Committee appointed on the 11th August 1920, to consider the question of primary and secondary Scholarships."

Railway Bridges.

The County Surveyor presented the following letter from Mr R. W.

Elgee, Solicitor:-

"I have now looked into this matter and I think you should at once serve Notice on the Dublin & South Eastern Railway Co., to make their Bridge at Sparrowsland sufficiently strong to take all traffic passing over same, and also any other Bridges their property as of course when the Bridges were made they were only for ordinary horse traffic.

With regard to the road surface of all the Overhead Bridges of the Railways in the County there are three Agreements entered into between the County Council and the Companies, viz:- one date on the 4th May 1904, between the County Council and the Gt Southern & Western Railway Co., by which the Council agreed with the Company for the sum of £11 (during the continuance of the Agreement) to keep the road surface of the Bridges and the immediate approaches thereto and also certain road diversions in repair. The Bridges were six between Wexford and Ballygeary and two between Palace East and Ballywilliam. There is also a condition that the Company should maintain the Bridges, Road Approaches, and Diversions, at their own expense in all respects save in respect of the maintenance of road surface. Either party was to be at liberty to determine this Agreement on giving six months notice on or before the first day of July in each year.

By Agreement dated the 5th January 1905 and made between the County Council and the Dublin & South Eastern Railway Co., the Council in consideration of the annual sum of £27 came to a similar agreement as to the Approaches etc., to Overhead Bridges as in the first stated agreement for all the Bridges between Wexford and the bounds of the County near Arklow and on the line between Macmine Junction and New Ross. No Overhead Bridge or Approaches in the Urban District of Wexford, Enniscorthy and New Ross, were to be deemed to be included in this Agreement and the same covenant was in this Agreement by the Company to maintain all the Bridges, Approaches, and Diversions in all respects same the maintenance of the Road Surface. This Agreement also contains a covenant to determine the Agreement on giving six months' notice on or before the 1st July in each year.

By one other Agreement made the 4th day of November 1910, between the County Council and the Fishguard & Rosslare Railways & Harbours Co., the Council agreed with the said Company to maintain the road surface of the 12 Overhead Bridges as set out therein between Rosslare Strand and the Barrow Bridge for the term of 10 years from the 1st October 1910 for the sum of £20 per annum. There was also a covenant by the Company to

maintain the Bridges, Roads, and Approaches, in all respects save as to road surface, and the Agreement also provides that the said Council or the Company shall be at liberty on the expiration of said term of 10 years to determine said Agreement by giving notice of their intention to do so on or before the 1st April in each year to determine same on the 1st October next following such notice.

As you informed me a short time ago that the sum payable under these three agreements was now totally inadequate should you not now bring the matter before the Council and take directions thereon, or will you make an estimate as to increase in expense and get their instructions as to entering into negotiations with the Companies, in two cases we have up to June next, and in the third up to March next."

On the motion of Mr Corish, seconded by Mr John O'Byrne (Gorey) the following resolution was adopted:-

"That we call on the Dublin & South Eastern Railway Co., to strengthen the Railway Bridges and Approaches thereto, so as to carry with safety traffic now usual on Roads.

That the County Surveyor prepare an estimate of the increased amount necessary to keep in repair the Road Surfaces of Railway Approaches and Bridges, and furnish same to the Dublin & South Eastern Railway Co., the Gt Southern & Western Railway Co., and the Fishguard & Rosslare Railway Co.,"

Enniscorthy R. D. School Attendance Committee.

Mr Jasper Whitty, Secretary to above, wrote that his Committee recommended for appointment on the Committee, Messrs Martin Kelly, Tombrick, Ferns, and James Cline, Cain, vice Messrs T. Hayes. deceased, and Bowe, disqualified for non-attendance.

"No Order"

Poisons & Pharmacy Act.

On the motion of Dr Ryan, seconded by Mr John O'Byrne (Gorey) the following resolution was adopted:-

"That renewal of Poisons & Pharmacy Act Licence be issued to Mr Laurence Codd, 26 Main Street, Enniscorthy, and Daniel Somers, Coolgreany, Inch."

Application Refund Motor Duty.

Under date 29th July 1920, Rev G. J. Murphy, C C., Wexford, wrote

that having disposed of his motorcycle he asked for refund of £1 motor Licence Duty as he did not use the cycle this year.

"On the motion of Dr Ryan, seconded by Mr James Doyle, it was decided that application be made to the Postmaster General for refund of amount of duty paid by Rev G.J.Murphy C. C., Wexford."

Revision of Valuation.

Under date 29th July 1920, the Chief Clerk, General Valuation Office, wrote that Messrs N. D. Buckley, and G. E. Warwick, would carry out the annual revision of the valuation in the County Wexford commencing about 4th August.

"No Order"

Application Payment Compensation Criminal Injuries.

A number of applications for payments of amounts awarded as compensation for criminal injuries were received from Solicitors.

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

"That applicants for payment of amounts for so called criminal injuries be informed that this Council do not recognise the Criminal Injuries Acts passed by the British Government."

Gorey School Attendance Committee.

The Secretary submitted correspondence which he had had with Mr Myles Byrne, Secretary, Gorey R. D. School Attendance Committee,

The following resolution was submitted from the Committee for confirmation by the County Council:-

"That the Secretary's salary be increased to £25 per annum, on account of the amount of work he has to do in carrying out the Irish Education Act and attending all the Petty Sessions in prosecuting parents and guardians, All and the full number of the Committee being present and unanimous in granting same."

In connection with this Committee the following under date 7th August 1920, was read from Mr John J. Fanning, Clerk R. D. Council, Gorey:-

"the District Council at their last meeting had under consideration the working of the R. D. School Attendance Committee. It was pointed out that this Committee as at present constituted does not represent the views of the Council as they are bringing on prosecutions against parents in an English Court. They directed me to say that they will not

authorise any further payments towards the Committee or Secretary, is such is continued. They also maintain that there should be five members of the present Council on this Committee. I should be glad to hear from you on these matters."

The Secretary explained that the present Committee had been appointed to serve as from 1st June 1918 for three years and the representatives of the County Council as Local Authority had been appointed on the recommendation of the Gorey Rural District Council.

On the motion of Mr Cloney, seconded by Mr O'Byrne (Gorey) the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the Minutes of the Gorey R. D. School Attendance Committee as regards fixing the salary of the Secretary of the Committee at £25 be confirmed."

Proposed by Mr James Doyle, seconded by Mr Lennon, and adopted:-

"That R. D. School Attendance Committees be requested to arrange to have their cases against parents for non-compliance with School Attendance regulations brought before Arbitration Courts or otherwise that they be requested to resign."

Newtownbarry Streets.

The Enniscorthy R. D. Council submitted the following resolution:-

"That we request the County Council to have the streets of Newtownbarry regularly inspected."

The County Surveyor stated that the Streets were now being inspected fortnightly.

Dail Eireann and Conciliation Boards

A Circular letter was received from Dail Eireann (Ministry of Labour) recommending the County Council to invite its employees to join them in forming a permanent Conciliation Board for the purpose of discussing and arriving at an amicable settlement of such questions as the advance of wages, length of working hours, and other questions likely to arise between employers and employed, such Conciliation Board to consist of two or more representatives of the Local Board and two or more representatives of the Officials or employees and a neutral Chairman.

"It was decided that no action be taken in this matter for the present."

Archbishop Mannix.

At the meeting of the County Council on 11th August 1920, the

following telegram was despatched to Archbishop Mannix:-

"Wexford County Council in assembly to-day send hearty greetings and eagerly await your Grace's return to the Irish Republic."

The Chairman stated he had received the following in reply:-

"Many thanks for kind message and greetings from Council.

Archbishop Mannix"

Motor Car Licence Duties.

Under date 9th August 1920, the Local Government Board (No. 49635-1920, Miscellaneous) forwarded certified statement received from the Postmaster General, showing the value of Motor Car Licence Duties levied during the year ended 31st March last by each County and County Borough in Ireland.

The amount levied in Wexford was £606. 15/-

"No Order"

Sanatorium Grant.

Under date 13th August 1920, the following was read from Local Government Board (49123-1920, Wexford County) :-

"With reference to your letter of the 30th ultimo, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to point out that the Wexford County share of the original Sanatorium Grant amounts to £3,221. The new Capital Grant would be available up to a maximum of £180 per bed subject to contribution by the County Council of two-fifths of the cost.

The Board consider that by utilising these concessions a satisfactory Scheme for providing residential accommodation for tuberculosis cases could be carried out by the County Council with little cost to the rates.

I am to draw attention to the Board's Circular of the 25th June last, fixing time limits for the submission of schemes and I am to request that the Co Council will take the matter up at an early opportunity.

"No Order"

Bond of Mr J. J. Fowler.

Under date 14th August 1920, the following was read from Mr R. W. Elgee, Solicitor to the County Council:-

"I am in receipt of yours with Draft Bond from the Hibernian Fire & General Assurance Co., Ltd., which as far as I see covers the County Council in respect of any default on Mr Fowler's part. I have filled into the Bond the sum of £1000 as the amount to be guaranteed."

Constabulary Expenses.

The following recommendation was submitted by the Finance Committee:-

"That we recommend the County Council to adhere to the attitude which they have taken up in regard to expenses incurred by the Constabulary for Conveyance of Prisoners, Weights & Measures Acts, and Feed & Drugs Acts, and decline to pay any expenses incurred for Conveyance of Prisoners. We recommend as Expenses under Weights & Measures Acts, and Feed & Drugs Acts are in connection with quarter ended 30th June 1920, that they should be paid, and the Police Authorities be notified that the Council will not make any further payments in connection with these matters."

"Recommendation confirmed on the motion of Br Ryan, seconded by Mr O'Byrne (Gorey)."

Wexford Gas Company.

The Solicitors to Wexford Gas Company, forwarded copy of application to the Board of Trade as to issue of new shares and the borrowing of money at 7 per cent to an amount not exceeding half the Share capital for the time being issued and paid up.

Proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Mr John O'Byrne (Gorey)

"That this Council approves of any steps taken in the matter of the application of Wexford Gas Co., as regards issue of new shares and borrowing, by the Wexford Corporation."

Mr R. C. Barton.

Under date 30th June 1920, the following was read from the Governor Portland Prison:-

"re 1541. R. C. Barton. I have to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 26th instant, and to inform you in reply that this prisoner is not at present time entitled to receive a letter. However, under the circumstances, I have communicated the gist of your letter to him, which I hope you will consider a satisfactory solution of the difficulty."

Analyst's Report.

The following report was read from the County Analyst:-

"Report of Sir Charles Cameron, C. B., M. D., Public Analyst for the County Wexford on articles submitted to him for Analysis during the quarter ended 30th June 1920.

76 articles were received from the Feed Inspectors, R.I.C., as

follows:-

<u>Article</u>	<u>Number.</u>
Milk	26
Butter	17
Cheese	6
Margarine	5
Whiskey	4
Buttermilk	3
Port Wine	3
Rum	2
Honey	1
Evaporated Milk	1
Ginger Wine	1
Cocos	1
Mustard	1
Tea	2
Dripping	1
Pepper	1
Condensed milk	1
Total	<u>76</u>

One certificate was sent to Sergeant Doyle, Wexford, for specimen of milk deprived of at least 20 per cent of its fats, one certificate for specimen of buttermilk with at least 11 per cent of added water exclusive of 25 per cent allowed for churning purposes and one certificate for specimen of whiskey which was 28 degrees under proof and was therefore adulterated with 4 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. One contained an excess of water, namely, 20.8 per cent.

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

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

For Shillelagh Union, which is partly situated in the County Wexford three drugs were analysed. One was incorrect.

Total analyses 104

Adulterated & defective articles..... 6

Peer Law Guardians should send more frequently water for analysis, especially as it costs them nothing but the carriage of the sample.

Charles A. Cameron.

Marked "Read"

Catholic Total Abstinence Federation of Ireland.

A number of resolutions were submitted for adoption by the Catholic Total Abstinence Federation. These condemned poteen making and shebeening, illicit traffic in intoxicants at races and sports meetings, sale of intoxicating drink during prohibited hours, and sale of drink to children, the spending of increased wages in drink thus freely helping the British Treasury to plunder Ireland of several millions yearly in over-taxation.

One of the resolutions recommended newly elected Local Authorities and the General Council of County Councils to consider and adopt as soon as possible organised and effective measures to keep the Liqueur traffic from becoming a source of disaster to Ireland's prospects of National Peace and Prosperity.

"The series of resolutions was adopted on the motion of Mr James Doyle, seconded by Mr Culleten."

The Railway Crisis.

The following resolution was submitted from Kildare County Council:-

"That this County Council of Kildare, at a duly convened meeting, desire to call the attention of Dail Eireann and the Executive of the Irish Labour Party, to the threat of the British Premier, Lloyd George, that if the Railway men continue to refuse to handle munitions of war, he will close down the railways.

And we hereby call on Dail Eireann and the Executive of the Irish Labour Party to assist us in devising and establishing machinery to conserve food supplies for all the people affected, and to prevent the terrible hardships which must inevitably follow the dislocation of all transport."

"Adopted on the motion of Mr Lennen, seconded by Mr O'Byrne (Gorey)

Equivalent Grants for Education.

The following resolution was submitted from Meath County Council:-

"That we condemn the British Government for having refused to make available the Equivalent Grants for educational purposes which have accrued since April 1st 1919, together with arrears unjustly withheld

prior to this date, so that proper provision could be made for paying decent salaries to the teachers and carrying out other very necessary reforms in Irish Education."

"Adopted on the motion of Dr Ryan, seconded by Mr Smith."

Dublin Chamber of Commerce & Irish Government.

The following was submitted from the Council of Dublin Chamber of Commerce:-

"The Council of the Dublin Chamber of Commerce views with serious concern the present condition of Ireland which gravely imperils all industrial and Commercial interests.

It is obvious that peace and contentment can only be secured by a change in the form of the Government of Ireland, and as the present Bill which has for its object the better government of Ireland, does not meet with the approval of any section, it should be withdrawn.

The Council asks the Government to give a pledge in Parliament to concede a measure of complete self-government for Ireland, subject only to the restrictions mentioned in the Prime Minister's recent speech, viz--

"That Ireland should remain within the Empire, and that Ulster should not be coerced."

The Council of the Dublin Chamber of Commerce feels that it is voicing the opinion of the business community in undertaking to assist whole-heartedly any scheme for the Government of Ireland which can be made the basis of a genuine Treaty of Peace between Great Britain and Ireland."

On the motion of Dr Ryan, seconded by Mr Culleton, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That no action be taken as regards Dublin Chamber of Commerce and Home Rule proposals."

Baltinglass R. D. Council and their Officers.

The following resolution was submitted from Baltinglass R. D. Council:-

"That all the servants of this Council who hold positions under the British Government (or in other words, the Army of Occupation) be ordered to resign same at once."

On the motion of Mr Devereux, seconded by Mr O'Byrne, (Gorey) the above resolution was adopted.

On the motion of Mr Devereux, seconded by Mr O'Byrne (Gorey) the

following resolution was adopted:-

"That Mr J. J. Roche , Coroner for South Wexford, be called upon to resign his position as J. P."

On the motion of Mr Devereux, seconded by Mr Culleton, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That Mr Michael Cloney M. C. C., be called upon to resign his position as J. P."

Creem R. D. Council & Unpurchased Tenants.

The following resolution from Creem Rural District Council was submitted to the meeting:-

"That, pending a satisfactory settlement of the sale of the unpurchased lands of Ireland, We, the Creem Rural District Council, wish to draw the attention of the public to the fact, which cannot be disputed, that unpurchased tenants are more unfavourably situated than their neighbours who have purchased, often to the extent of £40 on every £100 rent. That such being so, the unpurchased tenants cannot be expected to meet all demands made on them in the labour market, and for all the necessities of life- which demands have to be satisfied equally with those made on purchased tenants.

Therefore, be it Resolved that, in future, all unpurchased tenants demand a reduction on existing rents which will be the equivalent of the reductions now enjoyed by their more fortunate purchased neighbours.6

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

Collection of Rate.

A letter was read from Mr E. J. Murphy, Rate Collector, stating that the general impression in his district was that no Rates should be paid, and he wished the Council to adopt a resolution to dispel such a notion.

"It was decided that this matter be dealt with at meeting to which the Rate Collectors had been summoned on Friday, 27th August."

Increased Salary, Secretary.

The Local Government Board wrote under date 10th August (49191-1920 Wexford County) approving of the proposal of the County Council to increase the salary of Mr Frizelle, Secretary, from £262 to £352 a year.

Royal Irish Constabulary

On the motion of Mr James Byrne, seconded by Mr D. Kavanagh, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That we the members of the County Council welcome back to civil life members of the R. I. C., who are prepared to resign and throw in their lot with their fellow countrymen, and to do our utmost to get employment for same."

Lord Mayer McSwiney.

On the motion of Mr James Doyle, seconded by Mr Philip Lennen, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That we condemn the barbarity with which the English Government is treating Lord Mayer McSwiney and other Irish Prisoners, and that we also wish to give expression to our appreciation of the magnificent Sacrifices being made by Lord Mayer McSwiney and his Comrades in the holy cause of Freedom."

Payments Courthouses Etc.,

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr James Doyle:-

"That payments for Courthouses etc., be agreed to in respect of quarter ended 30th June 1920, except payments to Sub-Sheriff and County Court and Assize Judges Criers."

Irish Peace Conference.

The following recommendation was submitted from the Finance Committee:-

"That we the Finance Committee of the Wexford County Council view with grave concern the proposed Assembly of a certain Conference called the "Irish Peace Conference" as such Conference is undoubtedly called together to endeavour to bring the Irish Republic within the British Empire. This is obviously a treasonable act, and we warn the people of Ireland that we shall regard attendance at this Conference as treason to our Nation.

That a copy of this resolution be furnished to the Republican Minister for Home Affairs."

"On the motion of the Chairman (Dr Ryan) seconded by Mr J. O'Byrne (Gorey) the above Minute of the Finance Committee was confirmed."

Religious or Political Tests & Industrial Employment.

The following resolution was read from the meeting of Irish County Councils General Council:-

"As the imposition of religious or political tests as a condition

this General Council of Co Councils calls on all public bodies here represented and on all local authorities everywhere throughout Ireland to take immediate steps to cease trading with the City in which such an illegal test is now attempted to be enforced.

This General Council further recommends that business be discontinued throughout Ireland with the branches of the Banks which finance firms who apply or permit to be expelled employees who refuse to submit to illegal tests.

This cessation of trade and the withdrawal of support from the banks indicated are to be maintained until such time as the victimised employees are unconditionally re-employed.

On the receipt from the Local Labour Leaders and authentic representatives of the prescribed people of a White List of Firms which have refused to permit their employees to be illegally expelled from their work, the General Council will recommend that business with such Firms be resumed."

"Adopted on the motion of the Chairman (Dr Ryan) seconded by Mr O'Byrne (Gorey)".

-----ooOoo-----

(Signed)

Seamus O'Keefe

Presiding Chairman.

Dated this day of

1920.

SPECIAL MEETING.- 2nd SEPTEMBER 1920.

Present:- Dr James Ryan (Vice-Chairman) presiding.

Also present:- Messrs R. Corish, G. Devereux, D. Kavanagh, A. F. Smith, John O'Byrne (Gorey), Michael Cloney, Michael Byrne, John Cummins, James Doyle, James Hall, Simon Kehoe, John Murphy, John J. O'Byrne, Michael Redmond, James Shannon, and Philip Lennon.

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

Appointment of Rate Collector.- No. 9 Collection District.

Applications for the position of Rate Collector, vice Mr Edward Somers, deceased, were received from the following:-

Walter Cummins, Ballylucas, Ballymurrin.
 Arthur Dunne, Courtnacuddy.
 Matthew Kelly, Garrynisk, Edermine.
 James Lambert, Monglass, Caim.
 John Leonard Junr., Moneytucker, Clonroche.
 Martin Murphy, Chapel, Clonroche.
 Patrick Nolan, Ballinastraw, Glenbrien.
 Patrick O'Byrne, Grange Lower, Killann.
 Thomas O'Gorman, Townamullogue, Clonroche.
 John P. Sinnott Junr., Ballyeland, Davidstown.
 James J. Somers, Dunsinane, Enniscorthy.
 Thomas Sutton, Tomlane, Oylegate.
 Edward Kelly, Courtnacuddy.

Messrs Lambert, Nolan, and Somers were not in attendance.

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

"That Candidates for position of Rate Collector for No. 9 Collection District be examined in the Irish Language, and that the examination be conducted by Mr Denis O'Leary, Professor of Irish, St Peter's College, Wexford, and Mr Michael Wheeler B. A., Wexford Branch, Gaelic League."

The examination having been carried out, the Examiners presented a report as follows, the maximum marks being 100:-

W. Cummins, 100, Arthur Dunne 98, John P. Sinnott Junr., and Edward Kelly 60 each, John Leonard Junr 50, Thomas Sutton and Patrick Byrne 44 each, Matthew Kelly, 30, Martin Murphy 15, Thomas O'Gorman, Nil.

resolution was adopted:-

"That, as regards appointment of Rate Collector for No. 9 Collection District, the applications of those only who have obtained at least 40 marks at Irish Examination be dealt with."

Mr Walter Cummins, a Candidate, stated that he and the other applicants wished to withdraw in favour of Mr Patrick O'Byrne.

Mr Murphy proposed:- "That Mr Patrick O'Byrne be elected Rate Collector for No. 9 Collection District, and that the Council express their thanks to the other candidates for the position, on their action in withdrawing in favour of Mr O'Byrne."

Mr John J. O'Byrne seconded the resolution which was unanimously adopted.

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

"That a fee of 10s. 6d each be paid Messrs D. J. O'Leary and M. Wheeler, Irish Examiners for examination of candidates for the position of Rate Collector to this Council for No. 9 Collection District, and held this day."

The Chairman then declared Mr O'Byrne elected and he returned thanks.

The Lord Mayor of Cork.

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

"That the following telegraphic message be sent to Lady Mayoress, Cork City:- "Wexford County Council" in meeting assembled sympathise with you in your great trial and appreciate the sacrifice being made by your heroic husband and his comrades."

Rate Collectors and their Duties.

The following report was presented:-

"The Sub-Committee appointed to meet the Rate Collectors met in the Co Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford, on 27th August 1920.

Dr James Ryan, Vice-Chairman, Co Council, presided,

Also present:- Messrs A. F. Smith, R. Corish, G. Devereux, and P. Lennon.

The Accountant was also in attendance.

The following Collectors attended:-

Messrs Philip Ryan, Gregory Rossiter, J. J. Berry, Patrick Rossiter, John Mullett, Patrick Codd, Joseph Cummins, John Sinnott, Pierce Redmond, Matthew Tobin, Patrick J. Nolan, John C. Smith, J. J. Fowler, Edward J.

Murphy, Edward Cummins, John J. O'Byrne, and James Cogley.

The financial position of the Council and Rate Collectors' responsibilities were fully explained to the Collectors by the Chairman.

The Collectors present stated they would carry out the Council's directions as regards future lodgments.

A number of Collectors expressed a wish to have a consultation with the County Council at next meeting, and it was decided that, should the Collectors desire, a Collector representing each Rural District might appear before the County Council meeting on 2nd September, 1920.

"On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr O'Byrne (Gorey), the report was received and approved."

Collectors Tobin, Redmond, Nolan, Murphy, and Joseph Cummins, appeared before the meeting, and, after discussion, expressed themselves satisfied with the statement of the members present as to lodgments, Rate Collectors' Sureties, etc.,

Messrs Thomas Smith, Tara Hill, Gorey, and John Godkin, Kilcavan, Gorey, wrote that they were sureties for Collector J.C. Smith, and, as the financial arrangements of the Council as regards lodgments of rates had been changed, they gave notice that, as from 28th August 1920, they would withdraw from the bond.

On the motion of the Chairman, the following resolution was adopted—

"That Messrs Thomas Smith and John Godkin, sureties of Collector J. C. Smith, be released from the terms of their bond, and that Mr J.C. Smith be instructed to enter into a new bond and submit the names of new securities to the County Council with the least possible delay. That the Council will take similar action as regards other Collectors should the occasion arise.

That the Rate Collectors be requested to lodge as often as possible. We consider this should be done when they have £50 on hands.

That we appeal to the Rate Collectors of the County to pay their rates with promptitude on demand, as, owing to the action of the English Government in illegally withdrawing grants, the County Council will need money forthwith to carry on the business of the County. That the Rate Collectors furnish our Secretary with the names and addresses of persons refusing or neglecting to pay their rates and that these be considered at first available County Council meeting."

The County Council & The Local Government Board.

On the motion of Mr Devereux, seconded by Mr John O'Byrne (Gorey)

"That no further resolutions, correspondence, or minutes be furnished to the Local Government Board, Custom House, Dublin, but that Minutes be furnished Department of Local Government, Dail Eireann."

Payment, Witnesses' Expenses.

The Secretary stated that the Manager of the National Bank, Wexford Branch, had asked him if he was to honour drafts issued from Wexford Assize Court for payment of witnesses expenses.

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

"That the Manager, National Bank, Wexford, be informed as regards witnesses' expenses, that recommendation of the Finance Committee, confirmed at meeting of County Council on 26th August 1920, and a copy of which was furnished to him, stated that, while acting as Treasurer to the Council, he should not pay any money from the accounts of the Council unless on Treasurer's Advice Note signed by the Chairman and two members of the Council, and by Paying Order signed by the Secretary to the Council. This recommendation remains still in force."

Proposed Purchase of Machinery.

The County Surveyor stated that, in present circumstances, he thought it would not be advisable to purchase any of the road machinery which was sanctioned by the County Council.

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

Meetings of County Council.

On the motion of Mr O'Byrne (Gorey) seconded by Mr Corish, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That monthly meetings of the Council be held on 7th October 1920, at 10.30 a.m., and on 4th November and 2nd December 1920, the two latter meetings at 2.30 p.m.,"

University Scholarship Scheme.

Under date 31st August 1920, an application was received from James Hayden, Curragh, Kilanerin, for permission to reside in private lodgings owing to the fact that hostel fees in Blackrock College were now fixed at £50 for the three University terms.

A similar application was received from Mr Thomas J. Lambert, William Street, Wexford.

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

"That Messrs James Hayden and Thomas J. Lambert, University Students be given permission to reside in private lodgings in Dublin, provided same receive the approval of the Dean of Residence. The Council will be prepared to favourably consider applications from students whose parents are unable to meet the extra expense entailed by increase in hostel fees to reside in private lodgings."

New County Council Offices.

Under date 1st September, 1920, the Reverend Mother, Convent of St John of God, Wexford, wrote, asking the Council if they would rent the lodge at new Co Council Offices to a workman of the Community.

On the motion of Mr Corish, seconded by Mr James Doyle, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the Reverend Mother, Convent of St John of God, Wexford, be informed that the Council will, in all probability, require the lodge at their new offices for one of their own employees."

Mr J. J. Roche J.P.- Coroner.

In connection with the resolution of the County Council, calling on Mr John J. Roche, J. P., to resign the magistracy, Mr Roche wrote, under date 29th August 1920, acknowledging the resolution of the Council.

"It was decided to postpone further action in the matter pending decision of a meeting of magistrates to be held shortly."

Extraordinary Traffic on Roads.

The following report of Sub-Committee was received:-

"The Sub-Committee appointed to deal with extraordinary traffic on roads met on 27th August 1920,

Dr James Ryan, Vice-Chairman, County Council, presiding.

Also present:- Messrs G. Devereux, A. F. Smith, R. Corish, and P. Lennon

The Accountant and the County Surveyor were also in attendance.

It was decided that the County Surveyor should, as far as possible, assess the damage done by each engine to the roads and that application for that amount be made to the engine owners concerned, and that the replies received be brought before the next meeting of the County Council.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr John O'Byrne

"That the report of Sub-Committee re damage to roads by extraordinary traffic be received and adopted, and that the further consideration of this matter be referred to the meeting of the County Council on 7th October 1920."

Quarry and Road Work.

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

"That the County Surveyor prepare -for the meeting of the Co Council on 7th October 1920- a scheme as to limitation of quarry and road work."

Claim for Road Work.

A letter, under date 1st September 1920, and claiming payment for certain road work, was received from James Brien, Glenteigue, Edermine.

"It was decided to refer the matter to the meeting of the County Council to be held on the 7th October next."

The Finances of the Council.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr John O'Byrne (Gorey) the following resolution was adopted:-

"That, as arranged at private meeting of the County Council on 24th August 1920, the National Bank, Wexford, be dismissed as Treasurer of the County Council, that our Secretary be appointed Paymaster to the Council, and that he be instructed to transfer any monies received by him for or on behalf of the Council to five Trustees, whose names have been furnished to him, and that payments be made by these Trustees on behalf of the Council.

That the Paymaster be instructed to open a No. 3 Account in the National Bank, Wexford, and that the Rate Collectors of the Co Council be instructed to lodge all monies, received for or on behalf of the Co. Council, to this account."

-----ooOoo-----

(Signed)

Seamus O'Keefe
Presiding Chairman.

Dated this day of

1920.

MEETING.- 7th OCTOBER 1920.

A Meeting of the County Council was held in the County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 7th October 1920.

Present²- Messrs Richard Corish, Michael Doyle, John Sinnott, C. Culleton, G. Devereux, David Kavanagh, A. F. Smith, John O'Byrne (Gorey) John Cummins, James Doyle, James Hall, Matthew Hughes, John Murphy, John J. O'Byrne, (New Ross) James Shannon, and John Pender.

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

On the motion of Mr Cummins, seconded by Mr Pender, the Chair was taken by Mr Corish.

Confirmation of Minutes.

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and confirmed.

Mr Michael Cloney M. C.C.,

Mr Michael Cloney, M. C. C., wrote that as it was not possible to attend the meeting of 7th inst., he wished to let the Council know that he had resigned his Commission of the Peace.

Mr J. J. Roche J. P., & Mr R. Malone J.P.,

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Devereux, seconded by Mr Kavanagh:-

"That Messrs John J. Roche, Coroner for South Wexford, and Mr R. Malone V. S., Veterinary Inspector for Wexford Union, be given a month in which to resign the office of J. P., In the event of their refusing or neglecting to comply with this instruction that the Council proceed to dismiss them from their positions."

Notice of Motion.

The following motion of which he had given previous notice was moved by Mr Seumas Doyle, seconded by Mr Hall, and adopted--

"That the name of Newtownbarry be changed to the old Gaelic form "Bun Cloidighe".

Superannuation of Mr R. Earle, late Rate Collector.

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

"That the amount of superannuation granted by the County Council at the meeting of 11th August 1920, viz:- £50 per annum, to Mr Robert Earle, ex Rate Collector, be re-considered."

The motion was seconded by Mr Culleton and adopted.

Mr Earle was in attendance and addressed the meeting.

Under date 14th August 1920, a letter was read from Messrs O'Connor & Co., Solicitors, Gorey, on behalf of Mr Earle, pointing out that on his average earnings for three years, Mr Earle would be entitled to a superannuation allowance of £104. 13. 0d per annum, and hoping that the Council would on reconsideration give him what he was justly entitled to, Mr Earle was not claiming any sum that was unfair or unjust.

Mr Hall proposed:- "That no change be made in the amount of superannuation voted Mr Robert Earle, ex-Rate Collector, viz:- £50."

Mr Michael Doyle seconded the motion.

Mr John O'Byrne (Gorey) proposed:- "That a superannuation allowance of £104. 13. 0d per annum, be granted Mr R. Earle, late Rate Collector."

The proposition was not seconded.

Mr Shannen proposed:- "That Mr R. Earle, late Rate Collector, be granted a superannuation allowance of £75, but this proposition was not seconded."

The resolution proposed by Mr Hall, and seconded by Mr M. Doyle was then put and passed.

New County Council Offices, Etc.,

In connection with the removal of County Council Offices from Courthouse to Spawell Road, Wexford, the Secretary mentioned that pending the decision of the County Council, he and the County Surveyor had arranged with Caretaker-John Roche- who was in receipt of £1 per week, remaining on.

Mr Roche also stated that he received about 7/- or 8/- per week from the Inmates of the Building when used as an Hospital. He looked after the place generally for the Sisters who were in charge, went messages and employed himself as he was directed. He also got cabbage for table free from the Nuns.

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

"That Mr John Roche be appointed Caretaker of New County Hall premises for one month at a wage of £1 per week, and Caretaker's apartments, the Co. Surveyor to define the duties. That at the end of above period a report be

submitted to the Council as to the manner in which the Caretaker has carried on his duties."

Under date 1st October 1920, Mr W. A. Browne, Town Clerk, Wexford, wrote that the Corporation would take over at County Council new premises the use of six rooms opening on main hall together with underground Kitchen to be used as store room and coal cellar. It was left to the County Council to state what rent they would accept, but the Corporation asked to receive a guarantee for use of rooms for a specified period.

In connection with the proposal of the Corporation, Dr Ryan (Vice-Chairman) wrote that he would be opposed to granting the Corporation the rooms asked for unless they were prepared to pay a rent of say £120 per year. As he (Dr Ryan) was going away for a few weeks he wished to state his views clearly on the matter. When selecting offices for the County Council and County Surveyor, the six rooms now asked for by the Corporation had been excluded, as the County Council Committee of the Council, to whom the matter had been referred decided to try and let these for private offices.

It was expected they should fetch from £20 to £26 per annum each. He considered the letting of these rooms to the Corporation would spoil the place for any further letting. The Council could only let to other persons by giving them at least one room off entrance hall as an inducement. He thought the Corporation should be satisfied with at most two rooms off entrance Hall and any room they required backwards.

On the motion of Mr Culleton, seconded by Mr Sinnott, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the question of letting portion of premises of New County Hall for Municipal Offices to Wexford Corporation be referred to Hall Committee for recommendation."

Under date 5th October 1920, a letter was read from Rev Mother, St John of God Convent, Wexford, stating that the Community would be grateful if the Council would allow the Community to take the Alter from the Church in County Council new premises. It was no use in the County Council Office, and the Sisters would make use of it in the Convent.

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

"That the Community of St John of God, Wexford, be allowed to remove Alter from Church at New premises and which are to be used in future as offices

of County Council."

Bazaar Carman

Under date 6th October 1920, Messrs Michael Parker, and Francis Carty, Hon Secs to Bazaar Carman, applied for permission to use the County Hall for entertainments in connection with the Bazaar for October 10th, 17th, 24th, and for the holding of Bazaar on 31st October and 1st November.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr John O'Byrne (Gorey) :-

"That permission for use of the County Hall for Bazaar Carman as per letter of Hon Secs under date 6th October 1920, be granted by this Meeting entertainments and bazaar to be confined to the ground floor."

Membership of Co. Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction.

The County Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction wrote recommending the appointment of the following as members of the Committee:- Messrs W. Ross, Killinick, John Murphy M.C.C., Enniscorthy, and Thomas Crosbie, Bannow, vice Messrs Patrick Kavanagh, Rathmacknee, Killinick, T. D. Sinnott, Enniscorthy, and Rev M. Hickey P. P."

Resignations as members of Co. Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction was also received from Messrs W. Maddeck, Gibberpatrick, Duncormick, and Patrick J. Kavanagh, Temcoyle, Kilanerin.

Mr John J. O'Byrne (New Ross) proposed, that as recommended by the Co. Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction, Messrs William Ross, Killinick, John Murphy, Main Street, Enniscorthy, and Thomas Crosbie, Bannow, be appointed members of the County Committee, and that the resignations of Messrs W. Maddeck, and Patrick J. Kavanagh as members of this Committee be accepted."

Mr John O'Byrne (Gorey) seconded.

"Passed"

On the motion of Mr John O'Byrne (Gorey), seconded by Mr John Murphy, the following resolution was adopted--

"That Messrs Denis Allen, Parkbawn, Gorey, and Aidan Stafford, Clonjordan, Ballindaggin, be appointed Members of the County Wexford Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction, vice Messrs Patrick J. Kavanagh, and William Maddeck."

The following recommendation was adopted at a recent meeting of the County Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction:-

"That the County Council be requested to appoint new members of this Committee vice any member disqualified under the following resolution of the Council,- That a Member of the County Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction absent for three consecutive meetings of the Committee or for six meetings in the year - without valid cause- be disqualified."

"The Secretary stated that the Members who were concerned in above resolution were Messrs Thomas Murphy, Garden City, Gorey, and Sean Sinnott, Grogan's Road Wexford."

Mr Sinnott explained that pressure of business prevented his attendance to the present, but he would try and give better attendance in the future.

This explanation was regarded as satisfactory.

On the motion of Mr John O'Byrne (Gorey), seconded by Mr Murphy, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That Mr Thomas Murphy, Garden City, Gorey, be requested to state if he intends to remain a member of the Co Wexford Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction, and if he will endeavour to attend the meetings of the Committee."

No. 7 Old Age Pension Sub-Committee.

Rev D. A. Kavanagh, C. C., New Ross, and Mr John O'Neill, Wexford Street New Ross, wrote resigning membership of No. 7 Old Age Pension Sub-Committee.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr John J. O'Byrne (New Ross) seconded by Mr Culleton:-

"That Rev D. A. Kavanagh C. C., New Ross, and Mr John O'Neill, Wexford Street, New Ross, be requested to reconsider their resignation as Members of No. 7 Old Age Pension Sub-Committee. That this Sub-Committee be requested to change its day of meeting from Saturday to Wednesday, as we consider the latter more convenient for the members."

County Wexford Infirmary.

Miss Charlotte Whelan, George Street, Wexford, wrote resigning membership of County Wexford Infirmary Committee, as she found it impossible to attend the meetings.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr John O'Byrne (Gorey) the following resolution was adopted:-

"That Mr Frank Carty, North Main Street, Wexford, be appointed a member of County Wexford Infirmary Committee, vice Miss Charlotte Whelan, resigned."

County Insurance Society.

The Secretary stated it was necessary to elect seven members of the Committee of County Insurance Society.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr James Doyle seconded by Mr John Murphy:-

"That the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the County Council be appointed members of the Committee of the County Wexford Insurance Society."

"Mr John O'Byrne was appointed a member of the Committee of the Society on the motion of Mr Pender, seconded by Mr Hughes."

"Mr Michael Doyle was appointed a member of the Committee on the motion of Mr Hall, seconded by Mr O'Byrne (New Ross)."

"On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Hall, Mr Gregory Devereux, was appointed a member of the Committee of the Society."

"On the motion of Mr Devereux, seconded by the Chairman, the name of Mr Culleton was added to the Committee of the Society."

"On the motion of Mr O'Byrne, New Ross, seconded by Mr Culleton, the name of Mr Michael Redmond was added to the Committee."

The Council and Non-Recognition of Local Government Board,

-----Custom House, Dublin. Etc.,-----

The Secretary stated that Mr J. A. Reddy, Auditor of the Local Government Board, Custom House, Dublin, attended on 21st September 1920, for the purpose of auditing the accounts of the Council, but as directed by the Council he (Secretary) did not give the books to the Auditor.

Under date 1st October 1920, the following Order No. 20653-1920, was issued from Dublin Castle by the Lord Justices and General Governors for Ireland:-

"Whereas it appears to us that the County Council of Wexford has failed to perform its duties, and further it is desirable that provision shall be made for the immediate payment of amounts recovered by decrees made against the said County Council by the County Court Judge or Judge of Assize under the enactments relative to compensation for criminal injuries in Ireland and for the discharge of other liabilities of the said Council.

Now we the Lord Justices and General Governors of Ireland do hereby order and direct that until our Order be revoked or modified no payment shall be made to the said County Council of Wexford out of the sums which otherwise would be payable to the said Council out of the Local Taxation (Ireland)

Account.

The following resolution was submitted from meeting of County Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction, held on 29th September 1920.

"That the County Council be asked for instructions as to submission of the Accounts of the County Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction for audit to the Local Government Auditor. This Committee have no objection to audit provided no further obligation is imposed on the Committee beyond examination of their accounts."

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

"That a Joint Meeting of representatives of the Finance Committee and County Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction be held as soon as possible with a view to considering the position of the Schemes of the Committee in consequence of the proposed stoppage of the Grants from the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction and of deciding upon what Schemes can be carried out owing to the curtailment of the funds of the Committee."

Under date 30th September 1920, the Circular of Dail Eireann to all Public Bodies in Ireland was read:-

In connection with this matter the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Devereux, seconded by Mr O'Byrne (Gorey):-

"That as directed by Dail Eireann all communications with the English Local Government Board, Custom House, Dublin, cease as from 1st October 1920, and that the attention of the Committees appointed by the County Council be called to this decision of the Council and that they each be requested to pass a similar resolution."

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

"That the question of economies to be effected in the administration of the work of the Council be referred to the Finance Committee for recommendation."

On the motion of Mr James Doyle, seconded by Mr O'Byrne (Gorey) the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the Tuberculosis Management Committee be requested to appoint representatives to a Provisional Conference of Representatives of Boards of Guardians and County Tuberculosis Committees to arrange what Workhouse shall

be used as Home for advanced cases of Tuberculosis."

Proposed Scheme of Combined Purchasing.

The Department of Trade & Commerce, Dail Eireann, wrote forwarding particulars of scheme of combined purchases embracing all their requirements except such things as milk, potatoes, etc., The public bodies concerned should each agree to make all its purchases through a central committee which would sell to the local bodies at cost, plus an agreed on percentage to cover costs.

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

"That in connection with proposed scheme of combined purchasing for local bodies our Vice-Chairman be requested to summon a Conference of representatives of all the public bodies in the County on his return to Wexford to consider the Scheme. That Mr E. Blythe, Minister of Trade & Commerce be informed of this decision of the Council, and that our Secretary be instructed to advise the various local bodies not to enter into any long contracts for supplies pending the establishment of the proposed scheme."

Holding of Inquests.

The Minister of Local Government, Dail Eireann, wrote under date 10th September 1920, "that the recent legislation of the English Government dispensing with inquests in certain districts in Ireland is viewed by the Ministry of the Dail as an attempt to strike at a most important safeguard to the lives of Irish Citizens, and your Council is hereby instructed to inform Coroners that inquests are to be held as formerly all such legislation by the enemy government notwithstanding."

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

"That the two Coroners of the County be informed they are to carry out the holding of inquests as formerly notwithstanding and Orders of the English Government to the contrary."

Scholarship Scheme.

The Scholarship Committee submitted the following report:-

"A meeting of the above Committee was held in the County Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford, on 11th September 1920,

Present:- Messrs James Doyle, and R Corish.

The Secretary was also in attendance.

Having considered the question of Primary Scholarships the Committee made the following recommendation:-

"That the County Council be recommended to request his Lordship Most Rev Dr Codd, to nominate three Managers of Schools, the National Teachers County Organisation to nominate three teachers, the County Committee Gaelic League to appoint three representatives, and also to request Rev Brother Fitzgerald, Christian Schools, Wexford, Rev Brother McNamara, New Ross, and Rev Brother O'Maheny, Enniscorthy, to meet this Committee with a view to drafting a suitable Scholarship Scheme for pupils of Primary Schools."

"The Committee recommended that James Carty, University Scholar be allowed to reside in private lodgings."

"They further recommended that John J. Travers, University Scholar, be granted an extension of his Scholarship for one year, but they considered this should be treated as an exceptional case, and should not be taken as a precedent."

"They further recommended that this student be allowed to reside in private lodgings."

"The Secretary was instructed to communicate with Mr Laurence J. Walsh, University Scholar, and ascertain from him if it is his intention to pursue a course of study for the priesthood."

On the motion of Mr O'Byrne (Gerey) seconded by Mr Culleton, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the report of Scholarship Committee be received and adopted."

University Scholarship.

As regards the query put by Scholarship Committee to Laurence J. Walsh, Town View, Gerey, the latter wrote under date 14th September 1920, that he was entering Clonliffe College with a view to preparing for the religious life.

The Secretary stated that in reply to this letter he had pointed out that the Council had not allowed a University Scholarship to anyone preparing for Religious life, in fact there was a special provision in the Irish University Act, preventing a Scholarship being awarded. If the Council had known of Mr Walsh's intentions earlier their decision in the matter could have been obtained.

In a letter under date 20th September, Mr Walsh wrote that he was going to the University with the intention of getting his B. A., degree. He then

might enter the Teaching Profession, or he might go for the Church, all depended on circumstances.

Under date 18th September 1920, Rev Brother Higgins wrote, that while at Clonliffe College, Laurence J. Walsh would not do work of any character or for any purpose except the getting of his degree. A number of the boys holding the Dublin Corporation and County Scholarships remain in Clonliffe while attending the University for three years. What they did after was a matter apart. Some went into the Church and some took up Secondary Teaching.

On the motion of Mr James Doyle, seconded by Mr O'Byrne, (New Ross) the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the Local Government Board, Dail Eireann, be asked to advise the Council as to whether, in the circumstances mentioned in the correspondence of Mr Laurence J. Walsh, Town View, Gorey, they would advise the Council to award a Scholarship."

The Secretary stated that at the meeting of the County Council on 24th August 1920, the following resolution had been adopted:-

"That as regards continuation of Scholarship to William McAuliffe, our Secretary communicate with Dr Coffey, President of National University, and ask him if he is of opinion the County Council would be justified in continuing the Scholarship to this Student."

In connection with this matter Dr Coffey stated, under date 22nd September 1920, that Mr McAuliffe's failure in English should have been due to deficiency in a limited section of his subject and he (Dr Coffey) was confident this student would make up for it in his subsequent course. He recommended that the County Council should allow Mr McAuliffe to retain his Scholarship for the coming year, and he should be able to get a good B. A., degree without any extension of three years scholarship period.

On the motion of Mr O'Byrne, (Gorey) seconded by the Chairman, the following resolution was adopted--

"That in view of the recommendation of Dr Coffey, President National University, a continuing University Scholarship be awarded to William McAuliffe, Johnstown, Clonagall."

The following recommendation of the Finance Committee was confirmed on the motion of Mr O'Byrne (Gorey) seconded by Mr Culleten:-

"That we recommend the County Council to allow Patrick O'Neill, John Street, Gorey, holder of University Scholarship, to reside outside Hostel

while attending lectures for 1920-21 session of the National University."

Under date 30th September 1920, Mr P. J. Sinnott, Newtown Clonavan, Gorey, University Scholar of County Council, wrote asking to be allowed to reside in private lodgings and suggesting that the instalments of Scholarships should at the beginning of each terms be paid to the Secretary National University so as to enable Scholarship Holders to defray cost of lodgings, etc.,

Mr James Doyle proposed, and Mr J. J. O'Byrne (New Ross) seconded the following resolution which was unanimously adopted:-

"That Mr P. J. Sinnott, University Scholar, be allowed to reside in private lodgings provided same be approved by the Dean of Residence. That no change be made in manner of paying Scholarship fees, etc.,"

Proposed by Mr John O'Byrne (Gorey) seconded by Mr James Doyle and adopted:-

"That as recommended by the Finance Committee Mr Patrick O'Neill, John Street, Gorey, continuing University Scholarship Holder be allowed to reside in private lodgings for the coming school year provided same receive the approval of the Dean of Residence.

That Male University Students in consequence of increased Hostel fees be allowed to reside in private lodgings provided same secure the approval of Dean of Residence."

On the motion of Mr James Doyle, seconded by Mr O'Byrne, (New Ross) the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the details of University Scholarship Scheme for 1920-21, be referred to the Scholarship Committee."

Proposed Half-Holiday for Co. Council Staff.

Mr G. Griffin, Secretary, Irish Clerical & Allied Workers' Union, applied for a Saturday half-holiday for the members of the Staff of the Council who were members of his Union.

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

"That the application of the Irish Clerical & Allied Workers' Union for a half-holiday for its members on the Staff of the Council be mentioned on agenda paper of next Council meeting."

Irish Education.

A circular letter was read from Mr T. J. O'Connell, General Secretary,

National Teachers Organization, as to the framing of an educational programme suitable to Irish needs and in accordance with Irish Aspirations. The National Teachers' Congress in April last, adopted a resolution instructing their Executive Committee to take steps to convene a Conference or Committee "in order to frame a programme or series of programmes in accordance with Irish ideals and conditions due regard being had to local needs and views" The Executive Committee considered that a Conference made up as follows would be found to be fairly if not fully representative:-

The Professors of Education in the five University Colleges, together with four representatives from each of the following:- General Council of County Councils, National Labour Executive, Gaelic League, School Managers, Irish National Teachers' Organization.

"It was decided on the motion of Mr James Doyle, seconded by Mr O'Byrne (New Ross) to refer this matter to the Scholarship Committee."

Quarry Foremen.

In connection with proposed increase of 5/- per week to quarry foremen Owen Doyle, Glasslacken, Newtownbarry, wrote under date 7th September 1920, that the foremen would not accept the increase and there would be a fresh demand made on behalf of these employees.

Under date 16th September 1920, Mr O'Donoghue, Organiser, Irish transport & General Workers' Union, wrote that the quarry foremen would not accept the 5/- per week offered by the Council. In the first place it was unfair to some of the quarry foremen (even with the 5/- weekly increase) should receive less wages than the men whose work they had to superintend, and whose time they had to record and be responsible for, secondly- the quarry foremen contended that the proposed increase of 5/- was not in any sense a fair proportionate increase when compared with the increases various other workers had received. While readmen and quarrymen are on the same rate it seemed an anomaly that quarry foremen should receive a much lower rate than read foremen.

"The Chairman gave notice of motion to move at next meeting of the Council that the resolution to increase the wages of quarry foremen by 5/- per week, be rescinded, and that the wages of these employees be fixed at a minimum of £3, amount to be definitely decided by the number of quarries etc., which each foreman is obliged to look after."

Application-Increase Salary Road Overseer.

Under date 27th August, Mr Patrick J. Fowler, Camolin, wrote applying for increase of wages from £2. 10/- to £3. 10/- as Overseer, Steamrolling Gorey-Arklow Road.

The application was supported by the Irish Transport & General Workers Union, Enniscorthy Branch.

Mr M. Doyle proposed:- "That application for increase of salary by Mr P. J. Fowler, Overseer, Gorey-Arklow Road, be not entertained as work is now closed down and Mr Fowler is no longer in the service of the Council."

Mr James Hall seconded.

"Passed"

Courtown Harbour Master.

At the meeting of the County Council on 24th August 1920, the following recommendation was read from Courtown Harbour Committee:-

"That we request the County Council to increase the present inadequate wage of the Harbour Master of Courtown."

The meeting of the 24th August 1920, adopted the following resolution:-

"That the question of the remuneration to be paid to the Harbour Master Courtown, be placed on agenda paper for next meeting."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Hall, seconded by Mr Devereux:-

"That the consideration of the resolution of Courtown Harbour Committee calling attention to the salary of Harbour Master at Courtown be adjourned for six months."

Application of Advance, Wexford Corporation.

An application was received from Wexford Corporation for an advance of £500 to be included for payment in next demand to be made on them by the Council and which amount was necessary to carry out street maintenance.

The following resolution proposed by Mr O'Byrne (Gorey) seconded by Mr Culleton, was carried on a show of hands by 13 to 2.

"That provided the funds of County Council permit and subject to the sanction of the Local Government Department of the Irish Republic a sum of £500 to be included in their next demand, be advanced to Wexford Urban District Council."

Finances-Wexford Union.

An application was received from Wexford Guardians that the fourth

instalment of Demand on the County Council should be paid as follows:-

£1000 on 9th October, £1000 on 9th November, £1000 on 9th December, and the balance £719 on 9th January 1921.

"On the motion of Mr M. Doyle, seconded by Mr Cummins, it was decided that £1000 be transferred at this day's meeting on foot of demand of Wexford Union, and that the question of other advances be considered at next meeting."

County Surveyor's Report.

The following report was presented by the County Surveyor:-

"Since your last meeting the Council Offices have been removed from Court House and are now situated in the County Hall. All furniture, fittings, and papers, have been removed from the Court House, and necessary alteration in the new building are being carried out. you will require to make provision for payment in connection with this and also to decide what furniture will be purchased for the Council Chamber etc.,

At last meeting of the Council I was directed to communicate with various persons hauling timber over the County roads and to obtain particulars of the amount hauled by each. I communicated with the different firms and submit their replies. Owing to very heavy timber traffic on the line between Ballybrennan and Wexford the road was made dangerous to ordinary traffic and accordingly I have served notice on the Hauliers pending your meeting on the 7th (October). In the meantime I have had some repairs carried out but the haulage is still proceeding. It will be necessary to decide what restrictions shall be placed on timber haulage during the Winter as otherwise I am satisfied a number of roads will be rendered dangerous for ordinary traffic.

In accordance with your directions I have obtained particulars from the various quarries and have communicated with the Assistant Surveyors with regard to the reduction of expenditure on road work. I suggest that ^{on} a number of roads the material to be put out during the coming winter should be reduced, and with regard to unimportant by-roads that little or no work should be undertaken. As this will be a contentious matter I would suggest that a small Committee including the Chairman of each Rural District should be appointed to go into the matter and arrange as to what roads should be struck out for the present.

I have arranged for work in a number of districts by "Direct Labour" with regard to drainage. The local labourers have refused to undertake the work as originally set out, for a lump sum and I have had to arrange payment by time. I have prepared notice with regard to drainage which I intend to have served on all Contractors in the County and I ask the Council to give me authority that

on any road where this notice has been neglected to have the work carried out by direct labour, at the expense of the Contractor.

The work at Kilmore Harbour, clearing out the sand is practically completed as far as funds permitted.

In accordance with the directions of the Council I submit suggestions for the improvement of the entrance to Courtown Harbour, with particulars as to approximate cost.

I consider if this scheme be adopted it will certainly improve the entrance and it will be servicable even in the event of more extensive improvements being undertaken.

Sometime ago I put advertisements in the local papers inviting offers from local persons around the coast for the supply and haulage of seagravel to the roads in my direct charge and I have received a number of offers. These offers appears to have been put in by agreement amongst the persons tendering as they are mostly at the same rate with apparently no competition. The price asked for gravel I consider very high, though in some cases possibly it may be difficult to obtain material, still its enormously beyond the value formerly placed on it. I ask for your directions with regard to dealing with this matter.

The Ministry of Transport has sanctioned a grant amounting to £3,505, towards the purchase of machinery estimated at £25,517. Sometime ago when you sanctioned the purchase of machinery I entered into agreements with various firms and recently some of them notified me that machinery would only be sent by payment being made previously. Owing to the upset of the Council's finances I have been in doubt as to how to deal with this matter, some of the machinery has been already forwarded and I would like direction as to what future action I am to take. I have already forwarded to the Ministry of Transport requisition for the sum of £4,787 out of the £3,000 odd, this figure is based on the cost of machinery already received or involved and on the cost of machinery promised during the month of October. If this sum be received it will cover immediate liabilities but provision of course must be made if the machinery is to come on. I have been in treaty with Mr Edward Kavanagh, St John's Enniscorthy, for the purchase of a Roller, Scarafier and fittings and shall discuss this matter also in connection with the purchase of other machinery. If the preparation of material is to be continued in the County it will be absolutely essential that we have an engine of our own as the hired engines are now wanted for threshing work. In Gorey district I have been able to hire an engine to do breaking and hauling work in that locality, but for the

rest of the County we can only have one breaker at work without this second.

Last week I met General Doran at Ely House, and made arrangements with him to purchase all concrete work and road material in connection with same as well as road material laid down on the roadway by the U S. Naval Authorities. The purchase price of this is £150, and to get out the stuff economically and quickly we will also require the use of the second engine.

I have to report that the Machinery Overseer and his Assistant, who was recently appointed have both resigned and some arrangements must be made for the future carrying out of the work.

Mr Elgee, Solicitor, reports to me that the Solicitor representing Mr Donnelly, Waterford, who injured the footpath on Road 85W, between Wexford New Bridge and Ely House has repudiated his liability. Mr Donnelly before he opened up pathway to remove piping gave me distinct personal understanding to restore pathway, and I consider that proceedings should be taken against him to cover the cost of the work which I have had to get done after duly notifying him.

I submit recommendations for payment and the Assistant Surveyors' reports with synopsis of same."

-----co000-----

County Council Offices:- Proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Mr Murphy and adopted:- "That expenses incurred through the removal of County Council Office and County Surveyor's Office to New Premises, and for fitting up of the premises be paid by the Council."

With reference to the removal from Courthouse the following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr M. Doyle:-

"That Mrs McNally, Caretaker, Wexford County Courthouse, be paid usual amount of salary etc., to 30th September 1920, but that no further payment be paid to her as caretaker of the Courthouse.

That no payments for rents of Courthouses or expenses of same (except in the case of Caretaker of Wexford Co. Courthouse) or for Petty Sessions Office or any payment of similar character and dealt with in Circular letter of Local Government Department Dail Eireann under date 30th September 1920, be made."

Timber Haulage on Roads:- In connection with the report of damage on roads by timber haulage, the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Sinnott, seconded by Mr J. Murphy, and adopted:-

"That the County Surveyor be instructed to again approach the hauliers

of timber injuring roads with a view to obtaining from them compensation for amount of injury done by each haulier. Should interviews be unsatisfactory we call on the Volunteers to stop the timber haulage of those concerned, In the meantime roads are to be made passable."

Road Work Expenditure:-

As regards proposed reduction of expenditure referred to in report of County Surveyor, the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Culleton, seconded by Mr J. J. O'Byrne (New Ross):-

"That representatives of this Council and two representatives of each Rural District Council of the County (one if possible to be the Chairman) be requested to attend meeting to be held in Enniscorthy Urban Council Offices on 14th October 1920, at 10.30 a.m., for the purpose of considering lists of roads to be submitted by the County Surveyor and in regard of which it is proposed to cut down expenditure. That this Joint Committee be invested with full powers. That at the said meeting the County Council be represented by Mr Hall, Mr Devereux, Mr J. J. O'Byrne, (New Ross) and Mr Corish."

Supply Etc., of Gravel:-

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

"That the proposed purchase of seagravel for roads be referred to the Joint Committee appointed to consider the question of road expenditure."

Machinery:- In connection with machinery and Plant the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr O'Byrne (Gorey) seconded by Mr Culleton:-

"That the County Surveyor take delivery of steam wagon and trailer in connection with Grant No. 9P from Ministry of Transport."

Proposed by Mr O'Byrne, (Gorey) seconded by Mr Culleton, and adopted--

"That the County Surveyor be instructed to take over machinery in connection with Grant No. P 48 or if he considers it more advisable that he arrange for the purchase of engine out of same Grant."

Ferrybank Concrete, Etc:-

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Culleton, seconded by Mr Shannon:-

"That we approve of the action of the County Surveyor in purchasing Road Material etc., from General Doran, Ferrybank, at £150."

Machinery Overseer:-

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr M. Doyle, seconded by Mr Sinnott:-

"That the Council proceed to the appointment of a machinery overseer at a wage of £5 per week, and that the County Surveyor be directed to draft advertisement for the position."

Injury to Footpath, Road 85W:-

"The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Murphy:- That our Secretary arrange to send a/c., for injury to footpath of Road 85W by Mr Donnelly, to the Waterford Volunteers for collection."

Road Drainage.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Culleton, seconded by Mr O'Byrne (Gorey):- "That the County Surveyor be instructed to notify Road Contractors that if they fail to execute a reasonable amount of drainage work on the roads in their charge, drainage will be carried out by direct labour at their expense."

Complaint Men working at Harvest taken from Road Work.

The following letter under date 30th September 1920, was read from Mr R. H. Peare, Kilmallock House, Enniscorthy:-

"I wish to inform you that under the new scheme of direct labour on Roads, those in authority in this neighbourhood have approached some of my permanent workmen and induced them to leave my employment which they are doing on Saturday next to take up work on the roads on Monday next at I understand 50/- a week. I am only half through my harvest, and if these men are taken now, my harvest will be lost. As you are aware it is illegal to act in this way, and I will hold your Council responsible for any loss I may be at if this action is persisted in. Your immediate attention is requested."

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

"That the letter of Mr Peare be referred to Messrs A. F. Smith and B. Kavanagh, County Councillors, for investigation and report to next meeting of the Council."

The Qualification of Councillors.

Proposed by Mr Culleton, seconded by Mr Hall, and adopted:-

"That Local Government Department, Dail Eireann, be requested to advise as to the position of men who have been elected County and Rural District Councillors, and who desire to work on roads or in quarries or who are already engaged in such work."

Road Limits of Expenditure.

Orders for extending the financial limits of expenditure were received from Ministry of Transport (Ireland) Oriel House, Dublin, as follows:-

Enniscorthy District to 31st March 1921, £21,131, 7. 0

New Ross District to 31st March 1921, £9921. 18. 4d

Wexford Rural District to 31st March 1921, £10,500.

Road Board Grants.

Under date 17th September 1920, the Assistant Director, Ministry of Transport, wrote I.R. G., 32 Wexford, that the Ministry were prepared to make a grant of £8505 towards the cost of plant required by Wexford County Council for works of road crust improvement estimated at £25,517.

Gullet at Tagoat.

Under date 5th October 1920, the following letter was read from Mr John Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor:-

"During a discussion on the salaries question at a recent meeting of the County Council the newspapers reports Mr Michael Doyle, Cottage, to have made a statement tantamount to an accusation of neglect of duty on my part. His charge was that a break in a road leading by his house to Tagoat was left without attention for a considerable period,

Now, what happened,- I inspected this contract on the 14th July and found nothing wrong beyond "pot holes" in the surface due to heavy motor traffic.

Again the 14th August, I inspected that portion of it from Killinick to Ashfield, most exposed to motor traffic and, finding the "Pot holes" more pronounced, got a man from Killinick to fill the ruts with fine gravel.

Sometime afterwards the County Surveyor wrote informing me that a gullet was broken on the road near Tagoat.

In accordance with my invariable practice when notified I proceeded at once to the place and finding a flag broken on a gullet I proceeded forthwith to Killinick and employed the man previously mentioned to do the necessary repairs. And may I point out that at present we are placed in a most anomalous position as regards the roads.

In this district nearly 300 miles of roads are thrown on the County Surveyor's hands with absolutely no one to supervise the work except the County Surveyor and myself.

To-day I may find a particular road in proper repair, to-morrow or sooner an engine may break down a gullet or Bridge thereon. At present there is no responsibility on anyone to report such an occurrence, and considering I have nearly 400 miles of roads to inspect it might be a full month before I could see that same road again.

In view of the facts and circumstances detailed I think the Council will agree that the strictures reported to have been made were unjustified and

unfair, and that a sense of honour should suggest to Mr Michael Doyle the adoption of a certain course of action in this matter.

Apologising for troubling you with this letter which I feel constrained to write in vindication of myself."

"No Order"

Proposed Surrender of Road Contracts.

The following Contractors wrote offering to surrender their Contracts:-
J. Rossiter, Toberlamina, Blackwater, Road 186E., J. O'Toole, Gurrawn, Blackwater, Roads 53E, 54E, 55E, 182E, 337E, and Special Work 54E, Thomas Sheehan Ballyminane, Gorey Road 123G, Thomas Breen, Coblishall, Gorey, 122G.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr M. Doyle, seconded by Mr Kavanagh:-

"That no further surrenders of road contracts be accepted, but that the County Surveyor be directed to arrange with Contractors (applying to surrender roads) for care of same."

Road Contractor's Grievance.

The following was read from Mr James Brien, Glenteigue, Edermine, under date 1st September 1920:-

"Having made application to Secretary and County Surveyor for payment of money due to me there is evidently some obstacle to my being paid. I trust your Board will give matter their attention, and if there is any question in dispute about same, I am perfectly satisfied to submit to Arbitration, the money being earned and near 12 months due. payment will oblige."

The County Surveyor explained that the late County Council had decided to award a War Bonus of £30 to Mr Brien owing to enhanced price of Road material, but the Ministry of Transport refused to sanction a War Bonus.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr J. O'Byrne, (Gorey) seconded by Mr Devereux:-

"That no further action be taken as regards payment of War Bonus on Road to Mr James Brien, Glenteigue, Edermine."

Ferns Courthouse.

Under date 17th September 1920, Messrs E. O'Connor & Co., Ferns, landlords of Ferns Courthouse, wrote that they had turned the Courthouse into a Store, as they were congested for space, and could not be removing their Goods.

"No Order"

New Ross Courthouse.

In connection with proposed surrender of New Ross Courthouse, Mr Hugh R. Hamilton, Estate Office, New Ross, wrote that on behalf of the Trustees of the Tottenham Estate he was willing to waive the usual six months notice and take surrender of the premises on 29th inst., on the rent being paid up to that date.

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

"That no order be made by the County Council in connection with the application of Mr Hugh R. Hamilton, to take over New Ross Courthouse."

Revision of Jurors Lists.

The Secretary asked for instructions as to attendance of himself and Rate Collectors at the forthcoming sessions for Revision of Jurors.

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

"That the Local Government Department, Dail Eireann, be requested to advise as to the attendance of Secretary and Rate Collectors at forthcoming sessions for Revision of Jurors."

Income Tax Returns.

The Secretary asked for instructions in connection with the following letter received from Comptroller, Inland Revenue, Custom House, Dublin:-

"A report has been received from Mr Lynch, Inspector of Taxes, at Waterford District, from which it appears that notwithstanding several applications you have hitherto omitted to make a Return on Form No. Q.92, as required by Income Tax Acts for the quarter ended 5th July 1920.

By this omission you have rendered yourself liable to the penalties set forth in the 107th Section of the Income Tax Act 1918, but as it is desired to avoid the necessity of taking proceedings against you for recovery thereof, I beg to send you the enclosed form, and thus to afford you another opportunity of making the Return required by Law.

I have to request that such Return may be sent to Mr Lynch within seven days from this date."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Sinnott, seconded by Mr Devereux:-

"That we adhere to our resolution refusing to furnish returns to Income Tax Inspectors, and that we direct our Secretary to inform the Comptroller, Inland Revenue, Dublin, of this instruction to him."

Rate Collection.

The Secretary stated the following amounts of Rate were outstanding:-

Collector J. A. Ryan, £7. 11. 6d, P. Redmond £55. 12. 8d, P. J. Nolan, £1. 0. 2d, J. C. Smith £35. 7. 1d E. J. Murphy £48. 16, 4d, James L. Doyle £295. 5. 7d, J. J. Fowler £2573. 4. 0d, and Patrick Byrne £2231. 9. 1d.

The two last mentioned had only received their books recently. Satisfactory explanations had been given by each Collector of the amount outstanding, except in the case of Mr J. L. Doyle.

Proposed by Mr Murphy, seconded by Mr James Doyle and adopted:-

"That Mr James L. Doyle be dismissed from the office of Rate Collector, unless he furnishes a satisfactory explanation as to £295. 5. 7d outstanding rates, and as to his failure to communicate with our Secretary re same."

"That we inform Mr W. J. Dollar, Bettyville, Wexford, he is liable for amount of rates as he made no objection when rates were struck and made no application for revision of valuation."

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

"That the names and addresses of persons who have refused or neglected to pay Rates be furnished to the Volunteers of each District concerned."

The following recommendation of the Finance Committee was confirmed on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Culleton:-

"That we recommend the County Council to adhere to the rule which has prevailed to the present of obliging Collectors to lodge the full amounts of their warrants. We fail to see where any special difficulty exists to prevent any Rate Collector from closing his collection now as it the past. The Finance Committee having considered the question in all its bearings, cannot see their way to recommend an extension of time for the close of Rate Collection."

The following recommendation of Finance Committee was confirmed on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Culleton:-

"That in view of the fact that the rates on small houses the property of Sir Thomas Esmonde and Mr Patrick Craughwell, Gorey, have been, since the passing of the Local Government Act 1898, paid by the Landlords, we consider the same procedure should be adhered to in regard to the present collection. That a copy of this recommendation be furnished to the landlords in question, and that their reply to same be submitted to meeting of the County Council on the 7th October 1920."

The following was read from Mr Craughwell, Town view, Gorey, under date 5th October 1920:-

"In reply to your query re Rates I beg to inform you that I am so hard set for aliving I am not able to pay Rates for the people who held the houses at 1/2 weekly. I paid as long as I was able. The tenants in most of these houses are earning from £2 to £3 weekly and it is impossible at times to get rent out of them."

Payment Poundage Fees.

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

"That poundage fees be paid to all our Rate Collectors on the amounts lodged to the date of the present meeting except to Collector J. L. Doyle."

The following recommendation of the Finance Committee was confirmed on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr O'Byrne:-

"That Collector J. J. Fowler, be granted an extension of time to 1st November 1920, to close his present collection in consequence of the fact that he did not receive his books until August 1920."

Allowance Bank Interest.

The following recommendation of the Finance Committee was confirmed on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Culleton:-

"That the National Bank be requested to allow usual rate of Interest on all accounts in connection with new system of County Council."

Double Dipping of Sheep.

Letter from Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction (Veterinary Branch) under date 15th September 1920, relative to danger of using poisonous dips in the case of double dipping of sheep.

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

"That the representatives of local papers be requested to call attention of Circular letter of Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction, under date 15th September 1920, and No. V. B., 1991-20, (as to double dipping of sheep)."

Prohibition feeding Stuffs from Belgium.

Under date 21st September 1920, the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction issued Order (No. 489) prohibiting the landing in Ireland of feeding stuffs and Animal products from Belgium.

"No Order".

Resolution as to Grazing System, Etc.,

The following resolution was submitted from the Wexford Branch of the Irish Transport & General Workers' Union:-

"That we are of the opinion that the time has come when a move should be made to remove some of the grievances under which the Country in general and workers in particular suffer namely, the grazing system, the failure to till, and the milk scarcity. That we ask the County Council as premier body of this County to exert itself in this direction in providing land for the landless food for the people, and milk for the children, etc."

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

"That the resolution from South Wexford Branch Irish Transport & General Workers' Union, as to securing land for the landless, food for the people, and milk for the Children, be referred to Minister for Agriculture, Dail Eireann."

Film Censors.

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

"That we approve of the following resolution received from Cork Corporation:- That we, the Corporation of Cork, hereby request the Government of the Irish Republic, to establish in Dublin, an Irish Board of Film Censors. In the event of such a Board being established, we pledge ourselves, to allow no films, to be exhibited in this City, which are not accompanied by the Board's Certificate of approval. Such a step, we believe, will not only give a much needed moral safeguard, but will help to increase, still further, the authority of the Republican Government."

Cork Harbour & Shipping.

On the motion of Mr John Murphy, seconded by Mr M. Doyle, the following resolution from Cork Industrial Development Committee was adopted:-

"This Association representative of the commercial and industrial interests of Cork, expresses its pleasure at the advent of the ships of the United States Mail Steamship Company to the Port of Cork, which we feel confident, will lead to a big improvement of trade and intercourse between Ireland and America."

"We condemn the action of the British Government authorities in their prohibition against American passenger vessels entering Cork Harbour on the east-bound voyage. We regard such prohibition not as an isolated incident

but as part of the traditional English policy of maintaining control of the seas and preventing the shipping expansion of other nations. We also regard it as part of England's traditional repressive economic policy against the development of Ireland's trade and commerce, which policy ruthlessly pursued has reduced the population of our Country from eight millions to four millions within the past seventy years.

We look to the United States Administration, and in particular to its Shipping Board Department, to insist upon freedom of its vessels to enter Irish ports, and we are sure the whole Irish people will co-operate with any action taken by them in this respect, as it is to the interests of our country that its ports be free to all vessels, and it is our desire to maintain direct intercourse with all nations."

Irish in the Schools.

The Coiste Grotha wrote asking the County Council to appoint two delegates of the Council to attend Conference to be held in the Gaelic Hall, Wexford, on the 16th October at 3 O'Clock, p.m., to consider how best to have Irish taught as an ordinary subject in the School Time table.

On the motion of Mr Murphy, seconded by Mr Kavanagh, the following delegates were appointed:- Messrs Michael Redmond, and John Sinnott."

Irish County Councils' General Council.

The following under date 6th October 1920, was read from the Secretary, Irish Co. Councils' General Council:-

"I have been directed by the Executive Committee of the Irish County Councils' General Council to forward you for the information of your Council their recommendations on the following matters:-

Milk Production.

The Committee recommend County Councils to take immediate steps to give effect to, as far as may be practicable at the present time, the recommendation contained in the Interim Report on Milk Production of the Commission of Inquiry into the Resources of Ireland, a copy of which is enclosed, herewith.

Appointment of Coroners.

Where vacancies exist or in future arise in the office of Coroner the Executive Committee recommend that appointments should be made, and that the gentleman appointed should be required to give an undertaking to hold inquests in all cases requiring such investigation. In the event of the failure of a Coroner to hold an inquest same should be conducted by two District Justices.

Conciliation Boards.

The Committee recommend County Councils to take steps to form Conciliation Boards in conjunction with their employees as outlined in the memorandum on this subject issued by the Ministry of Labour of Dail Eireann.

Tolls at Markets & Fairs.

The Committee recommend County Councils to approach the Patentees of Markets and Fairs with a view to acquiring same by agreement or arbitration and utilizing the tolls derivable therefrom in relief of the rates. It is suggested that where the Capital sum is not immediately available, the difficulty might be met for the time being by paying to the Patentee interest on the agreed purchase price.

Chair of Scientific Agriculture in University College, Dublin

The Chair of Scientific Agriculture in University College, Dublin, was founded as a result of representations made to the Governing Body thereof by the General Council of County Councils' in the year 1917-18. As it was found that the funds at the disposal of the College would be insufficient to maintain the Chair, the General Council undertook that its constituent Councils would by way of Grant (under Sec 10 (2) of the National Universities Act 1908) contribute one-half of the cost of maintenance. The Executive Committee recommend this Grant (£20 per annum) should be made by each Council."

"Recommendations as set out were approved on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Culleton."

Proposals for Payment.

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

"That the several items of expenditure for fixed amounts, viz:- salaries, etc., as submitted to the Council by our Secretary be and are hereby approved."

Road Machinery.

The Secretary asked instructions as to payment of £102 instalment of loans due Road Board (now Ministry of Transport) for purchase of stonebreaker.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr O'Byrne (Gorey) the following resolution was adopted:- "That amount of fourth instalment of loan (£102) due Ministry of Transport for purchase of Stonebreaker be paid."

-----oo0oo-----

(Signed)

Seamus O'Kearney

Dated this day of

1920.

Presiding Chairman.

SPECIAL MEETING.- 28th OCTOBER 1920.

A Special Meeting of the County Council was held in the County Hall, Wexford, on 28th October 1920, for the purpose of appointing delegates to attend the funeral of Mr Terence McSwiney, late Lord Mayor of Cork.

Present:- Dr James Ryan (Vice-Chairman) presiding.

Also:- Messrs R. Corish, John Murphy, David Kavanagh, Gregory Devereux, Christopher Culleton, and A. F. Smith.

A letter was read from Mr Michael Doyle, apologising for absence from meeting owing to illness.

The Secretary was also in attendance.

The late Lord Mayor.

The following resolution was adopted in silence on the motion of Dr Ryan, seconded by Mr Smith:-

"That we the members of the Wexford County Council tender our sympathy to Widow of Turlough McSwiney, to his relatives, and the people of Cork, in their irreparable loss, while we congratulate them on having such a noble Martyr whose memory will never die and who will be for all time, an example to peoples struggling to be free.

We further express our deepest sympathy with the Misses McSwiney, Sisters of deceased, with his orphan child, and with the Citizens of Cork, in their trial for Ireland's sake.

That the only way to answer the murders of the innocent is to be true to the ideals for which the late Lord Mayor of Cork gave his life. Joy, not tears, that Ireland has such children is the epitaph which is engraven on the Nation's heart."

On the motion of Mr Culleton, seconded by Mr Murphy, the following were appointed to represent the County Council at the funeral of the Lord Mayor:- Dr Ryan, Messrs A. F. Smith, G. Devereux, D. Kavanagh, C. Culleton, and the Secretary.

Votes of Condolence.

On the motion of Mr Kavanagh, seconded by Mr Culleton, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That we offer our heartfelt condolence to the Mother and family of the late Mr Matthew Furlong, Summerhill Cross, Wexford, who died for Ireland."

Proposed by Mr Culleton, seconded by Dr Ryan, and adopted:-

"That we offer our heartfelt sympathy to the relatives and friends of the men who were killed in the late disaster at Saltmills."

County Council Office.

Proposed by Mr A. F. Smith, seconded by Mr David Kavanagh, and adopted:-

"That Mr Stephen Hayes, Assistant in County Council Office, be granted (owing to urgent private business) leave of absence for one month as from this date, and that our Secretary be empowered to employ the necessary clerical assistance during the period."

-----ooOoo-----

(Signed)

Seamus O'Keefe

Presiding Chairman.

Dated this day of

1920.

MEETING.- 4th NOVEMBER 1920.

A Meeting of the County Council, was held in the County Hall, Wexford, on 4th November 1920.

Present:- Dr James Ryan, Vice-Chairman, (presiding)

Also:- Messrs Michael Doyle, John Murphy, James Hall, Gregory Devereux, Simon Kehoe, J. O'Byrne (Gorey), James Doyle, R. Corish, C. Culleton, M. Hughes, D. Kavanagh, John J. O'Byrne (New Ross).

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

Confirmation of Minutes.

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and confirmed.

Mr John Sinnott, County Councillor.

Under date 11th October 1920, Mr John Sinnott, County Councillor, wrote apologising for his enforced absence from Co. Council Meetings.

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

"That in accordance with the wishes expressed by him before he left Wexford, Mr Sinnott be requested to resign (temporary) his Membership of this Council."

Road Etc., Maintenance & General Financial Position of Council.

In connection with maintenance of quarries the following motion of which he had given previous notice stood in the name of Mr Corish:-

"That the resolution of the Council to increase the wages of quarry foremen by 5/- per week, be rescinded, and that the wages of these employees be fixed at a minimum of £3 amount to be definitely decided by the number of quarries etc., which each foreman is obliged to look after."

In connection with this and other matters of Road Maintenance the meeting discussed the following:-

"That the County Farmers' Association most strongly oppose any such proposal as that contained in Mr Frizelle's letter as being utterly impracticable, and almost unjustifiable tax on the Agricultural Community.

"That the Farmers' Union take this opportunity of informing the County Council that if the roads of the County are allowed to remain in their present deplorable condition while the rates continue to rise rapidly, and there is apparent everywhere on the roads evidence of gross mismanagement, waste of

money, and incompetence, then, the Farmers' Union must seriously consider the question of with-holding the payment of the Farmers' rates.

"That we refuse to take any action in respect to Circular letter from County Council with reference to up-keep of roads. We have on several occasions called the attention of the road authorities to the bad state of the roads in the district, but we find that there has not been the slightest effort at improvement, and when the County Council propose to abolish all their road officials, we, as farmers and ratepayers will take the matter into consideration

The following report of Road Conference held in Enniscorthy on 14th October 1920, was received and adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Corish:-

"A Conference of representatives of County Council and Rural District Councils, as arranged for by County Council, was held in the Urban Council Offices, Enniscorthy, on 14th October 1920.

Present:- Mr R. Corish, Mayor of Wexford, M. C. C., presided.

Also present; on behalf of the County Council:- Messrs James Hall, G. Devereux, and John J. O'Byrne.

Enniscorthy Rural District was represented by Mr James Doyle.

Gorey Rural District by Mr Patrick Byrne.

Wexford Rural District by Mr W. Boggan.

The County Surveyor, Mr Treanor, Senior Assistant Surveyor, and Messrs James Kirby, and Curran, Assistant Surveyors, were also in attendance.

Meetings for promotion of Road Maintenance.

The following resolution submitted from Joint Conference of Finance Committee of County Council and County Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction was adopted on the motion of Mr Culleton, seconded by Mr James Doyle:-

"This Conference considers that Parish Meetings of Farmers and Labourers should assemble in every parish of the County Wexford to discuss the present situation and see what can be done in respect of road maintenance more especially road drainage. That this matter be referred to Road Conference to be held in Enniscorthy on 14th October 1920, and that they be requested to furnish their suggestions to the Secretary of the Farmers' Union and of each Farmers' Association in this County, also to the Secretary of each Trade Union in order that no delay should be experienced in having suggestions put into operation.

On the motion of Mr Culleton, seconded by Mr James Doyle, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That we suggest to the Parish Committees as a practical working arrangement that each land holder should be made responsible for five yards of road drainage work per acre of land held by him. That meetings of all Parish Committees be held on Monday 1st November at hour most convenient for each Parish and that said meetings be convened by the Farmers' Associations and Trade Unions of each District. It is requested that report of meeting in each Parish be transmitted to the Secretary of Wexford County Council in time for consideration at meeting on 4th November 1920.

General Recommendations.

That the County Surveyor consider the advisability of removing grass margins from roads.

The County Surveyor submitted lists of roads in the four Rural Districts of the County, and in regard to which he stated it would be possible without causing appreciable deterioration to the road to suspend work for a year.

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

"That lists of roads on which County Surveyor recommends suspension of work for one year be furnished to each Rural District Council concerned for their observations, the latter to be furnished in time for consideration of County Council meeting on 4th November 1920."

"It was decided that the rate of seagravel be 3/- per yard when collected and banked on a constant supply, that a rate of 4/- per cubic yard be fixed in cases in which the supply is only occasionally available."

"It was recommended that broken field stones delivered on roadway, viz-- outside of land on which collected be paid for at 6/- per cubic yard broken and delivered on road."

"It was further recommended that haulage rates be agreed to in accordance with local conditions, also that price of material supplied by Contractors for surrendered roads be paid on Contract basis."

"Surfacemen employed on roads and providing donkey and cart are to be paid at the rate of £2. 15/- per week."

"The County Surveyor was instructed to stop all timber traffic on roads which are being injured by same, and hauliers objecting to this course to have appeal to County Council."

Edward Byrne, Clonmore, Bree, came before the meeting in connection with haulage of timber by him from Courtnacuddy to Wexford and which had caused great damage to road surface.

Mr Byrne agreed that on return journey from Wexford to Courtnacuddy with empty wagons he would bring material free from Ferrycarrig Quarry to the portions of roads injured (as directed by the County Surveyor) for the unexpired period of his timber haulage approximately five days. In addition Mr Byrne is to haul 250 cubic yards from Ferrycarrig Quarry to the roads in question. It was decided that Mr Byrne would enter into an agreement at once with the County Surveyor to carry out this work, which is to be performed before any further timber haulage outside present contract was dealt with. Mr Byrne expressed his willingness to sign agreement.

Kerlogue Quarry.

"It was stated that in this quarry there was a certain amount of material which, without blasting could be made available, and the County Surveyor was instructed to inspect and arrange for purchase of same if feasible."

Ballynaas Quarry.

Mr Thomas Fenlon, Orristown, has material in Ballynaas, which was available for road metalling, and the County Surveyor was directed to inspect same with a view to purchase.

Killinick Gravel Pit.

The Meeting considered that the County Surveyor might again approach Mr Patrick Browne, Ballysheen, Killinick, owner of gravel pit on his lands with a view to obtaining material therefrom."

-----c0c-----

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Corish, seconded by Mr M. Doyle:-

"That a Committee of the whole "House" consider at meeting to be held at 10.30 a.m., on 17th November 1920, all questions of road maintenance and the general financial position of the Council, That the Rural District Councils be requested to furnish previous to 17th inst., their decisions on suggestions of Road Conference. That consideration of Notice of Motion by Councillor Corish as to wages of quarry foremen be adjourned to meeting of 17th November 1920."

New Member of Finance Committee.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr O'Byrne (Gorey):-

"That Mr John Murphy be appointed a member of the Finance Committee."

Meeting of County Council.

Proposed by Mr James Doyle, seconded by Mr Hall, and adopted::

"That future meetings of the County Council be held on first Tuesday in the month."

County Surveyor's Report.

The following report was presented by the County Surveyor:-

"At the Rural District Council Meetings which are now being held I am reporting on, amongst other things, the necessity at the present time for economy and recommending that all road works now up for renewal of contract should be adjourned until the April Meeting. Unless in exceptional cases I am recommending also that all special proposals should be dropped for the present.

Lately I put advertisements in the local papers inviting applications for Machinery Overseer, and I shall submit replies to you at the Meeting.

Sometime ago I entered into arrangements with the Manufacturers for a supply of machinery the purchase of which was approved by you at a former meeting and subsequently I wrote countermanding these orders. With regard to breakers, one machine has already been delivered but the firm from whom it was purchased are willing to accept its return and I approve with your approval to do this. The Rock Drills ordered have also come to hand but I have not yet heard from the firm if they will accept return of same. With regard to the engines ordered Messrs Aveling & Parter have agreed to hold over the order pending further arrangements. Messrs Thompson, Motor Car Co., Ltd., from whom we have arranged to purchase lorries and trailer waggons however, raised the point that we must accept delivery, and I am now notified that some of these goods have been received in Waterford. I have explained to Thompson's the condition of affairs, and furthermore in one of their own letters they stated that the goods would only be forwarded on receipt of the cash. I have consulted with Mr Elgee, Solicitor, with regard to this matter and shall submit his report at the meeting.

The work of removing the material at Ferrybank is now in progress and I will **© WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL ARCHIVES** the time be arranged

for a 47 hour week. As your own previous resolution provided for a 50 hour week I could of course make no change without your authority, and I ask for your directions in the matter."

-- -----ooOoo-- -----

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

"That the appointment of Machinery Overseer be postponed."

On the motion of Mr James Doyle, seconded by Mr Murphy, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the County Surveyor inform Messrs Thompson (Motor Car Company Ltd) that he will not take delivery of machinery from them."

On the motion of Mr John Murphy, seconded by Mr James Doyle, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the County Surveyor be instructed to communicate with Messrs Goodwin Barsby & Co., Leeds, and ask if they will accept payment of half cost of stonebreaker (already delivered) on account, and the balance during the next financial year."

In connection with demand for 47 hours week at Ferrybank, the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Hall, seconded by Mr M. Doyle:-

"That our Secretary explain to the men at Ferrybank that owing to financial position of the Council the latter can only provide for payment at a rate of 1/- per hour, up to 50 hours per week."

Application for release from Road Contracts.

It was decided that applications for release from Road Contracts mentioned by County Surveyor, be referred to Special Committee Meeting to be held on 17th November 1920.

Unemployment Insurances.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Corish, seconded by Mr Culleton:-

"That the Council approve of regulations as to Unemployment Insurance Scheme being put in force as regards their employees."

Scholarship Committee.

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

"That Meeting of Scholarship Committee be held on 8th November 1920, at 10.30 a.m., in County Hall."

Hall Committee.

The following report of County Hall Committee was received and adopted on the motion of Mr O'Byrne (Gorey) seconded by Mr M. Doyle:-

Present:- Dr James Ryan (Vice-Chairman, Co. Council) presiding.

Also:- Alderman Corish.

The Secretary and County Surveyor were also in attendance.

In connection with the proposed offer of Wexford Corporation to rent portion of present County Council premises the meeting was of opinion the Committee should be enlarged, at present there were only three members effective and these members feel it would be more advisable that the proposal of the Corporation should be discussed by a Committee of larger dimensions.

In connection with the proposed charges for use of Hall the Committee suggest the following as a basis for discussion--

Central Hall:- When used from 8 O'C., p.m., to 10 O'C., p.m., fee should be 10/- and 2/6 to Caretaker. From 8 p.m., to 12 p.m., £1 and 5/- to Caretaker, All night £2 and 10/- to Caretaker, and on condition that for supper room one or both of the corridors on ground floor would be available, also use of kitchen, the gas for which must be paid for as extra according to data obtained from Gas Company.

If Hall be required for a full period of 24 hours the fee will be £5 per day and 10/- to Caretaker and which is suggested without prejudice to any special arrangement which the Committee may consider necessary to enter into from time to time, as special applications will be dealt with in special terms.

Public Bodies will have the Hall free on indemnity against damage while Hall is in their possession, and provided they become responsible for Caretaker's fee.

Several suggestions were considered as regards seating accommodation. It was finally decided that these should be put before the meeting of County Council on 4th November 1920."

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

That the following names be added to County Hall Committee.- Messrs John J. O'Byrne (New Ross) John O'Byrne (Gorey), C. Culleton, (Wexford) and John Murphy (Enniscorthy).

As regards seating accommodation for Hall the following resolution was proposed by Mr Murphy, seconded by Mr Culleton:-

"That the question of seating accommodation for County Hall be postponed for the present and that existing seats be widened and made suitable."

Mr O'Byrne (Gorey) proposed:- "That new Chairs be procured for County Hall."

Mr Hall seconded.

A show of hands was taken when the amendment was lost by 7 to 3.

The resolution was then put and passed nem con.

In connection with position of Caretaker, John Roche, present Caretaker, came before the meeting and stated he was prepared to continue the position which he held for past two years. He produced satisfactory references from the Community of St John of God.

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

"That as from 8th November 1920, John Roche be appointed Caretaker of County Hall at a wage of 30/- per week and house, to carry out duties as per list submitted by County Surveyor. That Mr Elgee, Solicitor, be instructed to prepare agreement as to duties and as to tenancy of Caretaker's premises."

Proposed by Mr Murphy, seconded by Mr Michael Doyle, and adopted:-

"That the tiled portion of County Hall premises be advertised for letting, and that County Hall Committee be empowered to consider and accept tenders relative to same."

Combined Purchasing Scheme.

The following report in connection with Combined Purchasing Scheme was, on the motion of Mr Murphy, seconded by Mr Devereux, received and adopted:-

"The adjourned Meeting in connection with Scheme of central purchasing of articles by Public Bodies was held in the Central Chamber, County Hall on 2nd November 1920.

Present:- Dr James Ryan (Vice-Chairman) presiding.

Gorey Guardians:- Messrs J. O'Byrne, E Connolly, Thomas Stokes.

New Ross Guardians:- Messrs Patrick Lynch, P. Cleary, and J. Dunphy.

Wexford Guardians:- Mr D. O'Sullivan.

District Asylum:- Mr T. McCarthy.

The Secretary of the County Council was also in attendance.

All documents received from Dail Eireann having been read and considered the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr McCarthy, seconded by

Mr Connolly:-

"That we approve of the principle of the proposal of Dail Eireann in respect of combined purchasing of their supplies by Local Bodies, but for the present we consider the attention of the Purchasing Committee might be confined to such articles as tea, coal, clothing, leather, soap, tobacco, medicines, and medical appliances, generally.

That a copy of this resolution be furnished the various public bodies of the County for their approval."

Re Complaint of Mr R. H. Peare.

In connection with the complaint of Mr R. H. Peare, Kilmallock, Enniscorthy, that "these in authority in this neighbourhood approached some of my permanent workmen and induced them to leave my employment in order to work on roads.", the following letter under date 23rd October was read from Mr P. Murphy, Secretary Irish Transport & General Workers' Union (Ballymurrin Branch):-

"I have seen by last week's paper that Mr R. H. Peare J. P., Kilmallock, has lodged a complaint against the County Council regarding men which he says were decoyed from his employment in the threshing season.

As far as I can understand the men could not stay any longer with Mr Peare for the wages he was giving them, viz:- 26/- per week for a 10 hour day.

I have written to Mr Barry, County Surveyor, stating that we would not take over any roads until the harvest would be got through.

As the men gave Mr Peare a week's notice, I cannot see how he has any claim on them."

Recommendations Finance Committee.

The following recommendations of the Finance Committee were adopted on the motion of Mr Hall, seconded by Mr Culleton:-

Payment Rates Etc:- "That the County Council be recommended to pay poundage fees in respect of Rate Collection to 30th September 1920, to Collector J.J. Fowler, also to Collector Doyle, as we have ascertained that amount outstanding in his case was owing to an error of New Ross Branch of National Bank."

"That Mr O'Byrne, Rate Collector, be given until 30th November 1920, to close collection of first moiety of poor rate in respect of financial year ended 31st March 1921, in consequence of the date at which he took up duty."

"That the question of payment of rates due in respect of holdings in Gorey town occupied by tenants of Sir Thomas Esmonde be adjourned until Sir Thomas Esmonde returns from Canada."

"That the account in respect of amounts for rates due out of holdings in Gorey town for which Mr P. Craughwell is landlord, be forwarded to the Irish Volunteers for collection from Mr Craughwell or the tenants, and that Mr Smith, rate Collector, be directed to accompany the Volunteers."

"That amount of Rate £7. 11. 6¹/₂ due by W. J. Dollar, Coolcots, Wexford Rural, be referred to the Volunteers for collection."

"That Mr Elgee be instructed to apply to Rev D. P. Nolan, Edermine, for amount of Rates due by him in respect of half-year ended 30th September 1920."

"That the matter of collection of Rate from John Murphy, Kilmananagh Upper, and Margaret Brien, Litterbeg, be referred, by Mr Fowler, Rate Collector, to the Volunteers for collection."

Wexford Union Demand:- "That the County Council be recommended to transfer a sum of £1000 to Wexford Union on account of final instalment of demand."

Payments Ex-Jail Official; Courthouses, Etc:- Under date 29th October 1920, Mrs E. Gray, 4 Lakelands Park, Terenure, Co. Dublin, wrote that in 1883 the Wexford Grand Jury received the sum of £159. 1. 8d to be given to her in a bulk sum from the Treasury. The Grand Jury applied this money to County purposes, and came to an agreement to pay her £9 per annum. She was not consulted in the matter and in the circumstances she considered payment to her of the £9 per annum should continue.

"That Mrs Gray, late Prison Official, be requested to forward the documents in connection with her pension for inspection by Solicitor to the Council."

"That the County Council be recommended to pay a sum of £5. 3/- in discharge of bill from Gas Company, and decline to pay £1. 11. 11 for fittings which were not in respect of County Council Offices. That outside this account the Gas Company be informed the County Council will accept no further liability under this head."

"We recommend the County Council to refuse payment of claim of £7. 15/- by Mr J. P. Connor, Sub-Sheriff, in respect of summoning Jurors to Quarter Sessions."

Mr J. N. Scallan, Clerk, Crown & Peace, Wexford, applied for refund

of 8/6 for inserting in Dublin Gazette advertisement of the appointment of Lieut Col Quin, as Deputy Lieutenant for the County Wexford.

"That as County Council gave no instructions for insertion of this advertisement they be recommended to refuse to pay amount."

Hours-Attendance Co. Council Staff.

The General Secretary, Irish Clerical & Allied Workers' Union, forwarded the following demand by his Executive Committee on behalf of members employed by County Council.

"That they be granted a half-holiday each week, Saturday preferred, on which day it is requested that the office be closed at twelve noon."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Corish, seconded by Mr O'Byrne (Gorey):-

"That the County Council Staff be granted a Thursday half-holiday and that attendance on ordinary days for staff be from 9 a.m., to 5 p.m., with an hour off for dinner. That the Secretary be empowered to change day for half-holiday provided Thursday be found unsuitable."

Enniscorthy R. D. School Attendance Committee.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr James Doyle, seconded by Mr David Kavanagh:-

"That as recommended by Enniscorthy R. D. School Attendance Committee the following be appointed to the vacancies existing on this Committee:- Messrs James Clince, Caim, Martin Kelly, Tombrick, Martin Cummins, Ballymurrin and John Kavanagh, Ferns."

New Member County Infirmary Committee.

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

"That Mr William Kelly, Doonooney, Adamstown, be appointed a Member of County Wexford Infirmary Committee, vice Mr Patrick Doyle, Kellystown Adamstown."

The Question of Resigning J. P'ship

Mr John J. Roche, J. P., Coroner, wrote under date 12th October 1920, as follows:-

"Yours of the 8th to hand enclosing copies of resolutions passed by your Council at their last meeting, relative to the resignation of the Magistracy by Officers holding positions under said Council. As to the

Coronership which I hold, you are aware it is only by virtue of being a Magistrate of over five years standing I hold the position at all.

You are acquainted with the fact that only a Registered Lawyer a Registered Doctor or a Magistrate of five years standing is qualified for the position of Coroner.

Were I to resign the "Magistracy" as asked by your Council, I would by my own act disqualify myself, and my dismissal by The Lord Chancellor would I fancy be only a matter of days. Consequently I would be sacrificing my salary and prospective pension, a proposition which I am sure your Council (who endeavour to dispense justice towards all) would deem absolutely unfair for me to accede to.

But I am sure it is the good intention of your Council to pay me my salary -only resign the Magistracy- For this I am extremely grateful to them. But there is another side of the question, not so strewn with flowers as appears upon the surface. If I resign the Magistracy I become at once disqualified as Coroner, and there is at this moment out an "Order in Council" that the first unqualified Coroner who attempts to hold an Inquest is to be arrested forthwith, probably tried by Court Martial, and I presume to serve the usual present day term for small offences- Two years penal servitude- If this barrier were not looming in the distance, your Council and I could shake hands over their proposition, but I am afraid this "impediment" is a fatal obstacle in the way of arrangement.

In the meantime until said Law is repealed I hope and trust the same good feeling which has always existed between your humble servant and your Council shall be perpetual, and no Act of mine in discharge of my duty shall ever merit the censure of the County Representatives."

Under date 3rd November 1920, Mr R. Malone, Veterinary Inspector, wrote as follows:-

"I beg to acknowledge receipt of resolution of your Council on 7th October, with reference to resignation of my Commission of the Peace.

Would you kindly inform the Council, that, owing to private reasons, I cannot see my way to carry out their direction."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr J. Doyle, seconded by Mr G. Devereux:-

"That communications received from Mr J. J. Roche, Coroner, and Mr R. Malone V. C., (Veterinary Inspector) and resolution of Council as to holding

office of J. P., be forwarded to Local Government Department, Dail Eireann, for advice."

Rents Courthouses.

The Secretary submitted letters from Messrs O'Keefe & Lynch, Solicitors, Dublin, as to payment of rent for Wexford Courthouse, and from Messrs Stopford & Turner as to payment for Gorey Courthouse.

"The meeting decided to pay no more rents of Courthouses."

Application for Payment of Income Tax.

Under date 11th October 1920, the Comptroller, Inland Revenue, Dublin, wrote applying for payment of £1. 6. 10d Income Tax and pointing out that failing payment the matter would be handed to the Solicitor of Inland Revenue with a view to the institution of proceedings for the recovery of the amount with costs.

"The Meeting directed the Secretary to pay no attention to communication from Inland Revenue (Dublin) as to payment of £1. 6. 10d for Income Tax."

Advertising on Motor Driver Licence Forms.

Under date 13th October 1920, the Manager & Secretary, of Ocean Accident & Guarantee Corporation, 36 to 44 Moorgate Street, London, E.C., 2, wrote that the Council could reduce the cost of printing Motor Driving Licences by coming to an arrangement with the Company for the insertion of an advertisement for motor insurance with this Company.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Corish, seconded by Mr Culleton:-

"That our Secretary enquire from Messrs McDonagh & Boland, Insurance Brokers, Dublin, if any Irish Insurance Company would be prepared to make an offer similar to Ocean Accident & Guarantee Corporation Ltd., relative to printing of Motor Driving Licences."

New Ross Old Age Pension Sub-Committee (No. 7)

In connection with the suggestion that No. 7 Old Age Pension Sub-Committee should meet on Wednesdays, Rev D. A. Kavanagh, C. C., wrote that owing to being a half-holiday, Wednesday was most unsuitable for meetings.

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

"That Old Age Pension Sub-Committee No. 7 be requested to consider the advisability of fixing a day for meetings which will suit the general convenience of Members."

MEETING.- 17th NOVEMBER 1920.

A Meeting of the Wexford County Council, was held in the County Council County Hall, Wexford, on 17th November 1920.

Present:- Dr James Ryan, (Vice-Chairman) presiding.

Also:- Messrs M. Doyle, C. Culleton, G. Devereux, John O'Byrne (Gorey) James Byrne, John Cummins, Simon Kehoe, and John J. O'Byrne (New Ross).

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

Confirmation of Minutes.

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and signed.

Road Maintenance & Financial Position.

In connection with the question of road maintenance Messrs Donnelly, Shortle, and Whelan, attended as a deputation from Wexford Rural District Council.

A statement was received from Enniscorthy Rural District Council that by leaving out of contract for one year the Roads suggested by the Surveyor a course to which they agreed the following saving would be effected--

In district of Mr R. J. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, £818. 10/- and in district of Mr Curran, Assistant Surveyor, a sum of £1023.

The County Surveyor stated that the probable savings in the other districts of the County would be :-

Gorey £1,100, New Ross £1,000, and Wexford £613. This would leave a total saving of £4554 for the year.

After an exhaustive discussion as to road drainage the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr O'Byrne (Gorey) seconded by Mr Cummins:-

"That the County Secretary and County Surveyor be instructed to communicate with Sinn Fein Executives for North and South Wexford, and secure their assistance as to having the drainage of roads (which are not in contract) carried out."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr O'Byrne (Gorey) seconded by Mr S. Kehoe:-

"That as per lists supplied by Rural District Councils of the County by-roads be allowed to remain out of contract for one year, but that the County Surveyor be given discretionary power to have temporary repairs carried out on any of these roads should same be necessary to prevent excessive expenditure in future."

The financial position of the Council was then considered and was regarded as satisfactory.

Classification of Roads.

Circular letter from Ministry of Transport, L.I./R.C./I as to classification of the Roads of the County was read:-

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Culleton, seconded by Mr O'Byrne (Gorey):-

"That the Circular letter of the Ministry of Transport (Ireland) as to the classification of roads be referred to the General Council Irish County Councils, and that they be requested to make arrangements for its early consideration as particulars of Roads have to be lodged with the Ministry of Transport by 1st December next."

Enniscorthy R. D. Council and Roads.

The following extracts from the Half-yearly meeting of Enniscorthy Rural District Council held on 11th November 1920, were submitted to the Meeting:-

"On the reading of the County Surveyor's Report the following Orders were made:-

(1) That we recommend County Council to allow County Surveyor to make the best possible arrangements with Contractors in the cases of Roads in which special disabilities arise.

(2) That we approve of the recommendations of the Joint Committee with regard to leaving unimportant roads out of repair for twelve months, as per lists submitted to us by Surveyors, and as regards unimportant roads at present in Contract we recommend that the best arrangements be made for distributing material for these over other roads.

(3) That we approve of the recommendation of the County Surveyor to postpone the consideration of contracts due for renewal until the April Meeting.

Heavy Traffic on Roads:+"That we call upon the County Council to

take steps to regulate heavy traffic on the Roads and to make arrangements whereby owners of heavy vehicles will be compelled to contribute directly to the upkeep of the roads.

Road No. 233E:- A Contractor named John Redmond, appeared before the Council with regard to above road, he stated that £3 had been struck off some time ago, and that the County Surveyor had given him a Sudden Damage Order to cover the amount, he claimed he had the work done in accordance with the Deputy Surveyor's instructions.

Mr Curran stated he had not carried out all the work specified.

"It was decided to recommend the County Council to pay John Redmond the amount of the Sudden Damage Order, £3."

Road No. 300E:- A Contractor named John Dempsey, Ballygilliestown, appeared before the Council, and stated that he was about to surrender this Road, but was promised a Sudden Damage Order for £17 so as to bring the amount for the road up to the amount he had for another similar road.

"It was unanimously decided to recommend the issue of the Sudden Damage Order for £17 in this case."

Road No. 25E:- James Brien, Glenteigue, appeared before the Council with regard to Road No. 25E, he stated that on the recommendation of the old District Council, the County Council had decided to allow him £30 for extra work on this road, but that he had not been paid, as the Ministry of Transport had refused to sanction same, Mr Brien also claimed an additional sum of £7. 7. 6d for large stones supplied for same road.

"The County Surveyor stated that he considered the £30 allowed sufficient, and that the extra £7. 7. 6d was accounted for by the fact that Mr Brien was claiming the same for unbroken stones, as he was allowed for broken stones."

"The Council decided to recommend County Council to pay both amounts."

Re Short Tonnage:- "That we recommend County Council to have some arrangements made in cases where Contractors' payments have been deferred for short tonnage where this was due to the impossibility of obtaining material."

Road No. 190E:- "That the County Surveyor make arrangements to have Road No. 190E made passable at a sum not exceeding £25."

as to owners of heavy vehicles, the County Surveyor stated this point would be covered under the classification of roads if agreed to.

In reference to recommendation as to road No. 233E, the following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Culleton:-

"That the £3 recommended by Enniscorthy Rural District Council to John Redmond, Contractor for Road No. 233E, will be paid when the County Council have received a report from the County Surveyor that the work on the road has been carried out."

With reference to Road No. 300E the following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Culleton:-

"That Mr John Dempsey, Contractor for Road No. 300E., be informed that owing to the exceptional circumstances of his case, the County Council are prepared to accept a surrender of this contract, the County Surveyor to estimate and allow for the work performed on same date."

In connection with Road 25E, the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Culleton, seconded by Mr O'Byrne (Gorey):-

"That no order be made on the recommendation of Enniscorthy R. D. Council as to payment for road 25E (James Brien, Contractor) as the Council have already refused to agree to payment in this case."

As regards short tonnage the following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Culleton:-

"That the recommendation of the Enniscorthy Rural District Council as to allowance to Contractors who were unable to obtain full amount of material from quarry be referred to the County Surveyor for his favourable consideration."

As regards Road 190E, the following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr J O'Byrne (Gorey):-

"That the recommendation of Enniscorthy Rural District Council as to Road 190E be confirmed."

Road Machinery.

Under date 10th November 1920, the County Surveyor wrote that he would bring before the meeting of the County Council on the 17th inst., letters from several Manufacturers from whom Machinery had been ordered, dealing with the return of same, or offering special terms if the machinery be taken over.

Messrs Goodwin Barsby & Co., Engineers, Leicester, wrote under date 6th November 1920, that as regards the proposal of the Council to pay half-cost of Stonebreaker now, and the balance during the next financial year, they would be disposed to fall in with the suggestion, but before agreeing to same, they wished to have a definite date when the balance would be likely to be remitted, and if the payment of balance was likely to be protracted would the Council be prepared to pay Interest on the outstanding balance.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the **Chairman**, seconded by Mr John O'Byrne (Gorey):-

"That the County Surveyor inform Messrs Goodwin Barsby & Co., that they are prepared to pay half-cost of Stonebreaker now, and balance in June 1921, but the Council cannot see their way to agree to the payment of Interest in any circumstances."

The Agricultural & General Engineers Ltd., Central House, Kingsway, London, wrote under date 4th November 1920, that they would be prepared to supply an "Aveling & Porter" Convertible Engine, as ordered at the net price agreed upon, payable by 2, 3, or 4 equal ^{annual} instalments, the first being due at the Council's first Finance Committee after delivery, and the Council to pay Interest on the credit taken at the rate of $7\frac{1}{2}\%$ per annum.

Mr E. Kavanagh, St John's, Enniscorthy, wrote that as regards the sale of his steam rolling plant to the Council he would be glad of an outline as to how it was proposed to apply the system of deferred payments.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr O'Byrne (Gorey):-

"That the Agricultural & General Engineers Ltd., London, and Mr E. Kavanagh, St John's, Enniscorthy, be informed by the County Surveyor, that the Council would be prepared to pay for plant offered by four equal instalments payable every six months, provided no Interest on outstanding balance be charged and that the grant of one-third cost of plant be forthcoming from the Ministry of Transport."

Economy Suggested.

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

"That in view of the stoppage of Government Grants all public bodies in the County be requested to practice the strictest economy. The County Council be requested to pay in full all

demands by public bodies. That as far as possible advances be made on foot of fourth instalment of demand due to Guardians and Rural District Councils."

Timber Traffic, Ballybrennan-Wexford Road.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr O'Byrne (New Ross), seconded by Mr Culleton:-

"That the County Surveyor be directed to send formal notice to Mr Billington, South Main Street, Wexford, that he must immediately cease hauling timber by Motor Lorry over Ballybrennan-Wexford Road, owing to its condition."

Rate Collectors and the Council.

Mr T. J. Kelly (Crotty & Kelly, Solicitors) attended on behalf of a meeting of Rate Collectors which had been held to-day, and pointed out that in consequence of instructions received from the Local Government Board, the Collectors had decided to lodge amount of rates which they collect to their own name in the bank, and not as authorised by the County Council. This was in consequence of the following Circular sent to each Rate Collector by the Local Government Board:-

"The attention of Local Government Board for Ireland has been called to the fact that in some Counties the Banking Co., duly and legally appointed as Treasurer of the County has been dismissed and that all the Collectors have been directed by the County Council to lodge all rates collected by them with some unauthorised persons not qualified by law to hold the appointment as Treasurer.

The Board think it right to remind the Collectors that these instructions are unlawful and invalid and that in the event of their being complied with by the Collectors, they and their sureties would be liable for the amounts of the rates so lodged which were not duly accounted for to the Local Government Board Auditor.

It appears to the Board that the safest course for a Collector to adopt in the event of there being no legally appointed Treasurer is to open a separate a/c., in a bank in his own name and to lodge rates thereto, pending the regular appointment of a legally qualified Treasurer. In the event of Collectors after this warning continuing to lodge rates to unauthorised persons not only do they involve themselves and their sureties in heavy financial liabilities, but they further render themselves liable

to dismissal by Sealed Order.

The Board desires to add that in the event of a Council proceeding to remove Collectors from Office in consequence of their refusal to accept the consequences of complying with the illegal directions of the Council, the Board would not consent to their dismissal or give approval to the appointment of other Collectors in their place, on the other hand, should the Collectors desire to resign, by reason of the conditions sought to be imposed upon them by the Council they would be entitled, if the conditions of section 8 of the L. G. (Ireland) Act 1919, are complied with, to a retiring allowance in accordance with the terms of that Section."

On the motion of Mr O'Byrne (Gorey), seconded by Mr G. Devereux, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That as the Rate Collectors of the Council have informed this meeting (through Mr Kelly, Solicitor) that they do not intend to lodge the Poor Rate Collected by them as authorised by the Council, they be each suspended as from this date, and that the Collection Books be at once taken up."

"It was decided that the following act as a sub-committee to meet from day to day to deal with the situation arising from the action of the Rate Collectors:- Dr Ryan, Messrs Culleton, Corish, Devereux, and M. Doyle."

The Railway Men and Carriage of Munitions, etc.,

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Dr Ryan, seconded by Mr O'Byrne (Gorey):-

"This County Council wishes on behalf of the people of County Wexford to congratulate the Irish Railway Workers on their determined stand against a brute Government, and pledges them the support of the County in the fight.

A Committee to give effect to this resolution be chosen as follows-
Six County Councillors, Four Town Councillors, Four Labourers, Four Farmers."

In connection with above resolution the following were appointed--
County Councillors- Messrs M Redmond, John O'Byrne (Gorey) James Doyle, G. Devereux, R. Corish, and the Vice-Chairman of the County Council.

Town Councillors- Messrs Thomas McCarthy (Enniscorthy), John Lannon, (Gorey) Thomas Redmond (New Ross), and Michael Martin (Wexford).

Farmers:- Messrs Daniel Kavanagh, Boolabawn, Screen, (Enniscorthy), Laurence Kinsella, Ballinamona, Craanford (Gorey) Major Little, Berkely House (New Ross), James Shortle, Castlebridge (Wexford).

© WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL ARCHIVES

James Murphy (New Ross) and Christopher Culleton (Wexford)."

Belfast Boycott.

Dail Eireann wrote relative to vigorous boycott of Belfast Traders & Merchants:-

"The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr James Byrne:-

That the Public Bodies of the County and the people of the County be requested not to purchase goods from Belfast Traders or Merchants."

Wages of Quarry Foremen.

Notice of motion in the name of Mr R. Corish, to fix the wages of Quarry foremen at a minimum of £3 per week was adjourned for the attendance of Mr Corish who was unavoidably absent in Dublin at Labour Conference in connection with Railway trouble.

Ex-Rate Collector Robert Earle.

Under date 5th November 1920, a letter was read from Mr R. Earle, late Rate Collector, stating that after full and due consideration, he had come to the conclusion to accept the offer of £50 a year superannuation. 2

"No Order"

Scholarship Committee.

The following report was submitted:-

"At the Meeting of the Wexford County Council on 11th September 1920, the following recommendation of the Scholarship Committee was adopted:-

"That the County Council be recommended to request his Lordship Most Rev Dr Codd, to nominate three Managers of Schools, the National Teachers Organization to nominate three Teachers, the County Committee Gaelic League to nominate three representatives, and also to request Rev Br Fitzgerald, Wexford, Rev Br Mahony, Enniscorthy, and Rev Br McNamara, New Ross, to meet this Committee, with a view to drafting a suitable Scholarship Scheme for pupils of Primary Schools."

At the meeting of the County Council on 7th October 1920, the following resolution was adopted:- "That the details of the University Scholarship Scheme for 1920-21, be referred to Scholarship Committee."

And, at the same meeting of the Council, a Circular from the Irish National Teachers' Organization as to drafting an educational programme suitable to Irish needs and in accordance with Irish aspirations, was referred to the Scholarship Committee."

The Meeting of the Scholarship Committee was held on 8th November 1920, the following being in attendance:-

Representing County Council:- Dr James Ryan (Vice-Chairman) presiding, and Mr James Doyle.

Representing Managers' Association:- Very Rev Canon Dunne, P. P., Castlebridge.

Representing National Teachers' Organization:- Messrs Hugh O'Byrne, Ballindaggin, P. D. Breen, Castlebridge.

Representing County Committee Gaelic League:- Rev Mark O'Byrne, C.C., Wexford, Mr Thomas Treanor, and Miss Whelan.

Rev Br Fitzgerald, Wexford, and Rev Br O'Mahony, Enniscorthy, were also in attendance.

N. J. Frizelle, Secretary County Council, acted as Secretary to the Meeting.

Apologies were read from Rev J. Maher, P. P., Oulart, Mr O'Sullivan, N. T. Camolin, and Rev Br McNamara, for non-attendance.

After a long discussion it was decided to recommend the County Council to establish a Scheme of Scholarship tenable at recognised secondary Schools in the County Wexford by pupils whose age will not exceed 14 on or before 1st June in year of application for scholarship.

Four Scholarships are to be awarded to boys and three to girls, to be available only for children whose parents or guardians reside in County Wexford, and beyond a two miles radius of a recognised Secondary School, and who are in need of assistance to secure a secondary education. Scholarships will be awarded as the result of an examination. They will be tenable for three years at £40 per year of which at least £5 is to be paid the Managers of Secondary School at which scholarship is held.

The County Council is to have the right to withhold a Scholarship in any case in which they consider this course advisable and their decision on any matter in connection with the Scheme is to be final and binding on all concerned.

As regards syllabus for examination the following was agreed to for Boys:-

- 1.- READING:- To read with fluency and intelligence a passage from some standard Author. Spelling to be tested by dictation.
- 2.- WRITING:- To write a free, legible, hand.

- 3.- Arithmetic:- To know Fractions, Decimals, Simple and Compound Proportion, Practice, Simple Interest, Metric System, Stocks.
- 4.- GRAMMAR:- To parse and analyse ordinary sentences, principal rules of syntax, correction of errors, common roots, prefixes, and affixes.
- 5.- COMPOSITION:- To write an Essay or Letter on a simple subject of three given.
- 6.- IRISH:- To know up to 4th Standard of Books 1 and 2 O'Growney.
- 7.- HISTORY:- Outlines of Irish History.
- 8.- ALGEBRA:- Simple rules, simple equations, easy factors.
- 9.- GEOMETRY & MENSURATION:- First Book of Euclid (with exercises) Areas of Rectilinear figures and surfaces of principal solids, volume of principal solids.

As regards Syllabus for Examination for Girls it was decided that Nos 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, & 7, be adopted, and that a Committee of female teachers (Nominated by County National Teachers Organization) be requested to suggest subjects suitable for girl students to replace 8 & 9.

IRISH EDUCATION.

It was decided that Circular letter from Irish National Teachers' Organization, as regards the drafting of an educational programme suitable to Irish ideals and aspirations be postponed pending proposed Conference on this subject between the County Committee Gaelic League and County Association of National Teachers.

The following resolution was ordered to be sent forward to the County Council for adoption:-

"That we call on School Managers to refuse (at the end of three years from this date) to appoint to the position of teacher, candidates who have not a satisfactory knowledge of Irish, and that Irish should be made a compulsory subject in 1922."

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME.

The Committee recommended the following as Syllabus for next year:-

Students for Scholarships must pass the Senior Grade Examination of the Intermediate of 1921, in the following subjects:-

1.- Irish.

2.- English.

3.- Arithmetic and Algebra.

4.- Two of the following-

- (a) Geometry or Trigonometry.
- (b) Physical Science Course.
- (c) Natural Science Course.
- (d) History and Historical Geography.
- (e) Commercial Course.
- (f) Greek or Latin or an approved modern language.

It was also recommended that a clause be added to the Scheme that the renewal of Scholarship for third year be refused to any student who is unable to show that he has acquired a speaking knowledge of Irish.

It was further recommended that amounts of Scholarships be paid monthly through Subsidiary a/c., as from 1st November in each year."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr O'Byrne (Gorey):-

"That the Report of Scholarship Committee be received and that copies be furnished to County Councillors with a view to the consideration of the Scheme at next meeting of the Council."

Comrades of the Great War.

Under date 13th November 1920, the following was read from Messrs P. J. Godfrey, & P. Kinsella:-

"In connection with the High Mass and Office to be said for the repose of the souls of the Men of Wexford and District who fell in the late War, at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Rowe Street, Wexford, on Thursday next, the 18th inst., at 11 a.m., the Comrades of the Great War would esteem it a favour if you would see your way to suspend business from 10 a.m., to 12.30 p.m., on that date.

We trust you will kindly see your way to arrange to suspend business from 10 a.m., and therefore give all those who desire to do so to take part in paying respect for the poor fellows who fell in the late War."

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

"That the County Council have no objection to any member of the County Council Staff so desiring attending High Mass etc., to be held in Wexford on Thursday 18th November 1920, for the souls of the men who were killed

in the late European War."

Fethard Harbour.

The following letter under date 8th November 1920, No. 4371-20, F.B., from Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction (Fisheries Branch) was read:-

"I have to state that the Department understand that the Ministry of Transport, 6 Whitehall Gardens, London, S. W. 1, have a sum of money available to finance dredging operations to be carried out before the 31st March next, and that it is possible that the Ministry might favourably consider an application from the Wexford County Council as the Harbour Authority for Fethard for funds to have dredging carried out there. The Department's Engineer considers that work on the lines indicated in the attached memorandum could be effected. If the Council desire to proceed in the matter, perhaps you would kindly submit immediately to the Department an application for transmission to the Ministry of Transport."

The work in Memorandum referred to the removal by means of horses and carts (as the tide permitted) of sand from the harbour and entrance at an estimated cost of £300.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Cummins, seconded by Mr James Byrne:-

"That the County Surveyor be directed to apply to the Ministry of Transport, London, (through Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction) for the sum of £300 to carry out dredging operations at Fethard Pier."

Under Sheriffs' Clerical Assistance.

No Order was made on letter from Under Secretary, Dublin Castle, under date 15th November 1920, stating that an Order had been made by the Lord Lieutenant appointing that Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, & 10, of the Sheriffs (Ireland) Act 1920, shall come into operation on 1st November 1920, This included a grant of £200 per annum to Under Sheriff, Wexford County, for clerical assistance.

Holding of Inquests Prohibited.

Under date 11th November, letter (21014) was read from the Chief Secretary's Office, and enclosing an Order of the Lord Lieutenant prohibiting the holding of Inquests in County Wexford.

Amalgamation of Unions.

Under date 11th November 1920, the following was read from Mr Thomas

McCarthy, Chairman Enniscorthy Asylum:-

"With reference to the proposed Conference relative to amalgamation of Workhouses in the County, setting up district hospitals etc., no steps have yet so far as I know been taken to bring the delegates together. All the Boards of Guardians and the Asylum Board have appointed their representatives, and I think the Conference should be called together as early as possible. The County Council being the chief administrative body in the County, would I believe be the proper body to summon the Conference. No specific instructions were given on the point, but I am of the opinion that the course I suggest would not only be right but would have the approval of all interested in this very important business."

"It was decided that Conference in question be summoned for Wednesday 1st December at 10.30 a.m., in County Hall, Wexford."

Mrs Gray, Prison Official.

At the last Meeting of the County Council the following resolution was adopted:-

"That Mrs Gray, late Prison Official, be requested to forward the documents in connection with her pension for inspection by the Solicitor to the Council."

Under date 11th November 1920, the following was read from Mr R. W. Elgee, Solicitor to the Council:-

"Yours with letters received and from them it would appear that the Grand Jury in 1883 received the sum of £159. 1. 8d the Commutation value of a pension of £8. 17. 11d a year, and put same to relief of the Rates undertaking to pay her the Pension from thence forward.

I am returning Mrs Gray her papers."

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

"That in the circumstances mentioned in the letter of Mr Elgee, Solicitor, under date 11th November 1920, the County Council will be responsible for payment of pension to Mrs Gray, late prison Official."

Proposed Railway Sidings.

On the motion of Mr Cummins, seconded by Mr O'Byrne (New Ross) the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the Directors of the D & South Eastern Railway Co., be requested

to state if anything further has been done in connection with proposed sidings at Rathgarogue and Sparrowsland."

Proposal Committee Meeting.

It was decided that a meeting of the Proposal Committee be held on 7th December 1920.

Analyst's Report.

The following report of Sir Charles Cameron, County Analyst, in respect of quarter ended 30th September 1920, 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 1920.

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

For Sergeant Doyle, Wexford, four specimens of butter were analysed and were pure.

For Sergeant Abbott, Taghmon, two specimens of butter and a specimen each of buttermilk, cheese, flour, whiskey, port wine and cocoa, were analysed.

The specimen of whiskey was 27 degrees under proof and was therefore adulterated with 2.67 per cent of water.

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

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

A specimen of butter analysed for the Guardians of New Ross Union was pure.

A specimen of water analysed for Ernest T. L. Ellis, Esq, Inch, had the following composition.

One imperial gallon contained in grains--

Total solid matter	11.200
Including	
Albuminoid Ammonia	0.011
Saline Ammonia	0.0005
Nitric Acid	Trace
Chlorine	3.090

A tolerably good water.

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 details, chemical, and microscopical, were given, but in the foregoing, only the more important points are given.

The Police did not act as Food Inspectors for several years after the County Council adopted the Sale of Food & Drugs Act . The Relieving Officers of the Boards of Guardians generally acted as Food Inspectors and took up samples for analysis. I believe the County Council of the County Dublin intend to appoint two Special Food Inspectors.

Total Analyses.....32.

C. A. Cameron.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr John J. O'Byrne (New Ross):-

"That the Board of Guardians in the County, be asked if they have any objection to their Relieving Officers acting as Ex-Officio Inspectors under Food & Drugs Acts, and if an affirmative answer be received that the Secretary ascertain from the Relieving Officers the amount of remuneration they would be prepared to accept to carry out this work."

National Bank & Interest.

The following was read from Mr C. J. Feely, Manager, National Bank, Wexford, under date 9th November 1920:-

"In reply to your letter of 5th inst., I beg to inform you that the Bank will allow usual rate of interest on all creditor balances under the new system."

United States Mail Steamship Company.

The following letter under date 1st November 1920, was read from the United States Mail Steamship Co.:-

"We beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of October 20th, giving us a copy of a Resolution adopted at the meeting of the Cork Industrial Development Association on October 7th.

We are pleased to note the expression by the Association regarding the advent of our steamers to the Port of Cork, and we are glad to learn that you feel confident it will lead to a big improvement of trade and intercourse between Ireland and America."

The following was read from Mr J. L. Fawsett, Irish Consul, New York City, under date 4th November 1920:-

"I beg to acknowledge receipt of yours of the 20th ult., enclosing resolution passed by your Council on the 7th ult.,

I shall submit same to the proper parties on this side who should have cognizance thereof and shall see that the resolution in question is given due publicity in the Press here."

Closing County Council Quarries.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Kehoe, it was decided that the County Surveyor be authorised to close County Council Quarries where advisable for the coming three months.

-----ooOoo-----

(Signed) _____

Presiding Chairman.

Dated this day of

192

HALF-YEARLY MEETING.- 7th DECEMBER 1920.

The Half-Yearly Meeting of the Wexford County Council, was held in the County Hall, Wexford, on 7th December 1920.

Present:- Dr James Ryan (Vice-Chairman) presiding.

Also:- Messrs R. Corish, M. Doyle, C. Culleton, G. Devereux, D. Kavanagh, M. Cloney, James Doyle, James Hall, M. Hughes, Simon Kehoe, John Murphy, J. J. O'Byrne, M. Redmond, and James Shannon.

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.

Quarry Foremen.

Notice of motion standing in the name of Mr R. Corish, as to fixing weekly wages of quarry foremen at a minimum of £3 amount to be definitely decided by the number of quarries etc., which each foreman is obliged to look after was adjourned to next meeting.

Resignation of Mr John Sinnott M. C. C.,

Under date 17th November 1920, Mr S. A. Sinnott, wrote that in a letter from Cork Prison, his brother, Mr John Sinnott stated he was anxious to resign his seat on the County Council for the six months of his imprisonment. As Mr J. Sinnott was not in a position to write himself he asked that this information should be conveyed to the Council.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Culleton, seconded by Mr James Doyle:-

"That we accept the resignation of Mr John Sinnott, member of this Council, that the resignation be advertised and that the County Council co-opt a member vice Mr John Sinnott at next meeting."

Report of Secretary.-Raids on Co. Council Office.

"I desire to report that on the morning of 22nd November 1920, a number of police visited the County Council Offices at County Hall, and took away the following:- Two Minute Books, three Letter Registers, One Bank Pass Book, No. 2a/c., General Receipt Book, two letter Files with year's current Letters, Rate Collectors' Receipts and Forms.

In the afternoon of the same day a number of civilians also visited

the County Council Office and having held up the Staff the following Forms (Ten) 22 (Road Payments) Two Subsidiary a/c., Books (expenditure) Abstract Rate Collectors' Lodgments, Rate Ledger, Financial Statement Book (Separate Charges) Road Expenditure Book, County Council Ledgers, General Expenditure Book, Subsidiary a/c., vouchers, (two-half years) Draft Abstract of Accounts, Rate Collectors' Bonds, and Subsidiary a/c., Vouchers of 7th October 1920.

During the raids I was absent in Dublin attending a meeting of Secretaries of County Councils."

Mandamus against Council.

The Secretary read Conditional Order of Mandamus against himself and eighteen Members of the Council in connection with the audit of the accounts of the Council.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Devereux, seconded by Mr Redmond:—

"That no action be taken by this Council as regards writ of Mandamus."

Mr Cloney proposed:— "That consideration of Writ of Mandamus against the County Council be deferred to next meeting of the Council."

This proposition was not seconded, and the proposal of Mr Devereux, and Mr Redmond, was then put and passed.

Purchase of Machinery.

Messrs O'Connor & Co., Solicitors, Wexford, forwarded copy of the following letter which they had addressed to the County Surveyor, under date 27th November 1920:—

"With reference to the interview with you to-day when we informed you that we had been instructed to act for Messrs Thompson's Motor Car Co., Ltd., in this matter, the following is the position:—

The County Council ordered from Messrs Thompson thirteen trailers value about £400 each, total £5200. These trailers were especially made to suit the requirements of the County Council and are unsuitable for the work of any other firm. You have taken delivery of two of these trailers and have paid for them. The other eleven are now ready at the Works and the Eagle Engineering Co. Ltd., Warwick, are going to issue a Writ against our clients as you saw by copy of letter from their Solicitors to our Clients' which we showed you this morning.

The County Council also ordered one steam wagon from our Clients at £1500 which has been delivered and paid for. At the same time four other steam wagons were ordered at the same price. These will be ready in a few days. We shall be glad to know on behalf of our clients what the County Council intend doing about the matter. Unless some arrangements are made there will be two actions.

1.- An action against our clients for specific performance of the contracts or in the alternative for damages., and 2.- An action by our clients against the County Council for specific performance of their contract or in the alternative for damages.

Our clients as you are aware are a most eminent firm and are not anxious for litigation. Mr Charles Thompson would come down to Wexford if you could arrange for him to meet the County Council or any Committee that they may appoint to go into the matter to see what arrangements can be made about the matter. We are sending copy of this letter to Mr Frizelle whom we could not see to-day, and we shall be glad if you will kindly go into the matter with him and let us hear from you."

Mr Charles Thompson of Thompson's Motor Co., Dublin, came before the meeting and stated that if the County Council would pay the £3,500 due for the trailers the payment for steam wagons could hold over.

After considerable discussion the following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr M. Doyle:-

"That the Thompson Motor Co., Dublin, be informed that provided the County Council are able to find the money, a sum of £3,500 cost of trailers supplied County Council will be paid at once. That the Company be asked to relieve the County Council as to all further liability in respect of steam wagons. Should the Council, when present financial crux has passed, require steam wagons they would be prepared to give a preference to tender of Messrs Clayton & Shuttleworth, price, etc., being equal to other tenderers."

Report of County Surveyor.

The following report was presented by the County Surveyor:-

"You will have before you Forms 22 as approved of by the Rural District Councils. In dealing with payments I struck out most of the

arrears and have dealt with the current amount making payment in proportion to material supplied by the Contractor and generally striking off for shortage. With regard to Form 20 that is renewal proposals, I advised the four District Councils to adjourn the passing of all the proposals for road maintenance as they would be in a better position to allocate the money available if considered at the April Meeting and the postponement would have little effect on the work as it would be only two months, April and May, that would not be covered by proposals.

In some cases where the work had been already done by authority of the District Councils I have had to bring forward supplemental proposals and these have been approved by the District Councils and will be before you.

As from the 27th November last, I have shut down most of the quarry work in the County and have been making arrangements to utilise the men as far as possible on road work. As matters now stand I consider it would be advisable for you to re-open this matter, and decide whether it would be more advisable to keep the quarrymen at quarry work rather than they should be employed on the roads when this latter work will be of little permanent advantage if the work is to be shut down after a couple of months. I shall discuss this matter with you fully at the Meeting.

With regard to the purchase of Machinery I shall submit correspondence with the several Makers from whom we proposed obtaining it, and in the case of Messrs Thompson Motor Car Co., Dublin, I have had a letter from Messrs M. J. O'Connor & Co., Solicitors, a Representative of Messrs Thompson will attend in Wexford on the day of your Meeting and wishes to discuss the whole matter of their order in Committee with you, so as to possibly arrive at some understanding.

One steam lorry and two wagons have already arrived and I also have received one stonebreaker from Messrs Goodwin, Barsby, Leicester, which is being at present erected in the County Yard.

I have been in communication with the three Urban District Councils with regard to the classification of roads asked for by the Ministry of Transport and I am preparing the Map and Tables as required and authorised by you. It will be necessary for you now to decide if these papers should go forward to the Ministry of Transport.

The work of putting in the tie rod at the approach to the Deeps bridge was held up for sometime owing to the steel work forwarded to us not being satisfactory and having to be returned. The correct bars have now been sent and I hope to put them in without delay as the holes are already cut in the concrete work for them.

Sometime ago I reported to you that the Contractor for the repair of Ballymotybeg Bridge was not proceeding with the work and it was directed that steps should be taken to compel him to do so. Owing to unforeseen circumstances this has not been possible up to the present, and I ask for your authority to get some necessary work done to prevent further injury. The cost of this work should of course come out of the contract money for the job and if this be not sufficient it should be recovered on the bond.

By directions of the County Council Committee I notified Mr Billington to cease hauling timber over the New Ross - Wexford Road and shall submit his reply. Since this I am informed that the haulage is again taking place and I ask for your directions in the matter.

I submit the Assistant Surveyors' Reports with synopsis of same.

The following resolution was adopted on the suggestion of the Co. Surveyor to re-open the quarries:-

Proposed by Mr Corish, seconded by Mr Kehoe, and adopted:-

"That it be left in the hands of the County Surveyor to deal with employment of County Council Staff on roads or in quarries as circumstances permit."

Proposed by Mr Culleton, seconded by Mr Shannon, and adopted:-

"That in the event of any employment required on roads or in quarries the County Surveyor be instructed to arrange for same through Labour Union."

Classification of Roads.

In connection with the proposals of the Ministry of Transport as to classification of roads and of grants for road maintenance referred to the General Council Irish Co. Councils, a letter was read from Mr A. Keogh-Nolan, Secretary General Councils, that there would not be a meeting of the Executive Committee of the General Council before the second Monday in December. He had tried to get in touch with the Chairman or Vice-Chairman but had not been successful. Personally he discussed the matter with the matter.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Cloney, seconded by Mr Michael Doyle:-

"That the County Surveyor be directed to submit to the Ministry of Transport particulars as to classification of roads."

In connection with the recommendation of County Surveyor as regards Ballymotybeg Bridge the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Cloney, seconded by Mr Michael Doyle:-

"That the County Surveyor carry out at the expense of Contractor any work at Ballymotybeg Bridge which he considers necessary for the safety of the public."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Murphy, as regards County Surveyor's report dealing with timber haulage by Mr J. Billington:-

"That the County Surveyor apply to Mr Billington for compensation to repair injury done to roads by timber haulage carried out by Mr Billington, amount of compensation to be fixed by the County Surveyor."

Primary Scholarship Scheme-Report of Committee.

It was decided that Report of Primary Scholarship Committee be adjourned to next meeting, the President, St Peter's College, Wexford, and Superiors, Christian Schools New Ross and Wexford, to be written to and that they be requested to state if they approve of the Scheme, or for suggestions in connection with same.

Poisons & Pharmacy Act.

On the motion of Mr Michael Doyle, seconded by Mr Culleton, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That licence under Poisons & Pharmacy Act be issued Mr Joseph J. Haughton, Ferns."

Wexford Gas Company.

Notice was received from Wexford Gas Company that they intended to apply to the Board of Trade to allow them to charge for per therm (i. e., 100,000 British Thermal Units) and not by cubic feet as at present.

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

"That the application of the Wexford Gas Consumers Company, re new

Any action which the latter consider it advisable to take in the matter will be supported by the County Council."

Insurances-County Council.

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

"That Insurances of the Council, except for insurance of County Hall (for which a Policy is in existence) be effected by Messrs McDonagh & Boland in Irish Companies. That we approve of extension of County Hall Insurance Policy for £10,000 at £7. 10/- with the Atlas Assurance Company."

Ferrybank Quarrymen.

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

"That a walking allowance of two hours per day be allowed to men who attend at Ferrybank and who find themselves unemployed on wet days."

Galway Co Council and terms of Peace in Ireland.

The following resolution was read from Galway County Council:-

"That we the Members of the Galway County Council assembled on the 3rd December 1920, view with sorrow and grief the shootings, burnings, reprisals, and counter-reprisals which are taking place all over England and Ireland by armed forces of the British Empire on the one hand, and ~~an~~ armed forces of the Irish Republic on the other.

That we believe this unfortunate state of affairs is detrimental to the interests of both countries in such a crisis in world affairs.

We, therefore, as adherents of Dail Eireann, request that body to appoint three delegates for the purpose of negotiating a peace honourable to both countries.

That we believe the initiative lies with the British Government, who should withdraw the ban on the meeting of Dail Eireann for the purpose of appointing delegates.

That we further consider that if any side refuses to accede to proposals such as these, the world will hold them responsible for any further shootings or burnings that may take place.

That copies of these proposals be sent to all County Councils in Ireland, to Dail Eireann, to the Prime Minister of England, to the Irish Bishops, Catholic and Protestant, to the British Labour Deputation, and to

the Press."

After considerable discussion the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Corish, seconded by Mr Devereux:-

"That whilst we are desirous for an honourable peace in Ireland, we are of opinion that the discussion of same can be only entertained between a Conference on equal footing of the accredited representatives of the Irish People and the British Government."

Complaints of Payments on Roads.

Under date 3rd December 1920, Terence Hinch, Camolin, wrote complaining that he was only getting £13 for half-year's pay on Road No. 15G and £14 was deferred for not having material broken.

This was not his fault as he was waiting since August for Co Council Stonebreaker. He wished the County Council to consider the matter.

Mr Michael Doyle, Road Contractor, Newtownbarry, complained that £42 had been held back on him for work performed on Roads 71E and 72E.

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

"That Mr Michael Doyle submit a detailed statement (in writing) of his claim against the County Council on foot of his road contract."

John Dempsey, Ballygilliestown, Davidstown, asked for some compensation as regards Road No. 300E.

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

"That the County Surveyor re-examine contract of John Dempsey, Ballygilliestown, Davidstown, with a view to making allowance by way of War Bonus, and which would have been awarded Mr Dempsey on foot of his contract 300E had he made application in time."

Edward McDonald, Kilbora, Camolin, complained of the manner in which he had been treated in connection with his contracts 3E, 13G, and 14G. He held that a heap of material amounting to 26 cubic yards had not been measured by Mr Kirby.

On the motion of Mr Michael Doyle, seconded by Mr James Doyle, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the County Surveyor be instructed to make a check measurement of material on Roads 3E, 13G, and 14G, and make a general report in

connection with these roads."

Joseph Hyland, Borelia, Kilcotty, also came before the Council in connection with loss alleged to be sustained by him in consequence of the stoppage of work in quarries in Enniscorthy District owing to the refusal of Enniscorthy R. D. Council to be responsible for loss in working of quarries and machinery in this district.

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

"That Messrs D. Kavanagh, C. Culleton, M. Doyle, and Dr Ryan, be appointed a special Committee to deal with cases of complaints re roads mentioned at this day's meeting, and that they meet on next County Council meeting day."

Finance Committee Meetings & Postage.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Culleton seconded by Dr Ryan:-

"That as the County Council have definitely fixed that meetings of Finance Committee for every Thursday, we consider it will not be necessary for our Secretary to issue agenda papers for these meetings in future."

U. S. Mail Steamship Company.

Mr J. L. Fawsett, Irish Consul, wrote under date 19th November 1920, forwarding acknowledgment by United States Mail Steamship Co., of a resolution regarding the opening up of direct trade between Ireland and the United States of America.

Minutes of Special Meeting of Finance Committee.

The following report of Special Meeting of Finance Committee on 6th December 1920, was submitted:-

"A Special Meeting of the Finance Committee was held in the County Hall, Wexford, on 6th December 1920.

Present:- Dr James Ryan, Vice-Chairman, (Presiding)

Also:- Messrs C. Culleton and G. Devereux.

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

The Secretary explained the amount to credit of Trustees was £10725, and there was outstanding rates (Mr O'Byrne's) £736.

There was due Road Contractors to September last £7731, and a sum of £3730 was available for ordinary payments. There was about £2000 due on foot of demands by Urban Districts and the Council owed to Public Bodies,- Asylm, County Infirmary, Boards of Guardians, and R. D. Councils £17326. 1/ on foot of current demands.

The following recommendation was adopted:-

"That every possible step be taken to keep in employment men engaged by the Council, but as the Government have retained the usual Grants and as most of the Rate Collectors are lodging our rates in their own names, the amount of funds left to the Council is very limited, and, in order to carry on, the Council must cut down expenditure. We would recommend the Council to put quarrymen and road-men on three quarter time, and we ask the officials of the Council to agree to a defer of 25 per cent of their salaries for the present.

That the County Council be recommended to negotiate an overdraft of say £5000 and that they apply to the National Bank for this amount."

"That the County Council call on each ^{of their} Rate Collectors to state definitely if he is carrying out the instructions of the County Council as regards lodgments of Poor Rate and in the event of any Collector refusing to comply with these instructions that he be directed to hand in his Books to the Council forthwith."

Juries Acts.

An application was read from the Clerk Crown & Peace, for payment of £125. 1. 8d moiety of amount due the Imperial Exchequer for preparation of Jurors Lists for 1920.

"The Committee recommended the County Council to refuse payment of the amount."

An application was read from Messrs English & Co., Wexford, Printers for Jurors Lists asking that they be paid as per Order of Privy Council under date 5th November 1915, and not on their contract of December 1918.

The following recommendation was adopted:-

"The Finance Committee cannot recommend payment of claim for Jurors Lists made by Messrs J. English & Co., Printers, as Mr Elgee advises that both sides are bound by the contract entered into in December 1918."

Raiding of Arthurstown Courthouse.

Under date 1st December 1920, Mr J. B. Wallis, Petty Sessions Clerk, Arthurstown, wrote that the Arthurstown Courthouse was raided on the night of 30th November or morning of 1st December 1920, and three Presses and form destroyed by fire. Two of the Presses and forms were his (Petty Sessions Clerk's) property and he was bound to make a claim for compensation for criminal injury for these. The other Press which was the property of the County Council was value for about £10.

"No Order was made."

"We recommend that the several proposals for Payment as submitted by our Secretary on Treasurer's Advice Note, and as appearing on form 22 be paid by the County Council."

Mr Culleton proposed, and Mr Devereux seconded the following:-

"That the recommendation of the special meeting of Finance Committee held on 6th December 1920, be confirmed."

Mr Cloney proposed:- "That the Rate Collectors be asked to sign any Order of this Council as to payment from the Rates."

The proposal was not seconded.

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

"That we call on the Rate Collectors to lodge at once to the credit of the Council the amounts of Poor Rate which they have collected and which they have lodged to their own names."

Relieving Officers as Ex-Officio Inspectors, Food &

Drugs Acts.

The Clerk, Wexford Union, wrote that the Guardians had no objection to their Relieving Officers acting as Ex-Officio Inspectors under Food & Drugs Acts.

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

"That our Secretary ascertain from the Boards of Guardians of Enniscorthy, New Ross, and Gorey, if they are satisfied for Relieving Officers to act as Inspectors under Food & Drugs Acts and that our Secretary

they expect for performance of the duties."

Use of County Hall.

On the motion of Mr Culleton, seconded by Mr Murphy, the action of the Chairman in agreeing to allow Killinick Harriers' Hunt Ball to be held in County Hall on 7th December 1920, at the fees fixed by the County Council, was approved.

Irrecoverable Rates.

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

"That the several lists of Irrecoverable Rates submitted by Rate Collectors be and are hereby agreed to and signed by the Chairman and Secretary on behalf of the County Council."

Proposals for Works.

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

"That the several proposals for Works submitted on Form 20 from the Proposal Committee and from the various Rural Districts of the County be and are hereby agreed to."

Proposals for Payment.

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

"That the several proposals for payment as appearing on Form 22 from the Proposal Committee and the various Rural Districts of the County be and are hereby agreed to subject to the modifications and other orders noted thereon and initialled by the Chairman. That the proposals for payment for matters other than public works and as submitted by our Secretary be and are hereby approved."

-----oo0oo-----

(Signed) _____

Presiding Chairman.

Dated this day of 19

SPECIAL MEETING.-22nd DECEMBER 1920.

A Special Meeting of the County Council, was held in the County Hall, Wexford, on 22nd December 1920.

Present:- Messrs John Murphy, John J. O'Byrne, David Kavanagh, Michael Doyle, Michael Cloney, Gregory Devereux, John Cummins.

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

On the motion of Mr Murphy, seconded by Mr Cloney, the Chair was taken by Mr Michael Doyle.

Vote of Condolence.

The Chairman proposed:- "That a vote of condolence be passed to our esteemed Colleague, Mr G. Devereux, in the loss which he has sustained through the death of his Mother, and that a copy of this resolution be furnished Mr Devereux"

Mr Cummins seconded.

"Passed".

Mr Devereux returned thanks.

Arrests of Members.

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

"That we protest against the arrest and detention of our Colleagues Dr Ryan (Vice-Chairman, Co. Council.) Messrs John O'Byrne, A. F. Smith, John Sinnott, and James Doyle, and who have been deprived of their liberty in order to hamper and impede the administration of the Council."

The Rate Collectors and the Council.

Under date 7th December 1920, Dail Eireann (Department of Local Government) wrote that to meet the objections of Rate Collectors that they and their sureties were exposed to serious consequences by the terms of the Rate Collectors' Bonds if they lodged their collections with unauthorised persons, i.e., persons other than the Treasurers, Rate Collectors should lodge amount to their own names and then fill up a crossed cheque for the full amount payable to the County Council, and which should be handed to the Secretary.

Under date 10th December 1920, the Local Government Board wrote (No. 173M/1920) that compliance on the part of any collector with the instructions contained in the letter given to him should be in direct

contravention of the law and would render the Collector and his Sureties responsible for the amount of all rates so lodged by him. A Banking Company legally appointed as Treasurer is alone qualified to give a valid receipt for the rates collected.

With reference to this, Dail Eireann wrote under date 13th December 1920, that the Council was instructed to pass a resolution at its next meeting to indemnify to the full any Rate Collector or Surety of a Rate Collector, who may incur financial loss by reason of action taken against such Rate Collector or Surety as a result of compliance with the instructions of his employing Council.

The following Notice of Motion had been given by Dr Ryan (Vice-Chairman Co Council):- "That the County Council consider the advisability of pledging itself to indemnify to the full any Rate Collector or his Surety as a result of compliance with the instructions of this Council to lodge poor rates to the credit of this Council."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Devereux, seconded by Mr John Murphy, (Mr Cloney dissenting):-

"That we call on all our Rate Collectors to lodge their collecting books with this Council, or Official Checkers of Rate Collectors' Accounts before 31st December 1920. That books be returned to Collectors who pledge themselves to abide by the instructions of the County Council, and that they be retained in the cases of those who refuse to carry out such instructions. That in the event of any Collector refusing to surrender his collecting books steps be taken to secure the recovery of same for the Council."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Murphy, seconded by Mr G. Devereux (Mr Cloney dissenting):-

"That Rate Collectors who refuse to carry out the directions of the County Council or to deliver up their books by 31st December 1920, as instructed, be dismissed from office at meeting of County Council to be held on 4th January 1921, and that new appointments be made on said date to the vacancies thus created."

The Secretary stated that as regards the resolution adopted at the meeting of 7th December 1920, asking the Collectors to state definitely whether or no they intended to carry out the instructions of the Council

the following had not replied:-

Messrs Day, Ryan, Smith, Berry, and Redmond, wrote they were lodging rates in their own names, Mr. J. Banville wrote that he would let the Council know what he would do after 21st December, Messrs. O'Byrne and Murphy wrote that they would carry out the directions of the Council.

The Financial Position of the Council.

Under date 14th December 1920, Mr. C.J. Feely, Manager, National Bank, Wexford, wrote that his Directors would not agree to overdraft of £5000 to the County Council without having the usual security, viz:- Consent of the Local Government Board and Mortgage on the Rates to secure repayment.

The Local Government Department, Dail Eireann, wrote that to meet the deficit which would arise owing to stoppage of government grants Councils should obtain a loan from the Banks which acted as Treasurers for the Councils up to recently. The suggestion was made that if necessary each member of a Council should set himself to secure the lodging of say £50 by a dozen or twenty people, the sums so lodged to be deemed collateral security against an overdraft to the Council's representatives while each individual acting in this way would have as his security against loss the Rates of the County.

Letters were read from the following:- M.J. Finn, Town Clerk, New Ross, under date 16th December 1920, that owing to their present

the following had not replied:-

Messrs. G. Rossiter, P. Rossiter, J. Mullett, P. Codd, J. Cummins, J. Sinnott, M. Tobin, P.J. Nolan, M.J. Sheehan, J.J. Fowler, E. Cummins, J.L. Doyle, and James Cogley.

Messrs. Day, Ryan, Smith, Barry, and Redmond, wrote they were lodging rates in their own names, Mr. J. Banville wrote that he would let the Council know what he would do after 21st December, Messrs. O'Byrne and Murphy wrote that they would carry out the directions of the Council.

The Financial Position of the Council.

Under date 14th December 1920, Mr. C.J. Feely, Manager, National Bank, Wexford, wrote that his Directors would not agree to overdraft of £5000 to the County Council without having the usual security, viz:- Consent of the Local Government Board and Mortgage on the Rates to secure ^{re} payment.

The Local Government Department, Dail Eireann, wrote that to meet the deficit which would arise owing to stoppage of government grants Councils should obtain a loan from the Banks which acted as treasurers for the Councils up to recently. The suggestion was made that if necessary each member of a Council should set himself to secure the lodging of say £50 by a dozen or twenty people, the sums so lodged to be deemed collateral security against an overdraft to the Council's representatives while each individual acting in this way would have as his security against loss the Rates of the County.

Letters were read from the following:- M.J. Finn, Town Clerk, New Ross, under date 16th December 1920, that owing to their present

"That we would request Sir Thomas Esmonde to pay amount of rates paid by him in 1919, and which he paid for that year without dispute. The Council understands that no liability for payment of rates rests on Sir Thomas Esmonde as landlord, and can only ask him as a matter of kindness to his tenants to agree to the wishes of the Council. That all other items of outstanding rates be considered at next meeting."

The Ministry of Transport & Classification of Roads.

Under date 14th December 1920, the Secretary to the Irish Councils General Council forwarded copy of letter received from Local Government Department, Dail Eireann, as to Circular re classification of roads recently issued by the Ministry of Transport.

The letter referred to above and under date 9th December 1920, pointed out that while it is undoubtedly advisable that the roads of Ireland should be adequately maintained the British Government had a twofold sinister motive for the proposal to "grant" money to carry out this work.

First the maintenance of roads in a condition adequate to facilitate the traffic of fast travelling motor lorries for War purposes, and secondly getting control over the County Surveyor and his Staff by defraying "half the salary and establishment charges" of the Surveyors.

The letter dealing with payment of motor duty pointed out that a large proportion of the money paid for this duty had gone to the British Government and should be repaid for the upkeep of the roads (the purpose for which they were intended) unconditionally and can in no way be regarded as grants. An attempt should be made to recover such monies, and which should be handed over unconditionally. On no account should a local authority agree to the conditions laid down in the Circular letter of the Ministry of Transport which would not only give the latter control over the existing County Surveyor and his Staff but would apparently give them power to appoint other Engineers and Surveyors, half of whose salaries would have to be paid by the Local Authority.

The Wexford County Council should classify the roads and make a claim on the Ministry of Transport on the lines suggested. In doing so it should be clearly pointed out that the Council was making

a claim and not asking for a grant. The British Ministry of Transport could not be recognised unless it is prepared to administer such funds as it may at present control, under the supreme direction of Dail Eireann.

Dublin Castle and the Local Government Board, Custom House, had stated by Circular that no "grants" would be made to Local Bodies who refused to recognise Local Government Board and submit their accounts to audit etc. It was possible that the Ministry of Transport may discover by some accident that the British Government had adopted this course, in which event they might feel it incumbent on them to echo their Master's voice and to refuse financial aid unless the Local Authority repudiate the Government of the Republic.

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

"That the County Surveyor be instructed to prepare a Scheme of classification of roads and forward a claim to the Ministry of Transport in connection with same on the lines laid down in letter of Assistant Minister for Local Government, Dail Eireann, under date 9th December 1920."

Employment of "Ex-Service" Men.

Under date 20th December 1920, (letter No. I.R.U/32/Wexford) the Ministry of Transport wrote that they would be prepared to make a Grant of £2000 for employment of Ex-Service men on the following works:- Quarrying etc. at Ferrybank and Ferrycarrig, improving of Ferrycarrig and Enniscorthy Road, and improving and repairing various roads in the neighbourhood of Wexford, 97 ex-Service men to be employed for about ten weeks.

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

"That we accept grant of £2000 from Ministry of Transport for employment of Ex-service men on terms and conditions laid down in their letter of 20th December (I.R.U/32/Wexford.)"

Dredging at Fethard Pier.

Under date 17th December 1920, the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction, (F.B. 4636/20) wrote that the Ministry of Transport are not prepared to provide funds for dredging work at Fethard Harbour during the present financial year.

"Peace" Resolution from Galway/

Under date 15th December 1920, Miss Gashel, Vice-Chairman of Galway County Council wrote, that what purported to be a resolution of the Galway County Council dated 3rd inst., re "truce" was merely an expression of opinion of six members eight being necessary to form a quorum.

Claim of Messrs. Thompson for Machinery.

Under date 16th December 1920, a letter was read from Messrs. Thompson Motor Car Co., as to payment of £3500 for trailers for road machinery.

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

"that Messrs. Thompson's Motor Car Company Ltd., be informed that the former Treasurer of the County Council (The National Bank) have refused an overdraft to the Council, and the Council, regret they are as yet unable to pay account of Messrs. Thompson, but will do so as soon as they can procure the funds".

:Deduction:from:Government:Grants.

Under date 16th December 1920, letter (No. 20365/1920) was read from the Chief Secretary's Office, Dublin Castle, stating that £6 salary of Timothy Long, Co. Court Judge's crier, for half-year ended 31st July 1920, had been deducted from sums payable to the County Council from the Local Taxation (Ireland) Account.

Claim Mr. Thomas Murphy, re Clohamon Bridge.

Under date 7th December 1920, Mr. Samuel Roche, Solicitor, Tullow, wrote claiming on behalf of Mr. Murphy £100 for damage done his land during the repair of Clohamon Bridge, and provided the Council entered into an Agreement to have a breakwater to protect Mr. Murphy's land built at the first opportunity.

The Secretary read the following extract from Minutes of County Council of 7th January 1920:-

"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 Bolger (Chairman) and Mr. Hall-Dare, who were Fishery Conservators, had agreed to pay compensation to Mr. Murphy."

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

"That in connection with the claim of Mr. Thomas Murphy, Ryland, for injury to his land, the Wexford County Council repudiate liability. That a copy of correspondence from Mr. Samuel Roche, Solicitor, Tullow, in this matter be furnished Messrs. John Bolger and R.W. Hall-Dare, and we point out to them that according to the statement made to this Council by Mr. John Browne, Contractor for repair of Clohamon Bridge, the injury to Mr. Murphy's land was entirely the result of instructions given to him by Messrs. Bolger and Hall-Dare acting as Fishery conservators".

Injury to Schooner "Clara".

Under date 10th December 1920, Messrs. Huggard & Brennan, Solicitors Wexford, wrote that on 25th November a stone from the face of Kilmore Pier fell into the berth and injured the Schooner "Clara", the property of Mr. William Roshford, Ballyhealy, Kilmore. The latter could not say what was the actual amount of damage, but he was making arrangements for survey to arrive at the figure. He would hold the Wexford County Council responsible for repair of the damage, as the stone was, to the knowledge of the officials of the Council, loose for a length of time, but, notwithstanding same, nothing was done to have the matter put right.

The County Surveyor stated he had communicated with the Insurance Company, and they held that the Council was not liable.

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

"That we repudiate liability in connection with claim by Mr.

William Rochford, Ballyhealy, Kilmore, and that any further correspondence in the matter be furnished Insurance Company".

Resolution Dublin County Council.

The following resolution from Dublin County Council was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Cummins:-

"That this Council considers it is of vital importance at the present time that no Citizen of the Irish Republic should, by word or action, assist the enemy in any effort to secure the occupation of our Country, and that peace negotiations with any external foe can only be conducted through the elected Representatives, viz:- Dail Eireann."

Application for use of Hall.

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

"That Central Hall and adjoining corridors be let for dances to the following:-

Rugby Club. 27th December 1920 at £2 and cost of gas used in Kitchen.

Mrs. Lett, Cullentra, 31st December 1920, at £3. 3/- and cost of gas used in Kitchens.

Bohemian Dance Club, 6th January 1920, £2 and cost of gas used in Kitchens."

University Scholarship Scheme.

Under date 15th December 1920, Mr. T. Moore, to whose son a University Scholarship had been granted, wrote calling attention to the inadequacy of the amount of Scholarship.

"No Order"

Various Bills were submitted from University Scholarship Holders and the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Murphy, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:-

"That the accounts submitted to this meeting from Messrs. Walsh, Lambert, and Hayden, holders of University Scholarships be paid and that our Secretary make arrangements (so far as possible) to pay all accounts due on foot of University Scholarships, without delay. If necessary, amounts should be paid through No 4 a/c".

Boiler Insurance.

Under date 13th December 1920, Messrs. MacDonagh, & Boland, Insurance Brokers, 58 Dame Street, Dublin, wrote that no Irish Company was transacting Boiler insurance, and they wished the Council to agree to allow them to place this Insurance with another Company. Needless to say on the first available opportunity the Insurance would be transferred to an Irish Company".

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

"That Messrs. MacDonagh & Boland, Insurance Brokers, be allowed to effect "Boiler" Insurance of this County Council with a Company which Messrs. MacDonagh & Boland will select".

Mountgarrett Bridge.

The County Surveyor submitted correspondence from Mr. Burden, County Surveyor, Kilkenny, as to Mountgarrett Bridge, pointing out that if new bridge be not built they would have to close or repair the present structure. The estimated cost of new bridge was £18,000, and the Ministry of Transport proposed to give £2,250 to County Wexford and a similar sum to County Kilkenny, this being a quarter of total cost. ^{by Rates} The amount which would have to be provided from each County was £6,750.

"The Council considered that as they had no money to credit nothing could be done in connection with Mountgarrett Bridge at present".

Irish Ports.

Under date 2nd December 1920, Mr. J.L. Fawsett, Irish Consul, New York, forwarded extract taken from "Nautical Gazette", relative to protests made by Wexford County Council and other public bodies against the order of the British Government forbidding ships of the U.S. Mail Steamship Co., entering Irish Ports.

Attendance at Meetings.

The Chairman stated that the attention of Members should be called to the very small attendance at the present and previous meetings of the Council. He considered members should make it a point to attend every meeting of the Council while the question of the financial position of the Council required careful consideration, and he thought the Secretary should when summoning the meeting of the Council for 4th

January 1921, request all members (who were available) to attend.

(Signed) _____

Presiding Chairman.

Dated this day of 19

MEETING. 4th JANUARY 1921.

A Meeting of the wexford County Council was held in the County Hall, wexford, on 4th January 1921.

Present:- Messrs. John Murphy, D. Kavanagh, James Shannon, M. Hughes, James Hall, M. Redmond, John Cummins, James Byrne, G. Devereux, J.J. O'Byrne, Simon Kehoe, R. Corish, C. Culleton, and E.P. Foley, (New Member).

The Secretary, County Surveyor, Mr. R.W. Elgee, Solicitor, and Mr. Moynihan, Inspector Local Government Department, Dail Eireann, were also in attendance.

On the motion of Mr. Kavanagh, seconded by Mr. Murphy, the Chair was taken by Mr. J.J. O'Byrne.

Confirmation of Minutes.

The Minutes of Meeting of 7th December, and of Special Meeting of 22nd December 1920, were read and confirmed.

New Member.

Under date 21st December 1920, Mr. Owen Kehoe, Representative of Gorey R.D. Council on the County Council, wrote that he had gone to reside at Ballinapark, Kilbride, Co. Wicklow, and in consequence as he would not be able to attend the meetings of the County Council he wished to tender his resignation.

Mr. J.J. Fanning, Clerk Gorey Rural District Council, wrote that his Council at their meeting on 11th December 1920, had appointed Mr. Patrick Byrne, Camolin, as their representative on the County Council.

Co-option of Members.

The resignations of the following who are in prison were accepted-- Dr. Ryan, Vice-Chairman, Messrs. John Sinnott, A.F. Smith, John O'Byrne, (Gorey) James Doyle, and Philip Lennon.

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

"That Mr. Laurence Radford, Old Pound, wexford, be appointed a member of Wexford County Council vice Mr. John Sinnott, resigned".

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. James Shannon, seconded by Mr. Cummins:-

"That Mr. Patrick Buckley, Clonroche, be appointed a member of

County Council vice Mr. A.F. Smith resigned".

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

"That Mr. Thomas McCarthy, 17 George Street, Enniscorthy, be co-opted a member of Wexford County Council vice Mr. James Doyle resigned".

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

"That Mr. John J. O'Byrne, Raheen, Camolin, be appointed a member of Wexford County Council vice Mr. John O'Byrne, resigned".

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

"That Mr. Edward P/ Foley Main Street, Wexford be appointed a member of Wexford County Council vice Dr. James Ryan Vice-Chairman resigned".

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

"That Mr. Thomas Murphy, Scarke, New Ross, be co-opted a member of Wexford County Council, vice Mr. Philip Lennon, resigned".

The Financial Position of the Council and the Rate collection.

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

"That the following statement prepared by this Council for the information of the people of Wexford County be inserted in the local Press and also printed in pamphlet form and circulated.:-

AN APPEAL TO THE PEOPLE.

The following statement was adopted:-

"County Councils which have accepted government by the people of Ireland for the people of Ireland have been hard hit financially by the action of the Local Government Board, Custom House, Dublin.

"By stoppage of the so-called Government "Grants", the income of the Wexford Co. Council for the present financial year has been reduced by £44,000. In addition, the English Local Government Board has called on the rate collectors to assist them in paralysing local

administration by withholding the rates, the property of the people of Wexford, and administered on their behalf by their chosen representatives.

Hence it is necessary for the people who believe in Irish-Ireland to act, and to act at once. A suggestion has been made that each County Councillor should secure the names of from 12 to 20 men to advance (or be responsible for an advance) of at least £50 to the Council on loan and at current rate of interest.

The advice of the recognised leaders of the country is to "hold fast", and unless the present financial position of County Councils can be put by the people on a proper basis, it is manifest that all the talk we have heard about enthusiasm and self-sacrifice was frothy nonsense. Now is the hour for every man who is really in earnest as to the welfare of the country to prove his worth.

The County Council have over £63,000 in rates to collect up to the 31st March next. If the rate collectors, as a whole, were prepared to act a manly part, the Council (in spite of the stoppage of the grants) would have been able to pay their way. Now, the Council want the assistance of their own people to make up for the sums collected by rate collectors. Rate collectors who pin their faith to the Local Government Board, Custom House, Dublin, must remember-

1. That they are the servants of the County Council.
2. That disloyal and disobedient servants must, in any well-regulated business, be dismissed.

- 3-. That if they collect the rates for the County Council now outdoor relief can be paid to the Unions, treatment can be continued to the insane, Co. Council workers can still be employed. If they adopt a dog-in-the-manger policy and do nothing, they are crippling local administration quite as effectively as if they carried out in full the instructions of the English Local Government Board.

- 4-. No man can serve two masters.

"As regards payment of rates some people are under the impression that if they do not pay rates to the existing collectors, but to new officers, they may have to pay a second time. So long as a rate payer gets his printed form of receipt signed by a collector, duly

appointed by the County Council he cannot be called upon again, and is in an absolutely safe position. But ratepayers can help the Council by payment of rates to collectors who are in sympathy with the Co. Council because the great need for money is here and now.

It must not be forgotten that practically £40,000 of the Government Grants is received annually by the County Council for the subsidiary bodies financed by the Council, and that notwithstanding that this substantial amount has been withheld, the Boards of Guardians, Rural District Councils, Asylum and Co. Infirmary have been paid in full to the 31st December last. In other words these bodies have not suffered the loss of one penny in the payment of their demands to date.

In the present state of local administration one important point must be remembered, i.e. Dail Eireann was compelled to advise Councils not to recognise the Local Government Board Custom House, and to change Treasurers not as a phase in the fight between the Irish people and their enemies, but as a necessary step for the protection of the money of the ratepayers. The English Parliament decreed that all money coming into the hands of the Treasurer of a County Council should be seized and applied for the payment of so-called criminal injuries. If Dail Eireann had remained inactive the probabilities are that all rates collected and lodged would be coolly and calmly appropriated by the English Government in addition to the grants and local administration would be reduced to chaos long since."

Under date 31st December 1920, the Assistant Minister for Local Government, Dail Eireann, wrote (Circular No. 2a) asking for a statement showing the position of the Rate Collection particularly as regards the second moiety. A list of Rate Collectors setting out the names and addresses of each Collector, and whether he was carrying out the instructions of the Council as regards the Collection was also requested. When a collector states his intention of resigning his position or tenders his resignation and surrenders his warrant the Local Government Department should be at once informed stating whether this Collector has in his possession any monies collected as Rates. The Council should at once in these circumstances take

immediate steps to appoint a Successor or to arrange for the collection of the rates in the area in question by apportioning it amongst the other Collectors.

Under date 21st December 1920, the Assistant Minister for Local Government (Dail Eireann) forwarded copies of Circular letter to be forwarded the Rate Collectors of the Council. One copy was to be retained and read at the meeting of the Council so that the public may clearly understand the issues involved and the steps taken by the Local Government Department to meet the objections of the Collectors. The names and addresses of Collectors who refuse to comply with the instructions of the Council should be forwarded without delay to the Local Government Department. After receipt of circular enclosed by each Collector he should be personally approached and should be asked to state clearly his intentions in the existing situation.

The Circular addressed to each Collector by the Local Government Department (Dail Eireann) pointed out that for some months the Department hesitated to give the word for a complete break with the English Local Government Board having regard to the financial conditions which such a move would necessarily involve. When, however, the enemy Government declared its intention to set the so-called "grants" against damage to persons or property incurred as a result of their efforts to hold and govern Ireland by the sword, contrary to the declared Will of the Irish People, there was no room for further hesitation, and on the recommendation of a Commission, Dail Eireann at its session on 17th September 1920, decreed a complete break on the part of the Public Bodies with the enemy Government at the Custom House.

An official who at this juncture, could not accept the new departure, should have resigned and applied for pension. To remain in office was a tacit acceptance of the new situation and all the duties involved.

The English Local Government Board were now threatening the Rate Collectors with dismissal. As the Councils were not at present reading still less heeding instructions from that quarter these threats of dismissal were ridiculous. Some Rate Collectors

appeared to be nervous lest their sureties should be held liable on the bond. The Council could not take any action on the bond as they had issued instructions contrary to its provisions. Moreover, the bond stated that the Collector will "collect and pay to the Treasurer". There was now no Treasurer, so that the recommendation of the Local Government Board (Dail Eireann) to pay over the rates by crossed cheque to the Public Body which struck the Rate, compared favourably even from the point of view of English Law with the recommendation of the English Local Government Board instructing collectors to lodge to their own private accounts in a bank. The English Local Government can neither make nor amend English Law and collectors are forbidden by their bonds to have more than a fixed sum of rate money (less than £100) in their control at any one time.

Local Bodies had broken with the Local Government Board, Custom House, and had dispensed with their Treasurers. Rate Collectors were assured of indemnity in the extremely unlikely event of themselves or their sureties incurring financial loss on account of the collectors' compliance with instructions issuing in the first instance from the Local Government Department (Dail Eireann). Some Rate Collectors notwithstanding the position were not obeying the instructions of the Councils, and some rate collectors met recently in Dublin and advised their fellow collectors to cease the work of collection until the Councils come to terms with the English Local Government Board on the question of the Treasurership. This was an utterly impossible and untenable position for the Collectors to take up. The Collectors must carry out the instructions of the Councils or resign and hand in their books. Any Rate Collector who refused to adopt this course would be appropriately dealt with. This Circular was an appeal to the Rate Collectors to ask themselves is it fair or reasonable to expect that they will be allowed to bring pressure on their employing Councils to break their Mandate and their election pledges under threat of having local administration wrecked by a stoppage of rate collection.

Letters were read from Messrs. Joseph Cummins, John Sinnott, Patrick O'Byrne, and E.J. Murphy, Collectors, that they would carry out the orders of the County Council as regards lodgments of Rates.

Under date 1st January 1921, Mr. John Banville wrote tendering his resignation as Collector for No. 19 Collection District. He hoped the Council would do him justice by giving him a superannuation allowance as soon as convenient and for which he would feel most grateful.

Mr. John Mullett under date 30th December 1920, wrote resigning his position as Collector for No. 6 Collection District, provided the Council gave him full superannuation for his 23 years' service, and his resignation to date from 3rd January 1921.

Letters were read from the National Benefit Assurance Co., Ltd., under date 29th December 1920, that it was their intention to discontinue their obligation under the bonds of the following Rate Collectors as from 31st March 1921:-

G. Rossiter, J.A. Ryan, P.J. Nolan, M.J. Sheehan, J.J. Barry, Joseph Day, J. Sinnott, E.J. Murphy, J. Mullett, P. Codd, M. Tobin, J. Cummins, E. Cummins, J.L. Doyle and J. Cogley.

The Secretary reported that Messrs. Ryan, Day and Berry, wexford District, and J. Mullett, P. Codd, P. Redmond, and M. Tobin, Enniscorthy District, had not attended for checking during previous fortnight.

On the motion of Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. Devereux, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the resignations of Mr. J. Banville, Collector for No. 19 Collection District, and of Mr. J. Mullett, Collector for No. 6 Collection District, be accepted as from this date. That Notice of Motion be given in the usual course as to the amount of superannuation to be voted these officers, who are requested to hand over their Books to their successors, and to lodge by crossed cheque to the credit of the wexford County Council all monies which they have received up to the present for the rates of this Council".

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

"That as agreed to by resolution adopted by this Council on 22nd December 1920, the positions of the following Rate Collectors who failed to obey the instructions of the Co. Council and who have

taken no steps to hand over their books as directed by the County Council, be declared vacant and that the Council proceed forthwith to the appointment of their successors- P. Codd (District No. 7) P. Redmond (No. 11) M. Tobin (No. 12) P.J. Nolan (No. 14) M.J. Sheehan (no. 13) J.C. Smith (No. 15) J.J. Fowler (No. 16) J. Cogley (No. 21) E. Cummins (No. 18) J.L. Doyle (No. 20) P. Rossiter (No. 5) G. Rossiter (No. 2) J. Day (No. 4) J.J. Berry (No. 3) J.A. Ryan (No. 1).

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

"That all new appointments of Collectors made at this meeting be for a probationary period to the 31st March 1921, the close of the financial year. Remuneration 7d poundage fees. That it be conveyed to the new Collectors if they give satisfaction during the period of probation they will be appointed as permanent officials of the Wexford County Council. That new officers give security by Guarantee Society".

Mr. Murphy proposed and Mr. Shannon seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That Mr. Matthew Kelly, Garrynisk, Edermine, be appointed rate Collector for No. 6 District, vice Mr. John Mullett, resigned".

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

"That the question of appointing a successor to Mr. P. Codd (No. 7 District) be deferred to special meeting to be held on 11th January 1921, at 12 noon".

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

"That Mr. Walter Cummins, Ballylucas, Ballymurrin, be appointed Rate Collector for No. 11 Collection District, vice Mr. P. Redmond".

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Simon Kehoe, seconded by Mr. Hall :-

"That Mr. John Carty, Ballyconigar, Blackwater, be appointed Rate Collector for No. 12 Collection District, vice Mr. M. Tobin".

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Murphy,

seconded by Mr. D. Kavanagh:-

"That Mr. John Maguire, Ballinakill, Ferns, be appointed Rate Collector for No. 14 Collection District, vice Mr. P.J. Nolan".

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

"That appointment for Rate Collector for No. 13 Collection District, vice Mr. M.J. Sheehan be considered at Special Meeting of the County Council to be held on 11th January 1921 at 12 noon".

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

"That Mrs. Kathleen McGrath, Market Square, Gorey, be appointed Rate Collector for No. 15 Collection District, vice Mr. J.C. Smith".

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

"That Mr. Laurence Redmond, Morriscastle, Kilmuckridge, be appointed Rate Collector for No. 16 Collection District, vice Mr. J.J. Fowler".

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

"That Mr. James Murphy, Shancule, Foulksmills, be appointed Rate Collector for No. 19 Collection District, vacant by the resignation of Mr. J. Banville".

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. James Byrne, seconded by Mr. John Cummins:-

"That Mr. Thomas Sullivan, Dunmain, Gusserane, be appointed Rate Collector for No. 21 Collection District, vice Mr. James Cogley".

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

"That the question of appointing new Collector for No. 18 Collection District vice Mr. E. Cummins, be referred to Special Meeting of the Council to be held on 11th January 1921".

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Redmond, seconded by Mr. James Byrne:-

"That Mr. John Curtis, Carrigbyrne, Newbawn, be appointed Rate Collector for No. 20 Collection District, vice Mr. J.L. Doyle".

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

"That Mr. James Quirke, Hayestown, wexford, be appointed Rate Collector for No. 5 Collection District, vice Mr. Patrick Rossiter".

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

"That the question of appointing Rate Collector for No. 2 Collection District vice Mr. G. Rossiter, and Rate Collector for No. 4 Collection District vice Mr. Joseph Day, be adjourned to Special Meeting of the Council, to be held on 11th January 1921".

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

"That Mr. Charles McCarthy, Murrintown, Wexford, be appointed Rate Collector for No. 1 Collection District, vice Mr. J.A. Ryan".

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

"That should any of the Rate Collectors appointed at this meeting be unable-for any reason- to act the question of filling the vacancy thus arising be dealt with at Special Meeting of Co. Council to be held on 11th January 1921".

The Name of Bun Cloidighe.

Under date 29th December 1920 (Ref 582) the Local Government Department (Dail Eireann) through Assistant Minister wrote asking what evidence there was to show that Bun Cloidighe was the correct Gaelic name for Newtownbarry. In view of the many requests to change the names of places back to their original form the Department had under consideration the question of asking the Gaelic League to go into the matter with the object of ensuring that there will be no mistake in the proposed change.

The Secretary stated that Mr. James Doyle on whose motion the change had been made, had consulted the Gaelic League as to the correctness of Bun Cloidighe before putting the matter to the Council.

Mr. R. Earle, Late Rate Collector.

The Assistant Minister, Department of Local Government (Dail Eireann) wrote asking for replies to the usual queries as to the

proposed superannuation allowance to Mr. Robert Earle, late Rate Collector.

The Secretary stated he would give what particulars he could, but as the police had seized Minute Books and Correspondence files, accurate data were not available at present.

The Stoppage of "Grants".

Under date 29th December 1920, the Assistant Minister, Department of Local Government (Dail Eireann) wrote that any monies withheld by the County Council or by the Subsidiary bodies such as repayment of Principal and Interest on Loans, Income Tax, etc., should be credited in the County Council Accounts to grants which are being withheld by the British Government.

The Secretary stated he had written for further information as to how this matter was to be dealt with.

Machinery Overseer.

Under date 29th December 1920, (Ref. 582) the Assistant Minister, Department of Local Government (Dail Eireann) wrote asking for a statement of the duties to be assigned to the new office and also how these duties if necessary were carried out hitherto.

The Secretary stated he had pointed out that the appointment was merely to fill a vacancy caused by the resignation of the previous holder of the office, but as a matter of fact the Council had decided not to make any appointment for the present.

University Scholarship Scheme.

Under date 29th December 1920, the Assistant Minister, Department of Local Government (Dail Eireann) wrote that the question of award of proposed University Scholarship to Mr. Laurence J. Walsh, Clonliffe College, was properly a question for the Ministry of Home Affairs to whom it had been referred.

Proposed Loan of £500 to Wexford Corporation.

Under date 29th December 1920, the Assistant Minister, Department of Local Government (Dail Eireann) wrote that as regards the proposed loan of £500 to Wexford Corporation by the County Council, it was not, in general, satisfactory to have such dealings between various bodies, but in view of the existing financial conditions, and if the finances

of the Co. Council permitted, the Department would agree to the proposed loan.

The Secretary stated that nothing could now be done in the matter as the County Council were unable to provide the money.

Qualification of Councillor.

Under date 29th December 1920 (ref 582) the Assistant Minister, Department of Local Government (Dail Eireann) wrote that while he was perfectly satisfied members of the Wexford Co. Council who might be in receipt of payments from the Council would not use their position to forward their own interests or those of contractors, there was the danger of questionable administration. It was necessary to have a uniform regulation in the matter and, therefore, the Department could not sanction the holding of the position of Councillor by anybody who desired to get work or who is already engaged at work under the Council.

The Meeting agreed with the opinion expressed in this Communication.

Support of Irish Manufacture.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Devereux seconded by Mr. Corish:-

"That we call upon the Farmers' Unions of Ireland to lend a hand to build up our Country from within by directing their Members to pledge themselves when buying agricultural machinery to give preference to home manufacture, such for instance as the products of our Wexford founderies. In order to give full effect to this resolution the Farmers of Wexford should see that Co-operative Societies which they control stock no machinery but Irish Manufactured where possible. And we hereby call on Irish Manufacturers to place no obstacle in the way of such bodies adopting this policy in future. Further, we appeal to the young men of every town in Ireland to form Committees to induce Shop Keepers to purchase and push the sale of all Irish Goods and request the people of Ireland to give preference to such business houses as will put this policy into practice".

Taxation of Excisable Articles.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr.

Devereux, seconded by Mr. Foley:-

Recognising the heroic sacrifices which the people of Ireland are making in behalf of our Motherland we feel that a large majority of them are anxious to be shown a way by which they can assist in bringing about the consummation of the ideals for which Ireland is now passing through an agony of suffering. We therefore call on the General Council of County Councils to adopt a resolution to have the following carried into effect throughout Ireland:- "That we, the people of Ireland hereby pledge ourselves to abstain from the use of all intoxicating drink and the use of tobacco". We appeal to the Catholic hierarchy of Ireland to give their united support to having this pledge put into universal practice.

That a sub-committee of the County Council be appointed (with power to add to their numbers) to formulate a programme to put this pledge before the people of Ireland and to secure for it their wholehearted support".

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

"That the following sub-committee (with power to add to their numbers) be appointed to deal with the foregoing resolution- Messrs. Devereux, Foley, Corish, Culleton, and J.J. O'Byrne (New Ross)".

Belfast "Boycott".

Mr. P/ White, Secretary Wexford Trades & Labour Council, wrote under date 3rd January 1921, asking the Council to appoint two delegates to attend a meeting to be held in the Foresters' Hall, Wexford, on Tuesday 18th January 1921, at 8.30 p.m. to consider the best means to enforce the economic boycott of Belfast in this district.

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

"That Messrs. E.P. Foley and G. Devereux be appointed as representatives of this Council to meeting in Foresters' Hall, Wexford, on 18th January 1921, at 8.30 p.m. to consider the best means to enforce the economic boycott of Belfast in Wexford district".

"Dependents of Prisoners of War."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr.

Devereux, seconded by Mr. Culleton:-

"That in view of the urgent necessity of providing assistance for the "Prisoners of War Dependents fund" we call on the four Districts of the County, viz:- Enniscorthy, Gorey, New Ross and Wexford, to arrange for the appointment of parish Committees for these districts for the purpose of arranging for weekly Collections for this Fund in the same way as was arranged during the Railway trouble".

Legal Action re Injury to Motor.

Under date 3rd January 1921, Mr. R.W. Elgee, Solicitor to the County Council, wrote that the old Co. Council adopted a resolution to defend Civil Bill issued by Mr. R.H. Peare, Kilmallock, for alleged damage to his motor car. The case was listed for June Sessions 1920, but was adjourned to Quarter Sessions to be held in January 1921, and he (Mr. Elgee) wished to know if the case was to be defended. Of course the Council were only nominal defendants as it was the Insurance Company who were fighting the case.

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

"That the County Council take no action as regards the defence of Civil Bill served by Mr. R.H. Peare for alleged injury to motor car".

Claim of Mr. William Rochford re Schooner "Clara".

Under date 3rd January 1921, Messrs. Huggard & Brennan, Solicitors, Wexford, wrote enclosing estimate for £39 being cost of repairs to Schooner "Clara" as per survey of the vessel by Mr. John Cox, Duncormack.

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

"That letter of Messrs. Huggard & Brennan, Solicitors, re claim of Mr. William Rochford, Ballyhealy, Kilmore, for £39 for repair of Schooner "Clara" injured at Kilmore Pier be referred to the Insurance Company".

Collection of Motor Duty.

The Secretary asked the instructions of the Council as to the collection of new Motor Taxes.

On the motion of Mr. Corish, seconded by the Chairman, the

following resolution was adopted:-

"That consideration of the question of the collection of Motor Duty be adjourned to next meeting".

Meetings of County and Rural Councils.

The following dates of County and Rural District Council Meetings were fixed on the motion of Mr. Corish, seconded by the Chairman:-

Proposal Committee.- Tuesday, 8th February 1921 at 11 0'Clock.

Co. Council Meeting.- " " 11.30 0'C

Proposal Committee " 5th April 1921

County Council Meeting " "

Gorey R.D. Council Thursday, 7th April 1921 11.30 a.m.

Wexford " Saturday, 9th " 11. a.m.

New Ross " Wednesday, 13th " 11.30 a.m.

Enniscorthy " Thursday 14th " 11. a.m.

Co. Council (Half-yearly) Thursday 19th May 1921.

Flooding of Road.

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

"That Mr. R.H. Hyland. B.L. and the Reps. of Mr. Power, Faightlegg, Waterford, be called on to at once repair the banks on their property which are protecting from flooding the road leading into Great Island at Fisherstown. Owing to the neglected state of these banks the water has burst through the protection wall and there are holes five or six feet deep now in the road. This meeting is surprised that Mr. Jones, Assistant Surveyor, had not yet furnished his report in this matter to the County Surveyor".

New Telegraph Lines.

The Superintending Engineer, Post Office, Aldborough House, Dublin, wrote applying for the permission of the Council to the placing of telegraphic line along the public road from the corner of Dunbar's House in Ferns to a point opposite Ferns Post Office, and to the placing of a similar line along the public road between Ballyanne Bridge and Ballyanne Old bridge.

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

"That permission be granted to the Superintending Engineer, General Post Office, Dublin, for the erection of telegraphic lines at Ferns and Ballyanne in accordance with the applications made at this meeting, the work to be carried out to the satisfaction of the County Surveyor".

Ballinaboola Road.

Mr. P. McGee, Raheenacloonagh, Adamstown, wrote under date 3rd January, for the four men engaged on the Ballinaboola, Wexford Road, would work full time if the County Council would guarantee to pay retained amounts when there would be a settlement. The road was in a very bad condition.

It was decided that no order be made on the letter in view of the fact that by acceding to Mr. McGee's application would create a precedent which would have to be followed, but which was inadvisable at present."

Proposals for Works.

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

"That the proposal of Proposal Committee relative to the annual printing Contract and as submitted on form 20 by our Secretary be, and is, hereby approved".

Peace Negotiations.

The following resolution received from North Dublin Rural District Council, was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Hall:-

"This Council considers (1) It is of vital importance at the present time that no citizens of the Irish Republic should by word or action assist the enemy in any effort to secure occupation of our Country. (2) That peace negotiations with any external foe can only be conducted through our elected representatives of An Dail Eireann".

Timber Haulage.

Edward Byrne, Clonmore, Bree, asked for permission to haul timber for Mr. George Nolan, Waterford, from Carrigbyrne to New Ross. He stated he was prepared to pay 1/- per ton for damages and not to haul at any time when the road is soft. Load would be in Winter 15 tons on

two wagons, and 21 tons in Summer in three wagons. He proposed to commence work at end of January.

"It was decided that this matter be considered at Special Meeting to be held on 11th January 1921".

Mountgarrett Bridge.

The County Surveyor asked for instructions as to repair of Mountgarrett Bridge or re-erection of the structure. Kilkenny County Council were anxious to proceed with erection of New Bridge

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

"That the question of repair or re-erection of Mountgarrett Bridge be deferred until the state of the finances of the Council allow of the work to be undertaken".

Special Roads Committee.

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

"That the names of Mr. James Byrne and Mr. E.P. Foley, be added as Members of Special Roads Committee".

Proposed Railway Sidings at Rathgarogue & Sparrowsland.

Under date 9th December 1920, the General Manager, Dublin & South Eastern Railway Co. wrote that the Directors could not see their way to sanction the expenditure that would be necessary for the construction of the sidings at Rathgarogue and Sparrowsland, but they would keep the matter in view should a favourable opportunity present itself in the near future.

Election of Vice-Chairman.

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

"That owing to the resignation of Dr. Ryan (in consequence of his imprisonment) as Vice-Chairman of this County Council, Mr. John J. O'Byrne, be appointed to the position".

-----ooOoo-----

(Signed) _____

Presiding Chairman

Dated this day of 19

MEETING. 11th JANUARY 1921.

A Meeting of the Wexford County Council was held in the County Hall, Wexford, on 11th January 1921.

Present:- Mr. John J. O'Byrne, Vice-Chairman (Presiding).

Also:- Messrs. M. Doyle, C. Culleton, G. Devereux, D. Kavanagh, J.J. O'Byrne, E.P. Foley, James Byrne, M. Byrne, J. Cummins, S. Kehoe, J. Murphy, M. Redmond, Thomas Murphy.

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

Confirmation of Minutes.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

Co-option of Members.

In connection with the co-option of Members, Mr. John Murphy moved:- "That as Mr. McCarthy co-opted at last meeting cannot act, the Enniscorthy Rural District Council be asked to forward the name of new Chairman for co-option, or in the event of the Chairman being already a member of the County Council, the name of the member selected by the Rural District Council to represent them on the County Council". Mr. Culleton seconded. "Passed"

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

"That the Wexford Trades & Labour Council be requested to nominate for appointment by this Council a member vice Mr. Laurence Radford (arrested)".

Thanks for Election,

Mr. E.P. Foley wrote under date 6th January 1921, thanking the County Council for co-opting him a member, he would willingly resign the position when Dr. Ryan would be free to resume his duties".

On the motion of Mr. Cummins, seconded by the Chairman, the Secretary, County Surveyor and Mr. Elgee retired from the meeting.

Seizure of Rate Collecting Books.

Mr. Cogley reported that his collecting books had been taken from him on 5th January 1921.

Mr. Redmond wrote that his house was raided on the night of the 5th inst. The raiders demanded his collecting books, but he (Mr.

Redmond) had given these and his correspondence to his Solicitor some time ago. If advised by his Solicitor to give up his books he would do so.

Mr. Tobin reported that on the night of the 5th inst., "the party that your County Council sent out for the purpose of raiding houses for collecting books" took a book from his residence, and if this book was not returned by 12th inst., "with its contents unmolested" he would be compelled to take proceedings against the Council.

"No order was made on this letter".

Mr. E. Cummins wrote under date 8th January 1921, that his collecting books had been seized by armed and masked men.

In a letter under date 9th January 1921, Mr. Cummins further wrote that he had made up his mind to resign his position as Rate Collector. He had £154: 13: 8¹/₂ on hands which, he wished to know how to dispose of.

"It was decided on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Devereux, that the resignation of Mr. E. Cummins, Rate Collector for No. 18 District be accepted, and that the question of his superannuation be considered at next available meeting".

New Collectors.

Letters were read from the following new Rate Collectors accepting the position:-

John Carty (for No. 12 District) James Murphy (No. 19 District) John Maguire (no. 14 District) John Curtis (No. 20 District) Charles McCarthy (No. 1 District) Mrs. Kathleen McGrath (No. 15 District) Matthew Kelly (No. 6 District).

Members of the Council stated that the following would act James Quirke (No. 5 District) walter Cummins (No. 11 District) Thomas Sullivan (No. 21 District)

Messrs. J. McCormack wrote that he could not act as collector for No. 3 District, and Mr. Laurence Redmond, D. C. Morriscastle, wrote that he could not act for No. 15 District, but recommended the appointment of Mr. John Sinnott, Newtown, Clonevan.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Redmond

seconded by Mr. S. Kehoe:-

"That Mr. John Sinnott, Newtown, Clonevan, be appointed Rate Collector (No. 16 District) vice Mr. Laurence Redmond D.C., Morriscastle who is unable to accept the position to which he was appointed at last meeting of the Council".

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

"That Mr. James Shortle, Castlebridge, be appointed Rate Collector for No. 2 Collection District, vice Mr. G. Rossiter whose services have been dispensed with".

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Redmond, seconded by Mr. S. Kehoe:-

"That Mr. William Doyle, Bolacreen, Gorey, be appointed Rate Collector for No. 13 District, vice Mr. M. J. Sheehan, whose services have been dispensed with".

On the motion of Mr. E. Foley, seconded by Mr. G. Devereux, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That Mr. Richard Sinnott, Mountaingate, Cleariestown, be appointed Rate Collector for No. 4 District, vice Mr. Joseph Day whose services have been dispensed with".

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. C. Culleton, seconded by Mr. S. Kehoe:-

"That Mr. Matthew Bolger, Kilmore, be appointed Rate Collector for No. 5 Collection District should Mr. Quirke not see his way to accept the position".

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. C. Culleton, seconded by Mr. Redmond:-

"That Mr. Patrick Walsh, Rochestown, Taghmon, be appointed Rate Collector for No. 3 District as Mr. J. McCormack appointed at last meeting finds he is unable to act".

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Devereux seconded by Mr. Redmond:- "That Miss McCarthy, Murrintown, Wexford, be appointed Rate Collector, vice Mr. Charles McCarthy Junr. who was appointed Collector at last meeting for No. 1 District, and who is at present under detention in the Military Barracks, Wexford".

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

"That Mr. Thomas Maher, Main Street, Enniscorthy, be appointed Rate Collector for No. 7 Collection District, vice Mr. Patrick Codd, whose services have been dispensed with".

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

"That Mr. Edward Rowe, Bigerin, New Ross, be appointed Rate Collector for No. 18 Collection District, vice Mr. Edward Cummins resigned".

Proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Cummins, and adopted:-

"That in the event of any Rate Collector appointed at this meeting refusing to act, that a new appointment be made at the Meeting of the County Council to be held on 25th January 1921 at 11 O'C., a.m.".

Under date 6th January 1921, the Local Government Board, Dublin wrote (65195/1920, Wexford County) that as Patrick J. Byrne, Grange Lower, Killanne, has not been sanctioned by the Board he was not legally authorised to collect rates. They warned the Co. Council that they were attempting to collect these rates illegally, and that no rates should be paid to Mr. Byrne or to anyone else until a Collector has been appointed who can give a valid receipt.

"No Order"

Appointments on Committees.

On the motion of Mr. Devereux, seconded by Mr. Cummins, the following appointments on Committees* were made:-

Asylum Committee:- Patrick Buckley vice Albert F. Smith (arrested) Representatives from Gorey and Enniscorthy vice Mr. John O'Byrne, Gorey and Mr. James Doyle (arrested). Enniscorthy:- to be appointed at next meeting.

County Wexford Infirmary Committee:- Member vice Mr. James Doyle (arrested) to be appointed at next Meeting.

Tuberculosis Committee:- Mr. Patrick Buckley vice Mr. A. E. Smith Mr. E. P. Foley vice Dr. Ryan (arrested).

County Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction:- Mr. Patrick Buckley vice Mr. A. F. Smith (arrested) Mr. E. P. Foley vice Dr. Ryan

arrested) new Member vice Mr. Radford (arrested) to be appointed at next meeting.

Proposal Committee:- Mr. E. P. Foley vice Dr. Ryan (arrested) Mr. Patrick Byrne vice Mr. Owen Kehoe resigned. New Members vice Mr. L. Radford (arrested) and Mr. James Doyle (arrested) to be appointed at next meeting.

Finance Committee:- Mr. Patrick Buckley vice Mr. A. F. Smith, Mr. John J. O'Byrne (Raheen) vice Mr. John O'Byrne, Gorey, Mr. Edward P. Foley vice Dr. Ryan.

General Council Irish County Councils:- The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Culleton, seconded by Mr. Michael Doyle:-

"That Mr. Edward P. Foley be appointed a representative of this County Council on Irish County Councils' General Council vice Mr. A.F. Smith (arrested) ".

Special Roads Committee.

The following report of Special Roads Committee was, on the motion of Mr. Cummins, seconded by Mr. Redmond, "received and adopted".

"Roads Committee.

Meeting.- 4th January 1921.

Present:- Messrs. C. Culleton, James Byrne, E. Foley, D. Kavanagh.

The Secretary and County Surveyor were also in attendance.

On the motion of Mr. E. Foley, seconded by Mr. D. Kavanagh, the Chair was taken by Mr. C. Culleton.

Mr. James O'Brien, Glenteigue, Glenbrien, came before the Committee and stated that he had been allowed £30 by the old County Council for extra cost incurred by him on his road contracts owing to having had material prepared by himself. He contended that Contractors who were supplied from Co. Council Quarries had an advantage of 2/6 per yard over him.

The Secretary stated the amount of £30 had been voted by the Council as a War Bonus, but as the Ministry of Transport refused their sanction the payment was not made.

Mr. Barry (County Surveyor) explained that Mr. O'Brien had been paid the fixed War Bonus of 20 per cent. There were a number of

other Contractors in the same position as Mr. O'Brien and who were quite as well entitled to the special treatment which he claimed.

"The Committee decided that as a grant in Mr. O'Brien's case would establish an undesirable precedent they would not recommend any change in the decision of the Council refusing to agree to his application".

John Dempsey, Ballygilliestown, Davidstown, considered he had not received sufficient payment for Road Contracts 300E, 301E, and 306E.

It was stated that on 300E the County Council agreed to payment of amount of War Bonus which would have been granted Mr. Dempsey had he made application in due time, and the Committee decided no further order was necessary.

Regarding the other Roads the County Surveyor explained that some amounts were still outstanding. He would send the particulars to Mr. Dempsey.

This course was approved.

Joseph Hyland, Coolgarrow, Enniscorthy, complained that £250 had been struck off his contracts owing to the action of Enniscorthy Rural District Council refusing to guarantee to pay for losses on the working of quarries and machinery and in consequence of which the quarries had been closed temporarily.

"It was decided that the County Surveyor submit to next meeting of the Finance Committee an estimate of Mr. Hyland's loss in the matter".

Mr. Terence Hinch, Camolin, wrote that he had only received £13 for work on 15G for half-year. A sum of £14 had been deferred for not having material broken, and which was not his fault as he had been waiting for County Council Stonebreaker since August.

"It was decided that the County Surveyor submit a report as regards Road 15G to next meeting of the County Council to be held on 11th January 1921".

Mr. Michael Doyle, Commercial House, Newtownbarry, Road Contractor, wrote claiming £41: 10: 0: for three Special Works:- (1) Contract for Slaney Bridge. (2) Bunclody Bridge. (3) Mall Sewer.

"The County Surveyor stated that Mr. Doyle had made a clerical

error in his claim as he had included £12 which should not have been brought to account so that his actual claim was for £29: 10: 0.

The County Surveyor also disputed the figures given by Mr. Doyle. There was a small balance due on one of the contracts which would be paid Mr. Doyle if he carried out the work.

In connection with Road 10E, 71E & 72E, Mr. Doyle made claims for £15: 15: 0.

The County Surveyor disputed the statements made in Mr. Doyle's communication.

"The Committee considered that having regard to the evidence submitted to them, the County Surveyor had dealt with all Mr. Doyle's contracts in a reasonable way".

The County Surveyor stated he had been unable owing to pressure of work to have the figures of contracts ready for the present meeting.

"It was decided that these matters be adjourned to the meeting of the County Council to be held in February 1921".

Timber Haulage.

Edward Byrne, Clonmore, Bree, asked permission of the Council to haul timber for Mr. George Nolan, Builder, Waterford, from Carrigbyrne to New Ross. He stated he was prepared to pay 1/- per ton for damages and not to haul any time the road was soft. Load would be in Winter 15 tons on two wagons, and 21 tons in Summer in three wagons. He stated he would commence work about the end of January.

Mr. Byrne came before the Council and after discussion the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Murphy, seconded by Mr. Culleton:-

"That Mr. E. Byrne, Clonmore, Bree, be allowed to haul timber from Carrigbyrne to New Ross, provided he pays £1 per day when hauling, this amount to be expended on the road, and permission to haul being subject to the County Surveyor stopping work at any time he considers it necessary to have the road repaired. That Mr. Byrne agree not to start haulage until March on a date to be fixed between him and the County Surveyor. That the same terms apply to other persons or firms engaged in the haulage of timber over the roads of the County .

Road from Ballybanogue to Poulmounty.

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

"That if the funds of the County Council permit the road from Ballybanogue to Poulmounty be put into suitable repair, material and labour to be obtained locally".

Collection of Motor Duty.

The Secretary having asked for instructions as to the collection of motor duty the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Cummins, seconded by Mr. Simon Kehoe:-

"That Dail Eireann be requested to inform this County Council if new Motor Taxes are to be collected by County Councils".

Prosecutors' and Witnesses' Expenses.

The Secretary asked if he would apply for refund of amounts paid by the County Council for Prosecutors' & Witnesses' Expenses to 30th September 1920.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. C. Culleton, seconded by Mr. James Byrne:-

"That our Secretary apply for recoupment of amounts advanced for Prosecutors' & Witnesses' Expenses up to 30th September 1920".

Diseases of Animals Acts.

The Secretary asked for instructions of the Council as to applying to the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction for refund of sums paid under Diseases of Animals Acts, and if expenses under this head would in future be met by the Co. Council.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Culleton, seconded by Mr. James Byrne:-

"That the administration of Diseases of Animals Acts, including payment and recoupment of Expenses etc., be continued, procedure to be the same as obtained in the past".

University Scholarship Scheme.

On the motion of Mr. Redmond, seconded by Mr. J. J. O'Byrne, (Raheen) the following resolution was adopted:-

"That recommendations of Scholarship Committee as regards University Scholarship Scheme be and are hereby adopted. That

University Scholarship Scheme be printed and supplied Secondary Schools of the County. That recommendations of Scholarship Committee relative to Primary Scholarship Scheme be considered at next meeting of this County Council".

Food & Drugs Acts.

Under date 4th January 1921, the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction (G.13-21) wrote that an officer of the Department obtained on 26th November 1920 at Enniscorthy, four samples of butter for analysis which were proved by County Analyst to be pure.

Mountgarrett Bridge.

Under date 5th January 1921, Mr. T. Drew, Secretary Kilkenny County Council, wrote calling attention to the condition of Mountgarrett Bridge. It was not feasible to close it, and repairs would cost an immediate outlay of £2000 if the structure were to be kept open to traffic. As regards the cost of reconstruction, a tender had been received for £18,000 one-fourth of which would be contributed by the Ministry of Transport. The Kilkenny County Council had a deposit of £2500 so that the amount to be raised by Rates would not be more than £4500, which would be raised in rates in a two year period.

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

"That Kilkenny County Council be informed that at present owing to withholding of Government Grants, and Rate Collectors lodging rates in their own names, the County Council have but a very small amount of money to their credit, and would not be able to contribute anything towards the cost of reconstruction of Mountgarrett Bridge. Further, this Council has no money on deposit for this purpose. But they hereby guarantee to raise half of Wexford's contribution towards cost of new bridge in Rates for 1921-22, and the balance in Rates for 1922-23, and which is the only course open to this Council at present".

Grant for Employment of Ex-Servicemen.

Under date 8th January 1921, the Ministry of Transport wrote I.R.U./32/Wexford, that they were prepared to pay £2000 to cover the wages of ex-service men obtained through Wexford Labour Exchange and employed upon the following:-

Quarrying etc. at Ferrybank and Ferrycarig.

Improving of Ferrycarig and Enniscorthy Road and improving and repairing various roads in the neighbourhood of Wexford, about 97 ex-servicemen to be employed for a period of ten weeks.

The Ministry asked to be advised whether the County Council were prepared to accept payment for any such grant or whether they would prefer payment should be made to the County Surveyor who would account to the Ministry of Transport for the expenditure.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Culleton, seconded by Mr. James Byrne:-

"that the Ministry of Transport be informed this Council are of opinion it would be more satisfactory to have the proposed grant of £2000 for employment of ex-servicemen as per letter of the Ministry of 8th January 1921 (I.R.U/32/Wexford) and previous correspondence administered directly by the County Surveyor who is hereby instructed to comply with the directions contained in letter of Ministry of Transport referred to in this resolution. That the County Surveyor apply to the Ministry of Transport for the sum of £500 on account, to start work, and to the Labour Exchange for special registration Cards (R/E.D.24) to enable him to submit specified particulars as regards wages".

Money due for Machinery.

Under date 7th January 1921, Messrs. M.J. O'Connor & Co., Solicitors, Wexford, on behalf of Thompson's Motor Car Co. Ltd., forwarded letter from Mr. Charles Thompson, Director of the Company, and letter from Mr Varley, Solicitor for Eagle Engineering Co. Ltd., Warwick, as to amount (£3170) due for machinery. Messrs. O'Connor hoped the Council would be good enough to pay this amount within the present month, because otherwise proceedings would be taken against Mr. Thompson who would have to protect himself by taking proceedings against the County Council, a course which Messrs. O'Connor & Co. hoped would be unnecessary by the Council being financed meantime.

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

"That Messrs. O'Connor & Co., Solicitors for Messrs. Thompson's Motor Car Co. Ltd., be informed that the Council have no wish to

repudiate liability for payment of machinery ordered through the Company, but that at present moment from circumstances which are very generally understood the Council are unable to discharge their indebtedness. They applied to the National Bank for overdraft which was agreed to only on terms that could not be accepted by the Council. We hereby direct our County Surveyor to apply to the Ministry of Transport for payment of one-third of cost of this machinery as already promised by them. Every effort will be made by the Council to secure the fulfilment of the promise of the Ministry of Transport with as little delay as possible. When money comes to hand it will be paid over at once to Messrs. Thompson Motor Car Co. The Council are doing all they can to secure funds for the discharge of their liabilities and to carry on their business. They will, out of the first monies which reaches their hands, pay off the balance of this account left over after payment of grant from the Ministry of Transport".

Demands on Urban Districts.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Michael Byrne, seconded by Mr. Culleton:-

"That the Urban Districts of New Ross and Wexford be asked to pay demand of County Council which was due on 1st December 1920, or in the alternative to pay a substantial portion on account in view of the fact that the County Council needs funds very urgently"..

Claim against Co. Council & Insurance Co.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Foley, seconded by Mr. J.J. O'Byrne (Gorey):-

"That in view of the fact that, as regards certain claims against the County Council in which the latter are nominal defendants and the cases are in reality actions against the Insurance Company, and taking into consideration the agreement entered into by the Company and the old County Council we have no objection to our Solicitor (Mr. R.W. Elgee) appearing on behalf of the Insurance Company to defend such claims".

Unemployment.

Under date 5th January 1921, Circular was received from Dublin Castle calling attention to copy of Circular letter addressed by the

Ministries of Health to Local Authorities in England and Scotland on the subject of the measures to be taken to lessen the unemployment which has been caused by the present depression in trade. The Government hoped that if the occasion arises all employers of labour in Ireland would give the suggestions submitted as to "part time" employment their utmost consideration.

"No Order"

Rate Collection.

Sir T. H. G. Esmonde, Bart., Ballynestragh, Inch, wrote under date 3rd January 1921, that although there was no obligation on him to pay Poor Rates for his weekly tenants in the town of Gorey, and on whom he had not raised the rents, he had, to oblige the Council, given instructions for the payment of Rates to the 1919 amount for this time.

"It was decided that the matter be postponed until the payment of Rates in the town of Gorey had been resumed".

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

"That in view of the present straightened position of the finances of the Council we call on the Rate Collectors who have remained loyal to the Council to use every effort to obtain prompt payment of Rates, and we also call on the County Councillors for the divisions included in these Rate Collectors the absolute necessity of encouraging ratepayers to pay such Collectors without delay".

Next Meeting.

It was decided that next meeting of the County Council will be held on 25th January 1921.

-----ooOoo-----

(Signed) _____

Presiding Chairman

Dated this day of 19

SPECIAL MEETING. 25th JANUARY 1921.

A Special Meeting of the Wexford County Council was held in the County Hall, Wexford, on 25th January 1921.

Present:- Mr. John J. O'Byrne (Vice-Chairman) presiding.

Also:- Messrs. John Murphy, John J. O'Byrne, (Ballyduff Camolin), Michael Redmond, Thomas Murphy, E.P. Foley, R. Corish, G. Devereux, C. Culleton, Simon Kehoe, J. Cummins, James Hall, P. Byrne, P. Buckley and D. Kavanagh.

The Secretary and the County Surveyor were also in attendance.

Co-option of Members.

Under date 21st January 1921, Mr. P. White, Secretary, Trades & Labour Council, wrote that at a special meeting it was decided to send the name of Mr. Thomas Walsh, P.L.G. High Street, Wexford, for co-option on County Council vice Mr. L. Radford.

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

"That Mr. Thomas Walsh, P.L.G. High Street, Wexford, be co-opted a Member of this Council vice Mr. Laurence Radford, (arrested)".

Mr. Thomas McCarthy, 17 George Street, Enniscorthy, wrote under date 11th January 1921, that it would be impossible for him to attend the meetings of the County Council regularly and act vice Mr. James Doyle (arrested).

Mr. A.A. Connolly, Clerk R.D. Council, Enniscorthy, wrote under date 18th January 1921, that the question of representative of Enniscorthy R.D. Council vice Mr. James Doyle (arrested) would be considered at the meeting of the Council on 26th inst.

Appointments on Committees,

The following resolutions were adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish, seconded by Mr. Culleton:-

"That Mr. Patrick Byrne, Camolin, Ferns, be appointed a member of the Asylum Committee vice Mr. John O'Byrne, Gorey, (arrested)".

"That Mr. Thomas Walsh, P.L.G. be appointed a member of the County Wexford Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction, vice Mr. Laurence Radford (arrested)".

"That Mr. Thomas Walsh, P.L.G. High Street, Wexford, be appointed a member of the Proposal Committee of the County Council vice Mr.

Laurence Radford (arrested)".

"That Mr. Patrick Byrne, M.C.C. be appointed a member of Coolgreany & Gorey (No. 4) Old Age Pension Sub-Committee vice Mr. John O'Byrne, Gorey (arrested)".

"That Mr. Patrick Buckley, Clonroche, be appointed a member of Enniscorthy & Killealy (No. 5) Old Age Pension Sub-Committee, vice Mr. A.F. Smith M.C.C. (arrested)".

Rate Collection.

Under date 13th January 1921, Mr. James Shortle, Castlebridge, wrote thanking the Co. Council for electing him as Rate Collector for No. 2 Collection District, but he was sorry he was not able to accept the position,

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Foley, seconded by Mr. Simon Kehoe:-

"That Mr. Thomas Sutton, Tomlane. Oylegate, be appointed Rate Collector for No. 2 Collection District, vice Mr. G. Rossiter dismissed".

Under date 19th January 1921, the Department of Local Government Dail Eireann wrote (ref 208-21) that as the Council was of opinion Mr. Patrick Byrne was qualified for the position of Rate Collector and undertakes to carry out the orders issued to him, his appointment was sanctioned.

Under date 24th January 1921, Mr. John Banville, late Rate Collector, wrote forwarding £151: 1: 4 amount of Rates which he had collected on second moiety.

This amount was certified as correct by Mr. Finn, Official Rate Checker.

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

"That cheque for £151:1:4 received this date from Mr. John Banville, late Rate Collector, be lodged to No. 3 account".

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

"That each County Councillor take it on himself to get into touch with the Local Volunteers in his immediate District and also help the Rate Collectors in every possible way he can to influence ratepayers to

pay Rates promptly".

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

"That the new Rate Collectors be instructed to furnish Personal Security viz:- themselves and two sureties in the sum of £500 jointly and severally for the protection of the Council against fraud and embezzlement".

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

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

"That the question of superannuation to Messrs. Banville and Mullett, late Rate Collectors, be considered at next meeting of the County Council and that the question of amount of compensation (if any) to be voted Mr. E. Cummins be adjourned until first meeting after the close of the current financial year".

Martial Law Advertisement.

In connection with the advertisement issued in the name of the Council by the Secretary the latter read the following letter under date 13th January 1921 from Lieut. Johns, for Officer Commanding Troops, Wexford:-

"I herewith order that you cause the following announcement to be made by advertisement to the Towns and Villages in the area under your control, the announcement to be signed by yourself or other responsible person on your Council".

The Secretary added that in view of this letter no course was open to him but to publish advertisement or take the consequences of refusal.

Financial.

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

"That the following sums be transferred to Public Bodies:-

Enniscorthy Guardians £150, Gorey Guardians £100, New Ross Guardians £100, Wexford Guardians £100 (all for outdoor relief) Asylum £1000 and County Wexford Infirmary £100 (all to be deducted from demands on County Council). Also that a sum of £1000 (on a/c) be forwarded Messrs.

Thompson's Motor Car Co., on foot of cost of Machinery, and in view of letters received from Messrs. O'Connor & Co. Solicitors, Wexford, under date 17th January 1921, threatening to serve a Writ on the County Council unless this money was paid forthwith".

Proposed Tenancy of Portion of County Hall,

Mr. R. Corish applied on behalf of Mr. C.E. Vize, Westgate, to rent for a short period portion of County Hall. Mr. Vize was obliged to leave his present house which was being taken over by his landlord, and had been unable to secure a suitable house.

Mr. Kavanagh proposed that the portion of premises on ground floor of County Hall be rented to Mr. Vize. Mr. Corish seconded.

As an amendment Mr. John Murphy proposed:- "That the question of letting of premises at County Hall be adjourned to meeting to be held on 8th February".

Mr. Simon Kehoe seconded.

On a show of hands the Chairman declared the amendment carried.

Mr. Treanor, Senior Assistant Surveyor.

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

"That Mr. Thomas Treanor, Senior Assistant Surveyor, be granted two months' holidays".

Maintenance of Roads.

Under date 20th January 1921, (No. 263/21 Wexford County) the Minister for Local Government Dail Eireann, wrote that as pointed out in Circular letter of 30th September last the main expenditure should be on the bye-roads of the County rather than on the principal thoroughfares which were at present utilised for transport purposes by the Army of Occupation"

"No Order"

On the motion of Mr. Foley, seconded by Mr. Hall, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That owing to the exceptional circumstances in which the County Council find themselves financially, the County Surveyor communicate with hauliers on roads and who are, in consequence of the weight of vehicles used by them, responsible for grave injury to roads, and request them to make a contribution towards the repair of such damage".

Mount St. Benedict, Gorey.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted on the motion of Mr. J.J. O'Byrne, (Ballyduff) seconded by Mr. P. Byrne:-

"That we, the Wexford County Council place on record our earnest desire for the continuance of the Benedictine College and Monastery at Mount St. Benedict, Gorey.

We know the good work and influence of Religious Houses wherever established, and we have seen the disastrous results following the expulsion of religious from Monasteries in other countries.

Mount St. Benedict is one of the leading Colleges in Ireland, the closing of which would be a calamity not only to the County Wexford, but to the cause of Catholic Education in Ireland.

The President of Mount St. Benedict is a very large employer in a district in which employment is exceedingly scarce, paying more than Three Thousand Pounds in wages yearly. The removal of Mount St. Benedict would mean great loss and suffering to many families.

That copies of this resolution be sent to:-

His Lordship the Bishop of Ferns.

Right Rev. Abbott Butler O.S.B. Downside Abbey, Stratton-on-Fosse, Bath, England.

Rev. Father Sweetman, O.S.B. Mount St. Benedict, Gorey".

Farmers' Union and County Hall.

An application was read from Mr. Doran, Secretary, County Wexford Farmers' Union, for use of County Hall, for Annual General Meeting on 29th inst.

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

"That County Wexford Farmers' Association be allowed the use of County Hall for Annual Meeting on 29th January 1921".

Mr. Corish dissented from the resolution .

Primary Scholarship Scheme.

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

"That the Scholarship Scheme for Pupils of Primary Schools as presented by Scholarship Committee, be and is hereby adopted, that same

be printed and that the County Council at a future Meeting fix date for Scheme to come into operation".

Foot & Mouth Disease.

Orders of Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction No. 441, 493 and 494 (24th Nov. 1915, 18th January 1921 and 19th January 1921) as to outbreak of Foot & Mouth Disease at the premises of John C. Ruskell, Ballyrichard, Arklow, and restrictions relative thereto were explained to the meeting, but no action was taken.

Rate Estimates.

It was decided that no credits be taken in Estimates for forthcoming financial year 1921-22 for government grants as the Council did not anticipate any sums would be received under this head. Also that a Special Meeting of Finance Committee be summoned to deal with Estimates when same have been prepared by the Secretary.

University Scholarship Scheme.

Under date 18th December 1921, (Ref. 233/21) the Minister for Local Government (Dail Eireann) forwarded opinion of Council that Laurence J. Walsh was entitled to University Scholarship under the Co. Wexford County Council, notwithstanding the fact that he had adopted the Religious Life.

Ministry of Transport-Roads & Bridges.

Under date 13th January 1921, the Ministry of Transport wrote (I.R.G./No. 2) that the information they asked for on 29th April 1920, as to Road and Bridge Programme had not yet been received by them.

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

"That letter from Ministry of Transport under date 13th January 1921 (I.R.G. No. 2) be referred to the County Surveyor".

Mountgarrett Bridge.

Under date 19th January 1921, the Ministry of Transport wrote (I.R.G./32/Wexford) that they proposed making a Grant amounting to £2250 towards the County Wexford portion of the cost of reconstruction of Mountgarrett Bridge, the cost of which was estimated at £18,000.

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

"That the Kilkenny County Council be requested to state, if they are prepared to finance the cost of re-construction of Mountgarrett Bridge until Wexford County Council find themselves in a position to repay Kilkenny County Council, for any advances made on behalf of this Council. We desire to point out that we propose in next Estimate of Rate to raise £3375 being half cost of this work to Wexford County, and will raise the other moiety in financial year 1922-23".

Grant for Ex-Service Men.

Under date 24th January 1921, Mr. James Connors, Secretary Irish Transport & General Workers' Union, Gorey Branch, forwarded the following resolution:-

"That we the Members of the Gorey Branch of the Irish Transport & General Workers' Union respectfully ask the Wexford County Council for part of the grant allowed for the roads in this district as there is a great need for employment at present. We would also ask your Council to make it a general work for all Union Workers as there are not many ex-service men in this Union".

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

"That our Secretary inform Secretary Gorey Branch, Irish Transport & General Workers' Union that no grant has been made by the Ministry of Transport for roads in Gorey, and also that grants of this nature can be spent only on the employment of ex-service men. We request the County Surveyor to endeavour to interest some prominent residents in Gorey District to help secure from the Ministry of Transport a grant for the re pair of Gorey Roads".

Criminal Injuries (Ireland) Act 1920.

The Secretary explained to the meeting the effect of the provisions of Criminal Injuries (Ireland) Act 1920.

Courtown Harbour.

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

"That six months' notice be given Messrs. Pooley & Co., 24 Lower Abbey Street, Dublin, as to determination of agreement for payment of £3 for maintenance of Weighbridge at Courtown Harbour".

Injury to Road at Fisherstown.

Under date 10th January 1921, Mr. R.H. Hyland, Sea Lawn, Sutton, Co. Dublin, wrote that the tenants on Fisherstown property entered into an agreement some years ago to keep banks protecting the land and road in repair. They do not seem to have done so, and he would be glad if the County Council would use their influence to induce the tenants to do their duty to their fellow tenants as well as to the public.

"The County Surveyor mentioned that the damage to road had been repaired since last meeting".

The Public Health (Medical Treatment of Children)

(Ireland) Act 1919 and Regulations.

The Secretary explained the provisions of above Act and Regulations under same, issued by Local Government Board, Dublin, under date 31st December 1920, (61034-1919 Miscellaneous) and Circular letter (62826-1920 Miscellaneous) issued by Local Government Board under date 20th January 1921.

Motor Driving Licenses.

In connection with letter from Ocean Accident & Guarantee Corporation Ltd., 36-44 Moorgate Street, London E.C. 2, as to contribution to be made by them for advertisement on outside of back cover of Motor driving licenses, the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. J. Murphy, seconded by Mr. S. Kehoe:-

"That the Ocean Accident & Guarantee Corporation Ltd., be requested to state what would be the percentage of total cost of printing Motor Driving License they would be prepared to contribute for consent of County Council to allow of advertisement appearing on back cover of these licenses. That this Company be also requested to furnish draft advertisement with their reply".

Auditor's Report.

Report of Auditor of Local Government Board as to audit of accounts of County Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction (791-1921) and of the Accounts of County Wexford Tuberculosis Committee (755-1921) both in respect of half-year ended 30th September 1920, were laid before the meeting.

Diseases of Animals Acts.

Under date 17th January 1921, the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction wrote (G.1) asking for a Return for Parliamentary purposes of expenditure under Diseases of Animals Acts from 1st January to 31st December 1920.

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

"That our Secretary be directed not to furnish Return under Diseases of Animals Acts for past year to the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction as the information is required for British Parliamentary purposes".

-----ooOoo-----

(Signed) _____

Presiding Chairman

Dated this day of 19

QUARTERLY MEETING. 8th FEBRUARY 1921.

The Quarterly Meeting of the Wexford County Council was held in the County Hall, Wexford on 8th February 1921.

Present:- Mr. John J. O'Byrne, (Vice-Chairman) presiding.

Also:- Messrs. James Byrne, C. Culleton, John Cummins, G. Devereux, Michael Doyle, E. P. Foley, John Murphy, Thomas Murphy, and James Shannon.

The Secretary and County Surveyor were also in attendance.

Confirmation of Minutes.

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and confirmed.

New Member County Council.

Under date 29th January 1921, Mr. A.A. Connolly, Clerk Enniscorthy R.D. Council, wrote that Mr. Walter J. Furlong, Dranagh, Caim, Enniscorthy, had been appointed to represent Enniscorthy Rural District Council on the County Council, vice Mr. James Doyle (interned)

Appointment on Committees.

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

"That Mr. W.J. Furlong, M.C.C. be appointed a member of Asylum Committee vice Mr. James Doyle resigned. That Mr. Thomas Murphy M.C.C. be appointed a member of County Wexford Infirmary Committee vice Mr. Philip Lennon resigned, and Mr. W.J. Furlong M.C.C. vice Mr. James Doyle resigned. That Mr. W.J. Furlong be appointed on the Proposal Committee vice Mr. James Doyle resigned. That Mr. Thomas Walsh M.C.C. be appointed a member of County Wexford Tuberculosis Committee vice Mr. John Sinnott resigned. That Mr. W.J. Furlong be appointed a Member of No. 5 Old Age Pension Sub-Committee vice Mr. James Doyle resigned.

That Old Age Pension Sub-Committee No. 7 be asked to recommend two Members for appointment on this Committee vice Rev. D.A. Kavanagh C.C. and Mr. John O'Neill.

Mr. G. Devereux resigned as member of the Asylum Committee and, on the motion of Mr. M. Doyle, seconded by the Chairman, Mr. E.P. Foley was elected to the vacancy.

County Wexford Farmers' union & Roads.

Underdate 2nd February 1921, the following resolution was received from the meeting of the County Executive of the Co. Wexford Farmers'

Union:-

"We are of the opinion that a deputation representing the County Executive should confer with the County Council on the question of the upkeep of the roads".

The following attended on the deputation:- Col. Bryan (Chairman) Messrs. W.J. Devereux, J.S. McDonald, R.J. Codd, S. Cullen, W. Boggan, W.C. Metge and J. Deathe.

After considerable discussion the following resolution was unanimously adopted on the motion of Mr. Cummins, seconded by Mr. Shannon:-

"That the various Branches of County Wexford Farmers' Union and the various Branches of County Wexford Labour Unions be requested to appoint an equal number of delegates in each parish for the purpose of forming parish Committees in order to bring about an improvement in the present condition of the roads and in the hope that such Committees will be able to deal with other spheres of public duty in the future".

Representatives of Co. Council on Council of Agriculture.

Under date 31st January 1921, the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction wrote (G.384-21) forwarding Regulations for the appointment of two representatives of the Wexford County Council on the Council of Agriculture to hold office for three years as from 1st April 1921. Copy of Regulations had been furnished each County Councillor.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Cummins, seconded by Mr. James Byrne:-

"That Mr. Michael Doyle and Mr. Christopher Culleton, Members of this Council, be appointed our representatives on the Council of Agriculture to hold office for three years as from 1st April 1921".

Road Contracts of Mr. James Brien, Glenteigue.

"The following resolution was received from the Enniscorthy Rural District Council:-

"That the County Council be requested to re-consider the question of James Brien's claim, as we are of opinion he is entitled to the amount claimed. We would point out that payment was recommended by the old County Council last May".

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman,

seconded by Mr. Culleton:-

"That as claim of Mr. James Brien for extra payment in connection with his road contracts has been considered on two recent occasions by the County Council, and ruled on, a new hearing can only be provided for by Notice of Motion".

Wexford Urban Demand.

The Secretary called attention to the fact that third instalment of Wexford Urban Demand, which was due on 1st December had not yet been paid.

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

"That we again call on Wexford Urban Council to pay the third instalment of demand on them by County Council as the money is urgently needed".

School Attendance Committees.

Under date 5th January 1921, the Secretary, Irish National Education Office, wrote that the period of service of New Ross Rural District School Attendance Committee would expire on 30th April 1921, and the County Council as Local Authority under the Irish Education Act 1892 should, in the meantime, proceed to the appointment of their five representatives on the Committee to hold office.

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

"That as recommended by New Ross Rural District Council the following be appointed as representatives of Wexford County Council on New Ross Rural District School Attendance Committee to hold office from 1st May 1921 to 30th April 1924:-

Messrs. Michael Donovan D.C. Berkeley, New Ross.

Michael Doyle, D.C. Tellarought, Cassagh, New Ross.

Patrick Condon D.C. Meelgarrow Clonroche, Enniscorthy.

William Byrne, Camblin, New Ross.

Denis Cummins, Raheenduff, Adamstown."

Under date 1st February 1921, the Secretary, National Education Office, wrote that the period of service of Gorey Rural District School Attendance Committee, would expire on 31st May next, and the County

Council as Local Authority under Irish Education Act 1892, should appoint their five representatives on the Committee to hold office for three years as from 1st June 1921.

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

"That Gorey Rural District Council be requested to recommend five Members of Gorey Rural District School Attendance Committee to be appointed by Wexford County Council as Local Authority, and which Committee is to take office for three years as from 1st June 1921".

Mr. M. Byrne, Gorey Rural District School Attendance Committee reported that Mr. Robert Spencer, a member of the Committee had resigned, and Messrs. John Sheehan, and Patrick Doyle, Members, had been disqualified after being absent from six successive meetings of the Committee.

The Gorey Rural District Council recommended the appointment of Messrs. John Sheehan, Ballynestragh, Gorey, John Gannon, Tara Hill, Gorey, and Michael Kinsella, Monareagh, Coolgreaney, Gorey, to fill the vacancies.

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

"That Messrs. John Sheehan, Ballynestragh, Gorey, John Gannon, Tara Hill, Gorey, and Michael Kinsella, Monareagh, Coolgreaney, be appointed members of Gorey Rural District School Attendance Committee up to 1st June 1921, vice Mr. Robert Spencer, resigned, and Messrs. John Sheehan and Patrick Doyle disqualified for non-attendance at meetings of said Committee".

Letting County Hall.

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

"That the question of letting premises at County Hall except for day meetings be postponed for the present".

New Rate Collectors & their Sureties.

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

That the following be accepted as Sureties for the undermentioned

Collectors:-

William Quirke, Ballyruan, Screen, and Patrick Quirke, Hayestown, Murrintown, for James Quirke, (No. 1 District).

Aidan Sutton, Tomlane, Oylegate, and Daniel Dempsey, Graanrue, Edermine, for Thomas Sutton (No. 2 District).

James Murphy, 92 South Main Street, Wexford, and Robert Moran, Quay Wexford, for Richard Sinnott (no. 4 District).

Patrick Kelly, Garrynisk, Edermine, and John Bolger, Coolnaboy, Oylegate, for Matthew Kelly (No. 6 District).

Laurence Cummins, Ballylucas, Ballymurn, and Patrick Foley, Ballykelly, Ballymurn, for W. Cummins, (No. 11 District).

Patrick Keating, Ballyconigar, Blackwater, and John O'Leary, Monanarigg, Blackwater, for John Carty, (No. 12 District).

John Sheehan, Ballynestragh, Gorey, and Michael Doyle, Upper Island, Graanford, for William Doyle, (No. 13 District).

Thomas Kinsella, Market Square, Gorey, and Thomas Whelan, Annagh Middle, Gorey, for Mrs. K. McGrath (No. 15 District).

Mrs. Mary Kane, Parkannesley House, Clonevan, and John P. Sinnott, Cahore, Gorey, for John Sinnott (No. 16 District).

John Redmond, Barracks, Adamstown, and Mrs. Anastasia Murphy, Shanoule, Foulksmills, for James Murphy (No. 19 District).

James Curtis, Scullabogue, Carrigbyrne, and Terence Doyle, Scullabogue, for John Curtis (No. 20 District).

Joseph Harte, Tinnock, Campile, and Thomas Hanlon, Gusserane, New Ross, for Thomas Sullivan (No. 21 District).

National Bank as Treasurer.

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

"That the National Bank, Wexford, be re-instated as Treasurer to the Wexford County Council".

Ex-Rate Collectors and Lodgments.

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

"That as this County Council of Wexford have reinstated the National Bank, Wexford, as their Treasurer, we hereby call on Messrs. John A. Ryan,

G. Rossiter, J.J. Barry, Joseph Day, P. Rossiter, John Mullett, P. Codd, P. Redmond, M. Tobin, M.J. Sheehan, P.J. Nolan, J.C. Smith, J.J. Fowler, J.L. Doyle and James Cogley, ex-Rate Collectors, who have monies of this Council collected as Poor Rates in their hands to lodge same with this Council by cheque payable to The Treasurer Wexford County Council".

Proposals for Payment.

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

"That the several Proposals for Payment in relation to matters other than public Works and in respect of quarter ended 31st December 1921, be adopted and paid as recommended by the Proposal Committee and the Finance Committee".

-----ooOoo-----

(Signed) _____

Presiding Chairman

Dated this day of 19

MEETING.- 24th FEBRUAR. 1921.

A Meeting of the Wexford County Council was held in the County Hall, Wexford, on 24th February 1921.

Present:- Mr. John J. O'Byrne (vice-Chairman) presiding.

Also:- Messrs. Michael Byrne, Richard Corish, C. Culleton, John Cummins G. Devereux, E.P. Foley, D. Kavanagh, Simon Kehoe, and Michael Redmond.

The Secretary and County Surveyor were in attendance.

Confirmation of Minutes.

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and confirmed.

Estimate of Rate.

The figures for Estimate of Rate for General and Separate Charges were before the Finance Committee, which submitted the following recommendation:-

"That we refer back Asylum Demand to the Committee of this Institution, and that we request the Medical Superintendent to arrange for the holding of a Special Meeting of the Committee for reconsideration of the various items in Demand, in view of the downward tendency of prices for provisions etc."

This recommendation was confirmed on the motion of Mr. Foley, seconded by Mr. Devereux.

The following recommendation of the Finance Committee was confirmed on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Foley:-

"That in view of the fact that the Estimate for Wexford Guardians shows such a considerable increase as compared with the other Unions, we request reconsideration of same by the Board, and believe it would be advisable that a special meeting should be called for the purpose".

The following recommendation of Finance Committee was confirmed on the motion of Mr. Foley, seconded by Mr. Devereux:-

"That the various demands of Public Bodies financed by the County Council, be returned to each body concerned. That they be each requested to appoint Committees to reconsider same in detail and that these Committees be given a permanent status for consideration of matters connected with finance".

Demands of Public Bodies.

In connection with the Demands of Public Bodies, the following

recommendation of the Finance Committee was confirmed, on the motion of Mr. Cummins, seconded by Mr. Corish:-

"That twenty per cent of the amounts outstanding on foot of demands of Public Bodies be paid Asylum, County Infirmary, and Boards of Guardians, but that no payment be made at this meeting to District Councils. That, in future, it is possible the Co. Council will have to meet the demands of Boards of Guardians by payments in proportion to the amount of Rate collected in each District as regards present financial half-year".

Letters from Mr. J.J. Rochford, Clerk New Ross Union, under date 21st February 1921, and from Mr. A.A. Connolly, Clerk Enniscorthy Union, under date 23rd February 1921, asking for substantial payments on foot of Union Demands were read in connection with above resolution.

Claim of Thompson's Motor Car Co. v. Co. Council
for Machinery.

Correspondence from Eagle Engineering Co. Sheffield, Mr. Charles Thompson (Thompson's Motor Car Co. Ltd. Dublin) Messrs. M.J. O'Connor & Co. Solicitors for Messrs. Thompson's Motor Car Co. as to payment for machinery ordered by the County Surveyor from Thompsons Motor Car Co., and to be supplied by Eagle Engineering Co., Sheffield, was submitted.

In letter under date 10th February 1921, Mr. C. Thompson, Managing Director, Thompson's Motor Car Co. Ltd. wrote:-

"We presume Mr. O'Connor, Solicitor, had told you that the Eagle Engineering Co. have issued a Writ and we shall be glad if you will let us know how soon you can send us along another £1000, or even £500 would help to keep them quiet".

The Finance Committee recommended the adoption of the following resolution which was confirmed on the motion of Mr. Redmond, seconded by Mr. Cummins:-

"That a sum of £500 be paid on foot of claim of Messrs. Thompson's Motor Car Co. Dublin, for supply of machinery, but that no consideration be given to any further application for payment unless the four tariler waggons paid for by this Council be delivered to them".

Finance Committee Agenda.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Foley,

seconded by Mr. Devereux:- "That agenda paper for weekly meetings of Finance Committee be issued in future to the members of the Committee".

Expenditure on County Hall.

In connection with expenditure for gas fittings etc. on County Hall, the following resolution was adopted, on the motion of Mr. Cummins, seconded by Mr. Kavanagh:-

"That Messrs. R. Corish, G. Devereux and E.P. Foley, be appointed a special Committee to consider amounts spent in connection with fitting up the County Hall as Officed, that they be requested to report to next meeting of the County Council".

Rate Collection.

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

"That our Solicitor be instructed to supply for the information of the Council draft form of bond for personal security to be entered into by Rate collectors".

Under date 20th February 1921, Mr. John Maguire, Ballinakill Ferns, recently appointed Rate Collector for No. 14 Collection District wrote that he was unable to carry out the Collection and therefore asked the County Council to accept his resignation.

Under date 22nd February 1921, Mr. William Roche, Tomgarrow, Adamstown, wrote that he had resigned from the R.I.C. in August last and understood that employment would be secured for any man who do so, by the representatives of the people. Though six months out of work, he had not as yet been offered any position. As vacancies for Rate Collectors had occurred in the meantime he felt sure that had his case come under the notice of the County Council they would have given it favourable consideration. He trusted that his case would be borne in mind when next a vacancy occurred. Men who resigned with him had been given employment almost immediately.

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

"That William Roche, Tomgarrow, Adamstown, Enniscorthy, be

provisionally appointed Rate Collector for No. 14 Collection District vacant through resignation of Mr. John Maguire, appointment to be confirmed at next meeting if it meets with the approval of Mr. James Hall, Mr. Patrick Byrne, and Mr. J.J. O'Byrne (Raheen) County Councillors for the District".

Under date 28th January 1921, Mr. Michael Maher, 28 Island Road, Enniscorthy, wrote that his brother Mr. Thomas Maher, who had been appointed Collector for No. 7 Collection District, could not for "certain reasons" accept the position. The writer, would however, be prepared to act. The Collection Books were in the possession of the R.I.C. Newtownbarry, and it was not therefore possible to proceed with the Collection. He (Mr. Maher) had been asked if duplicate collecting Books could be supplied.

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

"That Mr. Michael Maher, 28 Island Road, Enniscorthy, be appointed Rate Collector for No. 7 Collection District, vice Mr. Thomas Maher, Main Street, Enniscorthy, who is unable to act. That the County Councillors concerned endeavour to arrange for surrender of Collecting Books for Mr. Maher".

Miss McCarthy, Rate Collector for No. 5 District gave as her sureties, Messrs. Charles McCarthy, Murrintown, and John O'Neill Dennistown.

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

"That Messrs. C. McCarthy Murrintown and John O'Neill, Dennistown Murrintown, be accepted as sureties for Miss Agnes McCarthy, Rate Collector for No. 5 District".

The Council and Local Government Board.

The Secretary submitted correspondence from Local Government Board, Dublin (letter No. 2268/1921 Wexford Co. under date 26th January 1921 as to position of Mr. John Ryan) (letter No. 2083 1921 under date 1st February, as to position of Mr. James L. Doyle) (letter No. 4566-1921, Wexford Co., under date 23rd February 1921, re Rate Collection).

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

"That all officials of this Council be warned that they will be severely dealt with if it be ascertained they are corresponding with the Local Government Board, Custom House, Dublin, unless by special directions of this Council".

Motor Duty.

The following was submitted by the Secretary:-

A Notice has appeared in the Daily Papers that "Owing to the neglect or refusal" of certain County Councils (including Wexford) to perform their duties under the Motor Car Acts these duties have been transferred to the Post Office. This statement is untrue as regards Wexford. The duties under Motor Car Acts were most carefully carried out to the end of last year, when a new scale of duties, forms etc. was introduced, and the headquarter administration was handed over to the Ministry of Transport. The latter were to issue forms and instructions to the various County Councils, but they never did so. The "neglect or refusal" consists in not issuing forms which were never supplied or carrying out instructions which were never received. The loss to Wexford County Council annually will be £500.

Roads Committee.

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

"That a Roads Committee to consider and draft the future policy of the County Council as regards road maintenance be appointed".

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

"That the Roads Committee be comprised of the Chairmen of the four

Rural District Councils, viz:- Enniscorthy- Mr. Walter J. Furlong, Gorey- Mr. Patrick Byrne, New Ross- Mr. Michael Byrne, Wexford- Mr. C. Culleton, Messrs. E. Foley and R. Corish, representing the County Council, two Members of Farmers' Union, one representing North Wexford, and the other, South Wexford, two Members of the Transport Union, one representing North Wexford and the other, South Wexford, with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the County Council, who are ex-officio members of all Committees appointed by the Council.

That the first meeting of the Committee be held on Thursday 3rd March 1921 at 11 o'clock".

Malicious Injuries Charges.

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

"That the amount raised for payment of Criminal Injury decrees in current rates be merged in the general rate of the Council".

Applications were received from Messrs. P.J. O'Flaherty & Son, Solicitors, Enniscorthy, for payment of Malicious Injury decrees on behalf of the following:-

Stephen G. Moore, Clonmel, Mary Anne Murphy, Ballynahallin, Edward C. Blacker, Woodbrook, Thomas Fitzpatrick, Thomas Asple, Galbally, Lord Carew, Castleboro, Samuel Wheelock, Milehouse and John Browne, Enniscorthy.

"No order"

The Treasurership of the Council.

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

"That in view of the fact that no guarantee will be given by Banks that they will refuse to pay over amounts of Criminal Injury Decrees from the funds of the County Council, we are reluctantly compelled not to accept any Banking Company for the present as our Treasurer".

Gorey R. D. School Attendance Committee.

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

That as recommended by Gorey R.D. Council, Messrs. John Sheehan, John Gannon, Michael Kinsella, Patrick Purcell, and Patrick Byrne

be appointed representatives of County Council on Gorey R.D. School Attendance Committee, to hold office for three years as from 1st June 1921".

Old Age Pension Sub-Committee No. 7.

Under date 15th February 1921, Mrs. Howard, Clerk to No. 7 Old Age Pension Sub-Committee, wrote forwarding recommendation of the Sub-Committee for appointment of Mr. Samuel Hill, New Ross, as a Member.

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

"That Mr. Samuel Hill, New Ross, be appointed a Member of No. 7 Sub-Committee (Old Age Pensions) and that the Committee be requested to recommend some suitable person to fill the second vacancy existing on the Sub-Committee".

Council of Agriculture.

Under date 11th February 1921, the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction wrote (G.522-21) acknowledging receipt of notification of appointment of Mr. Michael Doyle and Mr. Christopher Culleton, as representatives of Wexford County Council on the Council of Agriculture, as from 1st April 1921.

New Ross Bridge.

Under date 10th February 1921, Mr. M. J. Finn, Town Clerk, New Ross, wrote that he had been directed by his Council to draw special attention of the County Council to the condition of the New Ross Bridge and its approaches and to request that the necessary instructions would be given to have both put in a proper state of repair. New Ross Urban was contributing £2300 to the County Council in their present demand and they felt in view of this contribution the ratepayers were entitled to have the bridge and its approaches properly maintained.

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

"That the letter from the Town Clerk, New Ross, under date 10th February 1921, be referred to the County Surveyor".

Larceny of Electric Exploder.

The County Surveyor reported that an Electric Exploder used in

quarry work had been taken from his offices between Saturday 19th February and the morning of Monday 21st. He notified the Police Authorities, and they stated that no more explosives would be supplied the County Council until the Exploder was returned. The County Council had no gelignite now as it was only got from Dublin by special arrangement, with the Military Authorities. He would, however, be able to get a certain amount of material from some of the quarries without using explosives.

Wild Birds' Protection Act.

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

"That our Secretary be instructed not to issue usual Notice under Wild Birds' Protection Act 1894".

Report of County Surveyor.

The following report of the County Surveyor adjourned from last meeting, was read:-

"I am submitting to the Proposal Committee a list of proposals which I consider should be made. There are three items for maintenance of roadways over Bridges and one for rent of tool house at Wexford Bridge. I have supplemental proposal also to complete work at the Deeps Bridge, last Summer I was directed to carry out this by Direct Labour and this sum will be necessary for its completion. Proposal for Kilmore Harbour is to make good the slipway which is at present in an unsatisfactory condition. The repair of timber in New Ross Bridge is an advanced proposal to cover the expenditure for repairs to same from time to time, and Caretaking to cover period between the termination of the contract and the making of the new caretaking contract in September. There was a former proposal for the rebuilding of Mountgarrett Bridge and I am letting this lapse and am bringing forward a new proposal to cover the entire cost of the work taking into account the grant from the Ministry of Transport and that the Kilkenny County Council will contribute half cost. The present proposal will spread the cost over two years. There are three other proposals to cover the expenditure authorised by the County Council under resolution.

I have been in communication with the Kilkenny County Surveyor with regard to the rebuilding of Mountgarrett Bridge and he wants to know what arrangements are to be made with regard to putting the work in hands. He suggests that a Committee of the two Councils be authorised to deal with the matter, and I ask the Council to adopt this.

I shall submit separate reports with regard to a number of claims by contractors which were put in my hands at a recent meeting.

I have received payment on account for the employment of ex-service men, and now have a number of these engaged on the work. In order to have this work carried out properly, I have employed gangers who were formerly in our employment and not ex-service men and the wages of these will be charged to the ordinary proposals and they will be employed full time.

I have forms for the Unemployment Grants Committee with regard to contributions and I ask for your direction with regard to this.

The statistics in connection with the roads and bridges programme 1920 have been forwarded as directed by you.

With regard to Classification of roads I notified the Ministry of Transport when sending in the forms that you were not satisfied with some of the conditions and have a letter in reply stating that the Ministry have noted the views of the County Council in the matter.

Some time ago I was directed to prepare new estimate in connection with the subsidy from the Railway Companies towards the repair of roads over Railway Bridges and I now have this matter in hands. In order to terminate the existing agreements with the Railway Companies formal notice should be sent and I now ask you to direct the Solicitor to deal with this.

Last Autumn Mr. William Murphy, Machinery Overseer, resigned his position and subsequently you fixed terms of new appointment, but no appointment was then made. Later on I employed Mr. Murphy to erect the new Breaker and since I have had him in occasional employment doing special work to carry on with the machinery. He now writes to me that he is willing to take up the permanent position under the terms of the recent advertisement, and I have employed him accordingly subject to your sanction. I may note that particularly

during Mr. Treanor's absence it will be necessary to have a person conversant with the work, in charge, and he could deal with any special difficulty in the quarries. In connection with quarry work I have to report that it will be expressly difficult to carry it out properly, owing to lack of explosives. I have lately had a few small blasts at Ferrybank in the neighbourhood of Wexford and even these are difficult to arrange for.

With your approval I propose to start the men in the quarries and try and get as much material as possible but I should note that in many cases it will be much more expensive without blasting.

I ask your directions as to what system should be adopted in bringing forward proposals before the several R.D. Councils at the April meetings. Formerly all Works were submitted to tender but as the Council now favours "Direct Labour" I wish to know if any tenders should be invited to carry out the work by contract. With regard to road maintenance generally I must state that I do not consider that the former system can possibly keep the roads in condition to stand the present day traffic. Some years ago when I first came to this County I recommended piece work rolling in order to be prepared for this class of traffic, but it was only adopted in a very limited manner. Now I consider it will be necessary to consolidate by roller a large portion of the material on all roads subject to heavy engine or motor traffic, and of course this means that we should own a number of rollers. The Scheme adopted by you last Summer would have provided for this, but owing to finance the matter has fallen through, and I consider the Roads Committee should again take up the matter. Our Motor Lorry has been working at Ferrybank in care of a temporary driver, and I have now ceased this work, and am bringing in Lorry to the County Hall, pending such arrangements as we may be in a position to make for its further use. I have found it necessary in order to save expense of hire to keep men working with the machinery on full time but generally workmen have been engaged only 32 hour week and I ask for your sanction for the continuance of this.

I have had a number of notices served on owners to cut hedges and in the case of those who do not attend to same I am in doubt as to

what procedure should be taken, and I ask for your instructions.

In December last Mr. J.L. Nunn, of Alma, Wexford, made arrangements with Miss Bishop of Ballyboggan Quarry to obtain material for the repair of his avenue, and on the matter coming to my notice I communicated both with Mr. Nunn and Miss Bishop. It appears that Mr. Nunn had agreed with Miss Bishop to purchase material believing that she had the right to sell the stones. The agreed on price was 5/-, which Mr. Nunn paid to Miss Bishop and which she subsequently returned to him, and this has now been handed over to me. I consider that Miss Bishop had no authority whatever to so deal with the County Council material, and I ask for you to impose a penalty to cover the full value of the material. I suggest that Miss Bishop be asked to pay a sum of £2 in addition to the sum already handed over by Mr. Nunn.

I submit the Assistant Surveyors' weekly reports with a synopsis of same".

The paragraph in the report as to Unemployment Grants Committee was referred to Roads Committee on the motion of Mr. Culleton, seconded by Mr. Cummins.

As regards new Estimate in connection with Subsidies from Railway Companies the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Culleton, seconded by Mr. Redmond:-

"That the agreements with the Railway Companies, relative to maintenance of overline bridges and approaches thereto be determined by six months' notice, notice to be served on or before the 1st July 1921, on Great Southern & Western Railway Company, and Dublin & South Eastern Railway Company, and on Fishguard & Rosslare Railways & Harbours Company, on or before the 1st April 1921".

"The question of the permanent appointment of Mr. William Murphy as Machinery Overseer, was specially referred to the Roads Committee on the motion of Mr. Cummins, seconded by Mr. Kavanagh".

"It was also decided to refer the portions of County Surveyor's Report undealt with at present meeting, to the meeting of Roads Committee for consideration .

MEETING.- 15th MARCH 1921.

A Meeting of the Wexford County Council was held in the County Hall, Wexford, on Tuesday, 15th March 1921.

Present: Mr. J. J. O'Byrne (Vice-Chairman) presiding.

Also:- Messrs. R. Corish, James Hall, M. Redmond, Thomas Murphy, G. Devereux, C. Culleton, E.P. Foley, James Shannon.

The County Surveyor and the Accountant were also in attendance.

Dublin Executions.

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

"That we express our admiration at the truly heroic manner in which the six men executed in Dublin on Monday, 14th March 1921, met their fate.

That we tender to the relatives our deepest sympathy".

Arrest of Secretary.

On the motion of Mr. Foley, seconded by Mr. Devereux, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That we protest against the arrest of our Secretary, Mr. N. J. Frizelle, who has evidently been deprived of his liberty along with our Vice-Chairman and several members in order to hamper and impede the administration of this Council".

Leave of Absence.

On the motion of Mr. Foley, seconded by Mr. Devereux, the Secretary was granted leave of absence for the period of his detention".

Appointment of Acting Secretary.

On the motion of Mr. Culleton, seconded by Mr. Foley, Mr. T. A. Frizelle, Accountant, was appointed Acting Secretary during the absence of the Secretary.

Public Bodies Estimates.

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

"That the revised Estimates received from Public Bodies be agreed to except that received from Lunatic Asylum Committee for £34235. This amount being a reduction of only £1000 on the original

should be summoned to again consider the estimate especially the amount included for fuel and light, (£6000) and which we consider excessive.

That the R.M. S. be requested to inform the Council the period over which the 700 tons of coal estimated for carries the Institution, and whether it is proposed to pay for the full amount of this coal during the coming financial year".

As regards Road Estimate adopted by Enniscorthy Rural District Council the County Surveyor pointed out that the sum agreed to by the Rural District Council was £18549: 7: 0, while his estimate was £25566: 2: 6. This meant a reduction of £7016: 18: 6. He stated the amount passed by the Rural District Council was altogether inadequate.

Mr. Hall stated that if the Estimate were again returned to the Enniscorthy Rural District Council it would be further reduced.

After discussion the Estimate as adopted by the Rural District Council was accepted on the motion of Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. Corish, the County Council having no other alternative.

Rate Collection.

Messrs. O'Byrne, (Raheen) and O'Byrne (Camolin) wrote recommending Mr. John Kelly, Clonee, Camolin, for position as Rate Collector to No. 14 Collection District. They considered him more suitable for the district than Mr. William Roche, whose name was suggested at last meeting.

On the motion of Mr. Redmond, seconded by Mr. Shannon, Mr. John Kelly, Clonee, Camolin, was appointed Rate Collector for No. 14 Collection District".

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

"That Mr. William Roche, Tongarrow, Adamstown, be appointed Rate Collector for No. 13 Collection District, vice Mr. Wm. Doyle. resigned".

On the motion of Mr. Devereux, seconded by Mr. Foley, Mr. Patrick Sinnott, Mountaingate, Cleariestown, was offered the appointment as deputy for his brother Mr. Richard Sinnott, recently arrested, Mr. Sinnott to take up the position if Members of the Council ascertain that

he is willing to act.

On the motion of Mr. Foley, seconded by the Chairman, the appointment of deputy in the case of J. Quirke was referred to the Finance Committee.

The following letter was read from Mr. P. Codd, Newtownbarry:-

"I had a letter from the Local Government Board this morning saying that as your Council have re-appointed the National Bank Treasurer, I am to lodge Rates as prescribed by my bond. I have collected no rates up to the present. I am starting to-day, and I hope to have the goodwill of your Council in doing so.

I expect to be able to make some very good lodgments in a few days".

Appointment of Edward Roe.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department that owing to Mr. Roe's carelessness about submitting names of sureties and as he was also under 21 years old his appointment would not be sanctioned. The County Council should make a new appointment.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Murphy, it was decided to request the Local Government Department to sanction Mr. Roe for the present collection period, as he has now submitted names of sureties and he is now working hard at the collection".

Mr. R. W. Elgee submitted Draft Bond for new Rate Collectors".

It was decided that the matter be postponed for the present".

The Meeting considered the state of the Rate Collection.

"It was decided on the motion of the Chairman, that Collectors be urged to expedite their Collections"

The Meeting noted that the following had lodged to the Council's credit amounts of rates collected and which had remained in their personal Accounts:-

G. Rossiter £198: 8: 10, P. Rossiter £1113: 6: 2, E. Cummins £154: 13: 8, J. Banville £151: 1: 4, J. Cogley, £386: 12: 5".

Treasurership.

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

"That the National Bank be appointed Treasurer of the Council and

that Rate Collectors be instructed to lodge Rates collected to Treasurer's Account".

It was also decided that the question of the Treasurership be again considered at the first available meeting after the close of the present financial year".

Payment to Department of Agriculture.

The County Surveyor stated he had included in accounts for present meeting a certificate for payment to Department of Agriculture for dredging at Kilmore.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Foley, it was decided to postpone payment of this Account for the present owing to the Council's financial position".

Financial Position.

The Council considered their present financial position.

The County Surveyor submitted a statement giving particulars of payments urgently requiring attention. As amounts due to Contractors in respect of surrendered roads.

On the motion of Mr. Corish, seconded by the Chairman, the County Surveyor was authorised to certify payments up to £1500 limiting the amount certified to contractors in respect of surrendered Roads to 50 % of the amount due, the County Surveyor to inform those Contractors that the balance cannot be certified until he is informed by them that they have paid the second moiety of their Poor Rate for the current financial year".

Payment to Public Bodies.

Letters were read from the Clerks of the four Unions asking for further payments on account of final instalment of Demands.

On the motion of Mr. Corish, seconded by Mr. Hall, payments were passed in favour of Public Bodies as follows:-

Enniscorthy Lunatic Asylum	£1242
County Infirmary	50
Enniscorthy Union	718
Gorey Union	289
New Ross Union	547
Wexford Union	<u>373</u>

Road and Quarry Work.

The County Surveyor asked for instructions as to whether Road and Quarry Work should be continued.

The Chairman pointed out that the County Surveyor had heard the statement of the financial position explained by the Acting Secretary, and also the discussion thereon at the present meeting.

"The County Surveyor was authorised to notify Workers that if funds permit (that is if Ratepayers pay their Rates) work will continue but should the Rates cease to be paid work must cease".

Hall Committee.

The following report of Special Meeting of Hall Committee was read:-

"Special Meetings of Hall Committee were held on 26th February 1921, and 1st March 1921, when Messrs. R. Corish, E. P. Foley and G. Devereux attended.

On both occasions the sittings were entirely devoted to examination of Bill of Mr. Underwood for Gas fittings etc.

The Committee recommended a deduction in wages from the account of £15:15: 0. They have ascertained that Mr. Underwood pays his gas fitter a wage of £3:10- 6d per week, and helper 15/- per week. or £4:5: 6d per week to the two men. The wages charged for them in the account is £7: 10- -. The Committee consider that the actual wages £4: 5: 6 plus £1: 2: 6d - profit should be enough to allow. Taking the time spent at the work this would mean a reduction in the wages account of £17: 15: 0.

The Committee recommend that £150 on account, should be paid as soon as possible.

The Committee then adjourned for the purpose of checking prices, having checked quantities.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. G. Devereux, it was decided that a further meeting of the Hall Committee to finally dispose of Mr. Underwood's claim".

"That the Account submitted by Mr. T. Malone for Gate etc., at entrance to Machinery Yard be also referred to the Committee".

Mountgarrett Bridge Committee.

The following report of Mountgarrett Bridge Committee was read:-

"The Joint Committee for the Counties of Kilkenny and Wexford met at Mountgarrett Bridge on the 10th inst. The Committee made an inspection of the bridge going under same in a boat and found the timbers generally in a bad condition. It was decided to adjourn the consideration for the re-building of the bridge for three months, and in the meanwhile the two County Surveyors were directed to prepare a plan for the repair of the bridge. It was directed that full steps should be taken to be ready to carry out the repair work if such be decided on and that the necessary timber should be purchased. No actual repair work is to be undertaken at present pending further consideration of the Committee. If it be decided later on that the re-building should be put in hands the purchased timber could be used in the temporary bridge at little or no loss. If it be not found practical this year to commence re-building of the bridge, then the necessary repairs will require to be done during the summer months. The Committee decided to meet again at a later date when the financial state of the Counties can be gone into and to decide on re-building or otherwise accordingly.

The following Members of the Committee attended:-

Messrs. G. Dooley, Thomas Galavan, Patrick galavan, J. J. O'Byrne, and Thomas Murphy.

Mr. Burden, County Surveyor, Kilkenny and Mr. Barry, County Surveyor, Wexford, were also in attendance".

The Chairman pointed out to the County Surveyor that his impression at the Meeting was that the County Surveyor be instructed to make enquiries regarding the price of timber, but the Committee did not give directions for the timber to be purchased.

Roads Committee.

The following Report of Special Roads Committee was read:-

"The first meeting of the newly appointed Roads Committee was held on 3rd March 1921, in the County Hall, Wexford.

Present:- Mr. J. J. O'Byrne (Vice-Chairman) Co. Council) presiding.
also:-

Representing Rural District Councils- Messrs. W. J. Furlong, Chairman, Enniscorthy Rural District Council, and C. Culleton Chairman, Wexford Rural District Council.

Representing Farmers' Union- Messrs. J. S. McDonald and W. Boggan.

Representing Labour Unions- Mr. D. Whelan.

Mr. M. Doran, Secretary County Wexford Farmers' Union, the Secretary to the County Council, Mr. W. F. Barry, County Surveyor, and Messrs. Kehoe, Ennis, Kirby, and Curran, Assistant Surveyors, were also in attendance.

After discussion Mr. M. Boggan proposed and Mr. Corish seconded the following resolution which was adopted nem. con:-

"That the County Surveyor be instructed to furnish particulars of the roads in his charge to each Parish Committee concerned, with amount of material and money available for upkeep, apportioning the latter to (1) amount for cartage of macadam from Quarry to road, (2) amount for spreading of material, and (3) upkeep of water-tables. That the Committees be requested to recommend to the County Surveyor a contractor for Nos. 1, 2, and 3, or for any one or two of these works. That, if the Parish Committees consider material available for any particular road not sufficient, it is requested they would take steps to obtain the necessary balance through field stones or gravel pit, but these classes of material cannot be utilised until they have been approved by the County Surveyor as regards quality and price, or by the Deputy Surveyor of the District, acting on behalf of the County Surveyor".

As regards the quantity of material available, Mr. Ennis stated that the normal supply in his district was 10,000 yards, from County Council quarries, and 5,000 yards of field stones, material broken by contractors and produce of gravel pits. He considered that, under present circumstances, he could only count on 2,000 yards from Co. Council quarries and the usual 5,000 yards supply from other sources.

Mr. Kirby believed the only shortage he could calculate on would be in Carriganeagh and Ballyregan. Gorey Hill would take the place of Carriganeagh, and he had any amount of material in Wicklow Gap and also in Gorey Hill. In the aggregate, he considered he would not be more

than 1,000 cubic yards short as compared with full working.

Mr Curran said he would require usually from 10,000 to 12,000 cubic yards annually. He anticipated being able to get from 75 to 80 per cent of material from County Council quarries.

Mr. Kehoe said that about one-third of his district was maintained by sea gravel, he estimated that about 70 per cent of a full supply would be available.

Mr. Jones, (Assistant Surveyor, New Ross District) was not in attendance.

The Chairman said the County Surveyor and his Assistants had a number of men working on the roads in certain districts on a direct labour scheme, and they were doing very good work. Once March or April was over, these men would have very little to do on the roads, and in normal times, these men could then be put into quarries, get out all the material necessary and have it broken. It would then be a question for the Parish Committees to get the stuff on to the roads, and into the depots as quickly as possible, and then arrange how it was to be spread, either by direct labour or by contract. He believed if the County Council had such a scheme, and with the Parish Committees calling the attention of the Surveyors to anything they believed needed attention, they would have an ideal system.

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

"That with reference to forthcoming meetings of Rural District Councils to consider proposals for upkeep and maintenance of roads, we direct the County Surveyor to circularize each Parish Committee, showing the amount it is proposed to spend on the proposals for the roads of the parish for the forthcoming year, and that the recommendations of the various Parish Committees, as to the various items of the estimate, be brought before the Rural District Councils concerned".

The Meeting then adjournes.

"Report received and adopted on the motion of Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. Devereux".

Roads Trenched.

The County Surveyor asked for instructions as to repair of above.

"The Council made an Order".

In connection with above the County Surveyor stated that some tools, the property of the Council, were taken from Ferrycarrig and Ballyboggan Quarries and left on the road at Larkin's Cross.

These tools were subsequently removed by the Military.

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

"That the County Surveyor be directed to apply to the Military Authorities for the return of the Council's tools".

Analyst's Report.

The following Report of the County Analyst was read:-

"Report of Sir Charles Cameron, C. B. M. D. Public Analyst for the County Wexford, on articles submitted to him for analysis during the quarter ended 31st December 1920.

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

For Sergeant Torsney, Newtownbarry, three specimens of milk, one of butter, one of margarine, and one of cheese were analysed and were pure.

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 twelve drugs were analysed and were correct.

For the Guardians of Gorey Union twelve drugs and a specimen of water were analysed. One drug was incorrect. The specimen of water had the following composition:-

One imperial gallon contained in grains

Total solid matter	45.500
Including	
Albuminoid Ammonia	0.009
Saline Ammonia	0.003
Nitric Acid	2.870
Chlorine	4.880

A good water.

A specimen of water analysed for H. H. E. Hunt, Esq., Irish Margarine Works, Enniscorthy, had the following composition

One imperial gallon contained in grains.

Total solid matter	13,300
Including	
Albuminoid Ammonia	0,012
Saline Ammonia	0.007
Nitric Acid	Trace
Chlorine	1.980

A tolerably good water.

A specimen of feeding stuff was analysed for The Enniscorthy Co-operative Society, Enniscorthy.

A specimen of basic slag was analysed for Mr. J. J. Stafford Wexford.

For Shillalah Union, which is partly situated in the County Wexford, eight 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 analyses46

"No Order"

Appointment of County Analyst.

It was reported that Sir Charles Cameron, County Analyst, died on 27th February 1921.

On the motion of the Chairman, it was decided that the question of appointment of a new County Analyst be postponed.

Messrs. Thompson's Machinery A/c.

Messrs. M. J. O'Connor & Co. Solicitors, Wexford, forwarded the following letter and enclosure they had received from Messrs. Thompsons' Motor Car Co.:

"Dear Mr. O'Connor,

I am extremely obliged for your cheque £500 to hand this morning and enclose our receipt for same.

I do not understand the recommendation of the Finance Committee that they will not pay us any more until the whole four Trailers are forwarded, as we have instructions from Mr. Barry, copy herewith, not to send these on for the present as they have no place to store them.

I wish you would get this point fixed up with them, as if they require the trailers despatched, we can do so at once. They of course will have to pay the carriage from Warwick to Wexford on arrival of the wagons at Waterford, as I believe they could not be shipped direct from Rosslare to Wexford. If the Rosslare people would take them they could of course come by that route. Perhaps you will ascertain from them which route they would like the trailers sent. This is a matter for them to decide as they pay the carriage".

The following is copy of enclosure referred to in above letter:-

"Dear Mr. Thompson,

With regard to the wagons ordered from you I have gone through the correspondence and find that on the 16/6/20 I ordered two trailer wagons which were paid for on the 11th November last. I should note that on the 17/6/20, you wrote acknowledging my order for two wagons.

Subsequently on the 26/6/20 you quoted for 10 sidetipping trailers and on the 14/7/20 you confirmed my order for the 10 trailers which I acknowledged on the 16/7/20, you will thus find that at the present time it is only a matter of the 10 trailers we have to deal with.

With regard to the delivery of these wagons, I shall be much obliged if you will hold over delivery until we can make further arrangements and of course as we are at present circumstanced, and without having steam lorries the wagons would be of little use and possibly would be rather in the way".

The Chairman and Mr. Foley stated that at the last meeting the Council were under the impression that Messrs. Thompson were to blame for the non-delivery of the four Trailers. The Council were not aware of the County Surveyor's letter of the 16th February.

"On the motion of Mr. Corish, seconded by Mr. Foley. it was decided that the Co. Surveyor arrange to have the Machinery shipped direct to Wexford if possible".

Food & Drugs etc. Accounts.

The County Inspector, R.I.C. Wexford, applied for payment of expenses under Food & Drugs Act, Weights & Measures etc.

"It was decided that payment be refused".

Posting Valuation Notices.

The Clerk, Wexford Union, wrote informing the Council that the Relieving Officers expect £5 each for posting Valuation Notices in Wexford District".

The Meeting considered the claim excessive and adjourned it".

Expenses Winter Assizes.

A claim for 11/8 Courtkeepers expenses re Winter Assizes was refused.

Flooding of Road at Fisherstown.

The following letter was read from Messrs. E. & G. Stapleton, Solicitor, under date 24th February 1921, with reference to flooding of road at Fisherstown:-

"Referring to your letter of 5th January as to the damage caused to the road owing to the breaches in the Fisherstown banks we have now had an inspection made of same by our Engineer and he reports that so far as the banks belonging to Mrs. Galloway are concerned that same are in perfect order and that the flooding is caused by the breaches in the banks on the holding of one of the tenants on the Ryland Estate, flooding portion of Mrs. Galloway's tenants' lands and consequently the Road.

We think it would be well if you were to have an inspection made by your Engineer and for the Council to take such steps as they may be advised against the defaulting person".

On the motion of Mr. Devereux, seconded by Mr. Corish, the County Surveyor was directed to again communicate with Mr. Jones, Assistant Surveyor, in the matter.

Gorey Courthouse.

The following letter under date 12th March 1921, was read from Mr. R. W. Elgee, Solicitor to the Council:-

"I enclose you herewith a copy of a letter I have received from Messrs. Huggard & Brennan. I have replied to same stating that as far as I am aware the High Sheriff has taken over the control of the County and Civil Bill Court Houses, and that the County Council have

no more to say to them".

The following is the copy letter referred to above:-

"Our client, Mr. Matthew J. Breslin, has purchased the Lessors interest in the Courthouse, Gorey, from the Kirk Estate.

The Courthouse would appear to be held by the County Council under a Lease dated the 17th February 1854 at the yearly rent of £10.

On the 4th September last a Notice was sent by Mr. Frizelle, Secretary to the County Council and directed to Messrs. Stopford & Turner, stating that the County Council wished to surrender and give up possession of the Courthouse and premises at Gorey.

If they wish to do this our client will be prepared to accept a surrender of the Lease from the County Council, provided of course that the rent is paid to the date and the other covenants in the Lease complied with.

You might kindly let us hear from you in reference to the matter as soon as possible".

"No Order"

Appointment of William Murphy, Machinery Overseer.

With reference to a paragraph in the County Surveyor's Report which was adjourned from last meeting of the Council, it was decided on the motion of Mr. Corish, seconded by Mr. Culleton, that the employment temporarily of Mr. William Murphy, Enniscorthy, Machinery Overseer, by the County Surveyor at £5 per week be agreed to.

Screenings sold from Ballyboggan Quarry.

In reference to County Surveyor's Report to last meeting of the Council regarding screenings sold by Miss Bishop from Ballyboggan Quarry, it was decided on the motion of Mr. Corish, seconded by the Chairman, that the matter be referred to Mr. Elgee.

Malicious Injury Decrees.

A number of letters were received from Solicitors asking for payment of Malicious Injury Decrees.

It was decided that payment be refused in all cases".

White Cross League.

On the motion of Mr. Culleton, seconded by Mr. Corish, Messrs. Foley and Walsh were appointed Representatives on the Local Committee

to be appointed in connection with the work of the White Cross League.

Rent Enniscorthy Machinery Yard.

Mr. C. Byrne, Enniscorthy, applied for increased rent for Yard let to the Council at 6/- per week.

Adjourned to next Meeting, the County Surveyor to enquire in the meantime if other suitable yards are available in Enniscorthy, and the rent of same".

Insurance of Ex-Service Men.

Regarding an accident to one of the ex-service men, the County Surveyor mentioned that the Hibernian Insurance Co., stated that these employees were not covered by the Council's Workmen's Compensation Policy.

The Ministry of Transport wrote that the Council's Workmen's Compensation Policy should cover these men.

"The County Surveyor was directed to refer the matter to the Insurance Company, and Ministry of Transport".

-----ooOoo-----

(Signed) _____

Presiding Chairman

Dated this day of 19 .

MEETING.- 30th MARCH 1921.

A Meeting of the Wexford County Council was held in the County Hall, Wexford, on 30th March 1921.

Present:- Mr. John J. O'Byrne (Vice-Chairman) presiding.

Also:- Messrs. James Byrne, Richard Corish, C. Culleton, John Cummins, G. Devereux, Michael Doyle, E. P. Foley, James Hall, David Kavanagh, Simon Kehoe, Thomas Murphy, Patrick O'Byrne, Michael Redmond.

The County Secretary, County Surveyor and the Assistant Secretary were also in attendance.

Leave of Absence- Secretary.

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

"That a fortnight's leave of absence be granted to the Secretary of the Council owing to illness".

Mr. T. A. Frizelle appointed Assistant Secretary.

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

"That Mr. T. A. Frizelle, Accountant, be appointed Assistant Secretary to this Council".

Appointment on Asylum Committee.

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

"That Mr. Patrick Lynch, Priory Place, New Ross, be appointed a Member of the Asylum Committee vice Mr. Michael Byrne resigned".

Financial Position of the Council.

On the motion of Mr. Cummins, seconded by Mr. Redmond, it was decided that the following statement be issued to the public:-

Wexford Co. Council and the British Blockade.Rate Payers to the Relief.

Fellow Wexfordmen,

We the members of the County Council deem it our duty to publish the following Statement of facts, for a two-fold purpose:-

1. To render to the Ratepayers an account of our Stewardship.
2. To rally to our support all who have at heart the cause of Irish Independence.

Nine months ago, we were freely and constitutionally elected by you to conduct the business of the Wexford County Council, on the express understanding that we should act independently of, and, if necessary, in defiance of all British interference. Fully conscious of the sacrifices which such a course of action would entail, we accepted office, believing as you did, that the day had come for Irishmen, not merely to claim, but to exercise the right of managing their own affairs. Accordingly, to be consistent, we pledged our allegiance to Dail Eireann, and since then we have striven faithfully to carry out its commands and suggestions.

You know the consequences. The Acting Chairman, Dr. O'Ryan T. D. and several prominent members of the Council, have been arrested and imprisoned. The County Council Offices have been raided and ransacked more than once by the military and police. The so called "Grants" i.e. monies legitimately due to our County by way of refund for over-taxation, amounting roughly to £40,000 have been withheld and confiscated by the Agents of British rule in Ireland, the Local Government Board. From the same source, came the ukase to our Rate collectors forbidding them under grave penalty to make any further payments to the Council, by whom they were appointed, by whose authority they functioned, and to whom alone the rates were due. Several of our officials, we regret to say, slavishly submitted to this preposterous ruling of an alien government board, and thereby set at naught the authority of the Wexford County Council.

No alternative was left us but to dismiss those disloyal servants of the Council, and appoint other rate collectors, who undertook to carry out the will of the people rather than the tyrannical dictates of their Country's oppressors.

Immediately a notice appeared in the public press outlawing any person who should dare to collect rates without having first obtained the sanction of the British Local Government Board.

On discovering that the notice was ignored and that the rates were being paid to the duly appointed officers of the County Council, the Local Government Board had recourse to Militarism, and instructed the armed forces of British Crown to deal as they might fit with the Wexford County Council, its "illegal" agents and abettors. A few

days later Mr. Frizelle, the Secretary and two of the rate collectors were seized and thrown into prison. Not content with waging war on the Co. Council the military governor has now issued a proclamation with the object of terrorising the rate-paying public. The original document has reference to collections made without a military permit. But, lest the public might reasonably assume that the payment of rates legally due to the Co. Council could not become a crime by virtue of any proclamation whatsoever, the O.C. Troops, Wexford, has taken care to add the following explanatory note:-

"That it is illegal to pay rates to any collector without a permit from the military governor, and that any one found paying such rates to unauthorised collectors is liable to prosecution".

We are not at liberty to explain in detail the means by which we are counteracting those various attempts to hold up the business of the Co. Council, and drive us into bankruptcy, we need only say that the meetings of the Council are being held regularly so far, and no business of urgent importance has been left undone, that thanks to the loyalty and generosity of certain patriotic fellow-countrymen we have been able to tide over for the present the financial crisis caused by the withdrawal of £40,000 in Grants and by the difficulty of getting sufficient rates to meet our more pressing liabilities. Without wishing to boast we consider it no mean achievement, that, notwithstanding we have our depleted exchequer, not failed to make partial payments to the various boards and hospitals which we trust will enable them to carry on until conditions become somewhat normal.

We thoroughly realise the straits to which these boards have been reduced by reason of our inability to pay in full their allotted percentage of the County rates. Our watchword to them and to all our fellow-Wexfordmen is, No Surrender. As long as the people are with us, we care not who is against us. Individually and collectively, the Members of the Wexford County Council are prepared to fight on to a finish. Surrender at this stage of the struggle would spell disaster. The freedom or the slavery of our public bodies for generations to come depends on the issue of this conflict with officialdom and militarism, as forty years ago the emancipation of serfdom of tenant farmers

turned on the defeat or victory of landlordism. Now as then, we rely on the will of the people, their indomitable courage, their spirit of sacrifice and their strength of endurance. And rightly so, for never in the history of our country have there arisen braver men and women than those who stand to-day in the gap of danger.

The position we, members of the Wexford County Council, have undertaken to defend, important though it be, viewed as an integral portion of the line of defence- can be held with comparatively little risk or sacrifice, provided we be not deserted or betrayed by our supporters, the ratepayers of Co. Wexford. If they refuse or neglect to supply us with the munitions of war, we shall eventually be forced to abandon the struggle and leave in the hands of Dublin Castle and its military governors the administration of our local affairs.

Now it is difficult to believe that there are to-day in our County, not a few, so devoid of patriotism and so dead to shame, that they are prepared, for the sake of so many paltry pieces of silver, to renege their national principles, to act the traitor and admit the enemy within the gates at the very hour when victory is in the balance, when their gallant fellow-Irishmen elsewhere, the men of Munster and the men of the West, are facing death that Ireland may live.

Yet such cowards and sordid self-seekers are to be found in our midst, to our shame be it said. Some make the plausible excuse that they know what to do, others fear that they may be obliged to pay on the double, others cling to the hope that they may evade altogether the payment of County Rates, others plead that it is now impossible to pay owing to the danger of prosecution under martial law.

Of such weak-kneed wobblers and dishonest quibblers, all we shall say is:- Where there's a will, there's a way. If they wish to pay their rates, there is still a safe and simple way of doing so. Let them forward a cheque for the amount of their rates to the Treasurer of the Wexford County Council. They will receive an official receipt which will be the only safeguard against the illegalities of British law, etc. etc.

If they are determined not to pay their rates in the hope that they will be so much richer, they are deceiving themselves. The

Wexford County Council will take whatever steps they may think necessary to deal with persons of that kind, and on themselves will rest the responsibility if their opposition leads to unpleasant consequences. And, should the County Council fail to bring them to justice, their second state will be worse than their first, for they will discover to their cost, that a much heavier byrden is waiting for them at the hands of their "friends" the British Government. So, let them be wise in time, and not become pariahs in their own land.

Hear the watchword once more:

No Surrender - Now or Never.

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

"That Messrs. E. P. Foley, R. Corish and G. Devereux be appointed a Committee to secure as wide publicity as possible for the above statement of the Council".

Rate Collection.

On the motion of Mr. Devereux, seconded by Mr. Culleton, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That Mr. Ben Radford, Gurteenminogue, Murrintown, be requested to act as deputy Rate Collector for No. 1 Collection District".

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

"That Mr. Patrick Roe, Cushinstown, be requested to act as deputy Rate Collector for No. 18 Collection District".

Poundage fees of Mr. P. J. O'Byrne.

Mr. J. Shannon, M.C.C. wrote under date 27th March 1921, asking the County Council to pay the poundage fees of Mr. P. J. O'Byrne, Rate Collector for No. 9 district.

"It was decided to refer the matter to the Finance Committee".

Suspension of Road Work.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. M. Doyle, seconded by Mr. Culleton:-

"That in view of the present financial position of the Council all road and quarry work (including contracts for repair and

maintenance of roads) be suspended as from 31st March 1921, until the finances of the Council will allow of the resumption of such work".

Suspension of Five Assistant Surveyors.

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

"That the five Assistant Surveyors, viz:- Messrs. Jones, Kehoe, Ennis, Kirby and Curran, be suspended from office as from 31st March 1921, as in consequence of decision of Council to discontinue road work, these officers will have no duties to perform".

Conference re Estimates of Road Expenditure.

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

"That a Conference between the County Council and Roads Committee be convened for Tuesday, 5th April 1921, at 11.30 a.m. in the County Hall, Wexford, to consider the advisability of agreeing to the suspension of road work for next financial year other than work absolutely essential with a view to having the road rate for 1921-22 reduced to as low a figure as possible.

That the Chairmen of the four Rural District Councils as members of the Roads Committee be specially requested to attend the above Conference".

Estimate of Rate.

It was decided that the consideration of Road Estimates be adjourned pending the report of the Conference of County Council and Roads Committee in respect of proposed decrease in Road Estimates.

New Ross Courthouse.

Under date 1st March 1921, Mr. Hugh R. Hamilton wrote that Notice of surrender of Courthouse New Ross would expire on 31st inst., and asked if the Council would arrange for handing over the premises.

"No Order"

Proclamation re Rates.

The following was read from Capt. Park, O.C. Troops, Wexford:-

"I enclose a copy of Divisional Proclamation No. 8. I wish you to draw the attention of the County Council to Para. 1 (b) in which it states:-

"Any person who, without such permission, collects or receives or solicits any such subscription or donation shall be guilty of an offence, and shall be liable to Prosecution".

Will you also inform your Council that I as Officer Commanding Troops in Wexford, do hereby warn you that all Rate Collectors for the Council must be in possession of a permit, and that application for such permits must be made through me, and that I warn you that permits will be only granted to those Rate Collectors who have been sanctioned by the British Local Government Board. Any infringement of this Order will be most severely dealt with".

The Proclamation referred to in above letter was as follows:-

No. 6.

Divisional Proclamation

By the General Officer Commanding 6th Division and
Military Governor.

Whereas, Martial Law has been declared in the Counties of Cork, Tipperary, Kerry, Limerick, Clare, waterford, Waterford City, Wexford, and Kilkenny, and Whereas, the Generals or other Officers Commanding 6th Division, 16th 17th 18th and Kerry Infantry Brigades, have been appointed Military Governors for the administration of Martial Law in the above Counties, and all persons ordered to render obedience to their Orders in all matters whatsoever.

Now, I. Major-General Sir E. P. Strickland, K.C.B. C.M.G. D.S.O. Commanding 6th Division, and Military Governor, do hereby give Notice and Order that:-

1. (a) The collection for any purpose whatsoever of Subscriptions or Donations of money, or valuable securities, in any street or public place, or by house to house visits, or by post, is forbidden, unless the permission in writing of the Military Governor has previously been obtained.
- (b) Any person who, without such permission, collects or receives or solicits and such Subscription or Donation shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable to Prosecution.
- (c) Any person who subscribes, pays or remits any such Subscription or Donation to anyone not duly authorised by the written permission of the Military Governor shall be guilty of an

offence and shall be liable to Prosecution".

This Order shall come into force on 21st February 1921.

Signed this 14th day of February 1921.

E. P. Strickland, Major-General
Commanding 6th Division, Military Governor.

Erection of Hoarding etc.

Mr. Thomas McDonald, 90 Main Street, Gorey, under date 23rd March 1921, wrote asking for permission to erect a hoarding outside his premises in Church Street, Gorey, as he intended starting building operations. He also requested permission to encroach nine inches on the footpath in order to bring the front wall straight, work to be carried out to the satisfaction of the County Surveyor.

The latter stated that the proposal of Mr. McDonald would not interfere with the convenience of the public in any way.

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

"That the permission asked for by Mr. McDonald, 90 Main Street, Gorey, in his letter of 23rd March 1921, as to erection of hoarding and encroaching on footpath be agreed to".

Malicious Injury Decrees.

Letters were read from Mr. T. B. Dunbar, Solicitor, Enniscorthy, asking for payment of malicious injury decrees for James Gorman and Mary Kate Doyle and others. Mr. Dunbar stated that unless the amounts were paid such application or proceedings would be taken on behalf of the applicants as they may be advised.

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

"That no action be taken on applications of Mr. Dunbar, Solicitor for payment of amounts of Malicious Injury Decrees".

-----ooOoo-----

(Signed) _____

Presiding Chairman

Dated this day of 19

MEETING.- 5th APRIL 1921.

A Meeting of the Wexford County Council was held in the County Hall, Wexford, on Tuesday, 5th April 1921.

Present:- Mr. John J. O'Byrne (Vice-Chairman) presiding.

Also:- Messrs. R. Corish, S. Kehoe, G. Devereux, J. Cummins, M. Cloney, M. Hughes, E. P. Foley, M. Byrne, C. Culleton.

Mr. T. A. Frizelle, Assistant Secretary, and Mr. W. F. Barry County Surveyor were also in attendance.

Confirmation of Minutes.

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and confirmed.

Report of Road Conference.

On the motion of Mr. Corish, seconded by Mr. Cummins, the following report of the Conference regarding Road Estimate was adopted:-

WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCILConference re Estimate of Road Expenditure.

At the Meeting of above County Council on 30th inst., the following resolution was adopted:-

"That a Conference between the County Council and Roads Committee be convened for Tuesday, 5th April 1921, at 11.30 a.m. in the County Hall, Wexford, to consider the advisability of agreeing to the suspension of road work for next financial year, other than work absolutely essential with a view to having the road rate for 1921-22 reduced to as low a figure as possible.

That the Chairman of the four Rural District Councils as Members of the Roads Committee be specially requested to attend the above Conference.

The Conference met in the County Hall, Wexford, on Tuesday. 5th April 1921.

Present:- Mr. John J. O'Byrne, (Vice-Chairman) presiding.

Also:- Messrs. R. Corish, M.C.C. M. Cloney, M.C.C. E. P. Foley, M.C.C. G. Devereux, M.C.C. M. Hughes, M.C.C. J. Cummins, Simon Kehoe, M.C.C. M. Byrne, M.C.C. Chairman New Ross Rural District, C. Culleton, M.C.C. Chairman Wexford Rural District and representative of South Wexford Labour Executive.

Denis Whelan, Representative of North Wexford Labour Executive.

Also, Messrs. J. S. McDonald and W. Boggan, representing the Farmers' Union.

Mr. T. A. Frizelle, Assistant Secretary acted as Secretary to the Meeting, and the County Surveyor was also in attendance.

The following resolution from the Standing Committee of the Farmers' Union was read:-

"That this Standing Committee is of opinion that much ultimate expense to the ratepayers would be saved by a small amount of work on the roads in the immediate future.

That they are of the opinion that all who are in a position to do voluntary work of this nature, would deserve well of the farming Community".

After considerable discussion the following resolution proposed by Mr. Corish and seconded by Mr. Cummins, was unanimously adopted:-

"That owing to the conditions at present prevailing, the Rural District Councils be informed that this Conference is of opinion that no rate should be struck for Road Maintenance for year ended 31st March 1922, except the amount required for Sudden Damages.

That the Executives of the Farmers and Labour Unions and Rural District Councils, be informed that the present suspension of Road Work is due to the nonpayment of Rates by a large number of Ratepayers.

That these Boards be informed that if the amount of Rate outstanding in respect of year ended 31st March 1921 was paid it would enable the County Council to carry out the ordinary road work up to the 31st March 1922, and there would be no necessity for any suspension.

That these Bodies be further informed that the Co. Council have no objection to Rates being paid direct to the Treasurer of the County Council (The National Bank, Ltd) as a number of ratepayers have already done.

That the Farmers' Union be asked to have a Special Meeting of their Executive to consider the matter".

Importation of Foreign Grain.

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

"That in view of the great amount of unemployment at present in the Rural Districts of Ireland, and owing to the importation of foreign

grain and Irish Barley being left in the hands of the producers, we suggest to the National Executives of the Labour Party and the Farmers' Union to hold a Conference as soon as possible to consider the best means to be adopted to stop the importation of foreign grain, and thereby give an incentive to Barley growing in Ireland".

Payments to Public Bodies.

The following amounts were passed for payment to Public Bodies:-

Enniscorthy Lunatic Asylum £1897, County Infirmary £34, Enniscorthy Union £979:10- 0, Gorey Union £261: £: 0, New Ross Union £692: 15: 0, Wexford Union £412: 15: 0.

The Assistant Secretary stated that the payments ordered at the present meeting cleared off in full the demands of these Bodies for the year ended 31st March 1921, the total amount paid for the year being:-

Enniscorthy Lunatic Asylum £23244, County Infirmary £1400, Enniscorthy Union £14568, Gorey Union £9656, New Ross Union £14536, Wexford Union £14965.

County hall Committee.

The following report from the County Hall Committee was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Corish:-

"A Meeting of the above was held on 1st April 1921, in the County Hall, Wexford, to consider accounts in connection with preparing County Hall as County Council Offices etc.

Present:- Mr. R. Corish (presiding) Also:- Messrs. E. P. Foley and G. Devereux.

The Secretary and the County Surveyor were also in attendance.

As regards Bill of Mr. T. Underwood for gasfitting etc., for £286, the Committee after considerable discussion recommended a payment of £219, being £77: 9: 0 for wages and £141: 11: 0 for materials etc., the latter being based on 25 per cent increase of prices from a Dublin firm.

In connection with account from THomas Malone, Newtown, Wexford. for £57 for erection of Gate, gully traps etc., at Machinery Yard, entrance of County Hall, the County Surveyor stated that in his opinion the amount charged for gate (£45) was entirely too high. He

had received a quotation from a reputable firm for £23: 10/-. Mr. Treanor, Senior Assistant Surveyor, who was away at present, had had this matter in hands and received a written quotation from Mr. Malone. It appeared that Mr. Treanor informed Mr. Curran, Assistant Surveyor, that he considered the quotation excessive in price, but J. McEvoy Quarry Foreman, subsequently went to Mr. Malone and informed him that he had been directed by Mr. Treanor to have gate made and erected. And in view of this an "open" order was given for the work.

"The Committee considered that in view of the statement made by Mr. Malone as to McEvoy's action in the matter, and to the fact that no price was set out in the official order for the gate, that they had no option but to pass the payment".

Machinery, Tools, etc.

In connection with tools, materials etc. for quarries at which work was now suspended the County Surveyor was directed to arrange for Caretakership at as low a figure as possible.

He was also directed to see that all Machinery of Council was properly stored and attended to.

It was further decided that the services of three employees of the County Council who were supervising the work of Ex-service men under Grant from Ministry of Transport should be retained.

Cartage of Timber.

Mr. Martin Laffan, Kereight, applied for permission to draw timber on roads from Ballyvergin, Bellevue etc. to Wexford.

He stated he would only draw in suitable weather. He would pay whatever the County Council considered reasonable.

On the motion of Mr. Foley, seconded by Mr. Corish, it was decided that the necessary permission be given Mr. Laffan provided he pays the charges fixed in the case of Mr. E. Byrne, Clonmore, Bree, which were as follows:-

£1 per day, and subject to County Surveyor stopping work whenever he considers it necessary, date to be fixed by County Surveyor to start work, no haulage to be allowed in wet weather".

Hire of Engine.

On the motion of Mr. Corish, seconded by Mr. Foley, the County Surveyor

was authorised to certify payment of £200 to Edward Kavanagh, St. John's
Enniscorthy, for hire of Engine.

-----oo0oo-----

(Signed) _____

Presiding Chairman

Dated this day of 19

MEETING.- 20th APRIL 1921.

A Meeting of the Wexford County Council was held in the County Hall, Wexford, on Wednesday, 21st April 1921.

Present:- Mr. J. J. O'Byrne (Vice-Chairman) presiding.

Also:- Messrs. P. Buckley, R. Corish, J. Cummins, G. Devereux, E. P. Foley, W. J. Furlong, J. Hall, D. Kavanagh, S. Kehoe, J. J. O'Byrne, (Raheen) J. Shannon.

The Secretary and County Surveyor were also in attendance.

Estimate of Rate.

Proposed by Mr. Cummins, seconded by Mr. Shannon, and adopted:-

"That we hereby adopt the Estimate of Rate for General and Separate Charges for financial year 1921-22, 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	7/8	7/8
Gorey	7/-	7/-
New Ross	8/6	8/6
Wexford	7/9	7/9

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	£2573: 1: 0		£2573: 1: 0
New Ross	2929: 9: 0		2929: 9: 0
Wexford	5651: 4: 8		5651: 4: 8

Irish Manufacture.

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

"That we again call the attention of the Agricultural Community to the necessity of supporting Irish Manufactured Machinery. In view

of the fact that the employes of local engineering firms are working only three days per week no farmer should purchase Mowing Machines, Horse Rakes, Swathe Turners, Hay Trolleys, (Rick Shifters) Ploughs, Corndrills, Root Cutters, Sprayers, Manure Distributors, Harrows, and Tumbler Rakes of foreign manufacturers.

A decree has been issued against the purchase of these articles manufactured in England, and we consider it should be loyally adhered to.

That a copy of this resolution be furnished the Farmers' and Labour Unions with a request that they would give all possible assistance in having it put into operation".

Proposed Appointment of Analyst.

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

"That the Wexford County Council take the necessary steps to appoint a County Analyst, and that advertisements for the position be issued".

Salary of County Surveyor.

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

"That the salary of Mr. Barry, County Surveyor, be fixed at £537 per annum, (being a reduction of £179) in view of the fact that Road Work in the County has been suspended. That this reduced salary remain in force until such time as the finances of the Council will allow of the resumption of this work".

Government of Ireland Act 1920.

Under date 19th April 1921. Mr. Gerald Horan, Clerk of Crown and Hanaper, Dublin, wrote asking for names and addresses and occupations of the Members of the ^{Wexford} County Council, in connection with the appointment of 14 representatives of County Councils on Senate for Southern Ireland.

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

"That letter from Mr. Horan, Clerk Crown and Hanaper, be referred to General Council of Irish County Councils for their advice and

instructions".

Pay Orders.

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

"That our Secretary be instructed to use ordinary form of Pay Orders in future instead of Bank Cheque, when making payments on behalf of the County Council".

Rate Collection.

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

"That poundage fees on amount collected be paid Mr. P. J. O'Byrne, Collector for No. 9 District as soon as same can be arranged".

Mr. Treanor, Senior Assistant Surveyor.

Proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Foley, and adopted:-
"That Mr. T. Treanor, Senior Assistant Surveyor (interned) be given indefinite leave of absence as from the date of his arrest".

Duncormick Courthouse.

Sergeant Drake, R. I. C. Carrig-on-Bannow, under date 18th April 1921, reported that Duncormick Courthouse was broken into on the night of the 14th April and all the chairs, and tables, also a box containing brass weights, all the property of the County Council were broken to atoms. Two windows in the front were also broken.

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

"That Wexford County Council make no claim for destruction of brass weights etc., at Duncormick Courthouse, the property of the County Council".

Trailer Wagons.

Several communications were read from Messrs. Thompson's Motor Car Co. Ltd., from Messrs. M. J. O'Connor & Co. Solicitors, for same, and from the County Surveyor as to payment for and delivery of trailer wagons.

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

"That as already decided by the County Council no further

payment be made on foot of account for trailer wagons to Messrs. Thompsons Motor Car Co., until the four trailer wagons already paid for have been delivered in Wexford. That the County Surveyor insure these four wagons for the voyage in the event of insurance not being effected by the Carriers".

Amalgamation of Unions.

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

"That Mr. Rochford, Clerk New Ross Union, be requested to furnish replies to queries asked for by Wexford County Council as regards New Ross Union in view of Conference which County Council are about to summon relative to amalgamation of Unions. That copy of this resolution be furnished to Mr. Rochford and the Chairman New Ross Guardians".

Suspension of Assistant Surveyors.

Under date 10th April 1921, Messrs. James Kirby, C. P. Curran, and R. J. Ennis, Assistant Surveyors, wrote as follows::

"Having received notice from the County Surveyor that all road work has been suspended for the present, and that five Assistant Surveyors have been suspended, we on their behalf, demand payment of the part of our salaries deferred for approximately four months past. As this amount is very small we do not believe that it would inconvenience the County Council in any way, and we would be obliged if you would certify payment of same at your next Finance Meeting.

In addition to the above we also claim payment for work carried out after 31st March. The County Surveyor requested us to square up all outstanding accounts and to furnish him with particulars of same, this work has been carried out, and we think it only reasonable that we be paid for same.

Thanking you in anticipation".

Letter from Local Government Board, Dublin, under date 16th April 1921, (No. 8726-1921, Wexford Co.) stated that it had come to their knowledge that the County Council had passed a resolution purporting to suspend the five Assistant Surveyors in the County from 31st March until further notice. The Council had no power to suspend

any officer from duty or remove him from office.

The resolution of the Council purporting to suspend the Assistant Surveyors was accordingly illegal and invalid.

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

"That Messrs. Jones, Kehoe, Kirby, Curran and Ennis, Assistant Surveyors, be paid the 25 per cent which was deferred from their salaries from 4th December 1920 to 31st March 1921, and that they be paid full salary in each case from 31st March 1921, to 16th April 1921, as County Surveyor states that it was necessary to retain them in office to last mentioned date in order to clear off arrears of work".

Assistant in County Surveyor's Office.

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

"That Denis Radford, Junior Clerk in Co. Surveyor's office be placed on full salary as from 23rd April 1921, and that all arrears on account of deferred salary to that date be paid him at next meeting of Finance Committee".

The late Archbishop Walsh.

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

"That we offer our heartfelt sympathy to the people and Clergy of the diocese of Dublin in the loss sustained through the death of Most Rev. Dr. Walsh, Archbishop, a great Churchman, and a sterling priest."

That a copy of this resolution be forwarded Most. Rev. Dr. Byrne, Lord Bishop of Spigaz".

Old Age Pensions.

On the motion of Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne, (Raheen) the following resolution was adopted:-

"That Rev. Dean Gibson, Ferns, and Mr. Patrick Nolan, Tombrack. Ferns, be appointed members of Sub-Committee No. 6 Old Age Pensions (Newtownbarry & Ferns) vice Rev. R. Talbot who has been removed to Killanne, and Mr. John Kavanagh (interned)".

Income Tax- Return of Salaries of Officers.

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

"That our Secretary be instructed that he is not to furnish any information to the Surveyor of Taxes as regards salaries of Officers of Wexford County Council".

Gorey Courthouse.

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

"That Account for £3:13: 6 to Patrick Byrne, The Avenue, Gorey, in respect of work at Gorey Courthouse, previous to surrender of the premises be paid".

-----ooOoo-----

(Signed) _____

Presiding Chairman

Dated this day of 19

MEETING.- 11th MAY 1921.

A Meeting of the Wexford County Council, was held in the County Hall, Wexford, on Wednesday 11th May 1921.

Present:- Mr. J. J. O'Byrne, (Vice-Chairman) presiding.

Also:- Messrs. R. Corish, C. Culleton, J. Cummins, G. Devereux, Michael Doyle, Patrick O'Byrne, E. P. Foley, Thomas Murphy, Michael Redmond.

The Assistant Secretary and County Surveyor were also in attendance. The Secretary was absent owing to illness.

Sheep Dipping Order.

Under date 4th May 1921, the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction wrote (No. 855-21) pointing out to Local Authorities the desirability of an active execution and enforcement of the Sheep Dipping Order this year. Last year the requirements of the Order appear to have been neglected to a large extent in many districts, statistics were not so complete as in former years which was probably due to the failure of sheep-owners to furnish declarations of dipping, but there could be no doubt that, generally speaking there was considerable laxity in the carrying out of the Order. The observance of the Order was not only the best precaution against the spread of Sheep Scab, but was calculated to promote the interests of the sheep industry in other ways. The best results cannot be secured by Dipping Regulations unless they are uniformly observed and no Local Authority can remain indifferent to the condition of affairs in their own district without prejudicially affecting the general interest. The Department hoped that during the coming Dipping season the powers of the Sheep Dipping (Ireland) Order of 1915, the Sheep Dipping (Appointment of Inspectors) (Ireland) Order, and the Sheep Dipping (Local Regulations) (Ireland) Orders would be employed by each Local Authority to the best advantage.

In regard to issue of Forms the Department this year considered it advisable to supplement the arrangement by which forms were sent to police barracks, by sending a supply of forms also to the local Authorities. Forms of Notice and Declaration would be supplied to the Secretary of the Local Authority with a view to their distribution, to sheep owners throughout the County or to their being made available at a number of centres in the County. It was anticipated that the

police would in most instances be in a position to supply the usual particulars as to numbers and ownership of sheep in each Constabulary sub-district.

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

"That communication from the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction under date 4th May 1921 (855-V. B. -1921) be referred to the County Wexford Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction".

Importation of Canadian Cattle.

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

"That some united action should be taken by Irish Local Authorities before it is too late, to oppose the importation of Canadian Store Cattle to Great Britain and prevent the injury which would result to an important Irish Industry.

The above resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Michael Doyle, seconded by Mr Cummins".

Defaulting Annuitants- Irish Land Acts.

Under date 31st March 1921, the Secretary, Irish Land Commission, wrote (A6755-19) forwarding list of defaulting Land Purchase Annuitants in County Wexford against whom legal proceedings had been taken for the recovery of the instalments due on 1st November and 1st December last in respect of advances made under Irish Land Acts. The non-payment in proper time of the instalments in these cases had involved a charge upon the Guarantee Fund for the County and thereby upon the County Rates.

"No Order"

Proposals for Payments.

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

"That the several proposals for payment submitted by the four Rural District Councils of the County, and by the proposal Committee, as appearing on forms 22 and for payment out of the General Account of the County Council, be and are hereby adopted, as recommended by the Finance Committee and Proposal Committee of the Council, and that Pa-

Orders be issued in respect of the present meeting".

Disputed Payments on Roads.

Mr. James O'Brien, Glenteigue, Glenbrien, came before the Meeting and disputed the action of the County Surveyor in striking off and deferring money on Roads 25E, 231E, and 234E.

"It was decided that the matter be referred to a Committee consisting of Messrs. Hall, Kavanagh and Furlong, with the County Surveyor, to consider the circumstances of the three roads in question, and to inspect same, and to report to next meeting of the Council".

That the Committee be summoned by the County Surveyor".

Vote of Sympathy.

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

"That we offer our heartfelt sympathy to the relatives of Patrick Ronayne, Thomas Mulcahy, Maurice Moore and Patrick Sullivan executed in Cork Jail, Patrick Casey of Ballybricken, Co. Limerick, executed by "drumhead" Courtmartial, and Thomas Traynor, Merchants' Arch, Dublin, hanged at Mountjoy Jail.

That a copy of this resolution be furnished the Lord Mayor of Cork, the Mayor of Limerick, and Mrs. Thomas Traynor".

Payment of Poor Rates.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. M. Doyle, seconded by Mr. Corish:-

"That an advertisement be inserted in the local papers pointing out the amount of rates which have been lodged to the Treasurer of the County Council (the Wexford Branch, Nation Bank) since the last meeting of the Council, and that we request Ratepayers to lodge amount due by them in the same way and without further delay".

Proposed Appointment of Inspectors Food & Drugs Acts.

It was decided that the question of appointing Inspectors under Food & Drugs Acts be adjourned to next meeting, Mr. C. Culleton to ascertain the name of some suitable person to act in the district of Mr. N. Walsh, Relieving Officer (Wexford District) who has declined to accept the appointment.

Senate for Southern Ireland Parliament.

The following resolution was received from the Irish County Councils General Council:-

"That whereas we are of opinion that no useful purpose can be served by participating in any way in the election of County Councils representatives on the so-called Senate of Southern Ireland which the British Government is endeavouring to call into being, we hereby direct our Secretary to give no revelant information to any British Official seeking same, and we hereby respectfully submit to Dail Eireann that a Governmental instruction should be issued to County Councils forbidding them to accept any representation on this Senate".

"That a copy of this resolution be sent to every County Council as an indication of what line of action it is the opinion of this Committee, should be taken".

"The above resolution was approved".

Irish Education Act, 1892- New Ross & Gorey R. D.

School Attendance Committees.

Under date 25th April 1921, the Commissioners of National Education wrote that New Ross R. D. School Attendance Committee would consist of the following, the period of service being three years from 1st May 1921.

Messrs. Michael Donovan, Berkeley, New Ross.; Michael Doyle, Tellarough, Cassagh, New Ross; Patrick Condon, Meelgarrow, Clonroche, William Byrne, Camblin, New Ross; Denis Cummins, Raheenduff, Adamstown, Very Rev. Canon Rossiter, P. P. V. G. New Ross; Rev. E. Doyle, C. C. Gusserane, New Ross, Rev. W. F. Wilkinson M. A. Adamstown; Rev. W. Bothwell, Fethard; and Rev. P. F. Kehoe, P. P. Clonroche.

Under date 12th April 1921, the Commissioners of National Education wrote, that the Gorey R. D. School Attendance Committee would consist of the following, the period of service being three years from 1st June 1921:-

Messrs. John Sheehan, Ballynestragh, Gorey, John Gannon, Tara Hill, Gorey, Michael Kinsella, Monareagh, Coolgreany, Gorey, Patrick Purcell, Castletown, Inch, Patrick Byrne, Camolin, Rev. W. E. Vandeleur M. A. Kiltennel, Gorey, Rev. P. Browne, C. C. Askamore, Carnew, Rev J.

Ashton, Hollyfort, Gorey. Rev. T. Talbot M. A. Ardamine, Gorey, Rev. J. O'Grady, C. C. Riverchapel, Gorey.

Co. Wexford Infirmary Committee- New Representative.

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

"That Miss Comerford, Ballycoursey, Enniscorthy, be appointed to the Committee of County Wexford Infirmary, vice Miss Keogh, Mount St. Benedict, Gorey, resigned".

Old Age Pension Act. Vacancies on No. 5 Sub-Committee.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. M. Doyle, seconded by Mr. Culleton:-

"That as recommended by No. 5 Sub-Committee (Old Age Pensions Act) Rev. R. K. Lyle M. A. Enniscorthy, and Mr. Thomas Doyle, Lower Church Street, Enniscorthy, be appointed members of this Sub-Committee vice Messrs. James Doyle, M.C.C. and Thomas Doyle D. C. resigned".

Cinematograph Licence.

Mr. P. Walsh, Kiltegan, Co. Wicklow, applied for renewal of licence under Cinematograph Act 1909.

"Renewal granted on the motion of Mr. M. Doyle, seconded by Mr. Cummins".

Poisons & Pharmacy Act Licences.

Mr. James Codd, Assistant Manager, Enniscorthy Co-operative Society, Ltd., and Mr. Philip Keating, Taghmon, applied for new licences under Poisons & Pharmacy Act, and Mr. Richard Breen, Commercial Quay, Wexford, applied for renewal of licence.

"It was agreed that licences and renewals be granted when notification has been received that applicants stock only Irish goods in connection with Poisons & Pharmacy Act".

Irish Co. Councils' General Council- Affiliation Fee.

Under date 12th April 1921, the pro tem Secretary of Irish County Councils' General Council, wrote that at the meeting of the Irish Co. Councils' General Council on 24th February 1921, it was unanimously decided that the Affiliation Fee for all Councils be increased to £20 per annum. The increase was necessary owing to the

great increase in work and the appointment of a Secretary pro tem for Mr. A. Keogh Nolan, interned.

"Agreed to on the motion of Mr. P. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr Corish"

New Ross Courthouse.

Under date 22nd April 1921, Mr. James P. Connor, Sub-Sheriff, wrote that the Tottenham Estate took over possession of the New Ross Courthouse on 25th March 1921, and wanted him to sign a new agreement for letting at £1 per week. He enclosed copy letter received from Dublin Castle and stated he would be glad to know what the Co. Council would do in the matter.

The following is copy of letter received by the Under-Sheriff, from the Chief Secretary's Office, Dublin Castle, under date 19th April 1921:-

"With reference to your letter of 22nd and 24th ultimo, I am directed by the Lord Lieutenant to inform you that the agreement as to the lease of New Ross Courthouse would appear to be one for settlement between the Sheriff and the County Council.

I am to add that if the Co. Council refuse to provide a Courthouse the matter should be referred to the Local Government Board for further action".

"No Order"

Payment for Machinery.

Under date 20th April 1921, Messrs. Thompsons' Motor Car Co. Ltd., wrote asking for a further payment of £500 on account of trailer wagons,

"It was decided as already agreed to by the Council no payment be made for the present in view of the fact that none of the trailers paid for by the Council had been delivered".

Injury to Boat at Courtown Harbour,

Under date 11th April, Mr. P/ Stapleton, Harbour Master, Courtown, reported that one of the discharging boats took the ground when coming into the pier with a cargo of coal. The boat was driven against the Pier and sank, and would have been lost if it had not been for the prompt help of the fishermen. They succeeded in towing her into the Basin and when bailwd out next day she floated but must be put on bank for repairs later on. There was no blame to be attached to anyone

and when none of the crew were drowned they might count themselves lucky.

The County Surveyor stated he had communicated with the Insurance Company as to the injury to this boat, but he was finding difficulty in getting them to accept liability in this and similar cases.

On the motion of the Chairman, it was decided that the County Surveyor consult with Mr. Elgee (Solicitor to the Council) and report to next meeting of the Council".

Insurance Claims.

The County Surveyor stated that generally he was experiencing much greater difficulty with the new Insurance Company as to recognition of claims on behalf of the Council than heretofore.

"It was decided that the County Surveyor consult with the Council's Solicitor, and report to next meeting".

Storm Lamps at Fethard Pier.

Mr. R. Bird, Caretaker Fethard Pier, reported under date 23rd March 1921, that the two storm lamps on the pier were out of repair, they were leaking and as the bottoms were worn out they would not hold the oil.

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

"That the County Surveyor procure two new storm lamps for Fethard Pier if the old ones will not allow of repair at a reasonable cost".

New Telegraph Line.

Under date 4th April 1921, the Postmaster General applied for permission for the placing of an overground telegraphic line along the public road from Ballylucas Cross to Ballaghkeene Post Office.

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

"That permission be given to the Postmaster General for the erection of telegraphic line from Ballylucas Cross to Ballaghkeene Post Office provided that poles etc., are placed in position approved by the County Surveyor".

Deductions from Government Grants.

Communications were read from Dublin Castle as to deductions from

Grants payable to County Council from the Local Taxation Account as follows:-

£125. 1. 3d amount to be distinguished and paid as and for profits or remuneration in respect of the duties during the year 1920 imposed on the Clerk of the Crown & Peace by the Juries (Ireland) Acts such amounts to be paid to the Treasury; £144.10. 5d and £5085. 10. 3d interest on Criminal Injury Decrees and portion of the amount of said decree in favour of Mrs. Mary Monica Lea-Wilson, and £3883. 10. 5d paid to the Committee of Enniscorthy Asylum, and £5 for salary of County Court Judge's Crier.

"No Order"

Appointment of Analyst.

It was decided that an Analyst for the County be appointed at meeting of County Council to be held on Friday, 27th May 1921.

Amalgamation of Unions.

It was decided that a Conference to consider the question of the Amalgamation of Unions be summoned by the County Council for Friday 27th May 1921, at 11.30 a.m. and that the four Unions of the County be requested to send delegates to this Conference.

White Cross Fund.

Under date 27th April 1921, Mr. M. J. Finn, Town Clerk, New Ross, wrote that, at the meeting of his Council on the 26th April a Committee was formed for the purpose of collecting funds for the Irish White Cross and a resolution was unanimously passed requesting the Wexford County Council to ask permission from His Lordship Most Rev. Dr. Codd, Bishop of Ferns, to have a collection made at all the doors of all the Churches of the Diocese on a date to be fixed later, and also asking all the Public Bodies of the County to join in requesting the County Council to solicit this permission from his Lordship.

Mr. R. Corish pointed out that a Committee had been formed in Wexford town to deal with this matter.

"It was decided that Messrs. Foley, Devereux and Corish be appointed representatives of the County Council to act with the town of Wexford Committee in approaching his Lordship Most Rev. Dr. Codd, with

a view to obtaining the necessary permission to make a Collection at the Church doors".

Instalments of Union Demands Etc.

Applications were received from the Clerks of the four Unions for further advances in respect of the first instalment of their demands on the County Council for current financial year, and also from the Clerk New Ross R.D/ Council.

"It was decided that £500 be furnished to the Treasurer of each Union, and £150 to Treasurer of New Ross Rural District Council".

Clerical Staff County Council.

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

"That the amounts of deferred payments due to the Staff of the Council be paid to date".

List of Ratepayers and Poor Rate.

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

"That each County Councillor be supplied with a list showing the names and addresses of ratepayers who have paid their rates to the Treasurer of the County Council".

Payment to Department of Agriculture.

"On the motion of Mr. Doyle, seconded by Mr. Cummins, it was decided that the sum of £94. 2. 5d be paid to the Department of Agriculture balance due for dredging at Kilmore Harbour as certified by the County Surveyor".

-----oo0oo-----

(Signed) _____

Presiding Chairman

Dated this day of 19

MEETING.- 27th MAY 1921.

A Meeting of the Wexford County Council was held in the County Hall, Wexford, on Friday, 27th May 1921.

Present:- Mr. J.J. O'Byrne (Vice-Chairman) presiding.

Also:- Messrs. J. Hall, W. J. Furlong, R. Corish, James Byrne, E. P. Foley, John Pender, D. Kavanagh, P. Buckley, J. Shannon, J. Cummins, S. Kehoe, C. Culleton.

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

Mandamus Proceedings.

Writ of King's Bench and Order to Secretary of County Council and Members thereof, in respect of Mandamus owing to non-submittal of accounts of County Council to audit were dealt with in detail by Mr. R.W. Elgee, Solicitor.

The Secretary stated it was not possible to submit accounts for audit as portion of the records had been seized by the police and the rest by armed civilians.

Mr. Elgee pointed out that any person whose name was in the Writ was now liable to immediate attachment by an Officer of the Court.

It was unanimously decided that the copy Writ and Order be marked "Read".

Farmers' Union and Criminal Injury Decrees.

Under date 20th May 1921, Mr. M. Doran, Secretary County Wexford Farmers' Association, wrote forwarding copy of Circular letter which he issued to all Branches of the Association in connection with a proposal to oppose Criminal Injury Claims in County Wexford. He desired that the opinion of the County Council on this proposal, should be obtained at once, so that it could be submitted to adjourned Special Meeting of his Association to be held on 28th inst (May 1921)

The Circular letter in question was issued on 18th May 1921, and pointed out that a long discussion took place at the meeting of the Farmers' Association on that day in regard to opposing claims made for Malicious Injuries. The Meeting was adjourned to 28th May, to enable every Branch to send delegates. The Association desired to

know if the County Council would oppose the claims or otherwise would they favour the Farmers' Union opposing, as the claims for North Wexford would be heard on 7th June in Gorey and those for South Wexford on 9th June in Wexford.

After discussion the following was unanimously adopted:-

"That inasmuch as the Wexford County Council in common with the vast majority of the people of Ireland have already decided that taking cognizance of malicious injury claims is an acquiescence in the Government of this Country by England, we are strongly against the County Wexford Farmers' Association as a representative body taking action which would in our opinion stultify the aspirations of the Irish people .

The County Council of Wexford admit no responsibility for Malicious Injury Decrees, they have struck no rate for, and, consequently, will not pay same, neither can Ratepayers be called on for payment of amounts which are not included in their demand notes.

Should the National Bank as Treasurer of the County Council honour decrees of this nature it will be on their own responsibility and their action will be repudiated by the Council.

We are convinced that when these claims come to be finally settled by whatever Government is in power in Ireland a Commission will set up and all amounts agreed to by Courts will be reviewed and reconsidered".

Resignation of Member.

Under date 21st May 1921, Mr. Gregory Devereux, M. C. C. wrote from Waterford Jail, asking the County Council to be good enough to accept his resignation as he would not be able to attend the Meetings of the Council in future. He thanked the Members one and all for the many kindnesses shown to him in the past.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish seconded by Mr. Kavanagh:-

"That the resignation of Mr. Gregory Devereux as a Member of this County Council be accepted with regret".

New Ross R.D. Council and Road 239R.

A Committee appointed by New Ross Rural District Council to

consider the case of Road 239R reported that the sum of £7.10.0 had been wrongfully struck off the amount of this contract. The Contractor, the Committee found had agreed with Mr. Jones, Assistant Surveyor, to put the tonnage on another road at Boley under Sudden Damage Order at 4/- per yard on the conditions that he be allowed full pay for Road 239R. They also found the road to be in perfect condition and recommended payment of amount struck off.

The Secretary stated he had written on 18th May to the Clerk, New Ross Rural District Council, inquiring if the report had been adopted by the Rural District Council.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish, seconded by Mr. James Byrne:-

"That Report from Committee of New Ross R.D. Council as to Road 239R be adjourned until the opinion of New Ross R.D. Council on same be received".

Appointment County Analyst.

Applications were received from the following for the position of Analyst to the County Council:-

B. G. Fagan, City Laboratory, Chatham Row, Dublin at a salary of £50 per annum.

Messrs. W.D. O'Kelly M. D. , J. Keane M.Sc., and Miss Ryan, M.Sc Public Health Laboratory 26 Upper Mount Street, Dublin at 5/- per sample except water for which fee would be £1.1.0 and poison cases for which fee would be £2.2.0.

W. Thorp F.I.C., 1 & 2 Poolbeg Street, Dublin £50 per annum or £10 per annum plus 5/- per sample for each sample analysed.

W. J. Horne, B.A. Chemical & Bacteriological Laboratory, Limerick, who left the amount of salary to the discretion of the County council.

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

That Messrs. O'Kelly and Keane and Miss Ryan, 26 Upper Mount Street, Dublin, be appointed analysts to the County Council under Food & Drugs Act at 5/- per sample analysed, except water fee to be £1.1. 0 and Poison cases £2.2. 0 as per conditions fixed by County Council,

Appointment to be determined by a month's notice in writing on either side".

Food & Drugs Act.

In connection with the appointment of Inspectors under above Acts, the following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. James Byrne:-

"That Messrs. Foley, Kavanagh, Corish and Culleton be appointed to present to the County Council recommendations as to appointment of Inspectors under Food & Drugs Acts, with amount of remuneration to be paid in each case".

Travelling Expenses of County Surveyor.

The following letter under date 12th May 1921, from the Co. Surveyor to the Chairman of the Council was read:-

"You are aware that I was refused "Permit" for my motor, and now I am refused "Permit" for push bicycle. With the present lack of trains, and now not being allowed to use either my motor or bicycle, my only means of getting about is by hired motor from Wexford. This of course will mean very heavy expense and will have to be met out of a reduced salary unless the Council see their way to allow me for mileage of motor. No doubt the mileage to be travelled is very much reduced, but an expenditure on "hireage" will be out of proportion for the mileage travelled compared with my own motor, or push bicycle supplemented by train.

At the present time I have some repair work going on at Edermine Bridge and also at Ferrycarrig Bridge and in the ordinary course I would run out on my bicycle.

Yesterday the Council directed me to make special inspection with a Committee, of James Brien's roads, near Enniscorthy, there are also several other places I have to visit.

You will see that the County work is very much hampered, though we are supposed to "carry on". Please let me hear what you suggest".

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

"That County Surveyor be permitted to use hired motor for a month and at the end of that period the County Council to consider what

further steps it may be advisable to take to provide travelling allowance for County Surveyor in view of the expenditure for month in question".

Sheep Dipping Orders.

Under date 4th May 1921, the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction forwarded Order No. 502 providing for sending out by the Clerk of the Local Authority and delivery of same of any declaration under Sheep Dipping (Ireland) Order 1915.

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

"That provided the County Wexford Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction approves of the enforcement of Sheep Dipping Order of 1915, we request the Boards of Guardians of the County to arrange that declarations of dipping should be issued to sheep owners from the Offices of the Guardians in order to meet the convenience of Sheep owners".

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

"That in the event of the County Wexford Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction approving of enforcement of Sheep Dipping Order we agree to the re-appointment of Mr. James Murphy, Coolbawn, Ferns, as Inspector under this Order for the Rural Districts of Enniscorthy & Gorey. and of Mr. James Hayden, Corlican, Killurin, as Inspector for the Rural Districts of New Ross and Wexford, at a salary of £26 per annum in each case to cover both dipping periods of 1921".

Poison & Pharmacy Act Licenses.

With reference to the resolution of County Council adopted at last meeting that licenses under above Act would be issued in cases in which Irish Manufactured Sheep Dip was sold a letter was read under date 16th May from the Assistant Manager, Enniscorthy Co-operative Society that he would place the matter before his directors/

Mr. R. Breen, Commercial Quay, Wexford, wrote that he had about one dozen packets of Cooper's Sheep Dip in stock from last year, and when this was sold he intended stocking Irish Manufactured dip in

future.

No reply was received from Mr. Keating, Taghmon.

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

"That renewal of licence under Poisons & Pharmacy Act be issued Mr. Richard Breen, Commercial Quay, Wexford, that the question of issue of licence to Mr. J. Codd, Assistant Manager, Enniscorthy Co-operative Society, be adjourned to next meeting".

Mr. E. Brennan, Taghmon, applied for renewal of licence.

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

"That renewal of licence under Poisons & Pharmacy Act be granted Mr. E. Brennan, Taghmon, provided he agrees to sell Irish manufactured dip".

Commission of inquiry into Resources & Industries of Ireland.

Mr. Darrell Figgis, Secretary to above Commission, American Chambers, 15 Lower O'Connell Street, Dublin, wrote calling attention to the publications of the Commission and asking the County Council to give a standing Order for these as they are issued from time to time.

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

"That standing Order be placed with the Secretary of Commission of Inquiry into Resources and Industries of Ireland for the publications of the Commission".

Ministry of Transport and County Surveyor.

Under date 25th May 1921, the Ministry of Transport wrote (I.R.U./32) that the Ministry were considering the question of allowing an honorarium to the County Surveyor in respect of services rendered in connection with roads etc. upon which ex-service men have been employed. The Ministry appreciated the services which have been rendered and expressed satisfaction with the arrangements which had been made but before dealing further with the matter they would be glad to be advised that the County Council are agreeable to an honorarium being made to the County Surveyor.

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

"The Wexford County Council have no objection to the Ministry of Transport making an honorarium to their County Surveyor in connection with the serviced rendered by him relative to employment of ex-service men".

Wall at Glenbrien. Enniscorthy District.

Mr. Connolly, Clerk Enniscorthy Rural District Council, wrote under date 25th May 1921, forwarding correspondence relative to wall at Glenbrien in respect of which Sudden Damage Order had been issued by the County Surveyor and which had been signed by Messrs. Williams and Bennett, Rural District Councillors.

Mr. Nolan, R.D.C. at the meeting of Rural District Council, had raised the point that the work was unnecessary; Mr. Williams argued contra. The view of Mr. Nolan had been adopted by the Rural District Council by the casting vote of the Chairman.

The Contractor appeared and explained that he had provided the timber for the work.

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

"We consider that the manner in which County Surveyor dealt with Sudden Damage Order for repair of wall at Glenbrien is in order, and would point out that in this case the ordinary procedure relative to Sudden Damage Orders was followed".

Enniscorthy R. D. School Attendance Committee.

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

"That as recommended by Enniscorthy Rural District Council at their meeting held on 25th May 1921, Messrs. Thomas Foley, Clonroche, and Michael Nolan, Ballycoursey, be appointed Members of Enniscorthy Rural District School Attendance Committee, vice Messrs. John Kavanagh and Martin Kelly, resigned".

Vegetables etc. at County Hall.

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

"That Messrs. E.P. Foley and R. Corish be appointed as a Committee to arrange for the sale of vegetables and fruit in garden of County Hall".

Deferred Payments on Roads.

Messrs. Michael Cullen, The Crush, Ballaghkeene, and Joseph Hyland, Borelia, Kilcotty, came before the meeting in connection with amounts which had been deferred on their road contracts.

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

"That the County Surveyor prepare a detailed statement and circulate same as soon as possible to the members of the County Council on the following points:- (1) Amount of payment deferred on each Road Contract in the County and reasons for deferment; (2) amount of shortage of material and value of same with cost per cubic yard, (3) amount of material prepared in quarry or delivered on road, with value of same at cost per cubic yard, (4) the degree of completion in which each contract stands, (5) the relations of Contractors generally as regards the manner in which they have carried out their contracts.

That this information be considered at special meeting of County Council to be held on 8th June at 11.30 a.m."

Rate Collection.

Under date 20th May 1921 letter was read from Mr. E.J. Murphy, Rate Collector, that he was issuing Civil Bills against ratepayers who had refused to pay him.

It was unanimously decided that Mr. Murphy be informed the Council did not approve of this course and that he be instructed to furnish the Secretary with list of persons who have paid Rates"

It was agreed that the Secretary should submit to next meeting of the Council the total amount of Rate collected in each collection district with a statement as to what steps have been taken to keep the collection in progress; also the amounts to which the various Rate Collectors would be entitled to for poundage on amounts collected".

Foot & Mouth Disease.

The Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction

telegraphed that ^{to} owing outbreak of Foot & Mouth Disease on premises of John Bailey, Mountgarrett Lane, New Ross and William Doyle, (Taylors Yard, New Ross) and lands at Lacken and Newtown, New Ross; the Department had made an Order prohibiting movement of cattle Sheep Goats or Swine, into, out of or within a district comprising the following portions of the Administrative County of Wexford, viz:- The Urban District of New Ross, the Rural District of New Ross, the Electoral Divisions of Rossard, Kiltale, Killann, Killoughrim, Castleboro, The Leap, Clonroche, Bree and Ballyhogue in the Rural District of Enniscorthy, the Electoral Divisions of Killurin, Whitechurch, Glynn, Kilbride, Taghmon, Ballymitty, Harpurstown, Harristown and Bannow in the Rural District of Wexford.

Application for Payment- Compensation Malicious Injury.

Messrs. O'Connor & Co., Solicitors, New Road, Gorey, wrote under date 13th May 1921, that they held decree for £153. 13. 8d for compensation and costs in the case of Richard Butler, Killowen v. County Council, and would be glad to have payment.

"No Order"

Deductions from Grants.

Letters were submitted from Dublin Castle, stating that deduction from Grants had been made as follows:-

11/8 expenses of Winter Assizes, £5 rent of Clonroche petty sessions court.

Late Most Rev. Dr. Walsh, Archbishop of Dublin.

Most Rev. Dr. Byrne, Vicar Capitular, Dublin Diocese, wrote on behalf of the Clergy and people of the Diocese returning thanks for the resolution of sympathy, by the Wexford County Council, on the death of the late Most Rev. Dr. Walsh, Archbishop of Dublin.

-----ooOoo-----

(Signed) _____

Presiding Chairman

Dated this day of 19

SPECIAL MEETING. 8th JUNE 1921.

A Special Meeting of the Wexford County Council was held in the County Hall, Wexford, on 8th June 1921.

Present:- Mr. John J. O'Byrne (Vice-Chairman) presiding.

Also present:- Messrs. D. Kavanagh, R. Corish, Thomas Murphy, J.J. O'Byrne (Raheen) J. Murphy, and C. Culleton.

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

Proposed Amalgamation of Unions.

Under date 4th June 1921, Mr. J.J. Rochford, Clerk New Ross Union, wrote that at a Conference of delegates representing Enniscorthy Gorey, New Ross and Wexford Unions, which was held on 2nd June 1921, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That this Conference favours Workhouse Amalgamation, that the the four general Workhouses be abolished, that the four hospitals be retained and properly equipped, children to be boarded out, the aged to be housed in a central home, and one of the Workhouses to be used for that purpose".

The following resolution was unanimously adopted:-

"That the Clerks of the four Unions of the County be requested to inform the delegates who attended Conference in New Ross on 2nd June 1921, on the subject of amalgamation of Unions, that the County Council will at their annual Meeting on 18th June 1921, consider the general question of amalgamation and also recommendation from the Conference, and would be glad to have the assistance of the delegates on the occasion.

That the Clerks of Unions be also asked to attend the Co. Council meeting".

State of Rate Collection.

A considerable portion of the time of the meeting was taken up in connection with the Rate Collection ending March 1921, and in respect of which a sum of £16800 was still outstanding.

As regards No. 1 Collection District, it was decided that Messrs. E.P. Foley, and C. Culleton, County Councillors and Mr. Charles

McCarthy, Murrintown, make arrangements for the collection of the balance of the Rates outstanding.

Arrangements were also made for continuation of Collection in Nos. 3 and 4 Districts.

As regards No. 6 District, Mr. John Murphy was requested to make provision for continuation of the collection.

In connection with No. 13 District approval was given to the appointment of Mr. Michael Kinsella, Ballyshane, Camolin, vice William Roche who did not take up the appointment of Rate Collector.

Regarding No. 16 Collection District, it was decided to ask Mr. Laurence Redmond, Morriscastle, Kilmuckridge to look after the Collection.

Payment of Poundage Fees.

A resolution was adopted that poundage fees be paid to Rate Collectors on the amounts they have lodged, except in the cases of Collectors P. Codd and J.C. Smith to whom poundage fees will not be paid until they close their collections.

Deferred Payments.

A full list of deferred payments from Road Contractors in connection with meetings of R.D. Councils in April last was submitted to the meeting by the County Surveyor.

Edward McDonald, Kilbora, Camolin, Contractor for Road No. 3E came before the meeting and explained that as work had been stopped at Doran's Hill Quarry he could not get the material for the road and in respect of which £64. 13. 6 had been deferred. He contended he had been put to a loss of £45 by upkeep of men and horses. If he had dismissed the men he had, he could not have found others so suitable and he would not have been able to carry on his other contracts. He was over £70 out of pocket by keeping on his men and he did not dismiss them because he did not know but the quarry would be re-opened any day.

"Contractor was informed that the County Council could not pay him for work which had not been performed. He would be paid in December for all material spread and work done on road in accordance with the terms of his contract".

A similar ruling was made in the case of William Murphy,

Contractor for Road No. 128G".

Joseph Cullen, Contractor for Roads Nos. 30E, 170E, and 172E, came before the meeting and complained that amounts had been deferred on his Contracts for shortage of material, but this arose because County Council Stonebreaker was not available.

It was decided that provided material was spread and work carried out to the satisfaction of the County Surveyor the deferred amounts be paid in December next, in the meantime County Surveyor to arrange that Cullen should obtain an assignment from Bank to enable him to proceed with his contracts.

This Contractor also complained that an excessive sum had been paid by the County Surveyor to John Murphy, Castlebridge from whom Cullen had purchased road material, but the meeting having heard a statement from the County Surveyor came to the conclusion that amount paid John Murphy was in accordance with the terms of agreement which had been entered into by Michael Cullen.

As regards deferred amounts on Roads 32E and 49E the County Surveyor stated that these were cases similar to Cullen's i.e. the County Council Stonebreaker was not available to have material broken in proper time.

"It was decided that the County Surveyor would make arrangements by which Hyland could obtain an advance from Bank to enable him to carry on, and that the County Surveyor certify for R.D. Council Meeting in December on form 22 for all material spread and work done on these contracts".

University Scholarships.

It was decided that consideration of applications for University Scholarships be adjourned to next meeting of the Co. Council on 18th inst., in order to ascertain if parents or guardians of children were in need of assistance in order to provide a University Scholarship for applicants.

Overline Railway Bridges.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted:-

"That on termination of existing agreements, and agreement entered into with Fishguard & Rosslare Railways & Harbours Co., and Great

Southern & Western Railway Co., (jointly) for the repair of overline bridges and approaches thereto for sums of £32.18.0 and £21. 11.0 as regards Fishguard Co., and £4.16. 0 as regards Great Southern & Western Railway Co., respectively per annum. Agreement to be terminated at any time by six months' notice in writing on either side.

That an agreement be also entered into with the Dublin & South Eastern Railway Co., for maintenance of overline bridges on this line of railway and of the approaches thereto for the sum of £110 per annum, to be determined by six months' notice in writing on either side".

Enniscorthy Roads.

A Committee of the County Council consisting of Messrs. Hall. and W. Furlong, recommended that as regards work on roads 25E, 231E and 234E a sum of £8. 1. 0 should be paid the Contractor (James O'Brien Glenteigue, Edermine).

The report was received and unanimously adopted.

Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, reported that he had noticed in April last about one-third or one-half a cubic yard of stones from Ballybrennan Quarry spread in the yard of Mr. Richard Murphy, Milltown, Killanne, and which appeared to have been taken from Road No. 48E.

"It was decided that the report of Mr. Ennis, be referred to Mr. J. Murphy, County Councillor, for report to next meeting of the County Council".

New Ross Bridge Repairs.

The County Surveyor brought forward account of over £275 odd from Messrs. Kelly & Co., Timber Merchants, New Ross, and Thomas Lee, Blacksmith, New Ross, for repairs to New Ross Bridge.

"It was decided that the amount be paid".

Outstanding Liabilities.

On the motion of Mr. J. Murphy, seconded by Mr. T. Murphy, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:-

"That the County Surveyor be requested to submit to next meeting of the County Council full particulars of all amounts due by the County Council in connection with his department".

Insurance Policies.

Under date 26th May 1921, Messrs. McDonagh & Boland, Insurance

Brokers, Dublin, wrote as regards injury to a boat at Courtown, the property of the Council, that the Public Liability Policy which had been entered into did not cover these vessels and it would be necessary to have a Marine policy issued in respect of them.

"It was decided owing to the few boats owned by the Council and that the accident at Courtown was the first one with which the Council had to deal that it was not necessary to enter into a Marine Insurance Policy".

Poisons & Pharmacy Act Licences.

A resolution was adopted agreeing to renewals of Licences under Poisons & Pharmacy Act to Laurence Harpur, North Main Street, Wexford, and Edward Brennan, Taghmon, on condition that they stocked only Sheep dip which was manufactured in Ireland.

In connection with this matter the following, under date 7th June 1921, was read from Mr. James Codd, Assistant Manager, Enniscorthy Co-operative Agricultural Society:-

"Referring to yours of the 14th ult., re Licence under Poisons & Pharmacy Act. Since receiving your letter I have been making enquiries through several sources especially through the Irish Industrial Development Association as to Sheep Dip manufactured in Ireland. The Irish Industrial Development Association gave me a list of manufacturers, but when I wrote these firms only one said they were manufacturers of dip similar to Coopers, and this firm is Kilch & Co., Cork, and they state that they have only begun to make this dip, and it has not yet been passed by the Department of Agriculture and until then they cannot put same in the market.

You state that the Licence will only be renewed on notification been received that applicants only stock Irish Goods in connection with the Act. Now this is a thing I would like to do, and also which the firm I represent would like to do, but as you see we have made every effort to find a manufacturer in Ireland of the quality of dip which is mostly used in this country, and we cannot find one.

I know of one firm myself (but of course at present time it is not in Ireland) being in Belfast, - the North of Ireland Chemical Company- which make this class of dip, but is out of the question.

As the sheep dipping season is now advancing I would be pleased if you would let me know at earliest whether you will grant me the Licence".

The following resolution was adopted:-

"That Mr. Codd, Assistant Manager, Enniscorthy Co-operative Society, be informed that in the opinion of this Council satisfactory Sheep Dip is manufactured in Ireland, and we feel assured that same will be used without objection by the Members of his Society".

Employment Ex-Service Men.

Under date 30th May 1921, the Ministry of Transport wrote that they had noted that the County Council had no objection to the Ministry granting an honorarium to the County Surveyor in respect of services rendered in connection with the Works upon which ex-service men had been employed.

Wall at Blackwater.

Under date 3rd June 1921, Messrs. Buttle Bros. & Co., wrote applying for permission to remove a small portion of wall facing the main entrance of their new Store and Shop at Blackwater. They pointed out that the County Surveyor was satisfied that the wall should be removed provided the permission of the County Council was obtained.

The following resolution was adopted:-

"That the application of Messrs. Buttle Bros. & Co., for removal of wall at Blackwater be agreed to, work to be carried out to the satisfaction of the County Surveyor".

Foot & Mouth Disease.

Orders were received from Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction, prohibiting the movement of animals from or out of the premises of the following, owing to Foot & Mouth Disease:- William Doyle, Pondfields, New Ross, lands at Barrett's Park, Newtown, and Lacken, Bridget Ronan, Mountgarrett Lane, New Ross, John Bailey, Mountgarrett Lane, New Ross, and lands of Newtown, F.W. Taylor, The Quay, New Ross, Major J.M. Little, Berkley House, New Ross.

Bovine Tuberculosis Order.

Under date 4th June 1921, a letter was read from Mr. F. W.

Taylor, V.S. New Ross, stating he would be glad to know how the Veterinary Surgeons of the Council stood with regard to salary under Tuberculosis Order, if to be paid by case or by salary, He had not received any remuneration up to the present although the Order had been in force for 18 months.

The Secretary stated that the entire correspondence with the Veterinary Surgeons and resolutions of the Council dealing with this matter had been submitted to the Irish Co. Councils' General Council, some considerable time ago for recommendation, but nothing had been received from them to the present.

The following resolution was adopted unanimously:-

"That the General Council of Irish County Councils be requested to submit recommendation to this Council in connection with remuneration to be paid Veterinary Inspectors under Bovine Tuberculosis Order, in respect of which full details were submitted to General Council some months ago".

Malicious Injury Decrees.

Applications were received from Solicitors for payment of amounts of Criminal Injuries.

The following resolution was adopted:-

"That Solicitors applying for payment of compensation for Criminal Injuries be informed that the County Council will not pay same".

Payment to Ministry of Transport.

The following resolution was adopted:-

"That £102 final instalment due Ministry of Transport in respect of loan advanced for purchase of stonebreaker be paid at first available opportunity".

Road 239R.

Consideration of Report of Committee as to above was adjourned pending information as to whether this report has been adopted by New Ross Rural District Council.

Shipment of Trailers.

In connection with amount due Thompson's Motor Car Co., Dublin

for Machinery, the County Surveyor stated that as regards the resolution of the Council refusing to make any further payment to Messrs. Thompsons until trailers had been delivered in Wexford, he had been in communication with Mr. Charles Thompson,, Managing Director of the firm, but could not find that trailers had been yet shipped to Wexford.

"No Order"

White Cross Fund.

Under date 24th May 1921, Mr. J.J. Rochford, Clerk New Ross Board of Guardians, wrote that his Board had adopted the resolution of New Ross Urban Council, asking the County Council to obtain from his Lordship Most Rev. Dr. Codd, Bishop of Ferns, permission to hold collections at the Church doors in aid of the Irish White Cross Fund.

"No action was taken in view of the fact that collections cannot be held without a permit from Military Authorities".

Unemployment.

The Secretary was instructed to communicate with Clerks of Rural District Councils, and ascertain if any steps had been taken to formation of a scheme to deal with unemployment in their districts.

Missing Pay Orders.

The Secretary stated that Pierce Franey, Grallough, Adamstown Road Contractor, wrote that two Paying Orders of his must have gone astray in post. One was on Road 121R No. of Order 678, amount £14. 2. 0. second on Road 95R, No. of Order 790, amount £22.10. 0.

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

"That our Secretary be empowered to issue duplicate Pay Orders for No. 678, £14.2.0 and No. 790, £22.10.0 (General Account) as Original Orders issued 11th May 1921 were not received by Payee. That an estoppel be placed on payment of original Orders in these cases

That duplicate Pay Order for No. 531 (General Account) issued on 11th May 1921) to Daniel Connors, Ballinclay, Killurin, be issued as original had been lost by Payee.

That duplicate Pay Order be issued in favour of St. Kevin's reformatory, Glencree, for £36. 2. 2 (No. 830 General Account) as original had been lost by Payee.

That in all these cases estoppel be placed on original Orders".

Application for Funds.

Under date 3rd June 1921, Dr. Hugh T. Kennedy, Medical Superintendent, Asylum, Enniscorthy, wrote for instalment of Asylum Demand as the Committee had only £23.1.8d standing to credit.

"It was decided that application be adjourned to next meeting as County Council had no funds available".

Dublin Castle and Local Bodies.

Under date 31st May 1921, the Under Secretary, Dublin Castle, wrote (25806-1920? forwarding Order made by Lord Justices under the provisions of the Restoration of Order in Ireland Act and Regulations, withholding payment to certain specified local bodies of sums which would otherwise ^{be} paid to them out of Local Taxation (Ireland) Account or any Parliamentary Grant or Fund administered by any Government Department or public body.

Under date 30th May 1921, the Under Secretary, Dublin Castle, wrote that £87. 0. 2d being £85. 0. 4d Decree and costs in favour of Head Constable Coghlan, R.I.C. and £1. 19. 10d interest thereon, had been deducted from sums payable Wexford County Council under Local Taxation Account.

Mandamus Proceedings.

The Secretary reported that he had received original Writ of Mandamus in the case of Local Government Board, Dublin, vice Wexford County Council.

"No Order"

Payment for Stonebreaker.

A resolution was adopted that £475. 10. 0 balance due by Co. Council on purchase of Stonebreaker should be paid as soon as funds are available.

Ballymotey Bridge.

The County Surveyor asked for directions as to repair of Ballymotey Bridge, Bryan Murphy, Ballinagore, Blackwater, had been accepted as Contractor at something over £200 and he had defaulted. One of the Sureties, Joseph Hyland, Kilcotty, had taken up the work and had carried out portion of it, cost amounting to about £30. The

bridge would not at present be able to carry a heavy motor lorry.

"The Council decided that in view of the present conditions it would be inadvisable to repair the structure and directions to this effect were conveyed to the County Surveyor.

Striking Rates.

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

"That we hereby strike the Rate for General and Separate Charges for financial year 1921-1922 as agreed to at meeting of Wexford County Council on 20th April 1921, 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 demands of Wexford County Council on the Urban Councils of Enniscorthy, New Ross and Wexford, be fully 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	1065. 12. 2	1507. 8. 10		2573. 1. 0
New Ross	1008. 3. 0	1921. 6. 0		2929. 9. 0
Wexford	2181. 13. 7	3469. 11. 1		5641. 4. 8

-----oo0oo-----

(Signed)

Dated this

day of

19

Presiding Chairman

ANNUAL MEETING. - 18th JUNE 1921.

The Annual Meeting of the Wexford County Council was held in the County Hall, Wexford, on 18th June 1921.

Present:- Mr. J. J. O'Byrne (Vice-Chairman) presiding.

Also:- Messrs. C. Culleton, John Cummins, Simon Kehoe, M. Cloney, E.P. Foley, James Hall, D. Kavanagh, Michael Byrne, James Byrne, M. Doyle. R. Corish, John Murphy.

The Secretary and County Surveyor were also in attendance.

Confirmation of Minutes.

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and signed.

Chairmen of Rural District Councils, etc.

Mr. Connolly, Clerk Enniscorthy Rural District Council, wrote that Mr. W.J. Furlong, Dranagh, Caim, had been elected Chairman of this Council and Representative of County Council.

Mr. Fanning, Clerk Gorey Rural District Council wrote that Mr. Patrick O'Byrne, Camolin, had been appointed Representative of Gorey Rural District Council on County Council.

Mr. Rochford, Clerk R.D. Council, New Ross, wrote that Mr. Michael Byrne, Ballynabearna, Ballywilliam, had been appointed Chairman of this Council and Representative on Co. Council.

Election of Chairman.

The Chairman proposed that Mr. E.P. Foley be appointed Chairman, but Mr. Foley would not allow his name to go forward as Chairman.

Mr. Foley proposed:- "That Mr. J.J. O'Byrne, Cushinstown, be appointed Chairman of this Council for year 1921-22, and until his Successor had been appointed and taken office, position to be vacated by Mr. O'Byrne when Mr. J.R. Etchingham, County Councillor, is available to fill the Chair".

Mr. Cummins seconded the resolution which was adopted.

Mr. O'Byrne returned thanks for his election.

Election of Vice-Chairman.

Mr. Cummins proposed:- "That Mr. E.P. Foley be appointed Vice Chairman of this Council for year 1921-22, to hold office until the

appointment of his Successor, position however to be vacated when Dr. Ryan returns to civil life and is able to take his seat on the Council as Vice-Chairman".

Mr. C. Culleton seconded.

Mr. Foley returned thanks for his election.

Election of Deputy Vice-Chairman.

Mr. Cummins proposed, Mr. S. Kehoe seconded and adopted:-

"That Mr. C. Culleton be appointed Deputy Vice-Chairman of the Council for year 1921-22, and until his Successor has been appointed and has taken office, position to be vacated on return of Mr. A.F. Smith to civil life and on his taking his seat as Co. Councillor".

Proposed Co-option of Member.

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

"That as Mr. T. Walsh, recently co-opted a Member of this Council, is unable to arrange for attendance at County Council meetings we request the Wexford Trades Council to nominate a Member to fill the vacancy created by the internment of Mr. John Sinnott and to which Mr. Walsh was nominated".

Committees.

On the motion of Mr. Cummins, seconded by Mr. Culleton, the following were appointed members of Finance Committee for year 1921-22

Messrs. Buckley, Cloney, Corish, Culleton, M. Doyle, J. R. Etchingham, J.J. O'Byrne, (Raheen) with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Council to act as Ex-officio Members. That Member of the County Council appointed to represent Wexford Rural District Council be elected a Member vice Mr. G. Devereux (in prison).

Proposal Committee.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Cummins seconded by Mr. Culleton:-

"That the following be appointed Members of proposal Committee for 1921-22:- Messrs. Clancy, Corish, Etchingham, W.J. Furlong, Hughes, Kavanagh, S. Kehoe, John Murphy, Patrick O'Byrne, M. Redmond, with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman as Ex-officio Members. That Member appointed by Rural District Council of Wexford as their

Representative on the County Council vice Mr. G. Devereux (in prison) be appointed a member of the Proposal Committee".

Dates of Meetings of Councils.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Cummins, seconded by Mr. Kehoe:- "That the following dates etc. be agreed to for Half-yearly Meetings of County and Rural District Councils:-

Enniscorthy-	Thursday,	10th November	11 a.m.
Gorey	Tuesday,	8th "	11.30 a.m.
New Ross	Wednesday,	2nd "	11.30 a.m.
Wexford	Saturday,	29th October,	11 a.m.
Proposal Committee-	Wednesday,	3rd August	11 a.m.
Co. Council (Quarterly)	"	"	11.30 a.m.
Proposal Committee	Wednesday,	5th October,	11 a.m.
Co. Council (Half-yearly)	Wednesday,	7th December	11 a.m.

Road 239R.

In connection with the above a Committee of New Ross Rural District Council reported that they found that the Contractor, Mr. Moses Browne, had had £7.10.0 wrongfully struck off his contract, From the Contractor's statement the Committee found that £7.10. 0 had been wrongfully "struck off" his payment. Mr. Jones, Assistant Surveyor (Mr. Browne contended) had agreed that if he, Contractor, put the tonnage on another road at Boley, under Sudden Damage Order, at 4/- per yard, he would be allowed full pay on 239R. The Committee found road in perfect condition and recommended payment of the amount.

This report had been adopted by the Rural District Council of New Ross.

Mr. Barry, County Surveyor, in reply to report pointed out that the Contractor was 22 cubic yards short on this road. If there had been no shortage, Mr. Browne would have been paid in full.

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

"That report of Committee on Road 239R be referred back to the Committee for re-consideration. That Mr. Barry, County Surveyor, arrange to meet the Committee and Contractor on Road as soon as

convenient, and that Mr. Barry fix date for said meeting".

Wexford and New Ross Bridges.

In connection with the maintenance of New Ross & Wexford Bridges, it was decided that the question of proposals for same be considered at the August meeting of the Council.

It was decided on the motion of Mr. Doyle, seconded by Mr. Cloney, that the County Surveyor advertise for a Caretaker for New Ross Bridge as from 1st July 1921.

Foot & Mouth Diseases.

Orders of the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction relative to restrictions for Foot & Mouth Disease on farms in the neighbourhood of New Ross were read.

Mr. Doyle proposed, Mr Culleton seconded and it was adopted:-
as

"That/the Foot & Mouth Disease is now non-existent in New Ross District we call on the Department to remove all restrictions of movement of animals in the restricted area, and also to use their influence to have the embargo on export of Cattle to England and Scotland removed at once".

Kilcarberry Mills.

The following resolution was submitted from Enniscorthy Asylum Committee:-

"That we recommend the County Council to instruct the Co. Surveyor to inspect examine and report on the Mill ruins at Kilcarberry with a view to ascertaining to what purpose they might be devoted, or if it would be advisable to demolish the buildings and sell the materials".

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

"That Messrs. Hall. Kehoe, Murphy, County Councillors, with Mr. T. McCarthy, Chairman Asylum Committee and Rev. James Rossiter, Adm., Enniscorthy, be appointed a Committee to examine Kilcarberry Mills in company with the County Surveyor and to report to next meeting of the Asylum Committee".

Poisons & Pharmacy Act.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr.

Murphy, seconded by Mr. Foley:-

"That renewal of licence under Poisons & Pharmacy Act be granted Mr. Henry Hill, Ballycanew, on condition that he stock only Sheep Dip of Irish manufacture".

Under date 15th June 1921, Mr. James Codd, Assistant Manager Enniscorthy Co-operative Society, wrote that his Board were willing to give an undertaking to stock only Irish dips provided the Co. Council gave them permission to dispose of their existing stocks. He had a reply from Dublin that he would be able to purchase satisfactory dip of Irish manufacturers.

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

"That the undertaking given by Enniscorthy Co-operative Society as to sale of sheep dip manufactured in Ireland be accepted, and that the County Council will raise no objection to the sale of foreign dip which this Society has on hands at present".

New Members Co. Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction.

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

"That Mr. J.J. Meehan, Erinvale, New Ross and Mr. Simon Murphy Ballykelly, New Ross, be appointed Members of County Wexford Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction, vice Mr. Martin Rowe (who has gone to America) and Mr. Bernard Cleary, interned".

Varying Rates of Wages to Labourers.

Under date 10th June, 1921, Mr. M. O'Donoghue, Transport Union Organiser, 4 Court Street, Enniscorthy, wrote that men employed by the County Council in spreading and carting road material were paid in Enniscorthy District under Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, 35/- per week, of four days; whereas the men in Wexford District, under Mr. Curran, Assistant Surveyor, were only paid 32/- for similar work. These men were entitled to payment of 3/- per week arrears of wages.

The Co. Surveyor stated that the sum involved was £21. 10. 0. These men began work in December 1920, and it is only now they were raising the point of the 3/- per week arrears. No doubt they

carried out the same work as the men in Enniscorthy District and that the amount 35/- had been fixed by a Conference of Labour members and County Councillors in Enniscorthy.

Mr. Corish proposed, Mr Culleton seconded and it was passed:-

That the 3/- per week arrears of wages claimed by Workers in Wexford District be apid as the Council consider same is due in view of the Conference held to fix wages".

Rate Collection.

The Meeting approved of Circular letter to Ratepayers who have not yet discharged their obligations to the Council by Payment of their Rates, amounts to be paid by 14th July.

Applications University Scholarships.

Applications for award of University Scholarships were received from the following:-

1. George Joseph Bright, Seaview, Avenue, Wexford.
2. Wm. K. Dempsey, Courtclough, Blackwater.
3. Ellen Fortune, Kereight, Kyle.
4. Stephen Furlong, 16 South Main Street, Wexford.
5. Thos. V. McGrath, George Street, Gorey.
6. Agnes Murphy, Arthurstown.
7. Elizabeth M. Nurphy, The Bridge, Gorey.

The following order was made:-

"This meeting of the County Council does not consider that the parents of Agnes Murphy, Arthurstown, or Elizabeth M. Murphy, The Bridge, Gorey, are in need of assistance to secure University education for their children and accordingly they do not regard these applicants as coming within the terms of the Scheme".

Mr. Murphy proposed:- "That Messrs. Bright, Dempsey, Fortune, Furlong and McGrath be allowed to compete for University Scholarships"

Mr. Kehoe seconded.

Mr. Hall proposed and Mr. Corish seconded the following:-

"That as we do not consider the parents of Ellen Fortune, Kereight, in need of assistance in order to provide her with University education we do not accept her application for University Scholarship, but that applications from Messrs. Bright, Dempsey,

Furlong and McGrath be accepted".

On a show of hands eight voted in favour of the amendment and three against.

The Chairman declared the amendment carried. It was subsequently put as the substantive resolution and accepted nem con.

Union Amalgamation.

It was decided that a special meeting of the County Council be held on 29th June 1921, at 11.30 to consider the question of Amalgamation of Unions and that the delegates and Clerks of Unions be requested to attend.

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

"That in connection with meeting on 29th June to consider the subject of amalgamation of Unions, the four Clerks be requested to submit the following information:- Cost of provisions, necessaries, clothing and bedding, workhouse burials, salaries of officers, viz:- Master, Matron, Nurses, Doctors etc., also what their superannuation or compensation would be if retired. Cost of medicines and appliances, workhouse farm and expenses".

Finances of Asylum.

Under date 3rd June 1921, Dr. Kennedy, Medical Superintendent, Asylum, Enniscorthy, wrote asking for instalment of demand, as they had only £23.18.5d to credit.

"It was decided that £400 be transferred to the Asylum".

Seizure of Motor Registers etc.

On 11th June 1921 a party of police attended at County Hall and took away Motor Registers, Register of Motor Licences (Driving) and all other books, forms etc. in connection with Motor Car Acts. The District Inspector (Capt. McIntosh) who was in charge, stated that Wexford County Council by a recent Government Order had no power to transact any business under these Acts.

Irish Fisheries.

It was decided that everything should be done by the Council individually and collectively to develop and organise the existing home markets for fish.

-----oo00ooo-----

MEETING. - 29th JUNE 1921.

A Meeting of the Wexford County Council in conference to Representatives and Officials of the Boards of Guardians was held in the County Hall, Wexford, on Wednesday 29th June 1921, to consider the question of Union Amalgamation.

The following were in attendance:-

Mr. John J. O'Byrne, Chairman County Council, presiding.

Also:- Messrs. M. Doyle, M.C.C. W. Furlong, M.C.C., M. Redmond, M.C.C. E.P. Foley, M.C.C. James Hall, M.C.C. Simon Kehoe, M.C.C. John Cummins, M.C.C. Richard Corish, M.C.C. James Shannon, M.C.C. J. Pender, M.C.C. M. Hughes, M.C.C. M. Byrne, M.C.C. John Gannon and Moses Bolger, representing Gorey Board of Guardians; T. McCarthy and N. Whitty representing Enniscorthy Board of Guardians, Mrs. McTaminy and Mrs. O'Connor, representing Wexford Board of Guardians.

Also:- Messrs. A.A. Connolly, Clerk Enniscorthy Union, J.J. Fanning, Clerk Gorey Union, Daniel O'Sullivan, Clerk Wexford Union, and T.A. Frizelle, Assistant Secretary of Co. Council.

The Assistant Secretary read the following report of a Conference of delegates from the four Unions held in New Ross to consider the matter.

"At the New Ross Conference on Workhouse Amalgamation, following resolution was adopted (the Labour representatives keeping an "open mind" on the matter at present).

That, as this Conference favours Workhouse Amalgamation, it recommends:-

1. That the four General Workhouses be abolished as such.
2. That the existing General and Fever Hospitals (to be properly equipped) be retained and converted into, and called District Hospitals on the lines contemplated by Section 90 of the Local Government Act, 1896.
3. That the necessitous and infirm be accommodated in a central institution to be called the "County Wexford Home".
4. That all children be boarded out in the Country districts.
5. That with a view of saving retiring allowances as much as possible, the new "Home" absorb such and as many of the existing officers as it may be deemed advisable to transfer thereto.

6. That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to each Board of Guardians for consideration".

These recommendations had been submitted to the four Boards of Guardians with the following result:-

Wexford :- Adopted the resolution subject to the finds of this day's Conference being again submitted to them.

Enniscorthy:- Adopted the resolution.

New Ross :- Special Meeting of the Guardians in Committee was held on the 25th inst., to consider same but as only 12 out of 55 attended it was adjourned for five weeks.

Gorey:- No definite decision, the Clerk of the Union writing as follows:-

"The question of Workhouse Amalgamation in the County was discussed at the Meeting of my Board of Guardians on Saturday last arising out of the report of the New Ross Conference. The Members are divided in opinion as some of them believe that it would work far more costly than the present arrangement. At the same time the Guardians as a body are not definitely opposed to it, but they want more information before coming to any decision favourable to the Scheme. For this reason they have again appointed the same deputation to attend the forthcoming Conference with the County Council of Wexford. If it could be shown that taking everything into consideration it will save money to have a Central Home established for the whole County, they will not go against the wishes of the three other Unions in this matter provided all the others are favourable to it".

After a lengthened discussion the following resolution was adopted, on the motion of Mr. Corish, seconded by Mr. Moses Bolger:-

"That this Conference agrees to the principle of Union Amalgamation. That the cost of a Scheme of Amalgamation be prepared by a special Committee showing separately and in detail the cost of equipping and running one County Home, and one County Hospital and comparing same with the cost of the existing arrangement. The Committee consist of:- Miss O'Ryan, The Mayor, Messrs. E.P. Foley, T. McCarthy, M. Byrne, Moses Bolger and John J. O'Byrne, Chairman and the Clerks of the four Unions".

"That the Committee report to a further Meeting of this Conference to be held on Wednesday 20th July".

The delegates of the Boards of Guardians then withdrew, and the County Council proceeded to transact the ordinary business of the Council:-

Payments to Unions.

"It was decided that sums of £250 each be forwarded to Enniscorthy New Ross and Wexford Unions, as a further advance on account of Demands for year ended 31st March 1921".

Employment of Ex-service Men.

The following letter No. I.R.U. 32 Wexford, from the Ministry of Transport under date 22nd June was read:-

"I am directed to inform you that the Ministry of Transport are advised that it would be desirable, having regard to the number of ex-service men in the neighbourhood of Wexford who are at present unemployed, to initiate additional works on which such men could be employed, and I am to state that, subject to acceptance by the Wexford County Council, the Minister is prepared to make an additional grant of £3,750 to cover the wages of ex-service men to be employed on the breaking up and removing of concrete walls and floor at the Aerodrome Site at Ferrybank on the same conditions as those laid down in connection with the Grant of £2,000 referred to in the letter addressed to you by this Department on the 8th January last, Scheme I.D. 58.

I shall be obliged if you will be so good as to let me know at your earliest convenience whether the Wexford County Council are prepared to accept the Grant, in which case an instalment will be forwarded to enable the County Surveyor to re-start the work without delay".

"It was decided that the County Surveyor be authorised to arrange for the carrying out of the proposal in the letter of the Ministry of Transport".

New Ross Bridge.

The County Surveyor stated that with reference to the caretaking of New Ross Bridge from 30th June 1921, to 30th June 1922, and which had been given into his charge, he had advertised for tenders.

He submitted the following:-

T. Lee, Rosbercon, New Ross £52.

E. Lawler & Sons, Bridge Quay New Ross £50.

"The tender of Messrs. Lawler & Sons, at £50 being the lowest, was accepted."

Re-arrest of Secretary.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Foley, it was decided that the Secretary should be granted leave of absence during his detention by the Military".

-----ooOoo-----

(Signed)

Presiding Chairman

Dated this day of 19

MEETING.- 14th JULY 1921.

A Meeting of the Wexford County Council was held in the Boardroom Wexford Workhouse on Thursday, 14th July 1921.

Present:- Mr. J.J. O'Byrne, Chairman. presiding.

Also:- Messrs. J. Cummins, John Murphy, E. Foley, Charles McCarthy, Messrs. T.A. Frizelle, Assistant Secretary and W.F. Barry, County Surveyor were also in attendance.

Commandeering of County Hall.

The Assistant Secretary reported that on Monday, 4th July, the County Hall had been commandeered by the Royal Irish Constabulary, Office accommodation had been secured at the Wexford Workhouse.

The County Surveyor stated he had been requested by the Police Authorities to have Machinery consisting of :- One steam lorry, two waggons, two trailer waggons, one van, two breakers, fittings and drill parts removed from County Hall.

"It was decided that no action be taken at present".

Rate Collection.

The Assistant Secretary submitted the state of the Rate Collection

"It was decided that County Councillors assist Collectors in the completion of collection for year ended 31st March 1921; and that Collectors be summoned to a meeting of the County Council on Wednesday 27th July, on which date the collection of Poor Rate for current half-year will commence".

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

"That the Local Government Department, Dail Eireann, be requested to arrange for the Republican Police to assist the Rate Collectors, 17 of whom have been declared illegal by the British Local Government Board, in the collection of Rate for half-year ended 30th September 1921".

The following letter under date 13th July 1921, from Mr. John Sinnott, Rate Collector, Ballyeland, Davidstown, Enniscorthy, was read:-

"I am in debt to the Council about £50. I got £150 out of

the Bank for three months. It will be due on 22nd July, as I thought that the Council needed money to help them on. If you could forward me £60 as I want meet bill, I only got a small portion of it since, I would be very thankful to you. I hear there will be a fair on the 1st August, I think I will be able to wind up with the Council".

On the motion of Mr. Cummins, seconded by Mr. Foley, it was decided in view of the uncertainty of the meaning of the Collector's letter, to direct the Deputy Checker of Collectors' Books for Enniscorthy Rural District, to examine Collector Sinnott's books, and submit a statement in proper form from the Collector as to the nature of his application".

Accounts.

The County Surveyor submitted a statement of outstanding Accounts amounting to £6572. 1. 6d. Pressing Payments amounted to £200.

On the motion of the Chairman, the County Surveyor was authorised to certify for payment up to this amount".

Messrs. Thompson wrote asking for further payment on foot of balance of order for trailer wagons.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Foley, it was decided that no further payment be made until the four wagons paid for had been delivered".

The County Surveyor was directed jointly with local County Councillors to make arrangements for storage of wagons when they arrive.

Road 239R.

The following letter from Mr. L. O'Neill, Rural District Councillor, New Ross, to the County Surveyor with reference to recommendation of New Ross R.D. Council agreeing to payment of £7. 10. 0 to Moses Brown, Contractor for 239R, on the grounds that the amount was wrongfully struck off by the County Surveyor, and which recommendation had been referred to the County Surveyor by the County Council, was read:-

"On receipt of your letter re Road 239R I again interviewed Mr. Brown, Contractor, and now find him to misunderstood his case. And

not being as he led us to believe at first. He is now prepared to withdraw his claim and regrets causing to have this investigation made

"No Order"

Hireage of Machinery to Wexford Corporation.

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

"That the County Surveyor be authorised to employ William Murphy, Irish Street, Enniscorthy, at a rate per hour on any repairs necessary on the machinery to be hired to the Wexford Corporation, previous to and during hireage period, and also to employ an engine driver at £3.10. 0 per week, and an attendant at £2.10. 0 per week, also Drill Operator and Blacksmith at £3 per week".

The County Surveyor mentioned that in his agreement with the Corporation it was agreed that the County Council provide machinery with Driver and Attendant for Engine, and keep machines in running order. The Corporation to provide Coal and any new jaws that might be required for the Breaker.

The following is the Agreement referred to by the County Surveyor

Specification and Form of Tender for
Quarry Work etc.

For the Wexford Corporation.

1. The Contractor to supply the engine and approved Rock Drill, Oil Portable forge and dressing outfit with a man to dress the steel drills, a man and steam engine and a man to operate the drill at 9/- per hour. For 50 hour week £22. 10. 0.
The Corporation to supply water, coal and helpers when required.
2. The Contractor to supply an approved engine, Stonebreaker and necessary outfit to break stones 2" guage and under, with two men, oil etc. at 9/- per hour. For 50 hour week £22.10. 0
Jaws not included.

the Corporation to supply coal, water and all other necessary labour.

3. If the jaws are not included in the above, state price, extra per set £24. 0. 0

Charge for the engine to commence on its leaving yard in Enniscorthy and to continue until returned there (unless otherwise agreed upon).

For Breaker:- From leaving County Hall Yard until returned.

For Drill:- From leaving County Hall until returned.

Machinery must be kept going as County Council wages will be running.

The Wexford County Council owns only one Engine and consequently if this plant be hired the breaker and drill cannot be worked together. Charge will be made for one machine at a time unless a second engine be otherwise hired by the Council when this rate for breaker alone or the drill alone will be 3/6 per hour.

The County Surveyor asked for instructions as to the advisability of disposing to the Wexford Corporation some of the material at Ferrybank part broken and part in rock.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. McCarthy, the County Surveyor and Mr. Foley M.C.C. were requested to meet the Borough Surveyor and the Mayor at Ferrybank to discuss terms".

Public Liability Policy No. 201401.

The following letter from Messrs. McDonagh & Boland, under date 6th July was read:-

" Referring to our previous correspondence hereon, we now have pleasure in returning herewith the above Policy duly endorsed in accordance with the requirements of the Council. We trust that you will find same quite in order.

The Accident Offices Association, who fix the ratings and limits of Indemnity do not permit any Tarriff Office to grant a greater Indemnity than £10,000 any one year, however we presume that this will be quite adequate".

On the motion of Mr. McCarthy, seconded by the Chairman, the Indemnity offered by the Insurance Company under this Policy was accepted.

Removal of Sand and Gravel.

The following letter under date 29th June from Mr. Owen Doyle, Caretaker Clohanon and Munfin Gravel Pits, was read:-

In reply to yours of the 27th inst, regarding sand taken from Clohamon Pit, I missed it last Saturday and found out that Matthew Murphy, Knockanure, Clohamon, drew it. He told me he is willing to pay for it.

I also missed about three yards of gravel and sand mixed from Munfin Pit and found out that Aidan Murphy, Craanrue, Ballycanew, drew it. He also told me he would pay for it. Please let me know what I will charge him for it".

On the motion of Mr. Foley, seconded by Mr. Cummins, the County Surveyor was directed to charge double price to Messrs. Martin Murphy and Aidan Murphy, and to inform them that their conduct was most irregular and would be severely dealt with if such an offence was repeated".

Contracts 159E, 162E.

John Keating, Derry, The Ballagh, Contractor for above, applied for hanging quarter's pay up to 30th June last.

"The County Surveyor pointed out that in the usual course such payment would not be made until half-yearly meeting in December next, and no order was therefore made".

Ferryarrig Bridge.

Mr. Foley drew attention to the defective timber on the bascule of Ferryarrig Bridge.

The County Surveyor was directed to have the smallest possible repairs necessary to keep the bridge safe for traffic carried out".

Application for Loan.

On the motion of Mr. Cummins, seconded by Mr. Foley, it was decided to negotiate for a loan of £6,000 from Dail Eireann and a similar amount from the National Bank, Ltd., the Treasurer of the Council.

Payments to Public Bodies.

On the motion of Mr. Cummins, seconded by Mr. Foley, the following payments were passed to Public Bodies:-

Enniscorthy Union £300, Gorey Union £100, New Ross Union £300, Wexford Union £300, Enniscorthy Mental Hospital £300".

Temporary Staff.

The temporary Staff employed in writing up Rate Books and Collecting Books, applied for double pay for two days for work performed in removing papers books etc. from County Hall.

It was decided that 10/- be granted to each member of temporary Staff as a Bonus for this work".

Revision of Valuations.

It was decided that Supplemental~~Lists~~ of Revision of Valuations be forwarded to Valuation Office."

-----oo0oo-----

(Signed) _____

Presiding Chairman

Dated this day of 19

MEETING. 27th JULY 1921.

A Meeting of the Wexford Council Council was held in the Boardroom, Wexford Union, on 27th July 1921.

Present:- Mr. J.J. O'Byrne (Chairman) presiding.

Also:- Messrs. R. Corish, J. Shannon, M. Cloney, J.J. O'Byrne (Raheen), M. Hughes, S. Kehoe, James Byrne, M. Byrne, C. McCarthy, J. Cummins, D. Kavanagh, E.P.. Foley James Hall, C. Culleton, M. Redmond and P. Byrne.

The Deputy Checkers of Rate Collectors Accounts (Messrs. J.J. Fanning, J. Whitty and M.J. Finn) and the following Rate Collectors were in attendance:- Messrs. E.J. Murphy, James Murphy, J. Curtis Thomas Rowe, W. Cummins, J. Cummins, J. Carty, J. Sinnott, P.J. O'Byrne, M. Kinsella, J. Kelly, L. Redmond, J. McCormack and Miss McCarthy.

The Assistant Secretary (Mr. T.A. Frizelle) and the County Surveyor (Mr. W.F. Barry) were also in attendance.

A telegram was read from Mr. T. O'Sullivan, Collector for No. 21 District, stating that he found it impossible to attend.

Rate Collection.

The Assistant Secretary submitted the state of the Rate Collection, showing a sum of £10, 495 outstanding in respect of period ended 31st March 1921.

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

"That arrangements be made to have the collection in respect of year ended 31st March 1921, closed at an early date".

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

"That the collection of Poor Rate in respect of the current financial half-year be proceeded with at once in the following Collection Districts, viz:- Nos. 2, 5, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21. That the commencement of the Collection in the remaining nine districts, viz:- 1, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 13, 15, & 16 be postponed to next meeting in view of the amount of last year's rate still outstanding in these districts. By the date of their next meeting the Council anticipate that the Collection of the outstanding rate

in respect of year ended 31st March 1921 will be practically complete.

The Members expressed the hope that Ratepayers in those Districts in which collection for current half-year is being started will help the Council to finance the Unions, and Asylum etc., by promptly paying their rates, which are now being demanded some months later than in normal times. In view of the backwardness of the old collection the Council found it necessary to negotiate a loan for the purpose of financing these bodies.

In reply to the Chairman the Assistant Secretary stated that the following payments had already been made to Public Bodies in respect of their Demands for year ended 31st March 1922:-

Enniscorthy Union	£2950
Gorey Union	2650
New Ross Union	2950
Wexford Union	3000
Enniscorthy R. District	150
Gorey Rural District	150
New Ross Rural District	150
Wexford Rural District	150
Enniscorthy Mental Hospital	1200
County Infirmary	100
Total	<u>£ 13,450</u>

The Assistant Secretary stated that, as regards collection of new rate, a number of ratepayers may lodge their rates direct with the Treasurer (National Bank Ltd., Wexford). It would be necessary for some arrangement to be made by which lodgments of this nature in respect of the new rate may be easily distinguished from lodgments made in respect of last year's rate.

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

"That as regards collection of new rate, should a ratepayer inform Collector that he intends to lodge direct with the Treasurer of the Council, the Rate Collector shall fill in blank lodgment docket for the ratepayer, stating on same rate book number and

Electoral Division in which holding is situate, Should the ratepayer have more than one holding, a separate lodgment docket shall be filled in respect of each holding, the collector making certain that the correct rate book number and Electoral Division are stated on each docket. That the Collector request the ratepayer when lodging his rates in the bank to bring the lodgment docket filled by the Collector".

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

"That Mr. C. McCarthy be requested to nominate two persons for appointment as temporary Rate Collectors for Collection Districts Nos. 1 and 4, the present Collector for No. 1 being interned and Collector for No. 4 being unable to devote sufficient time to the present at present".

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

"That Mr. John McCormack, Arnestown, Ballymitty, be appointed temporary Rate Collector for No. 3 Collection District, to act during the imprisonment of Mr. Walsh".

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

"That Mr. Jasper Whitty, Deputy Checker, Enniscorthy District, be authorised to look after the completion of the Collection No. 6 District".

Mr. J.J. O'Byrne (Raheen) stated that Mr. Michael Kinsella, Collector for No. 13 District found it impossible owing to ill-health to continue in the position.

It was decided that Mr. Kinsella be directed to have his books examined by the Deputy Checker for his district, and lodge the amount he has collected".

It was further decided that Mr. O'Byrne M.C.C. Raheen, forward the name of a suitable successor to Mr. Kinsella for submission to the Finance Committee for approval. That the Finance committee be authorised to have the Collection for this district proceeded with".

On the motion of Mr. J.J. O'Byrne (Raheen) seconded by Mr. Cummins Mr. Laurence Redmond, Morriscastle, was appointed temporary Collector

for No. 16 Collection District, to act during the imprisonment of Mr. Sinnott".

Regarding No. 15 Collection District, the following letter was read from Mrs. Kathleen McGrath, Market Square, Gorey:-

"I was appointed 5th January Rate Collector in Mr. C. Smith's place (Gorey District)

Is there any possible chance of getting the Books for next half year (ending 29th Sept) Collection? or has Mr. Smith resigned fully?

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

"That the collection of the current rate in No. 15 Collection District be postponed until all the rate outstanding in this district in respect of the year ended 31st March 1921 has been collected".

A discussion took place regarding the status of the Collectors for Nos. 7 and 15 Collection Districts, but action in the matter was deferred until the completion of the collections of the rate outstanding in these districts in respect of the year ended 31st March 1921.

Appointment of Deputy Checkers.

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

"That the four Deputy Checkers of Rate Collectors' Accounts be re-appointed in respect of financial year ending 31st March 1922".

Payments to Public Bodies.

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

"That a sum of £250 be paid each of the four Unions and £100 to the County Infirmary".

Union Amalgamation.

On the motion of Mr. Cummins, seconded by Mr. Foley, it was decided that the next meeting of the Conference between the Co. Council and the delegates from the four Unions, be held on 17th August 1921, in the Boardroom, Wexford Union".

Maintenance of Union Patients in Co. Infirmary.

The following letter under date 21st July 1921, was read from

Mr. O'Sullivan, Clerk Wexford Union::

I am directed by my Board to send you the enclosed Account recently furnished to them for the maintenance of the 4 Union patients in the County Infirmary.

This is the first occasion such a claim has been made and the Guardians are doubtful about its legality, as they believe the County Council is the only channel, through which the Co. Infirmary can legally get public money. My Board understand that in addition to paying the Surgeon's salary, the County Council contribute the maximum amount they are permitted to pay under the Local Government Act 1898, for the upkeep of the Infirmary, and, in consideration of these payments, they understood poor patients were entitled to free maintenance and treatment".

The following letter was read from Mr. R.W. Elgee, Solicitor to the County Council:-

"I am in receipt of your letter of yesterday, and have looked carefully into the Sections of the Acts, dealing with the County Infirmary, and also in the County Infirmary Rules, and I cannot find any provision in them giving the Infirmary Committee power to charge the Board of Guardians, for treatment of persons sent from the Workhouse Hospital to the County Infirmary for treatment.

I have made enquiries however into the matter, and I find that the Committee of Management of the Infirmary decided some time ago when their finances were not in a strong position, to make a charge for all patients admitted to the Institution (except in the case of Accidents) and it was then also decided that patients from the Workhouse Hospital, which would in the ordinary course be sent to Dublin for treatment, should be admitted to the Infirmary for treatment at a charge of (I think) 9/- a day, and in addition a fee for an extra Doctor, in the event of one having to be called in, in the case of an Operation.

This course was considered to be advantageous to the Board of Guardians, on the ground of economy, as patients could be treated at much less expense in the Infirmary here, than if sent to Hospital in Dublin".

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

"That the Wexford Board of Guardians be recommended not to pay the account for £45. 17/- submitted to them in view of the fact that the County Infirmary is an institution subsidised from the rates".

County Hall.

On the motion of Mr. Foley, seconded by Mr. Cummins, it was decided that the Council make a claim for compensation for disturbance on account of the County Hall being commandeered by the R.I.C. Authorities.

Old Age Pension Act.

On the motion of the Chairman, Mr. P.N. O'Gorman, New Ross was appointed a member of New Ross & Old Ross Old Age Pension Sub-Committee. Mr. O'Gorman's appointment was recommended by the Sub-Committee.

Mental Hospital Committee,

On the motion of Mr. Cummins, seconded by Mr. Culleton, Mr. J.M. Roche, Talbot Hall, New Ross, was appointed a member of the Committee of the Mental Hospital, Enniscorthy, vice Mr. Patrick Lynch, New Ross, resigned.

Courtown Sports.

An application was read from Gorey G.A.A. Sports Committee for a charge of Courtown Bridges on 15th August 1921, for their Sports.

On the motion of Mr. Culleton, seconded by Mr. Kavanagh, the application was acceded to.

Poisons & Pharmacy Act.

An application was read from Mr. John Roche, Camolin, for licence under the Poisons & Pharmacy Act.

On the motion of Mr. Corish, seconded by Mr. Cummins, it was agreed that licence be issued to Mr. Roche on condition that he stocks Irish made dip only.

The following letter was read from Mr. L. Harpur, North Main Street, Wexford:-

"In reply to yours of the 23rd inst., I beg to inform you that as soon as I have sold out my present supply I will stock the Irish

made Sheep Dip, provided I see my way to stock this commodity any more or not".

It was decided that Mr. Harpur be given permission to dispose of his existing stock of foreign made Sheep Dip.

Water Rate, County Courthouse, Wexford.

Mr. Thomas Parle, Water Rate Collector, Wexford, forwarded demand for £5.10/- amount of water rate due for Co. Courthouse, Wexford.

On the motion of the Chairman, it was decided that payment of the demand be refused.

Foot & Mouth Disease.

The following telegram from the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction was read:-

"Department have made Order operating from to-day reducing New Ross foot and mouth disease scheduled district to an area of roughly between three and four miles round infected premises or what is now known as the prohibited area, the control of dogs and restrictions on movements of hay and straw also withdrawn".

"No Order"

Co. Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction.

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

That the following be appointed members of the County Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction for year 1921-22:-

Messrs. Bernard Cleary, Ballynabola, Patrick Buckley, Clonroche, George Culleton, Fairyhill, Castlebridge, Thomas Crosbie, Bannow, J.R. Etchingham, Courtown Harbour, Gorey, E.P. Foley, Crossabeg, Wexford, Frank Carty, North Main Street, Wexford, Michael Doyle, Cottage, Taguat, Gerald Flood, Castleboro, Clonroche, Johnson Pasha, Ballinapierce, Enniscorthy, A. McCann, Newbridge, Camolin, J.J. Meehan, Erinvale, New Ross, John Murphy, 4 Main Street, Enniscorthy, Simon Murphy, Ballykelly, New Ross, J.J. O'Byrne, Cushinstown, Ballinaboola, Bryan O'Connor, Garryhubbock, Screen, James O'Leary, Grange Rathnure, P. Patrick Rath, Clonsheeogue, Ballymurrion, William Ross, Killinick, Aidan Stafford, Clonjordan, Ballindaggin, William Thorpe, Knockroe,

New Ross, W.J. Brennan Whitmore, Gorey.

Illness of Clerks.

The Assistant Secretary stated that Mr. Stephen Hayes, Clerk in Secretary's Office, had been absent from duty through illness. He submitted doctor's certificate that Mr. Hayes would be unfit for duty for about ten days.

On the Motion of Mr. Kehoe, seconded by Mr. Cummins, leave of absence was granted Mr. Hayes during period of his illness.

The County Surveyor reported that Miss Norton, typist in his office had been absent from duty owing to illness.

On the motion of Mr. Kehoe, seconded by Mr. Cummins, leave of absence was granted Miss Norton during her illness.

Payment to Rate Clerks.

In connection with amount of bonus granted to Rate Clerks in respect of removal to Union, the Assistant Secretary stated that they were not satisfied with the amount viz:- 10/-. They pointed out they had not been paid for the holyday, on 29th June, while the work of removing was of a very strenuous nature. They claimed to be allowed double time.

It was decided that the claim for double time be agreed to, the Rate Clerks to waive their claim for payment for the holyday.

Income Tax Returns.

The Surveyor of Taxes, Waterford, asked for a return of Manual Workers whose wages exceeded £37.10/- or upwards for quarter ended 5th July 1921.

The Assistant Secretary was directed not to supply the information asked for.

Account Books.

The Assistant Secretary submitted quotation from Messrs. English & Co., Printers, Wexford, for supply of Financial Book of Receipts for £5. 5/- and for financial Statement Book of Expenditure for "6. 6/-

On the motion of Mr. Foley, seconded by Mr. Cummins, it was decided that the tender of Messrs. English & Co., for supply of

Financial Book of Receipts at £5. 5/- be accepted.

It was decided that the other book be not accepted at present.

-----oo0oo-----

(Signed)

Presiding Chairman

Dated this day of 19

QUARTERLY MEETING. 30th AUGUST 1921.

The Quarterly Meeting of the Wexford County Council was held in the Boardroom, Wexford Union, on Tuesday 30th August 1921.

Present:- Mr. J.R. Etchingham (Chairman) and subsequently Mr. J.J. O'Byrne (Cushinstown) presiding.

Also:- Dr. J. Ryan, Messrs. R. Corish, James Byrne, Michael Byrne, Michael Cloney, C. Culleton, J. Cummins, James Doyle, Michael Doyle, E.P. Foley, James Hall, Simon Kehoe, Charles McCarthy, John Murphy, Thomas Murphy, J.J. O'Byrne, (Ballyduff) John Pender and Michael Redmond.

The Assistant Secretary, County Surveyor and three Inspectors from Dail Eireann, were also in attendance.

Confirmation of Minutes.

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and confirmed.

University Scholarships.

The Assistant Secretary submitted the Marks calculated According to the Council's Scheme obtained by applicants for University Scholarships at the recent Senior Grade Intermediate Examinations as follows:-

McGrath Thomas V:- Irish (Honours) 219, English 100, Arithmetic & Algebra 155, History & Historical Geography 150, French 113, Total 737.

Bright, George Joseph:- Irish 33, English 155, Arithmetic & Algebra 45, Physical Science Course 123, History & Historical Geography 155, Total, 511.

Furlong Stephen Joseph:- Irish (failed) English 130, Arithmetic & Algebra 60, Physical Science Course 134, History & Historical Geography 180. Total 504.

Dempsey William Kevin:- Irish 109, English 65, Arithmetic & Algebra 55, (Failed in Algebra) Geometry 20, Commercial Course 79, Total 328.

The Assistant Secretary stated that one of the conditions of the Scheme was that candidates should obtain Honours in two of the subjects set out in the Scheme. None of the applicants had fulfilled this condition.

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Mr. Corish:-

"I hereby give notice that I will move at next meeting of the County Council, that the regulations of the University Scholarship Scheme be varied so as to allow of the consideration of Scholarships being awarded to the four Applicants allowed to compete by the Co. Council".

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Mr. Foley:-

"I hereby give notice that I will move at next meeting of the County Council, that the resolution re County Council Scholarships passed at June Meeting disqualifying three applicants from competing for University Scholarships be rescinded".

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Mr. James Doyle:-

"I hereby give notice that I will move at next meeting of County Council, that Examinations for Co. Council Scholarships be carried out under the direction of the County Council".

Under date 19th August 1921 a letter was read from the General Secretary, Gaelic League, Dublin, forwarding copies of Schemes of University and Primary Scholarships in operation in County Limerick and asking the County Council to establish similar Scheme for next year.

The Assistant Secretary stated that the County Council had adopted a Scheme of Primary Scholarships on 25th January last, their University Scholarship Scheme had been running for some years.

On the motion of the Chairman, it was decided that the Limerick Scheme be considered when the Regulations for next year's Scholarship were being considered.

Leave of Absence of Junior Clerk.

The Assistant Secretary submitted doctor's certificate received from Mr. Stephen Hayes, Junior Clerk in County Secretary's Office, that he would not be able to resume duty until 5th September.

On the motion of Mr. J.J. O'Byrne, (Cushinstown) seconded by Mr. Kehoe, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That leave of absence be granted to Mr. Stephen Hayes, Junior Clerk in Co. Secretary's Office, until 5th September 1921, as from

7th July 1921, the date of the beginning of his illness".

Preparation of Franchise & Jurors' Lists.

Under date 26th August 1921 the following letter was read from the Department of Local Government, Dail Eireann:-

"The Local Government, Dail Eireann, has decided that Jurors' and Franchise Lists are not to be prepared and all officials of Public Bodies are hereby instructed not to take any action in connection with the preparation of such lists".

Under date 3rd August 1921 the following was read from the Irish Co. Councils' General Council:-

"The General Council recommends the County Councils to suspend the preparation of Electors and of Jurors Lists pending further instructions".

Under date 18th August 1921 the following letter was read from the Registration Officer, Crown & Peace Office, Wexford:-

"Kindly say by return of post, if you as Overseer and your Assistant Overseers, are prepared to carry out your Statutory duties in the preparation of the fourth Register of Electors under the above Act".

On the motion of Mr. J.J. O'Byrne, (Cushinstown) seconded by Mr. Kehoe, the Assistant Secretary was directed to carry out the instructions of Dail Eireann regarding Electors' & Jurors' Lists.

Under date 3rd August 1921 the following letter was read from the Registration Officer, Crown & Peace Office, Wexford:-

"I beg to apply for an advance of Two hundred Pounds to enable me to meet current expenses in the preparation of the fourth Register under the Representation of the People Act 1918".

Refused on the motion of Mr. McCarthy, seconded by Mr. J.J. O'Byrne (Cushinstown)/

Under date 30th July 1921 the Clerk of the Crown & Peace Wexford, forwarded an account from Messrs. English & Co., Wexford, for £7. 5/- for the printing of forms in connection with revision of Jurors' Lists.

On the motion of Mr. McCarthy, seconded by Mr. J.J. O'Byrne (Cushinstown) it was decided that payment of the account be refused.

Trailers.

Under date 27th July 1921, Messrs. M.J. O'Connor & Co., Solicitors, Wexford, wrote forwarding the following letter from Thompson's Motor Car Co., Ltd., Dublin:-

"As four of the trailers were dispatched from Liverpool on the 10th July, and should have by this time reached the Wexford County Council, I shall be glad if you will endeavour to get them to now pay for another two or four trailers so that we can get same sent along, even if the Wexford Co. Council only paid for one every fortnight it would be easier for them and would suit us as well, but the point is, we must get the matter settled definitely within the next six weeks or we will have this trouble all over again.

Will you please do what you can for me in the matter".

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

"That the question of payment for the two trailers referred to in Messrs. Thompsons' communication be adjourned pending delivery of trailers".

The County Surveyor submitted bills amounting to £39. 13. 6d received from Thompsons' motor Car Co. Ltd., for freight on trailers already supplied. The charge for demurrage and also rate for sea freight were questioned by the County Surveyor, who was directed to enquire further into the matter and report to next meeting.

Application for Refund of Motor Registration Fee.

Under date 11th August 1921 the following letter was read from Mr. Thomas Sutton, Kilmore Quay:-

"On February 4th I paid £1 for registration of Motor Car and 5/- for driver's licence. Being refused same I now claim for above

Thanking you in anticipation".
owing

Adjourned/to the fact that all business under the Motor Car Acts has been taken over from the Council/

Vacancies on Co. Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction.

Letters were read from Mr. James Leary, Grange Upper, Rathmure, and Mr. Thomas Crosbie, Bannow, resigning membership of the County

Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction as they found it impossible to attend the meetings.

The following recommendation was submitted from the County Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction:-

"That the County Council be recommended to appoint Mr. Richard Murphy, Milltown, Killanne, as a member of this Committee vice Mr. James Leary, resigned. If Mr. Murphy is unwilling to act, that the County Councillor resident in the district (Mr. James Shannon) be asked to submit the name of a successor to Mr. Leary.

That the County Councillor resident in the district (Mr. James Byrne) be asked to submit the name of a successor to Mr. Crosbie".

The Assistant Secretary stated he had received a letter from Mr. Richard Murphy, Milltown, Killanne, declining to act on the Committee as he could not attend the meetings.

Under date 29th August 1921 a letter was read from Mr. James Shannon M.C.C. submitting the name of Mr. Thomas Whitney, Gurrawn, Killanne, as a member of the County Committee. Mr. Whitney had expressed his willingness to act.

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

"That Mr. Thomas Whitney, Gurrawn, Killanne, and Mr. James H. O'Connor, Mount Walter, Taghmon, be appointed members of the Co. Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction, vice Mr. James Leary, Grange, Rathnure, and Mr. Thomas Crosbie, Bannow, resigned".

Vacancy on Gorey Sub-Committee- Old Age Pension Act.

Under date 9th August 1921 Mr. J.J. Fanning, Clerk Gorey Sub-Committee Old Age Pension Act, wrote stating that his Sub-Committee had recommended the appointment on the Sub-Committee of Rev. J. Rossiter, P.P. Gorey, vice Very Rev. Canon Lennon, resigned.

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

"That Rev. J. Rossiter P.P. Gorey, be appointed a member of the Gorey Sub-Committee Old Age Pension Act, vice Very Rev. Canon Lennon, resigned".

Asylum Committee.

Under date 5th August 1921, the following letter was read from Mr. J.M. Roche, Talbot Hall, New Ross:-

"I am much obliged for yours intimating that the Co. Council had co-opted me a member of the Asylum Committee.

Will you be good enough to please thank the Council for favour they have done me".

"No Order"

Agreement with County Insurance Committee.

Under date 3rd August 1921 the following letter was read from the Clerk, County Wexford Insurance Committee:-

"At Meeting of above Committee held on 27th ult., it was decided that I should write you to lay before your Council at their next meeting the question of Agreement between this Committee and Tuberculosis Committee, which has been in abeyance for some years, and at Sub-Committee of mine held some short time ago the members present desired me to impress upon the County Council the fact, that the failure to bring in this Agreement results in a loss of from nine to ten hundred pounds a year in the treatment of Tuberculosis in this County generally. As we have been informed by a representative of Insurance Commission that the grant you receive would be paid on the sum you raise plus our contribution and not on your present income solely. Will you please ask your Council to elect Delegates to meet representatives of this Committee at an early date, to discuss this matter thoroughly".

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

"That, owing to the fact that the Grant from the British Government would cease owing to regulation that the accounts of the Tuberculosis Committee must not be submitted for audit in future, no action be taken in the matter at present".

Mountgarrett Bridge.

Under date 13th August 1921, a letter was read from the New Ross Employers' Federation calling attention to the Ferry Mountgarrett

Bridge and requesting that steps be taken to make the structure available for the public traffic.

The following resolution was read from the New Ross Urban District Council:-

"That we, the New Ross Urban Council, call the attention of the Wexford and Kilkenny County Councils to the grave danger to life and property caused by the existing condition of the Ferry Mountgarrett Bridge, the serious inconvenience to Ratepayers large and small in the wide and populous districts served by the bridge, and the very material loss to the trade of New Ross, which is their market town.

Pending the erection of a permanent bridge we suggest that a temporary structure be erected to replace the span connecting with the Wexford shore, so as to make provision for light traffic, and we respectfully ask the County Councils concerned to take immediate action in the matter".

The County Surveyor stated that he had received a communication from Mr. Burden, County Surveyor, Kilkenny, that this bridge could be made safe for light traffic at an expenditure of £600.

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

"That the County Surveyor be directed to make an inspection of the Ferry Mountgarrett Bridge, and in the event of his agreeing with the estimate furnished by Mr. Burden, County Surveyor, Kilkenny, we agree to have a timber structure erected to carry light traffic at a cost to County Wexford not exceeding £300".

Wexford Bridge.

Under date 15th August 1921 a letter was read from Mr. N. Whitty, Kilahard, Blackwater, calling attention to the dangerous state of Wexford Bridge, and asking to have it repaired or closed to traffic.

The County Surveyor stated that he estimated a sum of £60 would be required to make the bridge safe.

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne (Cushinstown) seconded by Mr. C. McCarthy, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That a sum of £50 be allocated for repairing Wexford Bridge to make it safe, and that a Committee consisting of Messrs. Foley and Corish inspect the bridge before any expenditure is incurred".

Suspension of Staff in Co. Surveyor's Office.

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

That the Typist and Junior Clerk in County Surveyor's Office be suspended pending resumption of road work".

Repairs to Gorey Streets.

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

"That the County Surveyor be authorised to expend a sum not exceeding £5 on repair of Streets in town of Gorey".

Kilmore Dredging.

The County Surveyor stated that the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction for Ireland had requested him to ascertain if the Council would be agreeable for the dredging work at Kilmore Harbour to be completed. Of the £500 allocated for this work a sum of £153. 11. 5d was unexpended.

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne (Cushinstown) seconded by Mr. McCarthy the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction for Ireland be informed that the County Council do not desire that this work be carried out at present".

Damaged Bridges and Roads.

On the motion of Dr. Ryan, seconded by Mr. Corish, the following resolution was adopted--

"That the Co. Surveyor be instructed to send in registered claims for compensation for all bridges damaged and roads trenched in the County".

Interference with Material.

The County Surveyor submitted a report from Moses Power, Caretaker Kerlogue Quarry, that material was about to be taken from the quarry for the purpose of repairing trenched roads.

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

That no action be taken against persons taking material from Kerlogue Quarry for the purpose of repairing trenched roads".

New Ross Bridge.

The County Surveyor asked for instructions as to repair of New Ross Bridge, which was maliciously damaged. He stated that the restoration of the flooring would cost in or about £300.

A Committee consisting of Messrs. J.J. O'Byrne (Cushinstown) M. Byrne and Thomas Murphy was appointed to meet the County Surveyor at the Bridge and decide what immediate repairs should be undertaken".

Purchase of Material at Ferrybank.

On the motion of Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. Culleton, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That 500 cubic yards of material at Ferrybank be sold to the Wexford Corporation at a cost of 16/- per cubic yard broken. That the County Surveyor be authorised to employ the Council's breaker at present hired to the Wexford Corporation when the latter body can release same, at Ferrybank for about three weeks. That the County Surveyor be empowered to use the Council's steam lorry at Ferrybank for about three weeks".

Outstanding Accounts.

The County Surveyor submitted accounts from Traders.

It was decided that Traders be notified that the Co. Council will consider applications for payment of accounts due by the Council at close of the current half-year, viz:- 30th September 1921".

Road Work.

The County Surveyor was authorised to make payments to road Workers for work already carried out up to a limit of £1252.

Drainage of Roads.

The County Surveyor stated that if a little work was done on Road Drainage at present, it would save considerable expense later on.

On the motion of Mr. Foley, seconded by Mr. Byrne (Cushinstown) it was decided that this matter be referred to the meeting of the

Roads Committee to be held on the 20th September 1921.

Meeting of Roads Committee.

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Foley, it was decided that a meeting of the Roads Committee be summoned for the 20th September to consider certain matters in connection with roads.

Arrears of Salary.

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, (Cushinstown) seconded by Mr. C. McCarthy, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That Officials of the Council, portion of whose salaries was deferred, be placed on full salary and arrears paid".

Proposed Loan from Dail Eireann.

The Assistant Secretary stated that, owing to the stoppage of the Government Grants, a loan amounting to £4,400 had been granted to the Council, by Dail Eireann, who had arranged for the issue of a loan for a similar amount by the Treasurer of the County Council.

National Bank, Enniscorthy.

A discussion took place as to a complaint that the Enniscorthy Branch of the National Bank had refused to accept cheques made payable to the Treasurer of the Council for lodgment to the Council's account in the Wexford Branch, which is the Treasurer to the Council.

On the motion of Mr. Corish, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne (Cushinstown) the following resolution was adopted:-

"That Messrs. James Doyle, John Murphy and Hall be instructed to investigate the complaint against the National Bank (Enniscorthy) Branch) and, in the event of it being substantiated, to notify the Secretary to the County Council, whom we instruct to forward the following resolution to the Directors of the National Bank:-

"That the Directors of the National Bank be informed that cheques made payable to the Treasurer of the Wexford County Council, have been refused by the Enniscorthy Branch of the Bank for lodgment to the Council's account in their Branch at Wexford.

We request the Directors to investigate the matter as such action on the part of a Branch of the Bank in putting obstacles in the way of Ratepayers lodging Rates to the Council's credit would result in serious financial loss to the Council".

Stall Holders at Courtown.

Under date 18th August 1921, the following was read from the Chairman:-

"Had an urgent message from Courtown residents in Trade re a permit given by Harbour Master Stapleton to a travelling refreshment camp owner. This man applied to Lord Courtown who refused and told him he considered the people paying rent and taxes. Mr. Stapleton then gave permit. I am instructed there will be trouble".

The Assistant Secretary stated he had communicated with Mr. Stapleton, Harbour Master, in the matter and had received the following reply:-

"In reply to yours of the 20th inst., I beg to state that I issued no permit in this case, I simply gave the man permission to erect his tent in the ordinary course which I had perfect right to do.

Neither did I look on it as a travelling Camp as stated by the parties complaining, he is from the village of Monamolin outside Gorey where he keeps a small shop.

He came to me on Saturday and asked me to allow him to erect his tent and I did so telling him he should see the Sports Committee as there would be a charge for crossing the bridge, he told me he would do so, and proceeded to erect his stall, this was about one p.m. I heard nothing further about it till eleven p.m. that night, when a party of objectors came to my house and left with my wife what I looked on as a threatening letter, thought they saw this man working all the evening and made no complaint. I saw the Stall owner on Sunday morning and showed him the letter I got the night before, and we both called on Mr. Etchingham but he was not at home. He then told me he would not open, but later on the Volunteers took the matter up and communicated with headquarters at Ferns, who told him to sell away.

There were dozens of standings including one from County Carlow and they were not objected to. I may add that the general public were highly indignant over the matter.

I had an interview with Mr. T. Stokes, D.C. and a prominent member of the Volunteers who can bear me out in the above".

"No Order"

Compensation for Removal from County Hall.

Under date 16th August 1921, Mr. R.W. Elgee, Solicitor to the Council submitted condition report on County Hall, which he had received from Capt. Brennan, Brigade Lands Officer.

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne (Cushinstown) seconded by Mr. Foley, the following resolution was adopted:-

"that the Council make a claim for £200 for disturbance and cost of removal from County Hall on the occasion of its being commandeered by the R.I.C. That a further claim of £20 per week be made for the period of its occupation by the R.I.C. in addition to any charge for damage to the buildings while in possession of the R.I.C."

Agreements, Overline Bridges.

On the motion of Mr. Corish, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne (Cushinstown) the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the Seal of the Council be affixed to the agreement with the Dublin & South Eastern Railway Company, regarding the maintenance of the bridges over their Railway system".

Report of Committee on Inspection of Kilcarbery

Under date 16th August 1921, the Medical Superintendent, Mental Hospital, Enniscorthy, wrote forwarding the following copy of report of the Committee appointed by the County Council to inspect Kilcarbery

"The Committee appointed at last meeting to visit Kilcarbery and meet there Mr. W.F. Barry, County Surveyor, with a view to an examination of the mill buildings at present unused, met on 20th July, there being present Mr. Thomas McCarthy, Chairman, Rev. J. Rossiter, Adm., Vice-Chairman, and Mr. James Hall, M.C.C.

After an inspection of the premises it was decided to make the following recommendations:-

- (1) That the large chimney be taken down and that tenders be invited for its purchase with this in view.
- (2) That the roofs of the two mill buildings which are beginning to show signs of requiring attention in a couple of places be immediately repaired.
- (3) That no repairs be carried out at present to the other portion

of the mill buildings at north end but that ivy surrounding it and adjacent to dwellinghouse be cut alongside facing drive.

(4) That a corrugated iron roof be put on small washhouse at rere of yard and ivy surrounding same be cut.

(5) That the mantelpiece formerly in premises now occupied by Attendant Patrick Murphy be sent to O'Neill's Yard for auction.

(6) That a report be furnished as to number of appletrees now in the garden/set to Miss Breen and the number originally in it.

The Committee further request that Electrician Bernie and Attendant Patrick Murphy be in attendance at next meeting of the Committee of Management on 11th inst".

"No Order"

Teaching of Irish.

Under date 3rd August 1921 a letter was read from the Irish County Councils' General Council, recommending the inclusion of the teaching of Irish in Scheme for Technical Instruction, and the provision of special facilities at such Classes for the instruction of Teachers.

On the motion of Mr. McCarthy, seconded by Mr. Culleton, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That Managers of Schools in County Wexford be requested when filling vacancies for Teachers in Schools, to appoint only those applicants who are qualified Irish Teachers".

Rate Collection.

Under date 3rd August 1921 the following was read from the Irish County Councils' General Council appeals with confidence to the Ratepayers of Ireland to co-operate with the County Councils in their efforts under extraordinary difficulties, to maintain efficiently the Poor Law System and other local services, by immediate payment of the Rates due, and where possible of the full year's rate. The Ratepayers must realise that it is very much in their own interests to maintain the local services, as any failure to do so would involve very serious consequences in their midst. The General Council recommends the County Council to immediately make special efforts, by appeal to the Ratepayers in the local press or otherwise, to complete

their collections".

The Secretary submitted the state of the Rate Collection.

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne (Cushinstown) seconded by Mr. Cummins the following resolution was adopted:-

"That an advertisement be inserted in the next issue of the local Press, stating that a space would be reserved for the names and addresses of defaulting Ratepayers, who will have not paid, by the 16th September 1921, rates due by them in respect of the period ended 31st March 1921, list to be published in issue for 24th September 1921.

That a similar list be posted on the various Church Gates of the County".

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne (Cushinstown) seconded by Mr. Corish the following resolution was adopted:-

"That Rate Collectors who have not yet got new Collecting Books be summoned to next meeting of the County Council".

Mrs. Keating, Inspector from Dail Eireann, stated in reference to the interviews which she had arranged with the rate collectors in each town, that the undermentioned Collectors did not attend:-

Wexford District:- Mr. Richard Sinnott, No. 4 District.

Enniscorthy District:- Mr. Joseph Cummins, No. 8 District.

Gorey District:- Mr. Michael Kinsella, No. 13 District.

New Ross District:- Mr. T. Sullivan, No. 21 District.

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne (Cushinstown) seconded by Mr. Foley, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That Messrs. Patrick Donohoe, Coolatore, Ferns, and Edward Walsh, Effernogue, Ferns, be appointed temporary rate collectors for No. 8 Collection District to complete the Collection in respect of the period ended 31st March 1921.

That Mr. McCarthy ascertain definitely this week, if Mr. R. Sinnott is in a position to continue in office as Collector for No. 4 Collection District, and in the event of Mr. Sinnott being unable to do so, that Mr. McCarthy submit the name of a temporary Collector to close the collection in this district for the period ended 31st March 1921.

That advertisements be issued for the appointment of a person

to fill vacancy (if any) in this district for collection of current rate".

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

"That Mr. Michael Kinsella, Collector for No. 13 District be asked to forward his resignation in writing as this Council understands he wishes to relinquish the position. That Mr. Daniel Byrne, Coolnaleen, Camolin, be appointed temporary Collector for this district to complete the collection for the period ended 31st March 1921. That advertisements be issued for the appointment of a Collector for the current rate in this district".

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

"That Mr. Matthew Sullivan, Dunmain, Gusserane, be appointed as deputy for his brother, Mr. T. Sullivan, No. 21 Collection District, to close the collection for period ended 31st March 1921, and that he be given until the 14th September 1921 to complete the collection in this district.

That advertisements be issued for the appointment of a Collector for this district for the 1921-22 rate, as Mr. T. Sullivan has stated he has not sufficient time to devote to the duties of the office of Rate Collector".

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

"That advertisements be issued for the appointment of Collector for No. 7 District held at present by Mr. Patrick Codd, who was dismissed by the Council in January 1921".

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

"That advertisements be issued for the temporary appointment of a Collector for current rate for No. 6 District, to hold office until the release of Mr. M. Kelly, the existing Collector, who is at present in prison".

As regards No. 15 Collection District, the question of Mrs. K. McGrath, Market Square, Gorey (who had been appointed Collector vice Mr. J.C. Smith) taking up the appointment for the collection of the

current rate was considered. Some members expressed the view that she would not make a satisfactory Collector.

"It was decided that the matter be considered at the next meeting".

As regards No. 8 District the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne (Cushinstown) seconded by Mr. Foley:-

"That the local Councillors interview Mr. Joseph Cummins, Rate Collector for No. 8 District, and ascertain from him if he intends to continue in office for this district, as in the event of his not devoting sufficient time to the discharge of the duties of the position the Council must proceed to advertise for the appointment of a successor".

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

"That advertisements be issued for the temporary appointment of a Collector for current rate for No. 16 District, who will hold office until the release of the present Collector, Mr. John P. Sinnott, who is at present in prison".

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne (Cushinstown) seconded by Mr. Foley the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the Chairman be requested to interview the Collectors in Gorey District and arrange with them for the expediting of the Collection in this district, which is the most backward in the County".

The Chairman stated he would meet the Collectors at Courtown on Sunday 4th September.

On the motion of Mr. Foley, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne (Cushinstown) the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the Solicitor to the Council be instructed to communicate with Mrs. Hanton, Cottage, Taghat, Capt. Maher, Ballinkee, R.H. Peare, Kilmallock, directing them to lodge amounts of poor rates due by them, and in the event of their refusal to do so, that proceedings be instituted against them in the Republican Courts for the recovery of the amounts".

On the motion of Mr. Foley, seconded by Mr. McCarthy, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the Solicitor to the Council be instructed to communicate

with the former Rate Collectors of the Council who hold sums of money belonging to the Council directing them to lodge same with the Treasurer of the Council, and notifying them, in the event of their refusal to do so, that proceedings would be instituted against them for the recovery of the amounts".

Mr. Philip Roche, Loginsherd, Churchtown, Carne, made application to the Council for extension of time in which to pay rates due by him in respect of the period ended 31st March 1921. He was at present financially embarrassed owing to loss of cattle. If the Council granted his application he would be in a position in a month's time to pay the rates due for March 1921 and September 1921 periods.

On the motion of Mr. McCarthy, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne (Cushinstown) the application was agreed to.

-----oo0oo-----

(Signed)

Presiding Chairman

Dated this day of 19

CONFERENCE UNION AMALGAMATION. 30th AUGUST 1921.

A Conference between the Wexford County Council and Representative of the Board of Guardians, was held in the Boardroom, Wexford Union on Tuesday 30th August 1921, to consider the question of Union Amalgamation.

The following were in attendance:-

Mr. J.R. Etchingham M.C.C. (Chairman) presiding

Other Members:- Dr. J. Ryan, M.C.C. Messrs. R. Corish M.C.C. James Byrne, M.C.C. Michael Byrne M.C.C. Michael Cloney, M.C.C. C. Culleton M.C.C. J. Cummins, M.C.C. James Doyle M.C.C. Michael Doyle M.C.C. E.P. Foley, M.C.C., James Hall, M.C.C. Simon Kehoe M.C.C. Charles McCarthy, M.C.C. John Murphy, M.C.C. Thomas Murphy, M.C.C. J.J. O'Byrne (Ballyduff) M.C.C. J.J. O'Byrne M.C.C. (Cushinstown) John Pender M.C.C. Michael Redmond M.C.C.

The following delegates attended:-

Enniscorthy Union:- Messrs. Thomas McCarthy, Michael Maher, Nicholas Whitty.

Wexford Union:- Miss O'Ryan, Mrs. O'Connor, Mrs McTaminey, Messrs. D. Whelan, and John Larkin.

New Ross Union:- Messrs. P. Lynch, J. Dunphy, Thomas Cashon.

Gorey Union:- Messrs. Moses Bolger, John Gannon, John Sheehan.

The Assistant Secretary, four Clerks of Unions and three Inspectors from Dail Eireann, were in attendance.

Welcome to Chairman and Imprisoned Members of Council.

Mr. John J. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. John Cummins seconded the following resolution:-

"That we extend a hearty welcome to Messrs. J.R. Etchingham T.D. Seumas Doyle T.D. and Dr. Ryan T.D. on their return amongst us. We recognise their sterling worth and all they and the other Members and Officials still in custody have done and suffered for the cause of Ireland. We feel assured the return of our Chairman will result in much benefit to the deliberations of the Council".

"Passed unanimously and with acclamation".

Mr. Etchingham thanked the meeting for the vote of welcome

The following report from Special Committee appointed at last

Conference on 29th June, to prepare Scheme showing separately and in detail the cost of equipping and running one County Home and one County Hospital and comparing same with the cost of the existing arrangement was read:-

Union Amalgamation.

Report of Special Committee to the Conference to be held on 30th August, 1921.

Your Committee beg to report having met on the 12th inst. There attended- Mr. O'Byrne Chairman, Co. Council., Miss O'Ryan, Chairwoman Wexford Guardians., Mr. E.P. Foley, M.C.C., two Inspectors from Dail Eireann., the four Clerks of Unions., and Mr. T.A. Frizelle, Assistant Secretary, Co. Council.

From Statistics submitted it appeared that the net cost of running the Workhouse System for the ended the 31st March last (excluding the maintenance of 95 inmates from the Counties of Kilkenny and Carlow in New Ross Workhouse, who will be transferred to their respective counties) came to £33,262, the Main House Divisions accounting for £14,844 and Hospitals for £18,418.

In addition there was paid £725 in giving patients special treatments in Dublin and £1,494 to the Co. Infirmary, making a gross total of £35,481 spent on institutional relief for the year.

There was maintained in the Workhouse a daily average of 332 sick and 336 healthy, making a total of 668 persons.

The Staffs consisted in Main Houses of 35 Officers, in General Hospitals 39, and Fever Hospitals 12, totalling 86 officers, whose salaries and cost of rations amounted to £8,967 or 22 per cent of the net expenditure. If all the Staff were pensioned off it would involve a pension bill of 1,800 a year and a lump sum of £14,137 in compensation.

It is however, proposed to retain 31 of the existing Officials, and by this means the pension roll will be reduced to £1,266 a year, and the compensation payment to £8,270 extinguishing an annual charge of £5,097 in respect of salaries and rations.

Regarding the new institutions, the figures put before you contemplate the establishment of one County Home and one County Hospital.

The Main Houses cost at present £14,844, while the County Home

with an inmate population of 336 persons is estimated to cost £12,786. It is proposed that the Staff of the new institution will consist of 16 Officers whose salaries are put down at £2,287.

The Institutional Medical Service at present cost £20,637, while the new County Hospital, which it is anticipated will meet all present day requirements, is estimated to cost £16,263.

The new Hospital Service allows for the maintenance of 330 inmates with a Staff of 26 Officers whose salaries are returned at £3,844.

After making allowance for pensions amounting to £1,266, which will of course, be a terminable item, the gross estimated annual saving will amount to £6,432, which, being deducted from the compensation payable, viz:- £8,269, leaves a net loss for the first year of £1,837. If the saving estimated is maintained it will mean that on the second year there will be £4,595 of a gain, and in subsequent years this gain will amount to £6,432.

If the payment of compensation is spread over a short term of years, or if a loan is obtained for the purpose, there would be no loss even in the first year, in the working of the new Scheme.

The question of the change of the method of paying outdoor relief will arise. We have ascertained that the total amount paid out last year was £9,603, while the R.O's salaries came to £714.

Signed on behalf of the Committee,

JOHN J. O'BYRNE.
Chairman.

WEXFORD COUNTY.

Return of the Cost of the Main House Divisions of Workhouses in
the County and Estimated Cost of the Proposed County Home.

Pop.	Main Houses	Per Head		Per Week	
		Per Annum			
75	Enniscorthy	£39	17 6	15 5	2991 0 0
47	Gorey	58	17 0	£1 1 6	2760 0 0
152	New Ross	33	5 1	12 7	6056 0 0
67	Wexford	47	6 1	18 2	3170 0 0
<hr/>					
341					14977 0 0
5	Less cost of maintenance of 5 Carlow and Kilkenny inmates at £26.10s.				132 10 0
<hr/>					
336					14844 10 0
<hr/>					
					£ 14844 10 0

By Maintenance of 336 persons at £26 10s per annum 8904 0 0

" Officials Salaries as follows:-

	Secretary	£300 0 0	
	2 Chaplains	180 0 0	
	Doctor	250 0 0	
16	6 Nurses	600 0 0	
	Porter	80 0 0	
	Van Driver	182 0 0	
	3 Tradesmen	546 0 0	
	Agriculturist	149 0 0	
		<u>£2287 0 0</u>	
"	Medicines and Appliances	100 0 0	
"	Establishment Charges	600 0 0	
"	Pensions	605 0 0	
"	Interest on Compensation		
	£5805 at 5 per cent	290 0 0	
		<u>3882 0 0</u>	
			<u>£12786 0 0</u>
	Estimated Gross Gain		<u>2058 10 0</u>
			<u>£14844 10 0</u>

To Estimated Gross Gain		By Compensation	5805 4 0
brought down	£2058 10 0		
" Estimated Loss first			
year	3746 14 0		
	<u>£5805 4 0</u>		<u>£ 5805 4 0</u>

NOTES.

Pensions and compensations extinguish a salary roll (including cost of rations) of £2,862 a year.

No account has been taken of realisable stock in the Workhouses proposed to be abolished owing to likelihood of most of it being taken over by the new institutions.

WEXFORD COUNTY.

Return of the Cost of the Present Hospitals in the County, and the
Estimated Cost of the Proposed County Hospital.

Av. No.	Fever Hospitals.			
3	Enniscorthy		£324 0 0	
3	Gorey		225 0 0	
8	New Ross		435 0 0	
3	Wexford		741 0 0	
				1725 0 0
17				
		Weekly		
		Cost		
Pop	General Hospitals	s d		
91	Enniscorthy	18 3	4319 0 0	
72	Gorey	20 0	3846 0 0	
113	New Ross	17 5	5684 0 0	
129	Wexford	17 5	5770 0 0	
405			19619 0 0	
T. 422				
Les 90	Less 90 Kilkenny and Carlow			
	inmates at £32.10.2d.		2925 15 0	
N. T332				16693 5 0
	Maintenance of Patients sent to			
	Dublin for special treatment		487 0 0	
	From 4 Unions & Rural Councils			
	From 3 Urban District Councils		237 12 3	
				724 12 3
	Cost to Co. Council of upkeep of County			
	Infirmery			1494 0 0
				£ 20636 17 3

By Maintenance of 330 patients at £32 10 2d
per annum

10725 0 0

" Officials' Salaries

Secretary	£300 0 0
Apothecary	104 0 0
Chaplains	180 0 0
Surgeon	500 0 0
26 Physician	350 0 0
15 Nurses	1500 0 0
1 Van Driver	182 0 0
1 Porter Van Dr.	182 0 0
3 Tradesmen	546 0 0
	<hr/> 3844 0 0

" Medicines and Surgical

Appliances 300 0 0

" Establishment Charges 600 0 0

" Pensions 661 0 0

" Interest on Compensation,

£2464.9s 2d at 5 p.c. 133 0 0

5538 0 0

16263 0 0

Estimated Gross Gain

4373 17 3

£20636 17 3

To Estimated Gross Gain

brought down

£4373 17 3

By Compensation £2464 9 2

" Net Gain

1909 8 1

£4373 17 3

£ 4373 17 3

NOTES. Pensions and Compensation extinguish a salary roll (including cost of rations) of £2234.

No account has been taken of realisable stock in the Workhouses proposed to be abolished owing to likelihood of most of it being

taken over by the new institutions.

SUMMARY RESULT OF FOREGOING STATEMENTS.

To Estimated Gross Gain		By Compensation	
Main Houses	2058 10 0	Main Houses	5805 4 0
Hospitals	4373 17 3	Hospitals	2464 9 2
	<hr/>		<hr/>
	6432 7 3		8269 13 2
" Net Loss first year	1837 5 11		
	<hr/>		<hr/>
	£ 8269 13 2		£ 8269 13 2

NOTE. Pensions and Compensation extinguish a salary roll and cost of rations of £5,097 a year.

The following letters were read from the Clerks of Wexford and Enniscorthy Unions respectively:-

"I have to inform you that at Saturday's meeting of my Board it was decided, in the event of the findings of the Conference on to-morrow not coming before them for consideration, to instruct their delegates to vote for District Hospitals".

I brought the Agenda Sheet for Amalgamation Meeting before Guardians on Wednesday last, they have no suggestions to make with regard to any item except Outdoor Relief question, they request that any Scheme drafted in connection with this should be submitted to the various Boards for their approval.

In the other matters our Delegates are free to act as they consider best".

After a lengthened discussion, Mr. Lynch proposed, Mr. Bolger seconded:-

- "1. That the four General Workhouses be abolished as such.
2. That the necessitous aged and infirm, including epileptics and idiots be accommodated in a Central Institution to be called County Wexford Home".

Passed Unanimously.

Dr. Ryan proposed the establishment of one County Hospital and three District Hospitals.

Mr. C. McCarthy seconded.

Mr. Lynch proposed as an amendment:- "That the Hospital arrangements remain as they are for the present. The Workhouse Hospitals to be called District Hospitals".

Mr. Bolger seconded.

Mrs. Keating, Inspector from Dail Eireann, stated she did not believe the Dail would sanction any arrangement embracing District Hospitals.

stated

Dr. Ryan/that the Medical members of An Dail had held a Meeting about the matter and came to the conclusion that small District Hospitals accommodating about 15 or 20 beds would be necessary.

They had interviewed Alderman Cosgrave, T.D. Minister of Local Government in the matter and had shaken his determination in holding out for a County Hospital only.

A show of hands was taken with the result that 23 voted for the amendment and 13 for Dr. Ryan's motion.

The Chairman declared the amendment carried. It was then put as the substantive motion and agreed to unanimously.

Location of County Home.

Mr. McCarthy proposed that the County Home be located at Enniscorthy in the present Workhouse Buildings.

Mr. John Murphy seconded.

Mr. Bolger proposed that it be located at Gorey.

Mr. Sheehan seconded.

Mr. Corish proposed Wexford. Mr Whelan seconded.

After discussion Mr. Bolger withdrew his motion and a show of hands was taken as to selection of Wexford or Enniscorthy, resulting in 5 for Wexford and 24 for Enniscorthy.

The Chairman declared Enniscorthy selected. Mr. McCarthy's motion was **then** put and carried.

Establishment of Public Health Committee.

Dr. Ryan proposed that a Committee consisting of the following be appointed to deal with all matters pertaining to Public Health, including the making of arrangements for the carrying out of the Amalgamation Scheme as agreed to.

Mr. Cummins seconded.

County Councillors 8., Chairmen R.D. Councils 4., Representatives of the Towns Council of Enniscorthy, New Ross (one each) Corporation of Wexford (Two) Town Commissioners of Gorey (one), 4 Persons nominated by County Council, Insurance Committee 3., Boards of Guardians 4 County Medical Association 2. Total 30.

Payment of Outdoor Relief.

The question as to advisability of making a change in the method of payment of outdoor relief was discussed, and it was decided to leave the matter in the hands of the new Public Health Committee and the Boards of Guardians.

-----oo0oo-----

(Signed)

Seán R. Eivieann

Presiding Chairman

Dated this 20th day of Apr 1921

MEETING. 20th SEPTEMBER 1921.

A Meeting of the Wexford County Council was held in the Boardroom Wexford Union, on 20th September 1921.

Present:- Mr. J.R. Etchingham (Chairman) presiding.

Other Members:- Messrs. James Byrne, Patrick Buckley, Michael Cloney, Richard Corish, C. Culleton, John Cummins, Seumas Doyle, E. Foley, W. J. Furlong, James Hall, M. Hughes, D. Kavanagh, Simon Kehoe, Philip Lennon, Charles McCarthy, John Murphy, J.J. O'Byrne (Ballyduff) J.J. O'Byrne (Cushinstown) John Pender, James Shannon, Michael Redmond.

The Acting Secretary, the County Surveyor, Miss Lister, Inspector and the Rate Collectors were also in attendance.

Confirmation of Minutes.

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and confirmed.

Condolence.

On the motion of Mr. McCarthy, seconded by Mr. Furlong, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That we offer our esteemed Colleague Dr. J. Ryan, T.D. our sincere condolence in the bereavement which has befallen him by the death of his father".

Dispute between Farmers & Labourers.

The Chairman referred to the present unfortunate dispute between the farmers and labourers in the County as regards harvest bonus, and stated that he considered that it was the duty of the County Council, to consider if there was any possibility of getting both parties to agree to a Conference presided over by a neutral Chairman with a view to ending the dispute.

He proposed:- "That the Irish Transport & General Workers' Union and the County Wexford Association of the Irish Farmers' Union be requested to send three delegates each to a Conference to be summoned for Friday 23rd September in the Town Hall, Wexford, the Conference to be presided over by the Minister of Agriculture of An Dail or a Representative from his Department".

Internees and the Truce.

Mr. McCarthy referred to the circumstances of the Irish Political

Prisoners in the interment camps. He stated that, instead of the truce being the means of their position being improved, the hardships inflicted on them had been very much accentuated since the truce began. While those outside were reaping the benefits of the truce the position of the unfortunate internees could not be worse., the British Government were treating them like dogs in a kennel.

He proposed:- "That we express our condemnation of the manner in which the Irish Political Prisoners are treated in the various internment camps".

Mr. Foley seconded the resolution which was passed unanimously.

Use of Town Hall, Wexford, for Meetings.

On the motion of Mr. Culleton, seconded by Mr. J.J. O'Byrne, (Cashinstown) the following resolution was adopted:-

"That Alderman Corish, Mayor of Wexford, be requested to allow the County Council and its Committees to hold their meetings in future in the Town Hall, Wexford".

University Scholarship Scheme.

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

"That the Regulations of the University Scholarship Scheme be varied so as to allow of the consideration of Scholarships being awarded to the four applicants allowed to compete by County Council".

Mr. Culleton seconded.

After discussion, by permission of the Meeting, Mr. Corish withdrew his motion in view of the fact that none of the applicants had obtained honours in two subjects.

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

"That the resolution re County Council Scholarships passed at June meeting disqualifying three applicants from competing for University Scholarships be rescinded".

The motion was not seconded.

By permission of the meeting, Mr. Seumas Doyle withdrew for the present, the following motion of which he had given previous notice:-

"That examinations for County Council Scholarships be carried out

under the directions of the County Council".

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne (Cushinstown) seconded by Mr. Foley, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the Scholarships unfilled during the current year be competed for next year increasing the number of Scholarships to be awarded next year from four to eight".

Rate Collection.

The Acting Secretary submitted the state of the Rate Collection.

The Rate Collectors came before the meeting and submitted lists of prominent defaulters in their districts for publication in the local Press.

On the motion of Mr. J.J. O'Byrne (Cushinstown) seconded by the Chairman, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the names of the defaulters be inserted in the Column reserved for the purpose in the local Press".

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Foley, it was decided that Collecting Books for current rate for Nos. 1, 2 and 3 Collection Districts be issued to the Deputy Collectors for these districts, viz:- Messrs. J. Radford, J. McCormack, and that the collecting books for No. 8 district be issued to the Collector- Joseph Cummins".

On the motion of Mr. Foley, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne (Cushinstown) the following resolution was adopted:-

"That instructions be given to Mr. R.W. Elgee, Solicitor to the Council, to have proceedings instituted in the Republican Courts against defaulting ratepayers and against ex-Rate Collectors who hold sums of money belonging to the Council for rates collected and not lodged by them".

Under date 19th September 1921, the following letter was read from the Secretary, National Bank, Ltd:-

"With reference to your letter of 13th inst., which has been submitted to the Board, I am instructed to say the Enniscorthy Manager has been written to regarding lodgment of cheques payable to the Wexford County Council and it is hoped the Council will not have further cause for complaint".

"No Order"

Appointment of Collectors.

Applications were received from the following for the position of Poor Rate Collector for No. 7 Collection District:-

Patrick Codd, Woodlands, Enniscorthy.

Miss M.K. Nolan, Ryland Street, Buncolody.

Edward McDonald, Kilbora, Camolin.

James Connolly, Castlesow, Crossabeg.

Myles Breen, Tinnashrule, Ferns.

John Doyle, Marshalstown, Enniscorthy.

Michael Deegan, Brideswell, Gorey.

Thomas F. Maher. Enniscorthy.

After examination by an Irish Teacher, all the candidates except Edward McDonald, were allowed by the Council to compete for the position.

A poll was taken with following result:-

For Miss Nolan-- Messrs. Corish, Culleton, and Pender.- 3.

For Connolly:- Messrs. E. Foley and Kavanagh- 2.

For Deegan:- Messrs. Redmond, J. Byrne, Lennon, J.J. O'Byrne,
(Cushinstown) J.J. O'Byrne (Ballyduff).- 5.

For Maher:- Messrs. Kehoe and McCarthy.- 2.

For Breen:- Messrs. Furlong and the Chairman.- 2.

Messrs. Codd and Doyle received no votes.

A poll was taken between Connolly, Breen and Maher, with the following result:-

For Connolly:- Messrs. Corish, Culleton, McCarthy, Foley and
Kavanagh.- 5.

For Breen:- Messrs. Redmond, Pender, Furlong, J.J. O'Byrne (Ballyduff
and the Chairman- 5.

For Maher:- Messrs. J. Byrne, J.J. O'Byrne (Cushinstown), Lennon
and Kehoe.- 4.

Maher then dropped out and a poll was taken as between Miss Nolan, Connolly, Breen and Deegan, with the following result:-

For Miss Nolan:- Messrs. Corish, Culleton and Pender.- 3.

For Connolly:- Messrs. McCarthy, Foley and Kavanagh.- 3.

For Breen:- Messrs. Furlong and the Chairman.- 2.

For Deegan:- Messrs. Redmond, J. Byrne, Lennon, J.J. O'Byrne

(Cushinstown) J.J. O'Byrne (Ballyduff) and Kehoe.- 6.

Breen now dropped out and a poll was taken as between Miss Nolan, Connolly and Deegan, with the following result:-

For Miss Nolan:- Messrs. Corish, Culleton and Pender.- 3.

For Connolly:- Messrs. McCarthy, Foley and Kavanagh.- 3.

For Deegan:- Messrs. Redmond, J. Byrne, Lennon, Furlong, J.J. O'Byrne (Cushinstown) J.J. O'Byrne (Ballyduff) and the Chairman.- 8.

Deegan having received the votes of the majority of those present and voting was declared elected, and suitably returned thanks.

The following is the application of the successful Candidate--

"As I understand that a vacancy exists in No. 7 Collection District for Rate Collector, I beg to offer myself as a Candidate for such.

I enclose copies of testimonials which I respectfully ask to give your full consideration.

I may mention I have a thorough knowledge of the area and some experience having given all possible assistance to the collecting of Rates in Collector's Kelly's area during the recent troubles, which area I understand can compete favourably with any in the County.

Without wishing to use any Organisation with which I am connected for the betterment of my social position and recognising that any services I may have done in the past should be looked upon as a duty that we should be glad to perform yet I may mention that I was victimised to the extent of permanently losing a remunerative position owing to having served a term of imprisonment some three years ago for the principles which I then and now hold.

Trusting you will favourably view my application and should you elect me to the position I would take it as a personal honour and I in return would endeavour to the best of my abilities to fulfil the duties imposed on me.

If further testimonials are required I would be very pleased to submit them".

For the position of Rate Collector for No. 13 Collection District, applications were received from the following:-

Luke Smith, Haggardstown, Ballycogley.

John Lee, Castletown, Inch.

Patrick Fitzpatrick, Kiltale, Enniscorthy.

Daniel Byrne, Coolnaleen, Camolin.

Patrick Fitzpatrick withdrew his application, and after an examination in Irish, the other Candidates were allowed to compete for the position.

A poll was taken with the following result:-

For Smith:- Messrs. Redmond, J. Byrne, J.J. O'Byrne (Cushinstown)
Lennon, Kehoe, McCarthy, Foley, & Kavanagh.- 8.

For Byrne:- Messrs. Corish, Culleton, Pender, Furlong, J.J. O'Byrne
(Ballyduff) and the Chairman.- 6.

Lee received no vote.

The Chairman declared Smith elected. Smith returned thanks.

The following is the application of the successful Candidate:-

"I offer myself as a Candidate for one of the vacant Rate Collectorships in Collection District No. 13. If elected I shall do my utmost in every way to carry out the wishes of the Co. Council and Dail Eireann.

I offer as my Sureties Miss K.A. Browne, Rathronan Castle, Bridgetown, and Mr. James Furlong, Ballyharty, Kilmore.

I live in South Wexford at present but if elected I will be only too happy to reside in the Collection District.

I enclose testimonials from Canon Crowe, Ballymore, Rev. H.E. Lambert, Mayglass, Rev. A. Kehoe, Mulrankin, and Rev. John O'Dowd of Wexford".

For the position of temporary Collector for No. 16 District, the only application received was from Mr. Luke Smith, who had been appointed to No. 13 District. The Council considered the former District a more suitable one for Mr. Smith as he was a native of it.

On the motion of Mr. McCarthy, seconded by Mr. Culleton, it was unanimously decided that Mr. Luke Smith be transferred to No. 16 District as a temporary Collector, provided he agreed to this

arrangement.

To fill the consequent vacancy in No. 13 Collection District it was unanimously decided on the motion of Mr. Corish, seconded by Mr. Culleton, that Mr. Daniel Byrne, Coolnaleen, Camolin, be appointed Collector for No. 13 District.

For the position of Rate Collector for No. 21 Collection District applications were received from:-

Philip Kennedy, Shelbaggin, Ramsgrange.

Bernard Cleary, Kilscanlan, Ballynaboola.

M. Sullivan, Dunmain, Gusserane.

Kennedy withdrew his application, and after an examination in Irish the other two candidates were allowed to compete.

A poll was taken with the following result:-

For Sullivan:- Mr. J. Byrne.- 1.

For Cleary:- Messrs. J.J. O'Byrne (Cushinstown) J.J. O'Byrne, Ballyduff) Corish, Lennon, Culleton, Pender, Kehoe, McCarthy, Foley, Kavanagh, Furlong, and the Chairman-. 12.

Cleary was declared elected and returned thanks.

The following is the application of the successful Candidate:-

"I beg to apply for the position of Rate Collector for No. 21 District as advertised in the local papers. Since my release from Kilworth Camp I have not been able to obtain employment, and if I am appointed I will devote my whole time to the duties of the office.

I enclose testimonial from my Parish Priest".

For the position of Deputy Rate Collector for No. 6 Collection District, **only** one application was received, viz:-

Miss Polly Kelly, Carrynisk, Edermine.

After an examination in Irish, Miss Kelly was elected to the position on the motion of the Chairman.

Miss Kelly returned thanks for her election. The following is her application:-

"I beg to apply for the position of temporary Rate Collector in No. 6 Division recently held by my brother.

Trusting you will favour me with the appointment".

It was decided to advertise for a Collector for current rate

in No. 15 Collection District, an additional clause to be inserted in advertisement that Candidates will be examined in Elementary English and Elementary Arithmetic".

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

"That Mr. Patrick Sinnott, Mountaingate, Cleariestown, be appointed Deputy Rate Collector for his brother for No. 4 Collection District during his brother's temporary absence from duty".

on the motion of Mr. J.J. O'Byrne (Ballyduff) seconded by the Chairman, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That Mr. Michael Sinnott, Newtown, Clonevan, be appointed Deputy Rate Collector for his brother, Mr. John P. Sinnott (at present in prison) for the completion of 1921 Collection".

Ex-Collector J.C. Smith.

The following letter was read from Mr. J.C. Smith, 63 Main Street, Gorey:-

"I find that my physical health and condition, due principally to advancing years, will not permit me to retain my position of Rate Collector for your Council any longer.

I am now in my seventy-third year, and have been Rate Collector since September 1888, and during all that time I have endeavoured to fulfil my duties efficiently and effectively, both for your Council and their predecessors.

I am, under the circumstances, reluctantly compelled to place my resignation in the hands of your Council, and I trust that your Council will take into account my long service and record, and that they will be pleased to allow me such pension as the law empowers them.

I may say that my position as Rate Collector was my sole means of support, and that I am entirely dependent for my subsistence upon the pension I receive.

I take this opportunity of thanking the members of the Council for their courtesy to and consideration for me at all times, and may I also include yourself in this expression.

I desire that my resignation be accepted as from 1st April 1921.

On the motion of Mr. Corish, seconded by Mr. J.J. O'Byrne, (Cushinstown) the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the matter be adjourned until the Government of the Country is in a position to function without outside interference".

Rates & Malicious Injury Decrees.

Circular letter re Rates and Malicious & Criminal Injury decrees from the Department of Local Government, Dail Eireann, was read for the meeting.

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

"That the Press be requested to have a precis of the Circular inserted in their respective papers".

Scheme of Amalgamation of Unions.

Under date 12th September 1921, the following letter No. E/380 was read from the Department of Local Government, Dail Eireann:-

"The Local Government Department have under consideration the Wexford Scheme of Amalgamation of Unions.

The Scheme formed does not appear to justify the heavy establishment charges which would naturally result from keeping on the four Unions. District Hospitals will undoubtedly form the subject of special legislation under normal conditions, and the institutions which have been in use heretofore would not lend themselves to a forward policy in this respect. The Department, therefore, can only consider the question in the light of a centralised Scheme of County Hospital and County Home, leaving over for the present a Scheme for Cottage and District Hospitals".

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

"That the Department of Local Government, Dail Eireann, be recommended to send Inspectors to the meetings of the various Boards in the County, to be summoned to consider the foregoing letter

That a Conference be held as soon as the views of the various Boards of Guardians on the matter have been ascertained".

Road Work.

Under date 1st September 1921, the following letter was read

from Mr. M. Doran, Secretary Co. Wexford Association Irish Farmers' Union:-

"I have been asked by the Standing Committee of my Association to forward you the following resolution received from Rathangan and Clearestown Branch, for the consideration of your Council:-
Wexford

"That we ask the Executive of the County/Farmers' Association to bring under the notice of the County Council (the authority responsible for the maintenance of the public roads) the desirability of at once putting same in a proper state of repair in order to facilitate the transit of corn, and other agricultural produce to markets".

Under date 14th September 1921, the following resolution from County Delegate Conference, Irish Transport & General Workers' Union, was read:-

"That we in Conference assembled representing all grades and classes of workers in the County call on the County Council to seriously consider at the earliest opportunity the question of unemployment in the County and with a view to relieving it that the County Council decide to re-start all necessary Road and other work, and that while desiring and deciding on above we fully realise and take into consideration the financial difficulties which confronted the Council in the past".

The following resolution from the South Wexford District Committee, Irish Transport & General Workers' Union, was read:-

"That we the delegates of the above Committee assembled in conference on the 11th day of September representing the Agricultural Workers of South Wexford, view with alarm the large number of unemployed amongst our Members, especially now at the approach of Winter, when farm work is curtailed to a very large extent, still adding greater numbers to the army of unemployed. We cannot close our eyes to the deplorable situation with which we are now confronted and we hereby unanimously endorse the resolution sent forward from the County Conference calling upon the County Council to re-start all necessary work at the earliest opportunity.

Yet at the same time while pledging support to this resolution we are not unmindful of the difficulties that confront the County Council and we earnestly hope that when those difficulties pass away

and the Council are in a better condition financially that they will at once restart a system of Direct Labour so as to give/sufficient work to the unemployed in our midst".

Under date 9th September 1921, the following letter was read from Mr. A.A. Connolly, Clerk, Enniscorthy R.D. Council:-

"Mr. Lawler, R.D.C. Coolree, called here to-day and asked me to write to you about the dangerous condition of the Road at Coolycarney Cross, i.e. the crossroads formed by the junction of the Enniscorthy-Kiltealy Road and the Coolree-Ballindaggin Road.

Mr. Lawler states that the damage has been caused by lack of attention to drainage and that as a result Motor and Lorry traffic is being directed to other Roads which are becoming badly cut up.

Mr. Lawler has already drawn Co. Surveyor's attention to the matter, and as he has not done anything yet, he wished to have the matter brought under the notice of Co. Council".

On the motion of the Chairman, the foregoing communications were referred to the Roads Committee".

Boundary Fence- Ballymurry Quarry.

Under date 8th September 1921, the following letter was read from Messrs. M.J. O'Connor & Co., Solicitors, Gorey:-

"We are instructed by Captain Maher of Ballinkeele, to write to you with reference to the Quarry on Capt. Maher's land used by your Council for the purpose of taking stones therefrom by the permission of Capt. Maher. The quarry is situate at Ballymurry near the Ballagh. In the undermining of this quarry by the Council's employees the boundary fence between Capt. Maher's land at Ballymurry and the lands of Slievenagora occupied by Mr. John Sinnott of the Ballagh, has been injured, and there are, at present, two large gaps in the boundary fence, and furthermore there is great danger that a good deal more of the fence will be injured if the quarrying is continued in the way it has been done hitherto.

Will you kindly let us know at once if your Council intend to make good the damage already done to the boundary fence seeing that the damage has been caused by the Council's employees and if you will take steps to see that no further damage will occur to the

fence if the quarrying is continued".

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

"That the County Surveyor be directed to have an inspection of the Boundary fence referred to, and to arrange for the attendance of the local Councillors (Messrs. Kehoe and Kavanagh) and the two Contractors, at his inspection of the fence. That a report of the matter be submitted to next meeting of the County Council".

Complaint of Road Contractor.

Under date 31st August 1921, a letter was read from Mr. John O'Toole, Gurrawn, Blackwater, asking an explanation as to why he was not paid a sum of £153. 12. 6d which he stated was due to him from the County Council.

Mr. O'Toole forwarded a message to the meeting and asked that the consideration of his letter be adjourned to next meeting as the Solicitor he had instructed to appear on his behalf did not find it possible to attend present meeting.

"This was agreed to".

County Hall.

Under date 3rd September 1921, a letter was read from Mr. R. W. Elgee, Solicitor to the Council, forwarding the following copy of a letter which he had received from Capt. G. Brennan, Brigade Lands Officer, in reference to County Hall:-

Reference this Claim. As the buildings are held by the Wexford County Council, it will be necessary to get them to agree to a rent etc. No higher rent than that which the Council is at present paying can be recommended. Therefore, if the Council agree to accept a rent at the rate of £207. 11. 6d per annum, inclusive of rates and taxes to count from the 4th July 1921 till such time as buildings are surrendered to the Council, I am prepared to forward and recommend that this is paid.

There is a point that I wish to bring to your notice, viz:- That the occupation of buildings by Crown Forces does not in any way break existing tenancy, and the Council are still responsible for the payment of rent to the Landlord.

As you are acting for both Landlord and Council, there ought to be no difficulty in arranging the matter, provided that the Council are willing to accept the same rent as they are in the habit of paying".

On the motion of Mr. J.J. O'Byrne (Cushinstown) seconded by Mr. Kehoe, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the Solicitor to the Council inform the R.I.C. Authorities that it is not rent the Council are claiming, but compensation for disturbance and dispossession.

That the County Solicitor claim the amounts stated in resolution passed at last meeting as compensation under these heads".

Bovine Tuberculosis Order.

Under date 29th August 1921, the following letter was read from the Irish County Councils' General Council:-

"Adverting to previous correspondence relative to remuneration to be paid to Inspectors under the Bovine Tuberculosis Order, I regret to say that I have not been able to obtain any definite decision on this point. Unofficially, however, I may state it is probable that a scheme for the co-ordination of veterinary services in each County will be recommended for adoption in the near future, and consequently, I think that a system of payment by fees would be a better course to adopt in the meantime".

Marked "Noted"

Poisons & Pharmacy Act.

Mr. L. Codd, 26 Main Street, Enniscorthy, applied for licence under Poisons & Pharmacy Act.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Foley, it was agreed that licence under Poisons & Pharmacy Act be issued to Mr. L. Codd, 26 Main Street, Enniscorthy, on condition that he sells only Irish made Sheep Dip.

Courtown Harbour Committee.

Under date 9th September 1921, Mr. P. Stapleton, Harbour Master, Courtown Harbour, wrote stating that his Committee recommended the appointment on the Committee of Messrs. Denis Murphy, Seamount, and Michael Wafer, vice Major and Mrs. Richards

who had ceased to reside in the locality.

On the motion of the Chairman, Messrs. Denis Murphy and Michael Wafer were appointed members of the Courtown Harbour Committee, vice Major and Mrs. Richards.

New Ross Bridge.

On the motion of Mr. J.J. O'Byrne (Cushinstown) seconded by Mr. Lennon, it was decided that the dangerous opening in New Ross Bridge be suitably fenced but that the other repairs be adjourned for the present.

Mountgarrett Bridge.

The County Surveyor reported that with Mr. Burden, Co. Surveyor, Kilkenny, he had inspected Mountgarrett Bridge, and agreed with his estimate that the work of erecting a timber structure to carry light traffic could be carried out at a cost to County Wexford not exceeding £300. Mr. Burden was, in the meantime, bringing the matter before the Kilkenny County Council.

The County Surveyor submitted an application from Mr. P.J. Roche Woodville, New Ross, for permission to erect a temporary chute for loading corn at Mountgarrett Bridge.

On the motion of Mr. J.J. O'Byrne, (Cushinstown) seconded by Mr. Lennon, the application was agreed to.

Machinery.

The County Surveyor reported that the R.I.C. Authorities had ordered him to remove the two breakers from the Yard at the County Hall, which had been commandeered.

On the motion of the Chairman, it was decided that no action be taken in the matter.

The County Surveyor submitted an application from the Town Surveyor, Enniscorthy, for the hire of the Council's Machinery.

On the motion of the Chairman, it was agreed to hire the Machinery to Enniscorthy Urban Council, on the same terms as obtain with the Wexford Corporation".

Material at Ferrybank.

Mr. Corish, on behalf of the Wexford Harbour Board, applied for 200 cubic yards of material at Ferrybank.

On the motion of Mr. Foley, seconded by Mr. Culleton, the application was agreed to, the price to be 16/- per cubic yard at Ferrybank"

"On the motion of Mr. Foley, seconded by Mr. Culleton, the County Surveyor was authorised to dispose of all surplus material at Ferrybank on similar terms".

Kerlogue Quarry.

Under date 17th September 1921, the following letter was read from Mr. Moses Power, Kerlogue:-

"As I am now out of employment and receiving no unemployment benefit I would feel grateful to the Council if they would see their way to settle the accounts of Kerlogue Quarry with me".

"The County Surveyor stated that the amount due to Mr. Power was £71. 12. 6d, and on the motion of Mr. Corish, seconded by Mr. Culleton it was agreed that Mr. Power be paid this amount".

Ballyregan Quarry.

The County Surveyor submitted an application from Mr. John Burke for £10.10/- for work done at Ballyregan Quarry.

"On the motion of Mr. Corish, seconded by Mr. Culleton, it was agreed that the amount be paid".

Wexford Courthouse.

The County Surveyor submitted the following letter under 19th September 1921, from Messrs. P.J. O'Flaherty & Son, Solicitors, Enniscorthy:-

"You are aware that in the burning of the Wexford Courthouse one side of the Courthouse was burned, and the offices which were formerly occupied by the County Council were damaged. We are acting for the Sheriff, and we are directed to ask for your concurrence under Section 11 Sub-section 2 of the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898 in the repair of "sudden damage" thereby caused, and we should be glad to have your answer by return of post if possible, as the matter is urgent".

"No Order, as the Council had given up possession of the building".

Buncloidighe Electric Light.

Under date 16th September 1921, the following letter was read

from Mr. M. Hughes, Buncloidy:-

"The Buncloidy Electric Light Committee want permission to continue to erect poles from Ryland Street to Rectory on Enniscorthy road about one quarter mile".

"On the motion of the Chairman, the application was agreed to, subject to the County Surveyor being satisfied with the position of the poles".

Next Meeting.

It was decided that the next Meeting of the County Council will be on Wednesday 12th October at 10.30 a.m.

Electors & Jurors' Lists.

On the motion of Mr. Corish, seconded by Mr. Foley, it was decided that the question of payment to the Secretary at present interned in Spike Island in respect of fees for Electors' & Jurors' Lists be brought at next meeting for favourable consideration.

-----oo0oo-----

Appointment of Accountant.

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

"That Mr. J.H. Cadogan, Clerk in the C. Secretary's Office be appointed Accountant to the County Council until further order."

-----oo0oo-----

(Signed)

Presiding Chairman

Dated this day of 19

WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

ROADS COMMITTEE/

A Meeting of the Roads Committee of the Wexford County Council was held on 20th September 1921.

Present:- Mr. J.R. Etchingham (Chairman) presiding
other members:- Messrs. R. Corish, C. Culleton, E. Foley, W.J. Furlong, J.J. O'Byrne, Wm. Boggan, D. Whelan and J.S. McDonald.

The Acting Secretary and the County Surveyor were in attendance.

Resumption of Road Work.

The following resolutions referred to the Roads Committee from the County Council were considered:-

From Rathangan & Cleariestown Branch,
Wexford Association Irish Farmers' Union:-

"That we ask the Executive of the County Wexford Farmers' Association to bring under the notice of the County Council (the authority responsible for the maintenance of the public roads) the desirability of at once putting same in a proper state of repair in order to facilitate the transit of corn, and other agricultural produce to markets".

From County Delegate Conference, Irish Transport & General Workers' Union:-

"That we in conference assembled, representing all grades and classes of workers in the County, call on the County Council to seriously consider at the earliest opportunity the question of unemployment in the County, and, with a view to relieving it, that the County Council decide to restart all necessary Road and other work, and that, while desiring and deciding on above, we fully realise and take into consideration the financial difficulties which confronted the Council in the past".

From the South Wexford District Committee, Irish Transport & General Workers' Union:-

"That we, the delegates of the above Committee, assembled in conference on the 11th day of September, representing the Agricultural Workers of South Wexford, view with alarm the large number of unemployed amongst our members, especially now at the approach of Winter, when farm work is curtailed to a very large extent, still adding greater numbers to the army of unemployed. We cannot close our eyes to the deplorable situation with

which we are now confronted, and we hereby unanimously endorse the resolution sent forward from the County Conference, calling upon the County Council to restart all necessary work at the earliest opportunity".

"Yet at the same time, while pledging support to this resolution, we are not unmindful of the difficulties that confront the County Council, and we earnestly hope that when these difficulties pass away, and the Council are in a better position financially, that they will at once restart a system of Direct Labour so as to give sufficient work to the unemployed in our midst".

On the motion of Mr. Corish, seconded by Mr. McCarthy, the following recommendation was adopted:-

"That the County Surveyor submit a report to next meeting of the Roads Committee as to the roads in the County which most urgently require drainage. The County Council, owing to the state of their finances and those of the subsidiary Bodies, are not in a position to resume Road Work at present, but that this matter be considered with a statement of the County Finances, at the meeting on the 12th October".

Road at Cooleycarney Cross:

The following letter under date 9th September 1921, which was referred from the County Council Meeting to the Roads Committee, was read from Mr. A. A. Connolly, Clerk, Enniscorthy R.D. Council:-

"Mr. Lawler states that the damage has been caused by lack of attention to drainage, and that, as a result, motor and lorry traffic is being directed to other roads which are becoming badly cut up".

"Mr. Lawler has already drawn the County Surveyor's attention to the matter, and as he has not done anything yet, he wished to have the matter brought under the notice of the County Council."

On the motion of Mr. Corish, seconded by Mr. McCarthy, the following recommendation was adopted:-

"That the letter from Mr. A.A. Connolly, Clerk, Enniscorthy R.D. Council, re road at Cooleycarney Cross, be referred to the County Surveyor for report to next meeting".

Road Maintenance.

Under date 13th September 1921, the following letter was read

from Mr. W.F.Hearn, L.L.D. New Ross:-

"No doubt in the near future, your Council will be considering a Scheme dealing with Roads and their proper maintenance. When the question comes up for consideration, I would suggest that your Council appoint a Committee to report thereon and that such Committee would give an opportunity to users of the Roads to come before them and probably could supply information bearing on the subject that would be helpful. The County could be divided into areas for the purpose of such enquiry and so concentrated on each Section".

The meeting considered that the Parish Committees met the point referred to by Dr. Hearn.

-----ooOoo-----

(Signed)

Presiding Chairman

Dated this day of 19

MEETING. 4th OCTOBER 1921.Amalgamation Conference.

A Meeting of the Conference re Union Amalgamation was held in the Town Hall, Wexford on the 4th October 1921.

Present:- Mr. J.R. Etchingham, presiding, also:-

Messrs. Seumas Doyle M.C.C. C. McCarthy M.C.C., E.P. Foley, M.C.C. R. Corish M.C.C., J. Cummins M.C.C., D. Whelan, Miss O'Ryan and D. O'Sullivan, Clerk (three Representatives from Wexford Union) James Doyle, Thomas Stokes and John J. Fanning, Clerk (three Representatives of Gorey Union) Thomas McCarthy, M. Maher and Aidan A. Connolly, Clerk (three Representatives of Enniscorthy Union).

No Representatives of New Ross Union attended.

Mrs. Keating, Miss Lister and Dr. Kelly, Inspectors of the Local Government Department and Mr. T.A. Frizelle, the Acting Secretary of the County Council were in attendance.

The Clerk of the New Ross Union wrote that his Board were not sending any delegates to the Conference. The Meeting of the Guardians he had called to consider the matter was small and unrepresentative, and the Guardians decided to adjourn the matter.

The following letter under date 12th October 1921, from the Local Government was read:-

"The Local Government Department have under consideration the Wexford Scheme of Amalgamation of Unions.

The Scheme formed does not appear to justify the heavy establishment charges which naturally result from keeping on the four Unions. District Hospitals will undoubtedly form the subject of special legislation under normal conditions, and the institutions which have been in use heretofore would not lend themselves to a forward policy in this respect. The Department, therefore, can only consider the question in the light of a centralised Scheme of County Hospital and County Home, leaving over for the present a Scheme for Cottage and District Hospitals".

A letter was read from Archdeacon Latham, up to recently Protestant Rector of Wexford, in which he expressed the hope that the Union Hospitals would be abolished and an up-to-date County

Hospital established.

Circular No. 52, under date 27th September 1921, was read from the Local Government Department.

The following letter, under date 30th September 1921, was read from the Clerk, Gorey Board of Guardians:-

"In reply to your letter, a specially convened meeting of the Board of Guardians was held to-day at which the Dail Inspector was present, to consider the question of Amalgamation. It was decided that the question of Amalgamation of the Gorey Hospital, with the other Hospitals in the County, be postponed for twelve months.

At the same time, it was agreed to send two delegates to County Council Conference, on Tuesday next, viz:- Messrs. James Doyle and Thomas Stokes. I will be in attendance myself also".

Mrs. Keating, Inspector, pointed out that the Gorey Board of Guardians, by sending delegates to the Conference, had bound themselves (as pointed out in circular 52) to agree to the ruling of the majority of the Conference in the matter.

Mr. J. Cummins proposed the establishment of a County Hospital.

Mr. C. McCarthy seconded.

As an addendum, Miss Ryan proposed and Mr. T. McCarthy seconded the following:-

"That the four Union Hospitals be abolished. That a County Hospital be established at Wexford for the General medical needs of the County. That we respectfully request the Local Government Department to sanction the establishment of a small Cottage Hospital at Gorey, the present fever hospital there to be utilised for the purpose.

We recommend the County Council to arrange with the Management of the Houghton Hospital, New Ross for the treatment of urgent cases from New Ross and District". Passed unanimously.

Public Health Committee.

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

"That the Local Government Department be requested to sanction the constitution of the proposed Public Health Committee as follows:-

County Councillors	8
Chairman R.D. Councils	4
Representatives of Town Councils of Enniscorthy and New Ross (1 each)	2
Corporation of Wexford (The Mayor and one other)	2
Commissioners of Gorey	1
Persons nominated by the County Council	4
Representatives of Insurance Committee	3
Representatives of present Board of Guardians	4
Representatives of County Medical Association	2

It was decided that a meeting of the Public Health Committee be called as soon as the constitution of same had been approved by the Local Government Department to arrange the details and working of the Scheme.

-----ooOoo-----

(Signed)

Presiding Chairman

Dated this day of 19

MEETING. 4th OCTOBER, 1921.

A meeting of the Wexford County Council was held in the Town Hall, Wexford, on 4th October 1921.

Present:- Mr. J.R. Etchingham (Chairman) presiding

Also present:- Messrs. R. Corish, E. Foley, Chas. McCarthy, J. Cummins; and Seamus Doyle.

The Acting Secretary was in attendance.

Loan from An Dail.

The Acting Secretary reported that he had received deposit receipt for £4416. 0. 9 from the Local Government Department. It had been lodged in the National Bank, in the names of the three trustees mentioned on the receipt.

The Acting Secretary further stated that the National Bank would contribute, as arranged with the Local Government Department, £4,400 on loan to the Council.

It was decided that the sum of £4416. 0. 9 be left in a special account as a reserve for the present.

Payments to Public Bodies.

On the motion of Mr. Foley, seconded by Mr. Corish, it was decided that the following sums be paid to the subsidiary bodies:-

Enniscorthy Mental Hospital Committee	£3,000
Enniscorthy Union	1,000
Gorey Union	1,000
New Ross Union	2,000
Wexford Union	2,000
Gorey R.D. Council	300

£ 9,300

(Signed) _____

Presiding Chairman

Dated this day of 19

MEETING. 12th OCTOBER, 1921.

A Meeting of the Wexford County Council was held in the Town Hall, Wexford, on 12th October 1921.

Present:- Mr. Sean Etchingham (Chairman) presiding, other members:- Messrs. P. Buckley, M. Byrne, James Byrne, M. Cloney, C. Culleton, J. Cummins, R. Corish, M. Doyle, Seamus Doyle, Edward Foley, James Hall, M. Hughes, D. Kavanagh, Simon Kehoe, John Murphy, C. McCarthy, Patrick O'Byrne, J.J. O'Byrne, (Cushinstown) J.J. O'Byrne (Ballyduff) J. Pender, James Shannon.

The Acting Secretary and the County Surveyor were in attendance.

The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

Acknowledgment.

On the motion of the Chairman the following was ordered to be inserted on the minutes:-

"Mrs. Ryan and Family, Tomcoole, Taghmon, gratefully acknowledge your Council's kind expressions of sympathy with them in their recent sad bereavement and wish particularly to thank them for the beautiful wreath".

Rate Collectorship - No. 21 District.

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

"That the appointment on September 20th of Collector for Division No. 21, comprising the E.D's of Ballyhack, Rathroe, Templetown, Fethard and Killesk, be declared invalid on the ground that canvassing had been carried on in favour of successful candidate

The notice was, as required by the Standing Orders, signed by seven members of the Council.

Mr. Cloney seconded.

A discussion took place as to what exactly constituted canvassing and whether it included canvassing amongst members of the Council.

As an amendment Mr. Corish proposed, and Mr. J.J. O'Byrne (Ballyduff) seconded:-

"That in view of the uncertainty prevailing in the minds of the members of the Council as to the interpretation of the resolution of

the Council as regards canvassing, Mr. Bernard Cleary be allowed to retain without prejudice his position as Rate Collector for No. 21 Collection District to which he was appointed at the last meeting of the Council. That it be clearly understood that, as regards future appointments, disqualification under this head will include canvassing amongst members of the Council, but, at the same time, that it be lawful for members to make a statement as regards the merits of any candidate when the question of the appointment is being considered.

A show of hands was taken when eleven voted for the amendment and six against.

The Chairman declared the amendment passed, and it was then put as the substantive motion and carried unanimously.

University Scholarship Scheme.

Under date 5th October 1921 the following letter was read from Sean S. Travers, Jervis Street, Hospital, Dublin:-

" I beg to apply for an extension of the Council's Scholarship granted me by your Council in 1917. I am beginning my fifth (final) year of medicine and have passed all my examinations to date. I will not be eligible to sit for my final examination until this time next year when I will have completed my five years' course.

Last year your Council was kind enough to grant me an extension for my fourth year. I would feel grateful if they could also see their way to allow me the extension for the incoming year in view of the high prices that prevail and especially since the University fees have been twice raised during the past two years.

I would be much obliged if you could have this application brought before your Council meeting on the 12th instant."

On the motion of Mr. Corish, seconded by Mr. J.J. O'Byrne, consideration of the application was adjourned to next meeting, the means of Mr. Travers to be inquired into by local Councillors, and a statement regarding same to be submitted by them to said meeting.

Under date 28th September 1921, the following letter was read from Miss Julia Doyle, Traciestown, Clearestown:-

"At the next meeting of the County Council will you kindly put forward an application for the extension of my Scholarship for another

year, to enable me to take out my Diploma in Higher Education, and to do a course of research work in Chemistry. In order to obtain a post in Ireland and to be recognised as a fully qualified teacher it is necessary to have my Diploma in teaching. The B.Sc. degree examination is now over and I passed with 1st class honours. I hope the County Council will consider my application at their next meeting."

Mr. Seamus Doyle proposed and Mr. Foley seconded:-

"That the application of Miss Julia Doyle, Traciestown, Cleariestown, for an extension of her Scholarship for another year be agreed to".

As an amendment, Mr. Doyle proposed and Mr. Kehoe seconded:-

"That the application be refused".

A show of hands was taken when eleven voted for the amendment and eight against.

The Chairman declared the amendment carried and it was then put as the substantive motion and passed unanimously.

Under date 27th September 1921, the following letter was read from Miss Ellen T. Kehoe, Loreto Hall, Dublin:-

"I wish to apply for an extension of my County Council Scholarship for the coming academic year in order to take out my Higher Diploma in Education which is a post-Graduate course of one year and which students must obtain before being fully qualified as Secondary Teachers in Ireland.

I am at present sitting for the B.A. Honours examination and, if necessary, I shall have the results forwarded to you as soon as they are known.

"Hoping the Council will see their way to grant my application".

Mr. Seamus Doyle proposed and Mr. McCarthy seconded:-

"That the application of Miss Ellen T. Kehoe for extension of Scholarship for the coming academic year be agreed to".

As an amendment Mr. M. Doyle proposed and Mr. Kehoe seconded:-

"That the application be refused".

A show of hands was taken when twelve voted for the amendment and seven against.

The Chairman declared the amendment carried, and it was then

put as the substantive motion and passed unanimously.

On the motion of the Chairman, it was decided that, in future applications for extension of Scholarships be considered by the members of the Council on the Scholarship Committee.

Under date 9th October 1921, the following letter was read from Mr. N. McGrath, Georges Street, Gorey:-

"I respectfully ask you to consider the awarding of the University Scholarship to my son, Thomas V. McGrath for this reason. The case is exceptional, his age will prohibit him for competing next year, and I assure you it would be a great hardship imposed by withholding it, the one chance of his lifetime.

He has passed all the subjects required and I may say it was a difficult thing to concentrate his mind on his studies with what raids we were subject to by Crown Forces during the past year, often four times in twenty four hours,

I am enclosing a letter from his teacher. Hoping you will give this application your due consideration".

No order as the matter was decided at a previous meeting of the Council.

On the motion of Mr. J.J. O'Byrne (Cushinstown) seconded by Mr. McCarthy, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the following be appointed a Scholarship Committee to draft next year's University Scholarship Scheme:-

Messrs. Seamus Doyle, E. Foley, M. Doyle, R. Corish, C. Culleton and the Chairman (Mr. Sean R. Etchingham) with two representatives from the Gaelic League, two representatives from the National School Teachers' Association and two representatives from the Christian Brothers.

Appointment of Rate Collector.

For the position of Rate Collector for No. 15 Collection District, applications were received from the following:-

Patrick Fitzpatrick, Kiltale, Enniscorthy.

Michael McGrath, Market Square, Gorey.

Michael Molloy, Johnstown, Arklow.

Robert Kinsella, Kiltomas, Ferns.

Martin McGrath, Spike Island.

Luke Smith, Raheenaskia, Oulart.

Daniel McDonald, Kilmuckridge, Gorey.

All the candidates were in attendance except Martin McGrath, who is at present interned in Spike Island.

An examination in Irish was held with the following result--

Michael McGrath	97 per cent
Michael Molloy	92 per cent
Daniel McDonald	55 per cent
Patrick Fitzpatrick	53 per cent
Luke Smith	27 per cent
Robert Kinsella	14 per cent

An examination in English and Arithmetic was held with the following result:-

Michael McGrath	94 per cent
Michael Molloy	86 per cent
Patrick Fitzpatrick	65 per cent
Luke Smith	34 per cent
D. McDonald	30 per cent
Robert Kinsella	9 per cent

Mr. Buckley proposed and Mr. Shannon seconded:-

"That no candidate be disqualified through his failure to obtain a sufficient percentage of marks in Irish, as all of those on the list had obtained some marks in this subject".

As an amendment, Mr. Foley proposed and Mr. McCarthy seconded:-

"That candidates not obtaining 33 and 1/3rd per cent of marks in Irish be excluded from the list of qualified candidates".

A poll was taken with the following result:-

for the amendment:-

Messrs. J. Byrne, S. Kehoe, Seamus Doyle, McCarthy, Foley, J.J. O'Byrne (Cushinstown) D. Kavanagh and the Chairman.- 8.

Against:-

Messrs. Hall, Culleton, Shannon, Buckley, Pender, P. O'Byrne, M. Doyle, J.J. O'Byrne (Ballyduff) Cummins, Cloney, Murphy, Corish and Hughes.- 13.

The Chairman declared the amendment lost, and the original motion was then put and passed nem con.

As regards the examination in English and Arithmetic Mr. Cloney proposed and Mr. S. Doyle seconded:-

"That candidates not obtaining 33 and 1/3rd per cent of marks in the English and Arithmetic Examination be excluded from the list of qualified candidates".

As an amendment, Mr. Pender proposed, and Mr. Buckley seconded--

"That all the candidates be included in the list of those eligible for the appointment.

After discussion, Mr. Pender with the permission of the meeting, withdrew his motion, and Mr. Cloney's motion was then put to the meeting and carried.

The Chairman stated that, in his opinion, Martin McGrath was fully qualified in Irish, English and Arithmetic, and it was agreed that his name should be included in the list of qualified candidates.

Mr. McCarthy proposed and Mr. M. Doyle seconded the appointment of Mr. Luke Smith.

Mr. Seamus Doyle proposed and Mr. J.J. O'Byrne (Ballyduff) seconded the appointment of Mr. P. Fitzpatrick.

None of the other candidates was proposed, but the Chairman stated that any member who wished, could vote for any of the qualified candidates, viz:-

Michael McGrath,
Michael molloy,
Patrick Fitzpatrick,
Luke Smith,
Martin McGrath.

A poll was taken with the following result:-

For Fitzpatrick: Messrs. M. Byrne, Culleton, Shannon, Buckley, Pender, P. O'Byrne, Cummins, Seamus Doyle, Kehoe, J.J. O'Byrne, (Ballyduff) Hughes, Murphy, Corish and the Chairman.- 14.

For Smith:- Messrs. Hall, J. Byrne, M. Doyle, Cloney, McCarthy, Foley, J.J. O'Byrne (Cushinstown) and Kavanagh.- 8.

None of the other candidates received any vote.

The Chairman declared Mr. Fitzpatrick elected and Mr. Fitzpatrick suitably returned thanks.

The following is the application of the successful candidate:-

"In reply to the Advertisement in this week's Echo, I beg to tender to you and through you to the Wexford County Council my application for the position of Poor Rate Collector for No. 15 Collection District.

As requested I will attend the meeting on October 12th when applications will be considered".

At the conclusion of the business of the meeting two men came before the Council and stated they wished to object to the appointment of Mr. Fitzpatrick on the ground that canvassing had taken place in connection with his appointment.

The Chairman stated that the matter could only be raised at the next meeting of the Council and, if they had proof of their statement, it would be considered by the Council at the next meeting.

Internees.

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

"That An Dail be requested to have negotiations with the British Government suspended and their plenipotentiaries withdrawn, until the internees have been released".

Scheme of Union Amalgamation.

On the motion of Mr. Seamus Doyle, seconded by Mr. Foley, the scheme of Union Amalgamation, as agreed to at the Conference, held on 4th October, 1921 was approved.

Public Health Committee.

On the motion of Mr. Corish, seconded by the Chairman, the following were appointed representatives of the County Council on the Public Health Committee:-

Messrs. M. Cloney, J.J. O'Byrne (Cushinstown) James Shannon, D. Kavanagh, John Pender, J.J. O'Byrne (Ballyduff) E. Foley, and C. Culleton, being two from each County Electoral Area.

Inspectors of Food & Drugs.

On the motion of the Chairman, Messrs. Foley, Kavanagh, Corish and McCarthy were appointed a Committee to draft terms of appointment of Inspectors of Food & Drugs.

Electors & Jurors' Lists.

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

"That the Secretary, at present interned in Spike Island, be paid as compensation the amount he would have received if the preparation of the Electors & Jurors' Lists had not been suspended".

Holding of Inquests.

Under date 6th October 1921, the following was read from the Local Government Department:-

"The Ministry for Local Government have been informed by the Minister for Home Affairs that he has had under consideration the question of holding inquiries into the cause of death where the circumstances connected therewith appear to require investigation, and that he has now given instructions to the Local Republican Police to consult with the Coroner in all such cases, and, if he considers an inquest necessary, to take the customary steps to summon a jury and arrange a time and place for holding the inquest. The Ministry request that the Councils concerned will instruct the Coroners employed by them to co-operate in these arrangements".

On the motion of Mr. Byrne seconded by Mr. Foley the following resolution was adopted:-

"That a copy of order, under date 6th October 1921, from the Local Government Department, regarding the holding of inquests be forwarded to the two Coroners for the County and that they be instructed to comply with the directions of the Local Government Department".

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

"That the Local Government Department be requested to advise the Council as to what steps they should take in the case of Mr. J.J. Roche, Coroner for South Wexford, who has retained his J.P. ship although directed to resign same by the County Council".

Administrative Committee.

Under date 7th October 1921 the following letter was read from the Department of Home Affairs:-

"As you know it is our intention to set up in each County and

County Borough a Local "Administrative Committee" as a local Cabinet to represent the National Cabinet.

It is intended that the Committee should be commissioned by the National Cabinet and composed, to start with, of:-

- (1) Representative of the Minister for Home Affairs who shall be Chairman, with a whole-time officer as paid Secretary to the Committee.
- (2) Representative of the Minister for Local Government
And if possible
- (3) representative of the Minister for Economies
- (4) representative of the Minister for Education.

The members of the Dail for each Administrative Area are eligible for selection in above and will, in any case, be entitled ex-officio to be present and to vote on the Committee. The first appointments will be for a probationary period of six months. The names on list attached are being considered by the Cabinet.

We are desirous of securing opinions as to the general suitability of the persons named for the respective posts from:-

- (a) The Local panel of T.D's.
- (b) Divisional and Brigade Commandants.
- (c) The Local County Council.

I am accordingly submitting them to you for your criticism and suggestions.

The matter is urgent and we cannot wait a reply longer than October 17th.

Names Suggested for Administrative Committees.

<u>Province</u>	<u>County or County Borough</u>	<u>Resident Members of Dail Eireann</u>	<u>Members of County & Borough Councils & Others</u>
Leinster	Wexford	Dr. Ryan S. Doyle R. Corish	Ed. Foley

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

"That the Minister for Home Affairs be notified that the Wexford County Council approve of the following for appointment on Local

National Cabinet:-

Dr. Ryan, Messrs. S. Doyle, R. Corish and E. Foley.

County Hall.

Under date 10th October 1921, the following letter was read from Mr. R. W. Elgee, Solicitor to the County Council:-

"I have had an interview with the Brigades Lands Officer as to this and he wants to know will the Council accept payment of the rent of the premises now, and leave the question of the payment of the compensation for disturbance over, until such time as the Military are about to vacate the premises".

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

"That the claim be registered with An Dail for the amount of compensation demanded by the County Council in respect of disturbance from the County Hall".

General Cattle Diseases Fund.

On the motion of the Chairman it was decided that the question of the payment by the Council of £411. 5. 10² to the General Cattle Diseases Fund be referred to An Dail.

All Ireland Industrial Conference.

The Chairman (Mr. Sean R. Etchingham) and Mr. J.J. O'Byrne (Cushinstown) were appointed delegates from the County Council to the All Ireland Industrial Conference to be held in Dublin on 19th and 20th October 1921.

Boundary Fence - Ballymurray Quarry.

The following report was read from the County Surveyor:-

"The Committee appointed by the County Council to deal with this matter were summoned for the 30th September at Ballymurray. Mr. Kavanagh M.C.C. was in attendance but Mr. Simon Kehoe, M.C.C. was not able to be present. The County Surveyor and Road Contractors, Messrs. Joseph Hyland, Michael Cullen and James Doyle were also in attendance. Mr. Sinnott, in regard to whose boundary fence the Committee were to enquire, was present, as well as Miss Kavanagh, the owner of the portion of the quarry under the direct control of the County Council. The Committee was of opinion that the cause of

Capt. Maher's complaint was entirely outside the responsibility of the County Council, and should be dealt with directly between Capt. Maher and the Contractor, James Keating who worked that side of the quarry.

In regard to Miss Kavanagh's complaint of the gaps in the fence between the two portions of the quarry, it was decided that these gaps should be at once built up, and arrangements were made that Mr. Michael Cullen, the Contractor, working the quarry do the work for the sum of £1. Miss Kavanagh further demanded that the working face of the quarry between her portion and Capt. Maher should be fenced, but this would be a practical impossibility while work would be carried on, but as an alternative Miss Kavanagh offered to sell to the County Council the whole of her quarry, giving also a dumping ground and a roadway in. She asked £100 for this, but the Committee was of opinion that a much smaller sum would be the fair value, and the Committee recommends that an offer be made to Miss Kavanagh of £50.

On the motion of Mr. Corish, seconded by Mr. McCarthy, the report of the Committee was adopted.

Machinery at Ferrybank.

The following report was read from the County Surveyor:-

"The Wexford Corporation has refused to sanction the arrangement come to for the purchase of 500 c. yards of material, and now agrees only to take 120 c. Yards. Owing to this change it will now be necessary for the County Council to remove the bulk of the material from the breaker, and I am continuing the use of the lorry and waggons pending your sanction.

I find that the water available at Ferrybank for the engine is brackish and was likely to cause serious injury to the boiler. Accordingly I have arranged to draw water from some distance and have to hire horses for this".

On the motion of the Chairman it was decided that the matter be referred to Mr. Corish and the County Surveyor.

Complaint by Road Contractor.

The following letter was read from Mr. John O'Toole, Gurrawn,

Blackwater:-

"I regret to now have to bring under your notice the attitude of the County Surveyor, Mr. Barry, towards me. As your Council owe me a considerable sum of money, amounting to £155. 12. 6 as I have asked Mr. Barry to pay me on several occasions and on the last one the reply I got was that I had plenty of money and did not want it. I now demand an explanation from your Council why Mr. Barry is allowed to carry on in this manner and who is supplying him with instructions in my case. Mr. Barry seems to think that he can do what he likes in troubled times. I also demand an explanation from Mr. Barry as to a cowardly and false charge which he made against me in presence of at least three County Councillors. I would like to know who gave him instructions to make such a slanderous statement about me. I have been a Contractor from 1912 and have been paid in full always until Mr. Curran came into office. As Mr. Curran made a special agreement with me and then went back of it. Mr. Barry might have planted fraud at his door instead of mine. So I will say no more now. Trusting your Council will hold a searching inquiry into my case and, if needs be, let it be a sworn inquiry and your Council will find I have been swindled out of a considerable sum of money".

The following was read from the County Surveyor:-

"Subsequent to Mr. O'Toole's letter to Mr. Frizelle I wrote him on the 5th September asking for details of the charge which he makes against me, but have not received any reply. I most emphatically deny I, on any occasion, made any false charge against Mr. O'Toole, and should be glad to have the matter considered by the Council.

On the 20th April last, Mr. O'Toole's claim in regard to his several roads was fully considered by a Committee of the County Council in my office, and was then dealt with. The Councillors present were Mr. Simon Kehoe, Mr. Furlong, Mr. Foley, Mr. J. Cummins, and the Mayor, and Mr. O'Toole himself was also present. After a very lengthened consideration on all his roads and reports on same, the Committee dealt with each in detail, and in my letter of the 5th September to Mr. O'Toole I pointed this out to him".

Mr. J.R. Brennan, Solicitor, appeared on behalf of Mr. O'Toole

and, on the motion of Mr. Corish, seconded by Mr. Hall, it was decided that Mr. Brennan be heard.

Mr. Brennan addressed the meeting and stated that a sum of £106 was now due to Mr. O'Toole in respect of road Contracts etc.

On the motion of Mr. McCarthy, seconded by Mr. Foley the following resolution was adopted:-

"That no order be made as the Committee of the Council had dealt with the matter a considerable time ago and the report of the Committee had not been altered at the subsequent meeting of the Council. That Mr. O'Toole be recommended by the Council to have the case dealt with by the Republican Courts, if he considers he still has a grievance".

Claim for Loss of Goods.

The following letter was read from Mrs. Margaret Breen, Templetown, Fethard:-

"I hereby give notice that I intend to proceed against the County Council for the recovery of the sum of £15. 3.0 for loss of 4 gallons of whiskey and one jar which got broken on the slipway at Duncannon Quay on August the 26th 1921. The slipway being in dangerous condition at the time being coated with slime which has been removed by the Council's servant employed there".

The following was read from the County Surveyor:-

"A claim from Mrs. Margaret Breen, Templetown, Fethard, has been put in for the sum of £15. 3. 0 for loss of whiskey through the dangerous condition of the slipway at Duncannon. The Claim has been forwarded to the Insurance Company and they are dealing with the matter."

The action of the County Surveyor in sending forward the claim to the Insurance Company was approved.

Sluice Gates - Courtown Harbour-

The following letter under date 6th October 1921, addressed to the County Surveyor was read from the Harbour-master, Courtown Harbour:-

"In reply to yours of the 5th inst., I beg to state that I can get two men to do the temporary repairs, they to be supplied with timber, bolts etc., at 10/- per day per man. I am utilising the

Council's planks as there is no time to get other stuff. As to the permanent repairs I think it would be better to defer the matter until you come down as I doubt if a local carpenter could do it.

I recovered the old paddle after a lot of work at a cost of £1, it is 11 x 5 feet made of pitch pine board, with iron all over and weighs about one ton, it is perfectly sound. The Spindle is bent at bottom and left to socket and snapped off at top, and in my opinion would require the services of a Diver when replacing it".

The following was read from the County Surveyor:-

"The Harbour Master reported that on the 4th October one of the Sluice Gate Paddles was carried away, and subsequently he reports that the Paddle has been recovered. The County Surveyor directed the Harbour Master to have temporary repairs carried out, so as to enable the fishermen to use the Harbour, pending more extensive and complete repairs. It will not be necessary for some time to undertake this heavy repair work. The Harbour Master's letters are being submitted to the County Council".

The action of the County Surveyor in having the temporary repairs carried out to the Sluice Gates at Courtown Harbour was approved.

Trailer Waggon.

Under date 5th October 1921, Messrs. M.J. O'Connor & co., Solicitors, Wexford, wrote forwarding the following copy of a letter sent to the County Surveyor by Thompson's Motor Car Co. Ltd:-

"We have heard from the Eagle Engineering Company that they despatched two Trailers to you via Great Western Railway to Rosslare. We should be glad if you would arrange to get in touch with the Railway Company and have these removed. We should also esteem it a favour if you would get your Council to pass us a cheque for same so that we can get you along another two".

The following was read from the County Surveyor:-

"Two further waggons have arrived in Wexford and are at present at the South Station. Messrs. M.J. O'Connor, Solicitors, Wexford and Messrs. Thompson, Dublin, have asked to have these waggons taken over, and request immediate payment for same".

It was decided that the question of payment be referred to next

meeting.

Dates of Half-Yearly Meetings of District Councils.

The following was submitted by the County Surveyor:-

"The Clerks of the Rural District Councils asked to have the dates for the meetings altered to concur with the usual meetings of the District Councils. There will be practically no road work under consideration this half-year. I am not submitting any proposals for renewal of contracts, as the whole matter of the future work must be considered and decided on by the Council later on. The lack of proposals now will only affect work during the quarter ending June 1922, and will not be of consequence.

I ask for your instructions as to dealing with Form 22 in so far as the several Contractors whose year would normally end at the 30th June quarter. A number of these Contractors who put out full tonnage in the Autumn of last year and had it all spread by the 31st March had completed the year's work and would normally be entitled to a quarter's pay at the December meeting of the County Council.

As there was no surface work carried on during the quarter ending June last there should be some small deduction to cover this, but otherwise the payment has been earned".

On the motion of Mr. Corish seconded by the Chairman, it was decided that arrangements be made to have the Half-yearly Meetings of the District Councils coincide with the ordinary meetings of these bodies.

Superannuation of Local Officers.

Under date 28th September 1921, Circular No, 53, re Superannuation of Local Officers was read from the Local Government Department.

Adjourned to next meeting.

-----oo0oo-----

(Signed) _____

Presiding Chairman

Dated this day of 19

MEETING. 26th OCTOBER, 1921.

A Special Meeting of the Wexford County Council was held in the Town Hall, Wexford on Wednesday 26th October 1921.

Present:- Messrs. Christopher Culleton, Richard Corish, Seumas Doyle, David Kavanagh, Simon Kehoe, Thomas Murphy, John Murphy, Charles McCarthy, James Shannon.

On the motion of Mr. Kavanagh, seconded by Mr. McCarthy the chair was taken by Mr. Corish.

Work of Road Drainage.

The following Minutes of Roads Committee Meeting held on Saturday 15th October were read:-

"A Meeting of the Roads Committee of the County Council was held on Saturday 15th October 1921 in the Town Hall, Wexford. Present:- Messrs. R. Corish, E.P. Foley, C. Culleton, W. Boggan, J.S. McDonald, D. Whelan, P. Hayes.

Messrs. W.F. Barry, County Surveyor and T.A. Frizelle, Acting Secretary were in attendance.

On the motion of Mr. Foley, seconded by Mr. Boggan the chair was taken by Mr. Corish.

Report of County Surveyor.

The following report from the County Surveyor was read:-

"I submit a list of roads, on which it would be advisable to have drainage work carried out, as otherwise serious damage will take place and consequent increased cost will be incurred. I have consulted with the Assistant Surveyors at present in the County, and have also seen a number of the roads myself. In other cases I am acting on reports from local people and also on my knowledge of the roads and their liability to injury. The list submitted divided up the several roads into groups and I suggest that one or two men put in charge of each group, and essential drainage work only be carried out. The workmen can be moved from place to place as may be deemed advisable. I believe it would be better if this work was carried out directly under the Assistant Surveyor, as he is fully conversant with the various places requiring immediate and particular attention, and he will direct the workmen where to

proceed. Under this method it will not be necessary to employ Foremen or Gangers except in a few exceptional cases. I estimate that it will take about 110 men scattered all over the County and employed for a period of say ten weeks to carry out this work. I suggest that a forty-hour week be arranged for, and this will work out a total cost of £2,200. The Council will consider it better, if the work be undertaken, that double the number of men be employed, for half the period so as to have the work done quickly. In regard to the complaint of the road at Coolcarney Cross I beg to report that I have inspected this, and find that damage has been done but apparently some repairs have been carried locally. This, and a number of roads in Ballindaggin locality, are on list submitted you for the drainage work now. As you had directed that no work should be carried out I had not consequently singled out this road for special treatment."

The Acting Secretary submitted a statement showing the Council's financial position.

On the motion of Mr. Corish, seconded by Mr. Foley the foregoing report submitted by the County Surveyor was adopted.

On the motion of Mr. Boggan seconded by Mr. Whelan, the following resolution was adopted:-

"We recommend the County Council to allocate a sum of £2400 for work of road drainage. Amount to be allocated as nearly as possible in the following proportion:- £1,400 for Roads in County Surveyor's charge and £1,000 for Contract Roads, the work on roads in the County Surveyor's charge to be carried out by Direct Labour, Road Contractors to have the option of carrying out the required work on their contracts at prices to be agreed upon between them and the County Surveyor. That the Chairman of the County Council be requested to have a Special Meeting of the County Council summoned to consider this recommendation and that a further meeting of their Committee be held as soon as the County Council have considered this matter".

On the motion of Mr. Shannon, seconded by Mr. Kehoe, the report of the County Surveyor, as appearing in the foregoing Minutes of Roads Committee was approved.

On the motion of Mr. Murphy, seconded by Mr. Kehoe, the recommendation of the Roads Committee as set out above was approved. It was further unanimously decided to leave the working of the Scheme and the arranging of details etc. in the hands of the County Surveyor.

Poundage Fees- Mr. Pierce Redmond.

Mr. Pierce Redmond, Ballincash, Ferns wrote under date 30th September 1921 as follows:-

"At the close of my last collection I over lodged six shillings and ten pence after 30th September 1921 I lodged £

	£18. 10.0	
and on 14th Sept.	310. 2.0	
	<hr/>	
	328. 12.0	at 7d. £9. 11. 8

I never got the opportunity of getting my books checked. The amount lodged is what Mr. McCarthy returned to me".

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

"That Poundage Fees amounting to £9. 11. 8 be paid to Ex-Collector Pierce Redmond, subject to the sanction of the Local Government Department".

Payment of Collectors' Poundage.

Messrs. J. Cummins and D. O'Brien applied for payment of poundage fees in respect of amounts lodged to date.

On the motion of the Chairman it was decided that the question of payment of poundage to Rate Collectors be considered at next meeting.

General Cattle Diseases Fund.

On the motion of Mr. Seumas Doyle, seconded by Mr. McCarthy it was decided to ask the Local Government Department for instructions as to transfer of £411. 5. 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ to the General Cattle Diseases Fund in the Bank of Ireland.

Payment of accounts.

On the motion of Mr. Murphy, seconded by Mr. Doyle the County Surveyor was authorised to certify for payment of accounts to Local Traders up to a limit of £500.

Dr. Hearne, Solicitor handed in an Account for 230. 19. 2

due to his brother Mr. J.B. Hearne for timber supplied for repair of New Ross bridge.

The County Surveyor stated the amount was due for nearly twelve months.

On the motion of Mr. Murphy, seconded by Mr. McCarthy, it was decided that payment of £50 on account be made.

Rate Collection.

On the motion of Mr. McCarthy, seconded by Mr. Seumas Doyle it was decided that Rate Collectors be notified that Collections in respect of periods ended 30th September 1921 are to be closed by 30th November 1921.

Re Publishing List of Defaulting Ratepayers.

The following letter was read from "The People" Ltd.

"With reference to list of Defaulting Ratepayers from your Council we regret we cannot publish same. We had already received a similar list from Wicklow County Council and acting on the advice of three different Solicitors we decided we could not take the risk publishing. We were advised it would not only be contrary to law but most unfair to the parties concerned and that we would probably be had up for actions for injuring these people's credit etc. Under the circumstances I shall be glad if you will kindly explain to the County Council who no doubt will consider our position as we would be only too anxious to facilitate them in the matter".

On the motion of Mr. McCarthy, seconded by Mr. Murphy, it was decided that the quarter's payment due to the three Local Papers in respect of advertising Contract be held over for the present in view of the failure of the three newspapers to publish list of Defaulting Rate Payers.

Accounts- Thomas Sullivan, Ex-Collector
No. 21 District.

The Acting Secretary stated that Mr. M/J/ Finn, Deputy Checker, New Ross, attended at the County Council Offices and stated that he found there was a sum of £158. 19. 8¹/₂ unaccounted for on checking Sullivan's books. Mr. Finn thought this man's books might not have been correctly marked or that cash might not have been

received in respect of some of the receipts missing from the books, as he understood the Collecting Books had been in the hands of five or six other young men who were assisting at the Collection. The Inspector of the Local Government Department had been notified. The Books had since been handed to Mr. Finn in order that the marking could be checked by him and a re-check made with the Collector.

It was decided that no action be taken pending re-check of books by Mr. Finn after they have been again examined by Mr. Sullivan the Ex-Collector.

Mr. J.F. Batterton applied for cancellation of amount of Rates assessed on him in respect of small Island near his holding at Macmine and which he stated was waste land.

On the motion of Mr. Seumas Doyle seconded by Mr. John Murphy it was decided that payment of amount be insisted upon.

The Acting Secretary stated he had communicated with the National Bank the Council's Treasurer re correct marking of "old" and "new" Rate in the Council's Bank pass Book. A large number of entries in the Pass Book had been wrongly marked.

The following letter had been received from the Bank under date 18th October 1921:-

"In reply to your letter of the 14th instant I beg to say I am making every effort in my power to meet the wishes of the Council as to the particulars they require entered in their Pass Books, but I find most of the people lodging rates from time to time are very reluctant to give the necessary information".

It was decided that the desirability of insisting on Rate payers paying their Rates to the Council's Collectors, and of instructing the Treasurer (The National Bank Ltd.) not to receive Rates except from a Rate Collector, be considered at next meeting of the Council on the 8th November. Notice of Motion in the matter to be given by Mr. McCarthy.

Expenses of Inquests.

Mr. Phil Lennon, Court Registrar, New Ross forwarded bill for £1. 9. 0 car hire in connection with the holding of Inquest on body of Thomas Connolly.

On the motion of Mr. Doyle, seconded by the Chairman it was decided to ask An Dail for instructions as to payment.

Account for Removal Workhouse Inmate.

An account for motor hire amounting to £1. 18. 0, cost of removing inmate of Wexford Union to Enniscorthy Union was received from Republican Police.

It was decided on the motion of Mr. Doyle, seconded by the Chairman that the amount be forwarded to the Enniscorthy Board of Guardians.

Payment to Public Bodies.

The following payments were ordered:-

Enniscorthy Union	£2,000
New Ross Union	2,000
Wexford Union	2,000
Enniscorthy Mental Hospital Committee	3,000
Wexford R.D.C.	250
Co. Wexford Infirmary	250

Road Board Loan.

The Road Board applied for £102, 5th instalment of Principal in repayment of loan for purchase of Road Machinery.

On the motion of Mr. Murphy, seconded by Mr. McCarthy, it was decided that amount be not paid.

Release of Prisoners.

The following letter from An Dail was read:-

"The Minister for Local Government has forwarded me an extract from the Minutes of Proceedings of the Wexford County Council on the 12th instant, giving particulars of a resolution adopted by them on the subject of the release of interned prisoners.

The matter will receive due attention".

Coronership South Wexford.

The Acting Secretary read the previous order of the Council regarding the case of Mr. J.J. Roche, Coroner for South Wexford, in reference to his J.P. ship.

No order was made, question to be considered when reply is

received from An Dail in the matter.

Ex-Collector J. C. Smith.

The following letter from the Clerk, Gorey Union, was read:-

"The Gorey District Council has passed the following resolution in reference to Mr. J.C. Smith, ex-Rate Collector with a request that you bring it before the next finance meeting of the County Council:-

"That we the members of the Gorey District Council regard the action of the County Council in refusing to grant any superannuation to Mr. J.C. Smith, Rate Collector as rather drastic, and we would ask them to reconsider their decision. Mr. Smith has always been a most energetic Rate Collector and he is now solely dependent on whatever the County Council may grant him. That we instruct our representative on the County Council to move that Mr. Smith be now granted a superannuation".

The Acting Secretary stated that no notice of motion in the matter had been received from the Representative of the Gorey Rural District Council on the County Council.

Insurance of County Hall.

A Bill was received from Insurance Company for £7,10. 0 renewal Premium Fire Insurance County Hall, at present used as an R.I.C. Barracks.

On the motion of Mr. McCarthy, seconded by Mr. Murphy, it was decided not to pay the amount.

Application for Rebate on Rate assessed.

Mr. Rath, Newtown applied to be allowed pay his current Rates on Valuation that will be in force on his premises next year (£165. 5. 0). His place had been partially dismantled now for a considerable time and he was still paying on a very high valuation (£202).

On the motion of Mr. Murphy, seconded by Mr. Doyle, it was decided that payment of the full amount of the rates assessed on the Occupier be insisted upon.

-----oo0oo-----

Union Amalgamation.
Public Health Committee.

The first meeting of the Public Health Committee was held in the Town Hall, Wexford, on Tuesday, 8th November 1921.

Present:- Messrs. R. Corish, Mayor, M. Cloney, J.J. Byrne, (Cushinstown) D. Kavanagh, Michael Doyle, Seumas Doyle, C. Culleton, T. McCarthy, James Lawler, P. Lynch, Miss O'Ryan, Dr. Greene, Lady Maurice Fitzgerald, F. Carty, Dr. Hickey, Dr. Kelly, Killanne, A. A. Connolly, Clerk Enniscorthy Union, D. O'Sullivan, Clerk Wexford Union, and T.A. Frizelle, Acting Secretary Co. Council were also in attendance.

Mrs. Keating, Miss Lister and Dr. Kelly, Inspector of the Local Government Department were also present.

On the motion of Dr. Greene, seconded by Mr. Carty the Chair was taken by the Mayor.

The following correspondence was read:-

Letter from Department of Local Government under date 25th October 1921:-

"I have to inform you that the Amalgamation Scheme drafted at a recent Meeting of the County Wexford Amalgamation Committee, providing for an County Hospital at Wexford and a small Cottage Hospital at Gorey, is now approved of by the Department. It is to be understood, however, that the Cottage Hospital at Gorey, will be strictly confined to a limited number of beds for urgent cases, the number to be fixed by the Public Health Committee in consultation with the Medical Inspector from the Department. I have therefore to inform you that the constitution of the Public Health Committee as agreed to on the 30th August 1921, is hereby approved.

With regard to arrangement with the Houghton Hospital Authority in New Ross, as soon as the Public Health Committee have made definite arrangements with this Body, such arrangements are to be submitted to the Department for formal approval".

Wire from M. Byrne, Ballinabearna, (Chairman New Ross Rural District Council):-

"Impossible to attend meetings to-day protest against proposed

victimisation of New Ross by closing hospital for which we are taxed for a generation to bring up to date".

Letter from Clerk Wexford Union, under date 7th November 1921:-

"I am directed to forward you the following copy of a resolution unanimously adopted by the Board of Guardians at their meeting on last Saturday:-

"That we recommend the Public Health Committee to appoint the present Boards of Guardians as Sub-Committees for the purpose of Home Assistance, and for any other work under the Amalgamation Scheme they propose to delegate to Sub-Committee".

Letter from Clerk Gorey Union, under date 31st October 1921:-

"I submitted your letter re formation of Co. Health Committee and the appointment of representatives from Guardians and Council to the meeting on Saturday.

On the motion of Mr. Keegan, seconded by Mr. Lacey, the was unanimously decided "that no representatives from either this Board or Council be appointed to act on the Co. Health Committee until organised labour gets representation thereon".

Letter under date 27th October 1921, from Dr. W.W. Murphy, Coolgreany, Secretary County Medical Association:-

"At a meeting of the Medical Practitioners of County Wexford held yesterday in Enniscorthy, Drs. S.A. Hickey, of New Ross and M. W. Kelly of Killanne, were unanimously appointed to represent the County Wexford Doctors on the Public Health Committee, and the following resolution was unanimously passed:-

"That this meeting of the Medical Practitioners of County Wexford, bearing in mind the extreme importance to the public and the profession of the contemplated change in Poor Law Administration in County Wexford involving the abolition of the existing Hospitals which we strongly disapprove of- would urge on Dail Eireann and the Boards of Guardians the desirability of postponing the medical side of the Amalgamation question until a Commission representative of all the interests concerned has considered, and reported on, the whole matter".

Letter from the Irish Nurses & Midwives Union, under date

20th October 1921:-

"I am directed to forward you the following copy of a resolution unanimously passed at the Annual Meeting of the National Council of this Union, held on 29th and 30th ult:-

"That this conference of the Irish Nurses' and Midwives' Union desires to bring home to the Governing Body of the Country that in all matters affecting the Public Health it is imperative that nursing experts should be consulted, and the considered opinion of the Professional Organisations of Nursing be taken. We respectfully urge upon Dail Eireann the appointment of members of the Union on all Boards and Committees dealing with Public Health, and with matters affecting women and children".

This resolution has already been forwarded to Dail Eireann, but I am instructed that the subject matter is one which might be considered by your Council. In connection with this the following resolution was also passed at our Meeting:-

"That the Irish Nurses' and Midwives' Union submits that all nursing posts in these new County Hospitals and Homes should be filled only by fully trained Nurses and Midwives, and that the salaries offered should be sufficient to compensate for the skill and training required, the minimum salary for a trained nurse being £75 per annum, with board, furnished apartments, and uniform allowance.

We consider also that nurses will not be physically able to give of their best to the sick patients unless they enjoy adequate off duty time, and suggest that the hours of duty should not be more than forty-eight per week".

We hope very much that the County Council members of the various Management Committees of the Hospitals and Homes to be set up under Amalgamation Scheme will consider the above opinion of an organised body of Irish nurses, who desire to earn their living at their profession in their own Country. I would respectfully request your Council to recommend the local Management Committee when going into the question of salaries for the nursing appointments, to take the above into consideration. May I add

that our Committee is also of the opinion that £120 per annum is

the minimum that should be paid to Superintending Nurses or Matrons, and that in all cases it is taken for granted that laundry would be included in emoluments".

The following Scheme was adopted by the County Conference and the County Council, was submitted to the Meeting:-

County of Wexford.

Scheme for (1) Abolition of the Workhouses, and (2)
Establishment of a Public Health Service.

The Conference called to discuss the question of Amalgamation of Unions in Co. Wexford arrived finally at the following decisions

1. That the four general Workhouses in the County be abolished,
2. That the following institutions be established:-

- (a) A County Home at Enniscorthy for the aged and infirm homeless poor (who cannot be boarded out with "Home Assistance") for chronic cases, expectant mothers (unmarried) and idiots and epileptics (until such time as other arrangements may be made for the reception of unmarried mothers, idiots and epileptics) and for such children as cannot be boarded out.
- (b) A County Hospital at Wexford for the treatment of medical and surgical cases.
- (c) A County Fever Hospital at Wexford for the treatment of all infectious diseases and for observation purposes.
- (d) A District Hospital at Gorey for the treatment of medical and surgical cases of an urgent character arising in Gorey District.
- (e) That the County Council be recommended to make arrangements with the Management of the Haughton Hospital, New Ross, for the treatment of urgent cases from New Ross and district.

The present Workhouse Buildings at Enniscorthy and Wexford and the Fever Hospital at Gorey and Wexford, to be utilised for the purposes of the Scheme.

3. That an authority be created to be called the Co. Board of Public Health, consisting of 30 members, to exercise the following

powers, viz:-

- (a) Powers of management and control of the Co. Home and Hospitals, including the Mental Hospital at Enniscorthy.
- (b) Powers and functions of present Boards of Guardians.
- (c) Any other powers and functions delegated to them by the Co. Council.
- (d) The composition of the first Board to be as follows:-
 - 8 County Councillors.
 - 4 Chairmen of Rural District Councils.
 - 4 Representatives of Boards of Guardians.
 - 2 representatives of the Wexford Corporation (one to be the Mayor of Wexford for the time being)
 - 2 Representatives of the towns of Enniscorthy and New Ross.
 - 1 Representative of the Town Commissioners of Gorey.
 - 4 Persons nominated by the Co. Council.
 - 3 Representatives of the County Insurance Committee.
 - 2 Representatives of the County Medical Association.

This Scheme was adopted by the County Council on the 4th October 1921, and sanctioned by the Local Government Department (Dail Eireann) on the 25th October 1921.

The following draft of Supplemental Scheme was submitted
For Consideration.

Draft of Supplemental Scheme for (1) Abolition of Poor Law System, and (2) Establishment of a Public Health Service in the County.

1. For ordinary administration of the Public Health Board, three members shall form a quorum.

2. The Board of Health may carry out any of its functions through appointed sub-committees, and may appoint sub-committee to discharge any specific function. Such sub-committee is to be subject to the Board of Public Health, in the same manner as the Board of Public Health shall be subject to the County Council.

A sub-committee to be composed as follows:-

- (a) All the members of the Co. Council in the District.
- (b) All the members of the Public Health Board in the District.
- (c) 3 Rural District Councillors.

(d) 3 Urban Councillors (or Town Commissioners, in the case of Gorey)

(e) 2 Local Clergymen.

Sub-Committees to meet on the same day as the Rural District Council, and 3 members to form a quorum.

3. A system of Home Assistance (to take the place of Outdoor relief) to be adopted., administration to be as follows:-

(a) Co. Councillors, Members of the Public Health Board, and members of Sub-Committees to be supplied with forms, recommending Home Assistance, and stating circumstances of applicant. These recommendations to be considered at the meeting of sub-committee and forwarded to the Public Health Board with recommendations to allow (or not to allow) Home Assistance.

(b) Emergency Help.- Forms to deal with cases requiring immediate assistance to be issued to Co. Councillors, Members of the Public Health Board and of Sub-Committee to be signed by two authorised persons., these forms to entitle applicant to a certain value of goods from the tradesman to whom they are handed. The tradesman to sign these forms and forward them monthly to sub-committee.

(c) Payment of Home Assistance to be made through the medium of the post by order payable through the Bank.

4. That (save as hereinafter mentioned) the area of charge for expenditure of the Public Health Services be the County-at-large.

(a) That the expenses of the Gorey Cottage Hospital be made an extra charge on Gorey Rural District, and similarly that the expenses of patients from New Ross District, treated in the Haughton Hospital, be charged to the New Ross Rural District.

5. The Board will be requested to:

(a) Cause Regulations to be framed for the government of the new institutions.

(b) Decide as to the number of officials to be appointed, and the salaries and conditions of their employment.

(c) Require Boards of Guardians to furnish reports as to

the compensation or pensions payable to retired officers.

6. The present Boards of Guardians to be responsible for the boarding out of such inmates as are suitable for boarding-out, and for the transference of all other inmates to the new institutions. They shall not cease to function as Boards of Guardians until the transference shall be complete.

7. When the Boards of Guardians cease to act their liabilities shall become the liabilities of the Public Health Board.

8. The Mental Hospital to be managed by the present Committee, but under the general supervision of the Public Health Board, to which body it shall submit its estimate and annual report.

Mr. Lynch stated that the New Ross Board of Guardians were not satisfied with the Hospital portion of the Scheme. His Board could not agree to any scheme which did not allow for adequate Hospital arrangement for the people of New Ross and District.

Dr. Hickey also spoke against the abolition of New Ross Workhouse Hospital.

Dr. Kelly, Medical Inspector of Local Government Department, replied that he was sure there would be adequate accommodation in the Houghton Hospital for any urgent cases from New Ross District.

He considered that for Gorey District 10 beds in a Local Cottage Hospital would be quite sufficient for the treatment of urgent cases in that area.

On the motion of Mr. Carty, seconded by Mr. Martin, it was decided that a Sub-Committee be appointed to determine the number of beds required in the Cottage Hospital at Gorey. This Sub-Committee to also enter into negotiations with the Management of the Houghton Hospital, New Ross, as to arrangements for the provision of the requisite number of beds in that Hospital for urgent cases in New Ross District., also to arrange any further details necessary as regards the Cottage Hospital at Gorey and agreement with the Houghton Hospital Authorities, New Ross.

That the recommendations of the Sub-Committee be forwarded to Public Health Committee for ratification.

The Sub-Committee to consist of the following:-

Dr. Kelly, The Myer, Messrs. P. Lynch, J.J. O'Byrne (Cushinstown)

T. McCarthy, W.P. Keegan, Moses Bolger.

The following alterations were made in Draft Scheme:-

On the motion of Mr. Martin, seconded by Dr. Greene, it was decided that seven members should form a quorum.

On the motion of Mr. Culleton, seconded by Mr. Lynch, Sub-paragraphs (a) (b) c) (d) (e) of paragraph 2 were deleted and the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the present members of the Board of Guardians resident in the County be appointed as Sub-Committees for the purpose of Home Assistance and for any other work under Amalgamation Scheme to be intrusted to Sub-Committees".

Rating- paragraph 4: Mr. Cloney proposed that the area of charge for expenditure of the Public Health Services be County-at-Large.

There was no Seconder.

Mr. T. McCarthy proposed District rating. Mr. D. Kavanagh seconded. passed.

paragraph 5 : was referred to Committee of whole House to meet on Saturday the 12th November at 11.0 O'Clock, in the Town Hall Wexford.

The Draft Supplemental Scheme as amended was adopted on the motion of Dr. Greene, seconded by Mr. Lawler.

X On the motion of Miss O'Ryan seconded by Mr. Culleton, Mr. D. O'Sullivan, Clerk of Wexford Union, was appointed Acting Secretary to the Committee.

-----oo0oo-----

(Signed)

Presiding Chairman

Dated this day of 19

MEETING. 8th November 1921.

A Meeting of the Wexford County Council was held in the Town Hall, Wexford, on Tuesday, 8th November 1921.

Present:- Messrs. John J. O'Byrne (Cushinstown) James Hall, P. O'Byrne (Camolin) D. Kavanagh, Seumas Doyle, P. Lennon, E. Foley, J. Cummins, Michael Doyle, M. Cloney, R. Corish, Simon Kehoe, C. Culleton, C. McCarthy.

Messrs. T. A. Frizelle, Acting Secretary, and W.F. Barry, County Surveyor, were also in attendance.

On the motion of Mr. McCarthy, seconded by Mr. Foley, the Chair was taken by Mr. John J. O'Byrne.

Confirmation of Minutes.

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and confirmed.

Payment of Rates to Bank.

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

"That as from this date we insist on Ratepayers paying their Rates in all cases to the duly appointed Rate Collectors of the Council".

The following letter from the National Bank, Ltd., was read:-

"In reply to your letter of the 14th inst., I beg to say I am making every effort in my power to meet the wishes of the Council as to the particulars they require entered in their Pass Books, but I find most of the people lodging rates from time to time very reluctant to give the necessary information".

After discussion during which it was pointed out that under the British Local Government Acts it was open to any Ratepayer who wished to pay his rates direct to the Banking Company acting as Treasurer of the Council, the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Seumas Doyle, seconded by Mr. Foley:-

"That this matter be referred to the Local Government Department for instructions. That a special meeting of the Council be convened to consider same as soon as reply has been received from the Local Government Department".

Application Leave of Absence- S. Hayes, Clerk
in Secretary's Office.

The following letter was read from Mr. S. Hayes, Clerk in Secretary's Office:-

"I have to inform you that owing to the undertaking of certain work of national importance I will not be in a position to resume work for an indefinite period, beginning on to-morrow November 8th 1921.

Should the state of the Country however, become normal once more, I should be ~~only~~ too pleased to resume duties.

Hoping this step will not cause you any inconvenience, and thanking you for your kindness and reasonableness at all times".

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

"We agree to leave of absence being granted to Mr. Stephen Hayes until the next meeting of the Council, when his application will again be considered. That the question of the payment of his salary in respect of the interval between this and the next meeting be also considered at said meeting, which will also consider the question of the further payment of his salary should additional leave of absence be granted".

Offices of County Council.

It was pointed out that the present offices of the Council in the Union were unsuitable.

On the motion of the Chairman, the undermentioned committee were appointed to consider the question of office premises, and to suggest alternative accommodation. The Council understand that the rent of suitable offices would be a charge on the British Authorities who had commandeered the County Hall for an R.I.C. Barracks.

Committee

Messrs. R. Corish, C. McCarthy, E.P. Foley, D. Kavanagh, W.F. Barry, County Surveyor, and T.A. Frizelle, Acting Secretary.

Food & Drugs Inspectorships.

A discussion took place as to above appointments.

On the motion of Mr. McCarthy, seconded by Mr. S. Doyle the matter was referred to Mr. Lennon M.C.C. who will report to next meeting as to Republican Police taking up the work.

Coronership- South Wexford.

On the motion of Mr. Lennon, seconded by Mr. McCarthy, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That we request Dail Eireann to forward an early reply to the Council's enquiry as to the position of Mr. J.J. Roche, Coroner for South Wexford, who has not resigned his J.P ship, although directed to do so by the County Council. That An Dail be informed that the County Council are in favour of his dismissal".

University Scholarships.

The following reports of the Registrar University College, Dublin, regarding progress of Students holding Scholarships from the County Council were read:-

"I beg to report as under on the following students holding Scholarships from Wexford County Council in Session 1920-21:-

Carty, James. Passed the first University Examination in Arts, Summer 1921.

Doyle, Julia. Passed the B.Sc., Honours degree Examination., Autumn, 1921 with First Class Honours.

Fortune, Johanna, B.Sc. Passed the Higher Diploma in Education Examination, Summer 1921, with Second Class Honours.

Hayden, James. This student entered for the First University Examination in Engineering, Autumn 1921, but did not present himself for examination.

Kehoe, Ellen T. passed the B.A. Honours Degree Examination, Autumn 1921, with First Class Honours in French and Irish.

Lambert Thomas J. passed the Second University Examination in Engineering, Summer 1921, with Second Class Honours.

McAuliffe William. Passed the First University Examination in Arts, Summer 1921, with Second Class Honours in Irish.

Moore, Myles. Passed with Honours the Second Year College Examination in Commerce, Summer 1921.

- O'Connor James. This student entered for the Second University Examination in Medicine, Autumn 1921, but was absent from the examination.
- O'Neill Patrick. Failed the Second University Examination in Engineering, Autumn 1921.
- O'Rourke, Mary E.P. Failed at the First University Examination in Arts, Summer 1921.
- Ryan, William M.
B. Comm Did not present for the M. Comm., Degree this year.
- Sinnott, Peter J. Failed in Part 11 of the First University Examination in Agricultural Science Autumn 1921.
- Sullivan, Leo. Passed the First University Examination in Science, Summer 1921, with First Class Honours, in Chemistry and Second Class Honours in Experimental Physics.
- Travers John J. Passed the Third University Examination in Medicine, Autumn 1921.
- Walsh, Laurence J. Passed the First University Examination in Arts, Summer 1921, with First Class Honours, in Latin and Second Class Honours in Irish, English, and French.
- Whelan, Anna, B.A. Passed the Higher Diploma in Education Examination, Summer 1921, with Second Class Honours.

The following letter was read from Mr. James Hayden:-

"I have received your letter of November 2nd. It is true I was not successful in the examination held in University College. It is not true, however, that I did not present myself for examination. I was present at the first examination, viz:- Chemistry, and signed the roll. As the paper was an extraordinary hard one, and I was off colour and far from well, I failed to answer any question on the paper. When the Physics exam came on in the afternoon I was sick and unable to attend., the same applies to the next exam, practical physics. This left me to have failed in physics. I could have passed in Chemistry or physics if I had enough marks in the practical but, being absent from both theoretical and practical physics left me to fail in it and therefore, in the whole examination. As it was useless to think of passing then I did what half the first year students of

the Faculty did, i.e. I gave up the examination. I came to the city with a certainty of passing, got cold in the train journey, turned up for the first exam when I should have been in bed, and was then laid up for three days as well as failing in the examination. In conclusion I would like to ask what effect this will have in the tenure of my scholarship".

Miss Mary E. P. O'Rourke wrote as follows:-

"In reference to your letter of the 2nd, concerning my Scholarship, I wish to point out that I was only weak in one subject, Latin, which I commenced but six months previously. With regard to my other subjects, I fulfilled the necessary obligations and succeeded in obtaining high marks in them all.

In my interview with the President, Dr. Coffey, he said my capabilities were such that I could take out my degree in the usual time, as I am attending my second year lectures, and will present myself for both first and second year exams. at the end of the session.

In the event of my Scholarship being withdrawn, it would put an end to my University career, as my people are not in a position to support me as a University student.

Hoping this matter will obtain due consideration before the Council".

Mr. Peter Sinnott wrote as follows--

"Owing to the fact that I am doing a course in Science (Agricultural) in University College, Dublin, my Scholarship is tenable. for four years. In June 1922 I shall be able to complete part 2 Agricultural Science and Part 1 of the final exam.

I trust that you will continue my Scholarship as otherwise I will have to terminate my studies".

On the motion of Mr. Cloney, seconded by Mr. Foley it was decided that the application of Peter Sinnott for Scholarship for fourth year be refused.

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

"That Scholarship to James Hayden be not renewed as the Council consider he should have forwarded a medical certificate to University

Authorities at the time he states he was ill and unable to attend for examination".

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

"That scholarships be renewed in the following cases:-
Thomas J. Lambert, Wm. McAuliffe, Myles Moore, Patrick O'Neill,
May E.P. O'Rourke, Leo Sullivan and Laurence J. Walsh".

The following letter was read from Mr. J.J. Travers:-

"In reference to the discussion at the last meeting of your County Council when my application for an extension of my scholarship was brought forward, I wish to make some observations and I would be greatly obliged if you would bring same before your next meeting.

The scheme under which I got my scholarship in 1917 allowed of extensions in such cases as the Council would think fit. After obtaining the scholarship I decided upon doing medicine, my principal reason being that I thought I would be most successful at that profession. On reading the syllabus issued by the College Authorities I was led to believe that same would not be so expensive. The following from a diary of mine in 1917 will show that my computation of my expenses for the 5 years was--
first and second years £70 each, third, fourth and fifth years £80 each. Total £380. The following in rough figures my real expenditure for the first four years:-

First year £90, second £100., third £110., fourth £130., and I estimate that this year will cost me at least £150 making a total of £580. This of course does not include the cost of equipping with the necessary paraphernalia of the medical man after I am qualified. To quote from the "Lancet" (a well known medical Journal) in an issue in 1919:- "No parent should think of sending his son to qualify as a medical man without being prepared to expend the sum of £1,000 on that qualification".

It cannot be said that I have been extravagant, in fact I could nearly challenge any Doctor in Ireland to beat the small amount I have already expended for my first four years. Nor

can anyone say that I have wasted the Council's money., on the contrary few of your scholarship holders have been more successful and none more keen to a sense of justice. The old Council gave extensions for such branches as Commerce which amounted to nothing more than the scholarship holders obtaining positions as accountants, and I think I am not unreasonable when, after my successful four years I apply for an extension in a branch of education which is of undoubted merit to the well being of the nation, especially when I think of the several students who made no avail of the money of the ratepayers allotted to them, some of them while also deriving money from other sources.

What, I wonder, would your Council think of me had I taken up some study other than medicine and have been a failure"?

With reference to the statement that my father has a couple of shops in Gorey and to other statements made, I am sure local Councillors can contradict them. Into further detail on these points I do not wish to go as I presume exhaustive enquiries are being made".

Needless to say, I beg to take this opportunity to thank the Council for their past grateful favours and I trust they will deal justly with my present application".

Mr. John J. Byrne, M.C.C. Raheen, Camolin, wrote as follows--

"re Scholarship extension to Mr. Travers, on enquiry Messrs. Travers are too able to pay. (2) Without enquiry - from a ratepayer's point of view - I am opposed to extension and will support Mr. Doyle's argument".

Mr. P. Byrne proposed that the extension be granted to Mr. Travers.

There was no seconder.

Mr. Michael Doyle proposed and Mr. Simon Kehoe seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That application of Mr. J.J. Travers for extension of his Scholarship for fifth year be refused".

County Contributions to Chair of Agriculture
in University College, Dublin.

The following was read from Irish Co. Cols. General council:-

"During the years 1917 and 1918 the General Council of County Councils urged on the Governing Body of the College of the establishment of a Chair of Scientific Agriculture. Eventually, the Governing Body agreed to establish the Chair but stated that the funds at their disposal were inadequate for the purpose. The General Council, therefore, guaranteed that the County Councils would contribute one-half the cost, and it was decided to ask each Council to contribute £20 per annum for this purpose. This undertaking was again approved of by the General Council in September last year. The funds contributed by the Councils in 1918 and 1919 have been sufficient to carry out the undertaking up to the end of last year, but the contribution for the current year is still unpaid. I am directed therefore, to ask you to bring this matter before the next meeting of your Council.

On the motion of Mr. Cloney, seconded by Mr. McCarthy, it was agreed that the £20 towards the Chair of Scientific Agriculture be paid.

Union Amalgamation.

The following letter from the Local Government Department under date 25th October 1921 No. E/656 was read:-

"I have to inform you that the Amalgamation Scheme drafted at a recent meeting of the County Wexford Amalgamation Committee, provided for a County Hospital at Wexford and a small cottage Hospital at Gorey, is now approved of by the Department. It is to be understood, however, that the Cottage Hospital at Gorey will be strictly confined to a limited number of beds for urgent cases, the number to be fixed by the Public Health Committee in consultation with a Medical Inspector from the Department. I have therefore to inform you that the constitution of the Public Health Committee as agreed to on the 30th August 1921 is hereby approved.

With regard to arrangement with the Houghton Authorities in New Ross, as soon as the Public Health Committee have made definite arrangements with this Body, such arrangements are to be submitted to the Department for Formal Approval".

The following letter from Dr. W. Murphy, Secretary of the

County Medical Association was read--

"At a meeting of the Medical Practitioners of County Wexford held yesterday in Enniscorthy, Drs. S.A. Hickey, of New Ross and M.W. Kelly, Killanne, were unanimously appointed to represent the County Wexford Doctors on the Public Health Committee, and the following resolution was unanimously passed:-

"That the meeting of the Medical Practitioners of County Wexford, bearing in mind the extreme importance to the public and the profession of the contemplated change in Poor Law administration in County Wexford involving the abolition of the existing Hospitals which we strongly disapprove of - would urge on Dail Eireann and the Board of Guardians the desirability of postponing the medical side of the amalgamation question until a commission representative of all the interests concerned has considered and reported on the whole matter".

The following letter was read from Clerk of New Ross Board of Guardians:-

"I am to inform you that at the meeting of the Board of Guardians held to-day, Mr. P. Lynch (Chairman) Priory Street, New Ross was appointed to attend next meeting of New Public Health Committee in connection with Amalgamation Scheme.

Mr. M. Byrne, (Chairman of the New Ross Rural District Council) Ballinaborna, Ballywilliam, New Ross is also by right of office a Member of the Committee.

If you think letters would not reach Messrs. Lynch & Byrne in time, I would suggest that you wire each of them of place and hour of meeting."

The following was read from the Town Clerk of New Ross:-

"Your letter of the 20th instant asking to have a representative from New Ross appointed in connection with the Scheme of Union Amalgamation was considered by my Council at their meeting held last evening, but they declined to appoint one".

The following was read from Gorey Board of Guardians:-

"I submitted yur letter re formation of Co. Health Committee and the appointment of representative from Guardians and Council to the meeting on Saturday.

On the motion of Mr. Keegan seconded by Mr. Lacey it was unanimously decided "that no representative from either this Board or Council be appointed to act on the Co. Health Committee until organised labour gets representation thereon".

The Clerk of the Wexford Union forwarded the following resolution of his Board--

"I am directed by the Board of Guardians to forward you, to be laid before the Co, Council, the following copy of a resolution unanimously adopted by them at their meeting on last Saturday--

"that we, the members of the Wexford Board of Guardians, demand that Labour be represented officially on the Public Health Committee formed in connection with the Amalgamation Scheme. That we suggest that four official representatives be appointed, two to be nominated by the Wexford Trades Council, and two representatives of rural labour, one from North Wexford and one from South Wexford, to be nominated by the Transport and General Workers' Union".

The Mayor stated that the Wexford Corporation were not satisfied with a representation of any two in the Public Health Committee. After discussion it was decided on the motion of Mr. Foley seconded by Mr. Culleton that the following be the Co. Council representatives on the Public Health Committee. As Mr. Foley appointed at last meeting did not wish to act on the Committee and Mr. Culleton represented the Wexford Rural District Council Messrs. Cloney M.C.C. J.J. O'Byrne M.C.C. (Cushinstown) James Shannon, M.C.C. D. Kavanagh M.C.C. J. Pender M.C.C. J.J. O'Byrne M.C.C. (Ballyduff) Michael Doyle M.C.C. and J. Walsh M.C.C.

On the motion of Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. Culleton the following were appointed as the four persons nominated by the County Council on the Committee:-

Dr. Ryan, Messrs. J. M. Roche, Talbot Hall, New Ross, Thomas Neville, Duncormick and James Connors, Gorey.

On the motion of the Chairman it was decided to point out to the Gorey and Wexford Board of Guardians that Labour is well represented on the Public Health Committee as already constituted. Mr. Corish gave notice of his intention to move at next meeting that the number of Representatives from the Town of Wexford be

increased from two to four. Mr. Culleton gave notice that he would move at next meeting that labour be represented officially on the Public Health Committee.

Appointment of Co. Infirmary Committee.

On the motion of Mr. Foley, seconded by the Chairman, the Rev. Canon Rennison was appointed a member of County Infirmary Committee vice Archdeacon Latham resigned.

Rate Collection.

The Acting Secretary submitted the state of the Rate Collection.

The members expressed satisfaction that the amount outstanding in respect of period ended 31st March 1921 (£2521) was smaller than they anticipated it would have been.

On the motion of Mr. McCarthy, seconded by the Chairman the following were appointed as Committee to meet the collectors and instruct them to expedite their Collection in respect of period ended 30th September 1921 (Messrs. E.P. Foley, R. Corish and C. Culleton)

The Acting Secretary reported that few of the Collectors had completed their Bonds. On the motion of Mr. McCarthy, seconded by the Chairman, it was decided that Collectors be directed to complete their Bonds forthwith.

In connection with accounts of Mr. Sullivan, Collector of the old Rate for No. 21 District, regarding whom a report as to an apparent deficiency of £158. 19. 8 had been considered at last meeting of the County Council from Mr. M.J. Finn, Deputy Checker, New Ross. Mr. Finn now reported that Mr. M. Sullivan called upon him and stated that a good number of receipts were lost off the books.

On the motion of Mr. Foley seconded by Mr. McCarthy, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That Mr. Finn, deputy Checker arrange to have a examination of the accounts with those engaged on the work in No. 21 District. That he obtain particulars of all cases in which it is stated receipts have been lost off the books. That the exact amount of the deficiency (if any) found to exist after the check be

reported by the Deputy Checker to the County Council and the Inspector of the Local Government Department. That the Deputy Checker arrange to have the examination of the books carried out at once in order that his report may be considered at a Special Meeting of the County Council to be held in a week to consider Rate Collection

Rate Collectorship- No. 15 District.

The following letter was read from the Local Government department under date 28th October No. 14689/21 Wexford County:-

"I enclose, to be laid before the Wexford County Council a copy of a letter received from Mrs. Kathleen McGrath in regard to the appointment of a Rate Collector for the Gorey District, and I will be glad to be furnished with the Council's observations in the matter.

"On the 4th January this year, I was appointed Rate Collector by the Wexford County Council, for the following Electoral Divisions, Courtown, Ballycanew, Gorey Urban and Rural Ardamine and Kilnahue Districts. Subsequently, my house was three times invaded by forces of British Military and Police in quest of my appointment forms and Rate Books. In a letter, dated September 9th from the Council Offices, I was informed that the Council had decided not to have the rates collected until the Books would be forwarded to me, and asking whether myself or my husband (who was then undergoing a sentence of 12 months H.L. in Wormwood Scrubs, London) wished to hold the position. I informed them I wished to hold it myself until my husband returned. Great was my surprise when I saw my position advertised in the local papers of September 24th.

My husband, who had then returned, having finished his sentence, applied for the position. He is a wearer of the An Fainne for years and in the examination which was conducted by two Dail Eireann Inspectors, he secured first place, Nevertheless another Candidate has been appointed.

I appeal to you for justice in respect of this position".

On the motion of Mr. Foley seconded by Mr. McCarthy the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the Inspector of the Local Government Department be given full particulars regarding the case for transmission to the Local

Government Department. That it be pointed out that Mrs. McGrath never made any attempt to collect the March 1921 Rate".

The following letter from Mr. Michael McGrath was read:-

"I herewith make objection to the appointment as Rate Collector of Mr. P. Fitzpatrick, which appointment was made on October 12th on the grounds that the successful candidate canvassed".

The letter not having been received in time for Agenda consideration of same was adjourned to next meeting.

Mr. Luke Smith.

Mr. McCarthy mentioned the case of Mr. Luke Smith to whom he considers a grave injustice has been done regarding his appointment to Rate Collectorship by the Council and which he subsequently relinquished at the request of the Council. He thought Mr. Smith should be promised the next vacancy which offered of Rate Collector.

payment to Car Owners.

On the motion of Mr. Corish seconded by Mr. Foley the County Surveyor was authorised to certify payment up to £180 to Car Owners in respect of cartage work carried out at Ferrybank.

Messrs. Thompsons' Account.

The County Surveyor was authorised to certify payment to Messrs. Thompson, Dublin for two trailers which have been delivered.

Seal to Agreement.

It was decided on the motion of the Chairman to affix the seal of the Council to the agreement with Dublin & S. E. Railway Co. as to repairs to overline bridges.

Application for Payment of Income Tax.

The Comptroller of Income Tax wrote demanding £4.0. 6 and threatening proceedings which may involve heavy costs. It was unanimously decided to refuse payment.

Ex-Collector J. C. Smith.

The following letter which was considered at last meeting was mentioned by some members:-

"The Gorey District Council has passed the following resolution in reference to Mr. J.C. Smith ex-rate Collector with a request

that you bring it before the next finance meeting of the County Council

"that we, the members of the Gorey District Council regard the action of the County Council in refusing to grant any superannuation to Mr. J.C. Smith, Rate Collector as rather drastic, and we would ask them to reconsider their decision. Mr. Smith has always been a most energetic Rate Collector and he is now solely dependent on whatever the County Council may grant them. That we instruct our representative on the County Council to move that Mr. Smith be now granted a superannuation".

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish seconded by Mr. Foley:-

"That the Gorey Board of Guardians be informed that the application of Mr. Smith for superannuation has not been definitely refused but same has been adjourned until the Government of the Country is allowed to function without outside interference".

Appointment of Daniel Byrne.

The following letter was read from the Local Government Department under date 20th October No. 13311/21 Wexford County:-

"I am in receipt of replies to queries respecting the proposed appointment of Mr. Daniel Byrne of Coolnaleen, Camolin, as rate Collector in Wexford County, and I desire to inform you that the Ministry for Local Government have approved of the employment of Mr. Byrne and the payment of Poundage at the rate of 7d in the £ on amounts collected and lodged by him to the credit of the Council".

Applications by Road Contractors.

The following Road Contractors appeared before the Meeting complaining they had been insufficiently paid in respect of ordinary Road Contracts and Sub Contracts.

Denis Murphy, Johnstown, Castlebridge and

Nicholas Murphy, McMurroughs, New Ross.

On the motion of Mr. Foley, seconded by Mr. Corish it was decided to refer the claims to a Committee consisting of Messrs. Philip Lennon, James Hall, E.P. Foley, C. McCarthy, Simon Kehoe and P. O'Byrne. The report of the Committee to be submitted to next meeting of the Council.

(Signed) _____

SPECIAL MEETING. 22nd November 1921.

A Special Meeting of the Wexford County Council was held in the Town Hall, Wexford, on Tuesday 22nd November 1921 to consider the following notice of motion by Councillor Foley:-

"That we call upon An Dail to act on the resolution passed by this County Council and other Public Bodies, demanding the withdrawal of the Plenipotentiaries until the Prisoners are released".

Mr. J.J. O'Byrne (Cushinstown) presided, and the other Members present were:-

Alderman Corish, T.D. Messrs. E. Foley, C. McCarthy, M. Redmond, M. Cloney, M. Doyle, and C. Culleton.

A telegram was read from Mr. Seumas Doyle, T.D. strongly supporting the motion.

Mr. Foley, in moving his motion, stated that the resolution passed by the County Council sometime ago had not resulted in the prisoners being released. He considered that Public Bodies should insist upon the withdrawal of the Plenipotentiaries until the prisoners are released.

Mr. McCarthy in seconding referred to the barbarous treatment meted out to the prisoners. Since the truce the prisoners had been treated like dogs. They should not forget the thousands of their fellow countrymen in the jails and internment camps and the sufferings they had endured for several months past. Copies of the resolution should be sent to An Dail and the plenipotentiaries in London.

Mr. Redmond strongly supported the resolution, which was approved by the other members present, and carried unanimously.

Coronership - South Wexford.

Under date 16th November 1921 the following letter No. K/153 was read from the Local Government Department:-

"With reference to Mr. J.J. Roche, Coroner, I have to request you to again ask Mr. Roche to resign his position as J.P.

I desire to point out that in case of refusal serious action will be taken".

On the motion of Alderman Corish, seconded by Mr. McCarthy

the following resolution was adopted:-

"That Mr. J.J. Roche, Coroner for South Wexford, be notified that unless he resigns his J.P. ship by the 1st December 1921, his position as Coroner for South Wexford, shall be determined".

Rates on Land & Buildings.

Reference was made to the statement of Mr. Belton at the recent meeting of the County Wexford Farmers' Association, criticising the action of the County Council in striking a flat rate for land and buildings in respect of the year ending 31st March 1922.

On the motion of Alderman Corish, seconded by Mr. McCarthy, the Acting Secretary was directed to send a newspaper cutting of Mr. Belton's statement to the Local Government Department, and ascertain from that Department particulars as to Mr. Belton's bona fides.

Office Accommodation.

On the motion of Alderman Corish, seconded by Mr. Cloney, it was decided that no change be made in the present office accommodation of the Council at the Wexford Union but that the requisite oil lamps and oil stoves be obtained for the lighting and heating of that portion of the premises, utilised as the offices of the Council.

Voters' Lists.

The following letter under date 17th November 1921 was read from Mr. Philip Lennon, New Ross--

"There is no objection to the Lists being prepared in the usual way, as a matter of fact we desire to have those lists prepared, as we may require them for our own use, with regard to Jurors' Lists however no help should be given in the preparation of these Lists. We should oppose their preparation as much as possible".

The Acting Secretary stated that he had received instructions from the Local Government Department that the Voters' Lists were not to be prepared.

It was decided that Mr. Lennon's letter be referred to the Local Government Department.

Food & Drugs Acts.

Under date 17th November 1921 the following letter was read from Mr. Philip Lennon, New Ross:-

"A circular has been issued etc., by the Minister for Local Government to all County Councils in this matter.

The County Council should appoint an Inspector of their own to carry out provisions of the Act. The Republican Police will give the Inspector every possible assistance".

It was decided that no action be taken as regards appointment of Inspector under Food & Drugs Acts, pending the receipt of the circular referred to in Mr. Lennon's communication.

Rate Collection.

Consideration of the state of the Rate Collection and the interviewing of the 21 Rate Collectors was referred to a Committee, consisting of Messrs. Foley, McCarthy, M. Redmond and the Acting Secretary, who were authorised to decide in those cases in which poundage fees should be paid to Collectors for work already done and the payment of fees to the Deputy Checkers of the Rate Collectors Accounts.

Hire of Machinery.

Alderman Corish, (Mayor) asked the Council if they would agree to the continued hireage to the Wexford Corporation of the County Engine, Breaker and Rockdrill, and to allow payment for same to be deferred until next May or June, as the Corporation had not raised money for this item in current year's estimate. Alderman Corish stated that the payment for hireage up to date will be settled on the account being presented to the Corporation and checked over. He further stated in regard to hire of lorry and waggons, payment will be made on completion of work.

The application was agreed to, on the motion of Mr. Cloney, seconded by Mr. McCarthy.

Road Contractors' Claims.

The following report was submitted by the County Surveyor:-

"Report of County Council appointed on the 8th November 1921 to deal with Road Contractors claims.

Present:- Messrs. Foley, McCarthy, Kehoe, Cummins and Lennon.

Mr. Foley occupied the chair and the County Surveyor was also present.

The first case dealt with was that of Mr. Nicholas Murphy MoMurragh, New Ross. There was a sum of £181. 10. 0. deferred on three roads belonging to the Contractor 1R, 3R, and 4R, being mainly on account of shortage of material. There was some difference in regard to arrears of material on the previous contracts on these roads and the Contractor claimed he had drawn material from Ballynaboola which was measured in the quarry by the quarry overseer, but not checked on the road by Mr. Jones, the Assistant Surveyor, being spread directly. The Committee recommended that he should be allowed this difference, being 32 c. yards. The Contractor also claimed that he suffered loss from the County Council not having material in the quarry to supply his requirements on the road, and that he and his sons and horses were kept idle for a lengthened period. The Committee fully discussed the matter and eventually allowed a claim for £30 for this loss, making a total of £54. The Committee and Contractor agreed to this. The Committee recommended that it should be clearly understood that acceptance of Paying Order for the above amount by the Contractor closes the account, on any further claim, and the Contractor should be notified to this effect.

In regard to claim of Mr. Denis Murphy for No. 3W and several other roads which Murphy was working on under agreement with the County Surveyor, it appeared that there was a claim on all the roads amounting to £17. Portion of this was for incomplete work for the quarter ending June last and the remainder for shortage of material, which however the Contractor claimed he had made good by spreading all rough material in holes for levelling up, and other special work. The County Surveyor stated that this man had been working for him for several years and had carried out good work and had very much improved the road from Fahy's Croos to Curracloe. Having gone into the circumstances of the case the Committee recommended that a payment of £12 be made to the Contractor to close the account, and that the Contractor's claim of 23 c. yards surplus of material on 3W be withdrawn and the material now on the road be the property of the Council. In this case also the Committee recommended that acceptance of Pay

notified to this effect".

On the motion of Mr. McCarthy seconded by Alderman Corish the report was adopted.

-----oo0oo-----

(Signed)

Presiding Chairman

Dated this day of . 19

MEETING. 22nd November, 1921.

A Special Meeting of the Wexford County Council was held in the Town Hall, Wexford on Tuesday 22nd November 1921 to consider the following notice of motion by Councillor Foley:-

"That we call upon An Dail to act on the resolution passed by this County Council and other Public Bodies, demanding the withdrawal of the Plenipotentiaries until the Prisoners are released".

Mr. J.J. O'Byrne (Cushinstown) presided, and the other Members present were--

Alderman R. Corish, T.D. Messrs. E. Foley, A. McCarthy, M. Redmond M. Cloney, M. Doyle and C. Cullen.

A telegram was read from Mr. Seumas Doyle, T. D. strongly supporting the motion.

Mr. Foley, in moving his motion, stated that the resolution passed by the County Council some time ago had not resulted in the prisoners being released. He considered that Public Bodies should insist upon the withdrawal of the Plenipotentiaries until the prisoners are released.

Mr. McCarthy in seconding, referred to the barbarous treatment meted out to the prisoners. Since the truce the prisoners had been treated like dogs. They should not forget the thousands of their fellow countrymen in the jails and internment camps and the sufferings they had endured for several months past. Copies of the resolution should be sent to An Dail and the plenipotentiaries in London.

Mr. Redmond strongly supported the resolution, which was approved by the other members present, and carried unanimously.

-----ooOoo-----

(Signed) _____

Presiding Chairman

Dated this day of 19

MEETING. 16th December 1921.

A Meeting of Wexford County Council was held in the Town Hall, Wexford on 16th December 1921.

Present:- Messrs. M. Cloney, C. Culleton, John Cummins, Edward P. Foley, James Hall, David Kavanagh, John Murphy, C. McCarthy, John Byrne (Gorey) John J. O'Byrne (Cushinstown) John Pender, Michael Redmond, John Sinnott, James Shannon.

The Secretary, Assistant Secretary, County Surveyor and Mr. Thomas Treanor, Assistant County Surveyor, were in attendance.

The Chair was taken by Mr. John J. O'Byrne (Cushinstown) on the motion of Mr. Cummins, seconded by Mr. John Murphy.

The Minutes of ordinary meeting of 8th November 1921 and of special meeting of 22nd November 1921 were read and confirmed.

Representation Public Health Committee.

Consideration of the following notice of motion given by Councillor Corish was adjourned for his attendance:-

"That Representation of Wexford Corporation on Public Health Committee be increased from two to four members".

Mr. Hall gave notice of his intention to move at next meeting of the County Council:-

"That Messrs. C. McCarthy (Senior) Murrintown, and John McCormack, Arnestwon, Ballymitt, be appointed additional members of County Public Health Committee".

Proposed Purchase Motor Ambulance.

Mr. D. O'Sullivan Acting Secretary, Public Health Board wrote, requesting the County Council to purchase a motor ambulance for the use of County Hospital.

Letter was read from Secretary, Irish County Councils' General Council, under date 22nd November 1921 that the special Committee of the General Council had accepted the tender of Messrs. O'Gorman Bros. Clonmel, at £260 for complete motor ambulance delivered at works, or free on rail at Clonmel.

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

"That, as soon as Public Health Board functions, the County

Council will be prepared to advance cost of motor ambulance, viz:- £260, for County Hospital, on the understanding that this amount (and expenses of conveyance to Wexford) be refunded by the Public Health Board".

New Ross Workhouse.

The following resolution adopted by New Ross Board of Guardians at their meeting on 3rd December 1921, was read:-

"That the Public Health Boards of Wexford, Kilkenny and Carlow be requested not to have this Workhouse closed sooner than the end of the financial year, 31/3/22, and that the County Councils be requested (as we are now over £3,000 in debt) to let us have the amounts due on the estimates to end of this month immediately, and to be good enough to advance the amounts due for next quarter early in January".

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

"That resolution adopted by New Ross Board of Guardians asking that the workhouse should not be closed until 31st March 1922, be referred to the County Wexford Public Health Board, and that the Clerk of New Ross Guardians be informed that money will be transferred to the Union Account as soon as the funds of the County Council permit".

Rate Collection.

The following report of Sub-Committee of the Council, appointed to consider Rate Collection and interview Rate Collectors, held on 22nd November 1921, was laid before the meeting for confirmation :-

"A Meeting of Sub-Committee appointed to consider Rate Collection and interview the Rate Collectors was held on Tuesday, 22nd November 1921".

"Present:

"Mr. E.P. Foley, presiding, also, Messrs. M. Redmond, C. McCarthy, and T.A. Frizelle, Acting Secretary".

"The following Rate Collectors were in attendance:-

"Misses Polly Kelly, Agnes McCarthy, Messrs. J. Radford, Thomas Sutton, J. McCormack, R. J. Sinnott, Michael Deegan, Edward Walsh

Patrick Donohoe, Patrick Byrne, John Sinnott, Pierce Redmond, W. Cummins, John Carty, Dan Byrne, John Kelly, Michael Sinnott, E. J. Murphy, T. Rowe, James Murphy, John Curtis and B. Cleary. Mr. M. J. Finn, Deputy Checker, New Ross, was also in attendance".

"Messrs. Dan Byrne, J. McCormack, and J. Curtis addressed the meeting as delegates from the Rate Collectors. They pointed out that, in those cases in which proceedings were instituted against defaulting Ratepayers in the Republican Courts, the cost of the summons had to be borne by the Rate Collectors, as Ratepayers, against whom decrees had been obtained, usually lodged the amount of the Rate in the Bank, but made no lodgment or payment in respect of costs".

"The Collectors referred to the inconvenience that the lodging of Rates direct by the Ratepayers entailed to all concerned in such cases. Since the recent meeting of the County Wexford Farmers' Union, at which the vitality of the "flat" rate for land and buildings was questioned by Mr. Belton, a large number of Ratepayers were not lodging their Rates in full. This also greatly hampered the Collectors in the efficient discharge of their duties".

"The Collectors also applied for payment of poundage".

"Collector D, Byrne referred to the incorrect manner in which the Collecting Books in respect of the old Rate had been marked by his predecessor (Michael Kinsella). This was entailing a good deal of extra work on him, as, in order to ascertain exactly who had, and had not paid, it would be necessary for him to call to all the Ratepayers in his District. Kinsella had accepted cash in some cases without giving an official receipt, merely handing the Ratepayers a receipt written out by himself".

"On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Redmond, it was decided that An Dail be requested to arrange that summonses in respect of Poor Rate be issued free of charge, and, in the event of this not being found possible, it was decided to recommend the County Council to pay the legal expenses incurred by their Rate Collectors in prosecuting Defaulting Ratepayers".

"It was decided on the motion of the Chairman that Poundage Fees be paid to the following Collectors for lodgments made by

them in respect of period ended 31st October 1921".

"Old Rate in respect of Period ended 31st March 1921"

"James Quirke, T. Sutton, J. Radford, J. McCormack, R.J. Sinnott, Miss McCarthy, M. Kelly, J. Cummins, E. Walsh, P.J. O'Byrne, J. Sinnott, W. Cummins, J. Carty, D. Byrne, J. Kelly, Michael Sinnott, E.J. Murphy, T. Rowe, James Murphy and J. Curtis".

"New rate in respect of period ended 30th September 1921."

"John Radford, Thomas Sutton, J. McCormack, Miss McCarthy, Miss Polly Kelly, Michael Deegan, Edward Walsh, Patrick Donohoe, Patrick J. O'Byrne, John Sinnott, Walter Cummins, John Carty, James Murphy, John Curtis, and Bernard Cleary".

"Payment of Poundage Fees to Collectors in respect of lodgments direct to the Council's Bank Account by Ratepayers was postponed until particulars were received from all the Collectors as to the amount of direct lodgments by Ratepayers in each Collection District. The Acting Secretary explained that the total amount returned by the Rate Collectors should be the sum of the private lodgments as appearing in the Council's Bank Pass Book".

"payment of remuneration as fixed by the Council to Deputy Checkers in respect of period ended 30th September 1921, was agreed to".

"On the motion of Mr. McCarthy, seconded by the Chairman, it was decided that the 7th December be the latest date by which Ratepayers, who intend to lodge Rates direct to the Council's Account in the National Bank (in respect of period ended 30th September 1921) be authorised to do so".

"The Rate Collectors were urged to expedite their collections and to have defaulters prosecuted as soon as possible. Collector were also directed to proceed against those Ratepayers who did not lodge full amount of their rates, for the balance remaining due".

"The 15th December was the last day by which the collection of first moiety and arrears should be closed. In the cases of the recently appointed Collectors, Messrs. D. Byrne, P. Fitzpatrick and B. Cleary, these men were directed to make every effort

possible to have their Collections completed by the 31st December, 1921".

"Mr. M.J. Finn, Deputy Checker, New Ross, appeared before the Committee and explained that without the help of Messrs. T. Sullivan and M. Sullivan and those who assisted them in the collection of the Rate in respect of half-year ended 31st March 1921, for No. 21 District, it would be impossible for him to reconcile the amounts of this District. As they stand at present, the books show approximately £160 unaccounted for, as receipts making up this amount are missing from the collecting books. In addition there is over £250 of the March 1921 Rate not yet collected in this District. Mr. Finn stated that Mr. T. Sullivan had arranged with him that morning for those who assisted him (Collector Sullivan) in the collection to meet at the Town Clerk's Office, New Ross, on Saturday, the 3rd December on which day he hoped the accounts would be reconciled. It was decided that Mr. Finn report the result of his interview with those who worked at the Collection of No. 21 District, in order that any amount found to be outstanding may be lodged by the persons owing same. It was decided that the making of arrangements for the completion of the Collection of the March 1921 Rate in this District be referred to the meeting of the County Council at which Mr. Finn's report will be read".

"It was decided that Mr. Elgee, Solicitor to the Council, write to Mr. J.J. O'Byrne, Ballyduff, for the £42. 6. 5d, due by Ex-Collector Kinsella, who was appointed on Mr. O'Byrne's recommendation. It was also decided that Mr. Elgee communicate with Messrs. P.J. Nolan for £35. 14. 4, McGuire, Gorey, £8.3.2., M. Tobin, Tinraheen £245.12. 9¹/₂, monies of the Council, in their hands. It was further decided that Mr. Elgee apply for £104.4.3, Rates due by Mr. J.P. Cuffe, in respect of half year ended 31st March 1921, and to Mrs. Hanton, Cottage, Taghat, for Poor Rate due in respect of half-year ended 30th September 1921".

"The following was adopted on the motion of Mr. Cloney, seconded by Mr. Shannon:-

"That the report of the Sub-Committee re Rate Collection (meeting held on 22nd November 1921) be received and adopted"

Under date 14th december 1921, a letter was read from Mr. E.J. Murphy, Rate Collector, New Ross, that at Republican Court held in New Ross on 13th, he had obtained a decree against Patrick Ryan, Begerin Lloyd, for £12.19.3 Rates, but the Court had refused to allow him costs, amounting to 13/-. He had already paid over £5 in costs in similar cases. This was not fair to the Collectors, and in addition, the decrees, which were granted were not enforced. He had been informed it would cost him 10/- to appeal, and he considered if the Collectors were to be treated in this way, they would be let down badly.

No order was made on this letter as the point is dealt with in recommendation of Sub-Committee.

Mr. M.J. Finn, Deputy Checker, New Ross, wrote under date 7th December 1921, that neither Thomas Sullivan nor his brother called to assist in the re-examination of books as promised, and only one of those who had assisted Mr. Sullivan had turned up, and this man promised he would go into the matter without further delay.

The Secretary suggested that new Receipts should be made out for the ratings for March 1921, not yet collected in Mr. Sullivan's district, and that the new Collector (Mr. Cleary) be requested to collect the amounts.

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

"That our Secretary be instructed to have prepared in respect of Rate for March 1921, Duplicate Receipts for Rates in Mr. Sullivan's district (No. 21 Collection District) and which, according to Mr. Sullivan's books, had not yet been collected. That Mr. Cleary, new Collector, be directed to collect same.

Mr. R.W. Elgee, Solicitor to the County Council, forwarded letter from Mr. P.J. Nolan (Ex-rate Collector for No. 14 Collection District) under date 13th December 1921, in which Mr. Nolan stated he was prepared to hand over the amount he had collected as Rates to the County Council, provided the Council would hand him over his Collecting books for 1919-1920, on which asum of in or about £40 or £45 were due to him for Rates which he had advanced for Ratepayers, as he had to lodge the full amount of his warrant for

the periods in question.

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

"That receipts in Collecting books for No. 14 Collection District for years 1919 and 1920, and in respect of which Mr. Nolan, Ex-Rate Collector, has furnished the amounts to the County Council when lodging full amount of his warrant, be handed over to Mr. Nolan on the latter lodging, to the credit of the Council, the amounts of Rates which he collected in respect of half-year ended 31st March 1921".

**Resignation of Rate Collector (No. 3)
Collection District.**

Under date 16th December 1921, Mr. John McCormack wrote that as the former Collector, Mr. Patrick Walsh, had been released from Jail, he wished to resign his position and to hand over books to Mr. Walsh.

Mr. McCormack stated to the meeting that he wanted to refute a statement which had been circulated in his district, that he wished to hold the position over Mr. Walsh's head. He had made it clear to the Secretary of the County Council, when he was appointed that it was merely to oblige the Council that he had taken over the Collection and also to hold it for Mr. Walsh, so that the latter could resume work when he was released from prison.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. McCarthy seconded by Mr. Culleton:-

"That the Wexford County Council desire to return their best thanks to Mr. J. McCormack, Arnestown, Ballynitty, for the assistance which he afforded them in helping to collect the Rates in No. 3 Collection District and that we request him to give all the assistance possible to Mr. Walsh, the existing Collector, in order to close the collection".

**Application for Superannuation by Mr. J. Mullett,
Ex-rate Collector.**

Mr. J. Mullett, Ex-rate Collector for No. 6 Collection District, wrote under date 10th December 1921, applying for

Mr. Matthew Kelly, Garrynisk, Edermine, Existing Collector, wrote under date 14th December 1921, that on his appointment, he had received all assistance from Mr. Mullett in respect of the Collection.

Mr. Hall handed in the following notice of motion:-

"I will move at next ordinary meeting of the County Council, that the question of allowing superannuation to Mr. John Mullett, Ex-Rate Collector for No. 6 Collection District, be considered and if same be agreed to, that the amount of superannuation be fixed."

Complaint re Payment of Rates.

Under date 9th November 1921, Mr Thomas Sinnott, Main Street, carnew, wrote that he had been paying Rates for a dwellinghouse which had been in ruins for 16 years, and he wanted the County Council to refund amount paid by him for this period.

The matter was referred to the Solicitor of the Council, who wrote under date 22nd November 1921 that Mr. Sinnott had no claim against the County Council as he should have made his objection when the Rate was made.

No Order.

Objection to appointment. Mr. Fitzpatrick R.C.

Correspondence in connection with the appointment of Mr. P.J. Fitzpatrick, (Collection District No. 15) on 12th October and objecting to same on the grounds that this man canvassed members of the Council, was adjourned for the attendance of Mr. Seumas Doyle, County Councillor.

State of Rate Collection.

The Secretary submitted the state of Rate Collection, showing the amounts collected and outstanding to date in each Collection District., also amounts transferred to date to subsidiary Bodies.

University Scholarship Scheme 1921-1922.

The following report was submitted by the County Council University Scholarship Committee:-

"A Meeting of University Scholarship Committee was held in the Town Hall, Wexford on 9th December 1921".

present:-

"Messrs. Seumas Doyle, & E. Foley (County Councillors) P.D. Breen (representing National Teachers) Rev. M. O'Byrne (representing Gaelic League) Rev. Brother J.C. Fitzgerald (representing Christian Brothers)".

"The Secretary to the County Council was also in attendance".

"On the motion of Mr. Doyle seconded by Mr. Breen the Chair was taken by Rev. M. O'Byrne.

"After considerable discussion the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Breen seconded by the Chairman:-

"That in view of the fact that the new Educational Programme was not available, and that schools are in the middle of the academic year, we are of opinion it would be inadvisable to make any changes in the main provisions of University Scholarship Scheme of Wexford County Council for present year. We consider however that the Council should make the following alterations:-

"1. That students who have obtained University Scholarships to qualify for the Higher Degrees in Education should, as in the case of students taking courses in Agriculture, have their scholarships extended for a fourth year to enable them to qualify for diploma".

"2. Students whose father is bearing arms in the service of the British Government, or who continued bearing arms till retired on pension or incapacitated, provided such was not subsequent to 1918, shall in no circumstances, be eligible for a University Scholarship".

"3. That the County Council in order to avoid disappointment to the parents of students desirous of securing a University Scholarship, shall advertise at once for the names of entrants for University Scholarships, in order to consider their eligibility to compete as regards the need of assistance from the County Council funds etc. We are further of opinion that such information should in future years be obtained by the 30th September and that the circumstances of the parents of applicants for Scholarships should be dealt with by a special Sub-Committee of the Council or by the full Council sitting in Committee".

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

"That the report of University Scholarship Committee (meeting held on the 9th December 1921) be received and adopted".

Mr. Patrick O'Neill, Gorey, University Scholarship Holder, wrote under date 21st November 1921, applying for an extension of his scholarship for one year. He stated he was taking his Science Degree Exam. in June 1922 and his Degree Exam. in Engineering in September 1922.

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

"That Mr. Patrick O'Neill, University Scholarship Holder, be informed that the University Scholarship granted him by the Wexford County Council, covers the academic year 1921-22".

Standard of Irish for Appointment.

Mr. James H. O'Connor, Mountwalter, Taghmon, Hon. Secretary Joint Officers Board, North & South Wexford Executive of Sinn fein, wrote under date 16th November 1921, that the following resolution had been adopted at the meeting of the Board on 13th November 1921:-

"That we call upon the County Council to adhere to their original decision of requiring $33 \frac{1}{3}$ per cent marks as a qualifying standard in Irish as well as in English and Arithmetic."

Rev. John O'Reilly, C.C. New Ross wrote under date 16th November 1921 as Secretary County Committee Gaelic League, that at a recent meeting of the Committee a resolution was passed asking the County Council to adhere to the rule regarding the knowledge of Irish required by candidates for positions and to disqualify those not passing a thirty three and a third per cent knowledge of Ceacta beaga Part 1.

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

"that no candidate be appointed to any position under Wexford County Council who fails to secure thirty three and a third per cent of marks in Irish Examination- Ceacta beaga Part 1."

soon as possible after 22nd December 1921ⁿ.

Complaints of Road Contractors.

A number of complaints from Road Contractors were referred to the following Committee::

Messrs. Foley, McCarthy, Kavanagh, Hall and Sinnott with the County Surveyor, who were requested to report to next meeting of the Council.

Defective Bridges.

The County Surveyor stated that repairs as follows were necessary to various bridges:-

Deeps, £37.

Kilconnib, £94.10.0.

Ballymotey, £187.

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

"That the question of repair of Deeps, Kilconnib, and Ballymotey Bridges be referred to Roads Committee meeting to be held on Thursday 22nd December 1921, at 11 O'Clock in Town Hall, Wexford".

Application stones from Quarries.

Mr. P. C. Lett, Ferns, wrote under date 4th November 1921 asking to be supplied with 10 or 15 loads of stones from Carrigeen Quarry, and an application was received from Mr. J. J. Staffords, Stonebridge, Wexford, asking for five or six tons of small broken stones from Tara Hill Quarry.

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

"That Messrs. Lett & Stafford be informed that the Council regret they cannot accede to requests for supplies of stones from Quarries, as all road metalling will be needed at once in order to get the roads of the County into a proper state of repair".

The County Rate and Mr. Patrick Belton.

Under date 8th December 1921 the following (Ref. M. 284) was read from Minister for Local Government, Dail Eireann:-

"I have yours of the 29th ultimo, forwarding Press cuttings with an account of Meeting of Wexford Farmers' Association held on at

Association spoke. In reply, I have to state that Mr. Belton has been active as Chairman of the Dublin Ratepayers' Association in querying the legality of the "flat rate" and some time since, his Association decided to test the matter before a Republican Court. I understand that the case is due for hearing on the 6th instant. Under the circumstances, Mr. Belton's action in going down to Wexford to air his particular view of the matter in that County savours somewhat of contempt of court, and this Department will send a protest on the matter to the Minister for Home Affairs.

With regard to the Flat Rate and its legality the view of this Department is that the case turns on whether the Agricultural Grant is or is not "payable", and we hold that a sum of money is not "payable" when it is not possible to recover it by process of law in any Court".

Sinn Fein Clubs and Appointments.

The following was received from Enniscorthy Rural District Council:-

"That in future before employing men under Direct Labour Scheme the County Surveyor should consult with local Sinn Fein Clubs".

The following resolution was received from Monageer Sinn Fein Club:-

"That any men that are to be employed in future on the Direct Labour Scheme be left to the local Sinn Fein Clubs".

Glenbrien Branch Dr. O'Dwyer, Sinn Fein Club forwarded the following resolution:-

"that we the members of the above Club, do respectfully ask the County Council in the interests of their country, to fill all positions created by the County Council by a recommendation from the Sinn Fein Club or Volunteers of the applicant's district as we consider the Clubs are the proper authority to recommend all applicants".

After considerable discussion the following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. John O'Byrne (Gorey):-

"that we as a County Council representing all sections of the people, welcome recommendations as to County Council administration

from any representative body of the people and will give them every consideration. If Monageer Sinn Fein Club or Glenbrien Branch Dr. O'Dwyer, Sinn Fein Club have a grievance relative to Direct Labour Scheme on Roads, the Council will be prepared to deal with same on their attention being called to it".

Coronership for South Wexford.

Under date 24th November 1921 the following was read from Mr. John J. Roche, Coroner for South Wexford:-

"Yours of yesterday to hand, enclosing copy of resolution adopted by the County Council with reference to the Coronership and the Magistracy.

I am sure your Council is quite aware that for a long time back, I have taken no part in Magisterial duties, beyond taking depositions and Affidavits from poor old people endeavouring to qualify for Old Age Pensions etc.

I am happy to say that in a great number of such cases where these poor people could not prove their ages (from books in the various Churches in which they were baptised being unavailable) I was successful in getting them pensions.

I am very sorry indeed that in future I cannot be of any use to this very deserving class to prosecute their claims.

Regarding the formality of placing my resignation in the hands of the proper authorities, I assure you it is already an accomplished fact".

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. McCarthy seconded by Mr. Sinnott:-

"That the question of continuing Mr. J.J. Roche in office as Coroner for South Wexford be considered at a future meeting of the County Council".

Bovine Tuberculosis Order 1914.

Under date 7th December 1921 the Department of Agricultural & Technical Instruction (Vetinary Branch)/wrote that they could not see their way to sanction the application of revised scale of fees under this order to any period prior to 1st April 1920. Claims by Mr. F.W. Taylor, V.S. New Ross, in connection with

cases dealt with by him in March 1920, had been reduced to rates allowed in previous scale of fees. The Department also called attention to other items in Mr. Taylor's account which they disputed.

The Secretary stated that the amount claimed by Mr. Taylor was £25.1.6, and the department were allowing £21.14. 0 or a deduction of £3.7.6.

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

"that the Secretary be instructed to look into correspondence between Mr. Taylor and Department of Agriculture & technical Instruction as to payment of fees under Bovine Tuberculosis Order. That £30, amount due for administration expenses under Bovine Tuberculosis Order for years 1920 and 1921, be paid".

Poisons & Pharmacy Act.

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

"that renewal of Poisons & Pharmacy Licence be issued to Mr. J. J. Haughton, Ferns on condition that he will stock and sell only Irish Sheep Dip".

Inland Fisheries.

Circular letter from Director of Fisheries (Mr. Sean Etchingham) as to the havoc caused to Inland Fisheries by poaching was read.

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

"That all members of the Public Boards in this County be requested to assist in the prevention of poaching on inland waters and which is very adversely affecting the fishing industry".

County Council Staff.

Mr. Stephen Hayes, Clerk County Council Offices, applied under date 7th November 1921 for indefinite leave of absence as from 8th November 1921.

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

"That Mr. Stephen Hayes, Clerk in County Council office, be granted indefinite leave of absence without salary as from 8th

November 1921".

Food & Drugs Acts.

Under date 8th December 1921 the Minister for Local Government (Dail Eireann) (No. 16. 367-21) wrote asking for particulars of the arrangements existing in County Wexford for the administration of Food & Drugs Acts.

The Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction wrote under date 3rd December 1921 (G.5282-21) as to the necessity of Local Authorities taking more vigorous action with a view to ensure that the proportion of water in Irish butter is kept within (limit prescribed- 16 per cent). As widespread impression was being created that Irish butter generally contained an excessive proportion of moisture. Owing to this special attention should be given to obtaining samples of butter for analysis, and the Department expressed the wish that County Councils would make immediate arrangements for a vigorous enforcement of the sale of Food & Drugs Acts in regard to butter.

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

"That our Secretary again communicate with the various Relieving Officers of the County and ascertain from them, for submission to next ordinary meeting of the Council, the lowest amount of remuneration which they are prepared to accept as Inspectors under Food & Drugs Acts".

Remuneration to Acting Secretary.

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

"That Mr. T.A. Frizelle, Acting Secretary be voted a sum of £50 as remuneration for extra work performed by him during the six months our Secretary was absent from duty in jail and in Internment Camp".

Rent County Hall.

Messrs. Little & Elgee, Solicitors & Land Agents wrote under date 21st November 1921 asking for payment of rent of County Hall from 25th March 1921 to 4th July when premises were commandeered by the R.I.C.

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

"That rent of County Hall from 25th March 1921 to 4th July 1921, amount £51. 17. 10, be paid Messrs. Little & Elgee, Agents".

Overline Railway Bridges.

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

"That the seal of the Wexford County Council be affixed to Agreement between the said Council and the Fishguard & Rosslare Railways & Harbours Company for maintenance of roads surface on overline bridges and approaches thereto, contribution to be £54.9.0 per annum as from 1st October 1921".

Dr. Furlong R.M.S. County Infirmary

Evidence at Inquests.

Mr. Denis Corish, Clerk to Justices at Inquest opened on 20th October 1921 on the body of Mary Anne Whelan, in the County Infirmary, reported that the inquest had to be adjourned, as Dr. Furlong declined to give evidence on the grounds that he had held a commission in the King's Army and still retained the rank of Captain in the Army, that he had sworn allegiance to the King of England and could not forswear it.

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

"That the consideration of report of Mr. Denis Corish as to inquest held on the body of Mary Anne Whelan in Wexford County Infirmary be adjourned. That our Secretary request the Registrar of the County Infirmary to furnish this Council with a copy of the resolution passed in connection with this matter by County Wexford Infirmary Committee".

Payment for Advertising Contract.

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

"That the question of paying amount of contract for advertising for quarter ended 30th September 1921, be considered at next ordinary meeting of the County Council".

Superannuation of Officers.

Circular letter from Department of Local Government (Dail Eireann) No. 53 (28th September 1921) & 55 (18th October 1921) relative to superannuation of Officers of Public Bodies, were laid before the meeting.

General Cattle Diseases Fund.

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

"That Local Government Department be asked for a direction as to whether this Council should pay the sum of £411.5.10¹/₂ (the produce of 4d rate on the County) to the General Cattle Diseases Fund of the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction.

Malicious Injury Claims.

The Secretary reported that he had received notices as to assignments of amounts under Criminal Injury Decrees etc., for signature.

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

"That our Secretary be instructed not to sign or recognise any document in connection with claims or decrees for so called Criminal Injuries".

Leave Absence to County Surveyor.

Under date 15th December 1921 an application was read from the County Surveyor to take portion of his annual leave at Xmas. He had found it impossible to take any leave during the Summer.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Culleton, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne (Gorey):-

"That Mr. Barry, County Surveyor be granted 10 days leave of absence at Xmas, Mr. Thomas Treanor, Senior Assistant Surveyor, to act as County Surveyor for the period".

Old Age Pension Business.

The following letter under date 12th December 1921 was read from Mrs. Mary Redmond, Clerk No. 6 Sub-Committee:-

"Some time ago the Newtownbarry & Ferns Old Age Pension Sub-Committee requested me to hold every second meeting in Ferns.

I am after going to Ferns on two occasions and was not able to hold a meeting, one member only being in attendance., then I have to come back and call the meeting in Newtownbarry and have my journey for nothing. I think it is only useless of me to be going there when I cannot have a meeting, Can I hold for the future the meetings in Newtownbarry?"

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

"That in view of the explanation submitted by Mr. Pender, M.C.C. County at this day's meeting of County Council acting as Pension Committee we consider there was a valid reason for nonattendance of members from Ferns District at Ferns meeting, and cannot consent to meeting in Ferns being abandoned. That Mr. Pender be requested to submit the names of two representatives on this Committee to fill existing vacancies".

Xmas Holidays.

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

"That the Offices of the Wexford County Council be closed for Xmas for the same period as will obtain in connection with Solicitors' Offices in Wexford".

-----ooOoo-----

(Signed) _____

Presiding Chairman

Dated this day of 19

Special Meeting. 31st December 1921.

The following agenda paper was issued in connection with special meeting of above Council on 31st December 1921:-

"Acting on representations from several Councillors, the Chairman has consented to the holding of a Special Meeting of the County Council at 11 a.m. on Saturday, 31st December 1921 in the Town Hall, Wexford to consider the Peace Treaty, and, if believed advisable to adopt a resolution in regard to same".

The following were in attendance:-

Messrs. John J. O'Byrne (Cushinstown) Philip Lennon, John Pender, James Hall, Michael Redmond, John Sinnott, E.P. Foley, Michael Byrne, Michael Cloney, C. McCarthy, John Murphy, C. Culleton Michael Doyle, and David Kavanagh.

The Secretary was also in attendance.

On the motion of Mr. Redmond, seconded by Mr. Hall, the chair was taken by Mr. John J. O'Byrne.

A telegram was read from Mr. John O'Byrne, Gorey favouring ratification of the Treaty.

On the motion of Mr. Lennon, seconded by Mr. Sinnott, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That this meeting resolved itself into Committee during consideration of agenda paper for present Meeting".

After considerable discussion, practically every member having voiced his opinion, the following resolution was proposed by Mr. Doyle and seconded by Mr. Culleton:-

"That we, the Wexford County Council, while recognising that the Peace Pact between Ireland and England, does not confer full independence ^{upon} our country, realise that it does confer a working measure of freedom, which is acceptable for the present, and, for this reason we are of opinion its provisions should be ratified by An Dail".

"That we call upon our Wexford Representatives to An Dail to support the Treaty, and thus voice the opinions of the vast majority of the people of the County".

"Rejection of the Treaty can produce only chaos and a divided

country, and in view of the vital issues involved, we appeal to our Deputies to vote unanimously for Ratification as the best and wisest course to adopt in the interests of Ireland and as the consideration which should outweigh all others".

The Chairman then put the resolution which was carried, the only dissentient being Mr. J. Murphy.

It was decided that copies of the resolution be forwarded the four T.D's representing Wexford County, President Eamon de Valera and Mr. Arthur Griffith T.D's., also to the Director, Publicity Department, Dail Eireann.

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

"That we, the members of the Wexford County Council, consider the attacks which have been made on our National Leaders in the "Irish Daily Press" as entirely unwarranted and deserving of the strongest condemnation of the Irish people".

-----ooOoo-----

(Signed)

Presiding Chairman

Dated this day of 19

SPECIAL MEETING 23rd DECEMBER 1921.

A Special Meeting of the Wexford County Council was held in the Town Hall, Wexford, on 23rd December 1921 for the purpose of considering Report of Roads Committee as to repair of Roads.
present:-

Messrs. John J. O'Byrne (Cushinstown), John O'Byrne, (Gorey), Simon Kehoe, Richard Corish, John Murphy, David Kavanagh, Michael Doyle, E. P. Foley and C. Culleton.

The Secretary, the County Surveyor and Mr. Thomas Treanor (Senior Assistant Surveyor) were in attendance.

The Chair was taken by Mr. John J. O'Byrne, (Cushinstown) on the motion of Mr. Doyle, seconded by Mr. Murphy.

Report of Roads Committee.

The following is copy of Report of Roads Committee:-

"The following resolution was adopted at the Meeting of Wexford County Council on 16th December 1921:-

"That the County Surveyor be directed to prepare a scheme for the repair of roads which require immediate attention. That this scheme be considered by Roads Committee at Meeting to be held in Town Hall, Wexford on Thursday, 22nd December 1921, Committee to recommend amounts to be expended, also, to make recommendations as to damage caused to Roads owing to extraordinary traffic, principally timber haulage, and how best to recover cost of repair from Hauliers. That Meeting of County Council be arranged as soon as possible after 22nd December 1921".

"The following Members of the Committee were present at the Meeting on 22nd December 1921 in Town Hall, Wexford:-

Present:-

"Messrs. C. Culleton (representing County Council) J.S. McDonald (representing Farmers' Union) D. Whelan (representing Irish Transport & General Workers' Union)."

"The County Secretary, the County Surveyor and Mr. T. Treanor, Senior Assistant Surveyor, were in attendance".

"the County Surveyor said that some work had been done on some of the roads, but other roads were not touched, and, to replace

that, he discussed with Mr. Treanor the advisability of doing something on every road in the way of sheeting, filling in holes and levelling to a certain extent. This would entail an outlay of £15,000, and the real difficulty in making it effective was the cost of haulage. If material was carted to a road to be laid in sheets it would cost proportionately less than if it were drawn for the purpose of filling holes and doing small bits of patching. For the scheme of attending to every road, about 15,000 cubic yards of metalling would be required, and it would entail an outlay of between £13,000 and £14,000. At the time this Scheme was being drafted, he had an idea that the necessary amount could be borrowed, but he understood this was not feasible, as the Secretary considered it would not be possible to obtain a loan from the Bank, and they would have to work on what money was available from County funds. Instead of the Scheme which he outlined and which could not be dealt with owing to lack of funds, he suggested they should do what they could in repairing the bad sections of leading roads. The County Surveyor then named a number of leading thoroughfares, which he considered required immediate attention. There were 154 miles of leading roads and 317 miles of secondary roads which should be attended to, and about 200 miles of these required to be seen to at once. Taking average cost, the repair of these would work out from £20 to £25 per mile, or from £4,000 to £5,000 in all. The County Surveyor then gave in detail the amount of metalling broken and unbroken in various quarries, and mentioned that there was in all 9,000 c. yards quarried and ready for breaking and about 4,300 actually broken. Unfortunately this was not evenly distributed and there was no broken material in Ballybrennan, Ballinaboola, Carrigbyrne, or Tongarrow, and provision would have to be made for the employment of the breaker in some of these".

"After discussion the following resolution was adopted, on the motion of Mr. Whelan, seconded by Mr. McDonald:-

"That we recommend the County Council to allocate a sum of £5,000 for the purpose of carrying out immediate repairs to main roads and leading thoroughfares, said amount to be placed in the hands of the County Surveyor, and work to be arranged for under

similar conditions as those prevailing under Drainage Scheme".

"Complaints of Contractors."

"Mr. Culleton mentioned that some Road Contractors in Lady's Island complained that they received no notification as to carrying out work on their roads while other Contractors in the District got a certain percentage of work.

"The County Surveyor explained that it was not possible to include all the Contract roads in district mentioned as money was not available. He selected the roads which were most needing repairs".

"Mr. James Brien, Glenteigue, Glenbrien, came before Meeting with reference to a claim of £92.14.3 made by him as regards road maintenance".

"After discussion, the Committee recommended that the County Surveyor and the Secretary examine into the details of the claim with Mr. Brien, and make a report to the Council which will allow of this claim being finally dealt with as it has been several times before the Council and Roads Committees".

"Application Advances of Money"

"Messrs. Joseph Hyland, Borelia, Kilcotty, and Michael Cullen, The Crush, Ballaghkeene, applied for advance of money for work performed on roads for which they were Contractors".

"The County Surveyor stated that these men, notwithstanding the notice which had appeared suspending road work, went on with their contracts. He did not see how they could obtain an advance of money now and there were a number of Contractors in a similar position. In order to facilitate them however, he would try (if possible) to purchase some of the material which they had prepared for the purpose of the scheme adopted at that day's meeting".

"Extraordinary Traffic"

"The County Surveyor called attention to the injury which was being done to roads by timber haulage, and the difficulty of obtaining from hauliers a decent contribution to reinstate roads which were damaged".

"The following recommendation was adopted on the motion of Mr. McDonald, seconded by Mr. Culleton:-

"That the County Council be recommended to direct the attention of the General Council of Irish County Councils to the necessity of approaching Dail Eireann with a view to the adoption of special legislation to allow the County Council to recover, from Hauliers, full amount of costs of repairs carried out on roads damaged by lorry and engine traffic".

Defective Bridges.

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

"That we recommend the County Council to have repairs carried out to the following bridges at amounts specified by the County Surveyor, viz- Deeps Bridge £37, Kilconnib £95, Ballymotey £188".

Mr. Culleton moved and Mr. J. O'Byrne (Gorey) seconded:-

"That the recommendations of Roads Committee as regards new scheme of Road Maintenance be adopted".

As an amendment, Mr Doyle moved and Mr. S. Kehoe seconded:-

"That the consideration of the report of Roads Committee as regards new scheme of Road Maintenance (Roads Committee Report of 22nd December 1921) be adjourned to next meeting, but that in the meantime, the County Surveyor be directed to prepare the road material necessary for the purposes of the Scheme, cost not to exceed £700".

The Chairman, after considerable discussion took a show of hands, when two were against and six were in favour of the amendment which on being put as the substantive motion, was declared carried.

On the motion of Mr. Kehoe, seconded by Mr. Foley, the following resolution was adopted".

"That recommendations of Roads Committee relative to "Complaint of Road Contractors", "Application for advances of Money", Extraordinary Traffic" be and are hereby agreed to".

Repairs to Bridges.

Mr. Doyle moved, and Mr. John O'Byrne (Gorey) seconded the

following resolution which was adopted nem con :-

"That the County Surveyor be directed to have executed the absolute necessary repairs to New Ross Bridge".

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

"That consideration of recommendation of Roads Committee as to repair of Deeps, Kilconnib, and Ballymotey Bridges, be adjourned to a future meeting of the Council".

-----oo0oo-----

(Signed)

Presiding Chairman

Dated this day of 19

MEETING, 25th January, 1922.

A Meeting of the Wexford County Council was held in the Town Hall, Wexford on Wednesday the 25th January 1922.

Present:-

Mr. E.P. Foley, presiding. Also- Messrs. J. Cummins, M. Byrne, D. Kavanagh, C. Culléton, C. McCarthy, Michael Doyle, and Gregory Devereux. Messrs. T.A. Frizelle, Assistant Secretary and T. Treanor, Senior Assistant Surveyor were also in attendance.

The Secretary was absent through illness and the County Surveyor was unable to be present owing to strike on D. & S. E. Railway, as he had attended a meeting of County Surveyors in Dublin on Tuesday the 24th inst., and, in consequence of the Railway Strike, he was held up in Dublin.

Death of the Pope.

Mr. McCarthy proposed that owing to the death of His Holiness Pope Benedict XV., the Council as a mark of respect, adjourn the business of the Meeting for a week. Mr. Cummins seconded.

"Passed unanimously".

Mr. McCarthy proposed and Mr. Cummins seconded the following vote of condolence, which was passed in silence, the members standing:-

"That we the Wexford County Council, in common with all Irish Catholics, desire to express our respectful sympathy in the loss which has been sustained by our Church, through the demise of His Holiness Pope Benedict XV., a true and sterling friend of Ireland, and who, in consequence of his sympathies with Irish National aspirations encouraged and supported our struggle for freedom by his help, assistance and prayers.

Every lover of humanity throughout the world recognises the glorious work which the late Pontiff performed for the Prisoners of the Great European War. He spent himself in the cause of the poor and the suffering, and it will be generally admitted that it was his zeal and toil in the interests of the weak and downtrodden which hastened his death. The church mourns in his loss a noble son, humanity a devoted apostle, and Ireland a sincere

and loving friend.

That copies of this resolution be furnished to His Eminence Cardinal Logue and Most Rev. Dr. Codd, Bishop of Ferns".

The late Mr. Simon Kehoe,
County Councillor.

On the motion of Mr. Culleton, seconded by Mr. Kavanagh, the following resolution was adopted in silence---

"That we tender to the relatives of the late Mr. Simon Kehoe, our esteemed and trusted Colleague, our expression of sincere regret in the loss which they have sustained through his death. Mr. Kehoe was a most valued and trusted member of this Council, he kept his duty to his country always in the forefront, and did a man's part in bringing our National movement to its present powerful position. His unassuming character and unvarying kindness endeared him to a large circle of friends and his sound advice and straightforward action in all matters of local administration deserve our whole hearted recognition. We mourn his loss and recognise that the country has lost, through his demise, a faithful and loyal son and the members of this Council a comrade and colleague of whom they have every reason to be proud. That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to his sister, Miss Kehoe".

Mr. Culleton notified his intention to move at next meeting that, as sanctioned by the Local Government Department, instruction be issued to the Treasurer to accept lodgments of Rates from Rate Collectors only.

Mr. Gregory Devereux notified his intention of moving at next meeting:-

"That Poundage Fees be paid Rate Collectors in respect of all lodgments made to date".

It was decided that the adjourned meeting be held in the Town Hall, Wexford on Wednesday, 1st February.

-----oo0oo-----

(Signed) _____

MEETING, 1st February, 1922.

A Meeting of the Wexford County Council was held in the Town Hall, Wexford on 1st February 1922.

Mr. J.R. Etchingham (Chairman) presiding, also - Messrs. James Byrne, Michael Cloney, C. Culleton, J. Cummins, Richard Corish, James Hall, Matthew Hughes, David Kavanagh, Philip Lennon, John Murphy, G. Devereux, John O'Byrne, (Gorey) John J. O'Byrne (Cushinstown) Patrick O'Byrne, Michael Redmond, James Shannon, Albert F. Smith, Michael Doyle and Seumas Doyle.

The Secretary, the County Surveyor, the Assistant Secretary, Mr. T. Treanor, Senior Assistant Surveyor and Miss Lister, Inspector Local Government Department were also present.

Minutes of Meetings of 16th December 1921, 31st December 1921 (Special Meeting) and 25th January 1922, were read and signed.

Death of Mrs. Kelly, Bayview, Camolin.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Lennon, seconded by Mr. J.J.O'Byrne (Cushinstown)--

"That this Council offers Rev. J. Kelly, C.C. New Ross (an ardent worker in the cause of the revival of the Irish language and of our Gaelic civilization) our heartfelt condolence in the death of his mother.

That a copy of this resolution be furnished Rev. J. Kelly".

Proposed Co-option of Member.

In connection with the vacancy created on the Council by the death of Mr. Simon Kehoe, the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Shannon, seconded by Mr. D. Kavanagh:-

"That the Sinn Fein Club, Blackwater, be requested to nominate for election as County Councillor, a successor to the late Mr. Simon Kehoe".

Public Health Board.

The following notice of motion stood in the name of Mr. R. Corish:-

"That Representation of Wexford Corporation on County Public Board be increased from two to four Members".

The following notice of motion stood in the name of Mr. Hall:-

"That Messrs. C. McCarthy, (Senior) Murrintown and John McCormack Arnestown, Ballymitty, be appointed additional members of County Public Health Board".

After considerable discussion the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish, seconded by Mr. Seumas Doyle:-

"That the County Public Health Board be requested to meet as soon as possible to consider the question of establishment of District Hospitals, the present position of Union Amalgamation Scheme, and generally as regards the present proposals more particularly in relation to finance. That they be asked to report to the County Council at an early date. That the question of appointing any further members on County Public Health Board be adjourned pending consideration of report from said Board".

**Proposed Superannuation Mr. John Mullett,
Ex-Rate Collector.**

Mr. Hall moved the following of which he had given previous notice, and copy of which had been furnished each County Councillor on 19th December 1921:-

"That the question of allowing superannuation to Mr. John Mullett, Ex-Rate Collector for No. 6 Collection District, be considered, and if same be agreed to, that the amount of superannuation be fixed".

Under date 18th December 1921, Mr. Mullett wrote that in a few days time he would be twelve months resigned and according to a letter from the County Council under date 5th January 1921, he was to have been granted superannuation long since. He was now financially embarrassed and was being pressed by the Bank. He did his best for the Council while acting as Rate Collector and he hoped now that the Council would vote him full superannuation allowance.

A letter was read from Mr. Matthew Kelly, the present Collector that on his appointment he had received all possible assistance from Mr. Mullett.

The Secretary stated that the utmost that could be granted as superannuation allowance to Mr. Mullett was £78.3.8, amount of

two-thirds of his salary and emoluments at the date of his resignation. As an alternative the Council could take the number of years' service which had been given by Mr. Mullett, viz:- 22 and add the maximum which could be added for meritorious service viz:- 7 years. Taking the three years' average for salary and emoluments to the date of resignation, Mr. Mullett, on this basis would be entitled to twenty nine sixtieths which would work out at £48.19.2 per annum. Discarding any addition to years of actual service Mr, Mullett would be entitled to twenty-two sixtieths of his three years' average which would amount to £37. 2. 1.

Mr. Hall's motion was seconded by Mr. Shannon and adopted.

Mr. Cloney proposed--

"That as from the date of his resignation, a superannuation allowance of £50 per annum be granted Mr. John Mullett, Ex-Rate Collector".

Mr. Michael Doyle seconded the motion which was passed nem con

Mr. John Banville, Ex-Rate Collector.

Under date 31st December 1921, Mr. John Banville, Ex-rate Collector for No. 19 Collection District, applied for superannuation. He was appointed Cess Collector on 3rd February 1883, and Poor Rate Collector as transferred Officer on 17th April 1899. He resigned on 5th January 1921. During the time he was in the service of the Council he always closed his collections within the financial half year. By doing so he was compelled to find the sum of £450 each year from private means to make up for outstanding Poor Rates due at the closing dates, and a good margin of these Poor Rates he never got.

Mr Redmond gave notice of motion that the Council at next available Meeting consider the question of allowing superannuation to Mr. John Banville, Ex-Rate Collector, and, in the event of agreeing to same, that they fix the amount of said superannuation allowance.

Under date 30th December 1921, Mr, John Banville, Ex-Rate Collector, wrote that he had not been allowed poundage on amount of Rate for March 1921 which he had collected and lodged to the

credit of the Council.

It was decided that this matter be adjourned to next ordinary meeting of the County Council.

Ex-Rate Collector J. C. Smith.

Under date 10th January 1922, Mr, J. C. Smith, 63 Main Street Gorey, Ex-Rate Collector, wrote that he had made several application to the County Council in connection with his superannuation and the matter had been deferred until the country was allowed to carry on its functions of local government without outside interference. That time had now come and he thought the County Council could strain a point in favour of an old Collector who had worked honestly and accurately for over 30 years. He was living for the past ten months without any salary and he had a large family to support. He was in dire straits for money and should get it somewhere or starve. If he got a part payment of £65 for the present it would take him out of trouble.

Mr. John O'Byrne (Gorey) gave notice of motion to move at next available meeting of the County Council that the question of granting superannuation allowance to Mr, J. C. Smith, Ex-Rate Collector, be considered and, if County Council agree to same, that the amount of said superannuation allowance be fixed.

Rate Collection.

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

"That the Treasurer be instructed not to accept any lodgments in respect of Rates except through the Rate Collectors".

Mr. Shannon seconded the motion which was adopted without dissent.

Under date 13th January, 1922, the Local Government Department wrote authorising the Council to instruct the Treasurer that any lodgments in respect of Rates are not to be accepted except through the Rate Collectors.

Claim by Ex-Rate Collector Tobin.

Under date 19th December 1921, the following to Mr. R. W.

Elgee, Solicitor, was read from Messrs. Huggard & Brennan, Solicitors

for Matthew Tobin, Ex-Rate Collector:-

Your communication of the 12th instnt addressed to Mr. M. Tobin of Tinraheen, The Ballagh, has been handed to us. On the night of the 5th of January last our Client's house was raided by men who stated they belonged to the I.R.A. and were collecting our Client's books for the County Council and that our Client was to have nothing more to do with the Rates as they were now in full charge. On this occasion they took from our Client's house a sum of £478 which he had in notes in the book that was taken, and subsequently, apparently, the book which they had taken was delivered up to the County Council and our Client subsequently wrote to the County Council asking to have the book returned to him with the contents consisting of £478 in notes. he got a reply from the Secretary of the County Council stating that his letter had been laid before the Council but no order was made. The book was taken from him apparently with the authority of the County Council and our Client concluded that the money was taken as well. The County Council have apparently held the money since and he would feel obliged if you would kindly ask the Council to return the balance due to our Client. There were other books taken since then and were subsequently used by the County Council in the collection of the Rates".

The Secretary read extracts from "The Echo" of 15th January 1921, stating that a sum of £34, the personal property of Mr. Tobin had been taken by men who said they belonged to the Irish Republican Army and who went for the Rate Collecting Books, and from "The Echo" of 22nd January 1921, stating that Mr. Tobin had found the money in a box which was disturbed during the raid. Tobin had collected £345.12.9 Rates and lodged the amount in his own name in the Bank.

Miss Lister (Inspector) said she interviewed Mr. Tobin some time ago about the rate which he had collected with a view to having it lodged to the credit of the Council. Mr. Tobin promised to hand over the money to the Treasurer of the Council. He did not then make any allegation that any money had been taken from him

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. James Byrne, seconded by Mr. Redmond:-

"That a copy of the communication from Messrs. Huggard & Brennan Solicitors on behalf of Mr. Matthew Tobin, Ex-Rate Collector, be furnished to the Commandant of North Wexford Brigade, and to the Chief of Police for North Wexford, to investigate the charges contained therein".

Under date 14th January 1922 a letter was read from Mr. E. J. Murphy, Rate Collector, New ross, asking if he were to be allowed 13/4 expenses incurred by him in connection with a prosecution by him against Patrick Ryan, Begerin Lloyd, for Rates, a decree had been against Ryan who had lodged the amount of Rates less costs in the Bank.

Adjourned to next meeting.

The Minister for Local Government wrote under date 17th January 1922, calling the attention of the County Council to the fact that in Gorey District only one Collector had collected half the first moiety. The collection in this District was exceedingly unsatisfactory and the Minister impressed upon the Council the necessity of having the first moiety closed herewith.

Under date 19th December 1921, the Minister for Local Government wrote sanctioning proposed payment of £9.11.8 to Mr. Pierce Redmond, late Rate Collector.

Applications were read from a number of Collectors for payment of poundage fees.

Under date 12th January 1922 the Minister for Local Government wrote that the Ministry would not raise any objection to the Council paying poundage fees as proposed to the Collectors whose names appeared on the Minutes of Proceedings of 16th ultimo.

Mr. Devereux moved:-

"That payment of Poundage Fees be made to Rate Collectors in respect of all lodgments made to date".

Mr. Culleton seconded the motion which was adopted.

Objection on the ground of canvassing was made to the appointment of Mr. P. J. Fitzpatrick, Rate Collector for No. 15 Collection

successful candidates for the position.

The Chairman stated that Mr. McGrath had called on him and explained that he withdrew his objection to Mr. Fitzpatrick's appointment.

Mr. J. Radford, Collector for No. 1 Collection District came before the meeting and explained that he was handing over the collection to Mr. James Quirke, the old Collector.

The meeting approved of Mr. J. Quirke resuming his duties as Collector.

The Secretary reported that Patrick Codd, Ex-Rate Collector, Newtownbarry, No. 7 Collection District, would not attend for the checking of his accounts. There was a sum of £707. 16. 3 outstanding.

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

"That the Chief of Police for North Wexford be requested to take steps that Mr. Patrick Codd, Ex-Rate Collector will attend at the Union Offices, Enniscorthy for the checking of his accounts as rate Collector".

Mr. Kavanagh Proposed and Mr. Hall seconded the following resolution:-

"That the Rate Collectors be directed to close their collection within a month from this date".

This was withdrawn in favour of the following resolution which was proposed by Mr. Corish, seconded by Mr. P. Byrne and passed Nem.Con :-

"That in the event of outstanding rates not being paid by 15th February, the Collectors be directed to take proceedings against all defaulting Ratepayers".

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish, seconded by Mr. Seumas Doyle:-

"That we instruct our Secretary to prepare for presentation at Meeting with Rate Collectors on 6th February 1922, particulars of all cases in which Rate Collectors have been interned or imprisoned and the names and addresses of any substitutes for these Collectors and who are at present holding office".

The following report was submitted from Mr. J.J. Fanning, Official Rate Checker for Gorey District, as to accounts of Michael Kinsella, late Rate Collector for No. 13 Collection District:-

"Re Kinsella Ex-Rate Collector:- I had an interview here yesterday with Mr. John Byrne, Raheen on this subject. He states that the proper course would be for the County Council to proceed against Kinsella at the next District Court to be held in Gorey on Saturday, January 28th at 12 o'clock. The position is this. Kinsella admits having collected £146. 16. 5, and he lodged £104. 16. 0. Therefore he has misappropriated £42. 6. 5 on that score. In addition he collected the sum of £18. 8. 2 (as ascertained up to the present) for which he gave no official receipts. The ratepayers in each of these cases have given a signed statement to the present Collector that they paid to Kinsella and they are prepared to come before the Court to verify these statements in presence of Kinsella. The full sum of his defalcations is therefore £60. 14. 7. I sent him several letters and requests to attend for checking but he ignored them all. I only saw the man on one occasion and that was almost at dark when he came here after pressure had been brought him by the I.R.A. through the two lady Inspectors. He kept me till a very late hour of the night going through his accounts which were all in a muddle. In order to detect the full sums he had collected and not lodged, it would have been necessary to go through his receipts page by page and that was impossible at the time. He is still living in the Camolin district but I think he has no means. At the same time in the interests of simple justice I think it would be a bad precedent to let him off scot free".

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

"That Mr. R. W. Elgee, Solicitor to the Council, be instructed to proceed against Michael Kinsella, Ballyshane, Camolin, for recovery of £60. 14. 7 Rates collected by him and not accounted for to Deputy Rate Checker, Gorey District".

Several letters were submitted from Mr. M.J. Finn, Official

Checker, Rate Collector's Accounts, as to the accounts of Mr. Thomas Sullivan, Ex-Rate Collector. These were all referred to the meeting of 6th February to be held with Rate Collectors.

Several other matters in connection with the Rate Collection were adjourned to next meeting of the Council.

University Scholarship Scheme.

The Minister for Local Government, writing under date 17th January 1922 (E.1135) forwarded letter from Minister of Education approving of County Council University Scheme. The latter suggested that it should be explicitly laid down that all Scholarships should be tenable only in a constituent College of the National University Ireland.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish, seconded by Mr. Seumas Doyle:-

"That candidates who secure award of University Scholarship from Wexford County Council be informed that all such scholarships shall be tenable only in a constituent College of the National University (Ireland)".

Primary Scholarship Scheme.

Under date 25th January 1922, the Minister for Education wrote approving of the Primary Scholarship Scheme. He drew attention to the standard of knowledge of Irish language as being too low. As the candidates for these scholarships would apparently be placed in the sixth standard, there appears to be ^{no} good reason for making the standard in Irish equivalent to that of fourth standard. The Minister also considered that the minimum age (14 years) appeared to be rather high., if students were to take full advantage of a secondary education it was advisable they begin in not less than their thirteenth year.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Seumas Doyle, seconded by Mr. Corish:-

"That the recommendations of the Minister of Education in his letter of 25th January 1922, relative to Primary Scholarships Scheme of Wexford County Council, be referred to Primary Scholarship Committee for consideration and report".

The following applied for University Scholarships:-

1. Carty Kathleen, S. 16 Oliver Plunkett Street, Wexford.
2. Cullen Elizabeth M. Lady's Island.
3. Furlong Stephen J. South Main Street, Wexford.
4. Hickey Una M. 24 South Main Street. Wexford.
5. Horan James J. Rowe Street, Wexford.
6. Hall Christopher James, Cornmarket. Wexford.
7. Kehoe Thomas M., Mulrarkin, Bridgetown.
8. Kenny Martin J. Campile (son to)
9. Mooney John, Glenglass, Killanne.
10. Phelan D. Summerville, Wexford.
11. Tobin Patrick S., Bohreen Hill, Enniscorthy.

On the motion of Mr. Seumas Doyle, seconded by the Chairman, it was decided that Mr. Patrick S. Tobin be considered eligible to compete for University Scholarship.

On the motion of Mr. Corish, seconded by Mr. Kavanagh, it was decided that Mr. Christopher J. Hall be considered eligible to compete for University Scholarship.

James J. Horan was considered eligible to compete on the motion of Mr. Devereux, seconded by Mr. Corish.

On the motion of Mr. Corish, seconded by Mr. Hall, it was agreed that Mr. Stephen J. Furlong be allowed to compete for University Scholarship.

On the motion of Mr. Devereux, seconded by Mr. Corish, it was decided that Miss Kathleen S. Carty should be allowed to compete for University Scholarship.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Redmond, it was decided that Mr. Thomas M. Kehoe be considered eligible to compete for University Scholarship.

On the motion of Mr. Cummins, seconded by Mr. Hall, it was agreed that son of Martin J. Kenny be allowed to compete for University Scholarship.

Mr. Devereux proposed that D. Phelan be considered eligible to compete for University Scholarship.

Mr. J. O'Byrne (Gorey) seconded, Mr. Corish proposed and P. Byrne seconded a resolution that Una M. Hickey be considered as eligible to compete for University Scholarship.

Mr. Hall proposed and Mr. Smith seconded a resolution that John Mooney be regarded as eligible to compete for University Scholarship.

A show of hands was then taken with the following result:-

For Mooney, 9

For Hickey, 5

For Phelan, 3

The Chairman declared that John Mooney had been elected to compete for University Scholarship.

Food & Drugs Act Administration.

The Secretary stated he had replies from the Relieving Officers of the County as to acting as Inspectors under Food & Drugs Acts. The three Enniscorthy R. O's would accept £10 each per annum., the two Gorey R.O's left the fixing of salary to the County Council but it was probable they would not accept less than £10 each. The four R.O's for new Ross District would also take £10 each, while the two in Wexford District were asking £50 each. The total salaries for Inspectors would therefore be £190. In addition, the cost of samples would not be less than £150 per annum.

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

"That the Minister for Home Affairs be requested to inform the Wexford County Council as to the best procedure to be adopted in connection with administration of Food & Drugs Acts. The work of the Inspectorate was in the past carried out by old R.I.C. without charge and the Council consider that it might be possible for Ministry for Home Affairs to suggest some scheme by which the work could be carried out by Republican Police!"

Appointment of Analyst.

Under date 23rd January 1922 (Ref. B.11) the Minister for

Local Government dealt with qualifications required by persons who act as County Analysts. In all cases appointments are to be temporary as Department hoped in the near future to develop a definite scheme for this work. The circular concluded:-

"Appointments of Analysts should be made by the County Council in all cases and that body should provide in their advertisement to have the work of all public bodies in the County done by the person appointed, for the salary fixed".

The Secretary explained that up to the present practically all public bodies appointed and paid their own analyst.

The County Council at their meeting on 27th May, 1921 had adopted the following resolution:-

"That Messrs. O'Kelly and Keane and Miss Ryan, 26 Upper Mount Street, Dublin be appointed Analysts to Wexford County Council under Food & Drugs Acts at 5/- per sample analysed, except water fee for which to be £1.1.0, and Poison cases, £2.2.0 as per conditions fixed by County Council, appointment to be determined by a month's notice in writing at either side".

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

"That copy of letter of 23rd January 1922 (ref.B.11) from Local Government Department be furnished the various public bodies of the County and that they be asked for their observations thereon

Transfer to Public Bodies.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. J. J. O'Byrne (Cushinstown) seconded by Mr. Redmond:-

"That the following transfers of money be made to the public bodies financed by the County Council:-

County Asylum £3000

County Wexford Infirmary £100

Guardians

Enniscorthy £1300

Gorey £ 1,000

New Ross £1,400

Wexford £1,200

R/D. Councils

Enniscorthy	£500
Gorey	£500
New Ross	£500
Wexford	£500".

Road Maintenance.

The following report was read from the County Surveyor:-

REPORT TO COUNTY COUNCIL AT MEETING TO BE HELD ON 1st February

-----1922.-----

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

The Ministry of Local Government summoned a meeting of the County Surveyors for the purpose of discussing scheme of distribution and application of Road Grants now available, and on the 24th January the meeting took place at the Mansion House, Dublin. I attended the meeting and most of the Surveyors from Southern Ireland were also in attendance. Mr. Cosgrave, Minister of Local Government was unfortunately not able to be present owing to press of other work, but he had a representative there who went fully into the matter. Later in the evening Mr. Cosgrave attended for a short while and addressed the Surveyors, impressing on them the necessity of having all the roads throughout the County put into good order with as little delay as possible.

The Surveyors were informed that an immediate instalment, amount equal to about one half-year's normal expenditure, would be made to each County, and that the money now available will be apportioned on the coming year's Estimate. Each County will be expected to raise a full estimate, as the Grant now is to be taken as an extra to cover deterioration during the past couple of years. Further instalments will be according to the work done in each County, and eventually each County may hope to get nearly the full amount of the with-held Grants, but this may not be for some time. The work shall be put in hands at once, and as many of the former road workers as possible shall be employed so as to relieve present stress. During Harvest time, or at other times when men are required for farm work it would be advisable to ease off the

County Works so as to release the men who would be required for agricultural purposes. As the money now to be expended does not come off the rates, the County Council can, by resolution, approve of its immediate expenditure, and it will not be necessary to have proposals from the several District Councils. In regard to the expenditure on roads covering the coming year's estimate there will be no difficulty in dealing with the financial limit, as the Local Government Department will sanction any necessary increase.

The claim for roads and bridges damaged by contending forces are not included in the Grant and an Estimate of the cost of restoration shall be put in separately., road improvement Grants, formerly dealt with by the Ministry of Transport are also excluded and will be dealt with by another Department.

I have gone carefully into a scheme for the utilisation of the money, and taking a basis of £20,000 as being at once available I suggest that this money be expended in the following manner:-

1. ~~Take~~ over and pay road contractors for such materials as they have put out on the roads during the past months, and arrange with them for payment on the best terms. As most of this material is from County Council quarries the money to be paid contractors will be generally for haulage only, and I estimate that a sum of about £150 will cover this.
2. Arrange to spread all material on roads now, to the best advantage in levelling up ruts and pot-holes. As there will be I estimate about 1,000 c. yards of this, the cost will amount to about £150.
3. Arrange for the hauling and spreading of all material now prepared in the Council quarries. This is about 4,300 c. yards and will require the expenditure of about £2,000.
4. Break all material at present in the rough in the Council quarries. This is about 9,000 c. yards and will require £1,800.
5. Haul to the road and spread material as set out in No. 4 and this will cost about £4,050.

The total of the above items amounts to £8,150.

LABOUR.

I propose that in all about 350 men be at once employed and taking the wages at £2 per week this will mean an expenditure of £700 per week. It will be necessary in connection with these labourers to have sixteen gangers at £2.10.0. per week making £40 per week, that is a total for labour of £740 per week. Arranging for a twelve-weeks period of continuous work this will require £8,880. There will be a balance out of the £20,000 of £2,970 which should be expended in quarries and rolling as may be considered most advisable while the work proceeds.

It is my suggestion that each workman be put in charge of a certain section of first or second class roads with a number of third class roads also under his care so that he may distribute the work on the sections in his charge as may be most necessary. There are in the County 154 miles of first class and 316 miles of second class roads, a total of 470 which would allow of each workingman having in or about one and one-third miles of such roads, and he would also have about four miles of bye-roads. I consider therefore that the workman would be able to give about four days per week to the leading roads and the balance of the time would be employed on the bye-roads. This would enable far more satisfactory work being done than has been formerly possible. and I believe would have the effect of immediate improvement on the roads.

There are at present a number of existing road contracts but as the Local Government Department pointed out the money now to be expended is an extra I do not think the contractors generally can raise any point as regards their contracts. However in cases where labourers are also contractors there should be no difficulty in giving them employment and in the case of other contractors work can be found for them in many cases in hauling materials.

If this work be undertaken it will be necessary that my staff be immediately re-employed and if possible I would also suggest that the County Council take steps to allow of our returning at once to our former offices in the County Hall, as the present

arrangement of offices will be most unsuitable for carrying out the work satisfactorily.

The following Circular letter was read from the Local Government Department Aireacht Riaghaltas

Dail Eireann.

Aireacht Riaghaltas Aiteamhla. Local Govt. Department.

To Each County, District and Urban Council.

A Chara,

During the coming financial year large sums of money representing the balance of Grants withheld from your Council during the war period after deducting all the normal payments made to the British Government in respect of Interest and principal on loans etc., will available. This will relieve the rate for which you are now estimating and enable the County Councils to bring back to normal conditions the service which has been generally most neglected throughout the country, namely, Road Maintenance.

The Ministry of Local Government, realising the enormous expense to which further neglect of the roads must naturally lead, has decided to encourage immediate action towards their repair by forwarding the first instalments which come to hand of the withheld grants to those Councils which are reported by our Inspectors to be devoting to roads the necessary attention.

Each Local Authority must include in the estimate for the coming year all sums due to the British Government which were withheld and in striking the rate for year 1922-23 you should assume an Agricultural Grant equivalent to that of the normal year together with the balance of grants due to your Council from the war period after discharging all liabilities in respect of Government loans. Where the Agricultural land in the year 1921-22 received the benefits of differentiation of rates based on the assumption that the Grants should be credited whether received or not, the above should not be construed to give to Agricultural Land greater relief than usual.

Your Office Staff, with the assistance of the County Surveyor, should immediately tackle the question of internal financial adjustments as between different services in your County, and where monies levied for one service were expended on another the adjustment should be completed with the least possible delay. The Road Service in most cases has been particularly hit in this way. You will therefore now consider it your duty to restore this important branch of your administration proceeding as follows:-

You will instruct your County Surveyor to prepare his Road Estimate for maintenance and repair not including Bridges with a view to putting the roads back to their normal condition within the year. Such Estimate should not be reduced by the Council unless it exceeds the last approved limit of expenditure. Having thus provided a reasonable annual estimate under prevailing conditions you will add and place at the Surveyor's disposal all monies levied in respect of road expenditure during the past two years and not applied for that purpose.

With a view to levelling up the total expenditure on roads over the past three years by the end of the current year you will further instruct your Surveyor to estimate the Council's war loss for bridges, roads etc., and lodge a claim with the Council's Secretary just as a private individual would. In this connection of course it will not be necessary to hold over work of repair until decrees are secured. In fact it is a matter of primary importance that bridges which have been temporarily been filled up are now causing or are liable to cause floods should be dealt with immediately.

Your Surveyor should therefore be formally instructed to get his road and maintenance going with the least possible delay, while you, on your part, ought to have arrangements completed for meeting expenses incurred by him in connection with this Scheme.

At a Conference called for the purpose on the 24th instant a representative of this Department explained to the Surveyors in detail the line of action they should take up with a view to assisting their several Councils in every possible way to have

the terms of the Circular carried out without delay. It should be noted that for the year 1922-23 Limit and Expenditure will apply only to the Surveyor's estimate and not in any way interfere with the gross expenditure on roads. Surveyors will see that the terms of the Scheme have since been considerably changed. This will however, necessitate only slight alterations in their plans.

Mise le meas,

L.T. MacCosgair,

Minister for Local Government.

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

"That work on roads, as outlined by County Surveyor in his report presented to this meeting, proceed without prejudice: that a Special Meeting of the County Council be held on Saturday 4th February 1922, at 10.30 a.m. in Town Hall, Wexford, to consider, in conjunction with the Members of the Roads Committee, Report of County Surveyor and Circular letter from Local Government Department that copy of these documents be furnished each County Councillor and the Members of Roads Committee".

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

"That the County Surveyor be directed to communicate immediately with the Ministry of Labour with the view of ascertaining if the money set aside for the classification of roads scheme be still available, and, if so, ^{on} what percentage it will be distributed to the local bodies concerned".

Mr. James Byrne moved:-

"That Road Contractors who have been penalised on account of the suspension of road contract work be invited to apply for haulage or other similar work under the new scheme". Mr. Devereux seconded.

After considerable discussion Mr. Byrne withdrew his motion on the understanding that the system which obtained under the Drainage Scheme and as explained by the County Surveyor would remain in force.

Roads in Foulksmills District.

The following was submitted from a number of Ratepayers in

Foulksmills District:-

"We, the undersigned, wish to draw your attention to the shocking state of the roads leading from R.C. Chapel of Cullens-town to the Old Pound cross at Hoertown and from the Pound Cross to the bridge of Foulksmills. These two roads are now impassable in some parts for ordinary traffic and there is a boghole right across the whole road at the Mill leading to Mr. Day's Corn Mill, which even foot passengers find hard to pass over in the day time. we hope the County Council will instruct their County Surveyor to put these roads in repair as soon as possible as at the present it is dangerous for the public to pass over them, and oblige the following Ratepayers".

The County Surveyor explained that with the new Road Grant, he would be able to have the roads referred to in Foulksmills District and other parts of the county put into a proper state of repair.

Mr. Simon O'Neill, Oldtown, Ferns and other ratepayers from the district wrote, under date 27th December 1921, complaining of the neglected state of the roads leading from Ferns to Clonegal between the turn in Ballyandrew and Oldtown.

The County Surveyor stated he had not enough money on hands to put this road into repair but he expected to be able to include it with other work under the new grant.

Gullet at Fahy's Cross.

Under date 9th January 1922 Messrs. Huggard & Brennan, Solicitors, Wexford, wrote that Mr. James Kelly complained that nothing had yet been done to rectify the condition of the gullett under the road at the Wexford side of Fahy's Cross. If any heavy rains should come Mr. Kelly anticipated considerable flooding. Mr. Kelly was at a loss already and he hoped the Council would attend to the matter.

The County Surveyor stated that this work had been carried out.

Other matters in connection with roads were adjourned to next Meeting.

Expenses of Inquests.

ment wrote (17508-21) approving of the payment of £1.9.0 expenses incurred in connection with the holding of inquest on the body of Thomas Connolly held on 13th October, 1921.

Motor Ambulance.

Under date 8th January 1922 (B.1) the Minister for Local Government forwarded particulars and cost of spare parts which were necessary in connection with Motor Ambulance for Public Health Board.

The Secretary stated that a copy of this letter had been furnished the Secretary, County Public Health Board.

Resolution as to Employment of Workmen
on Roads.

The following resolution was received from Wexford Trades & Labour Council:-

"That we express our strongest condemnation of the action of Wexford County Council in placing in hands of a political society control of the employment of workers on public roads as being directly opposed to inherent right of every man and woman to earn their living irrespective of their political or religious beliefs. In our opinion the spirit manifested is only different in degree from the spirit underlying the pogroms in Belfast when thousands of workers were deprived of the opportunity of earning their living on account of their religious or political beliefs. In addition, we look upon it as introducing into public life the pernicious system of political patronage which inevitably saps honesty and independence in public life by making the living of a number of people dependent on the maintenance in power of a particular party and the using of Public Body to influence electors. We therefore request that this resolution be removed from the records of the Council".

The following was received from North Wexford Executive, Irish Transport & General Workers' Union, under date 24th January 1922:-

"We, the representatives of the Workers of North Wexford, having seen in the press where the County Council adopted the resolution giving work on the roads to members of Sinn Fein Clubs,

we call upon the County Council to leave the employment of the road workers to the Labour Unions as heretofore".

Mr. A. A. Connolly, Clerk, Rural District Council, Enniscorthy wrote under date 22nd December 1921, that Dail Eireann had written that the resolution which had been submitted to the County Council for adoption was contrary to their decree re religious and political tests.

The following resolution was proposed by Mr. J.J.O'Byrne (Cushinstown) seconded by Mr. Kavanagh:-

"That the Wexford County Council calls on the Wexford Trades & Labour Council for a public withdrawal of and apology for, resolution passed by them at meeting held on 29th December 1921. The Wexford County Council never passed any resolution limiting employment on roads to any particular set of workers. They were asked to do so and refused, having adopted the following:-

"That we, as a County Council, representing all sections of the people, welcome recommendations as to County Council administration from any representative body of the people and will give these every consideration. If Monageer Sinn Fein Club or Glenbrien (Branch Dr. O'Dywer) Sinn Fein Club have a grievance relative to the Direct Labour Scheme on roads, the Council will be prepared to deal with same on their attention being called to it".

As an amendment Mr. Corish proposed and Mr. P. Byrne seconded the following:-

"That we desire to inform the Wexford Trades & Labour Council that we, the Wexford County Council, never passed such a resolution as that referred to in resolution of Wexford Trades & Labour Council of December 29th, 1921, and hence consider this last mentioned resolution should be withdrawn".

On a show of hands seven were found in favour of the amendment and nine against. The amendment was declared lost and the resolution was then put and passed without dissent.

Mr. Devereux proposed:-

"That the Press, which is responsible for the statement that the resolution complained of by the Wexford Trades & Labour Council

was adopted by the County Council, be requested to withdraw their erroneous statement".

Mr. Devereux did not however press the matter to a decision and it was subsequently withdrawn.

Extension of Parliamentary Franchise.

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

"That we demand the Parliamentary Franchise be settled so as to be in operation for next election to all men and women of 20 years on birthday preceding lodgment of claim, irrespective of sex or qualification except that of citizenship. That a copy of this resolution be furnished President and Mr. de Valera".

Claim for Extra R. I. C.

Under date 4th January 1922, the County Inspector R.I.C. forwarded claim for £86.5.10 for extra R.I.C. for halfyear ended 30th September 1920.

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

"That we refuse to pay account for £86.5.10 for extra constabulary for halfyear ended 30th September 1920".

Sanction Payment Acting Secretary.

Under date 18th January 1922, the Minister for Local Government wrote sanctioning the proposed payment of £50 to Mr. T. Frizelle for his services as Acting Secretary.

County Hall.

Mr. R. W. Elgee, Solicitor to the County Council, under date 3rd January 1922, forwarded copy of letter which he had received from Captain Brennan, Brigade Lands Office, offering to pay rent and taxes of County Hall and to pay the Council a sum of £50 to cover removal of effects, also rent of present offices. He (Mr. Elgee) had written to Captain Brennan that his proposal would not even be considered by the Council.

The Secretary requested the meeting to point out to the Provisional Government the necessity for having the County Hall

handed back to the Council. The present premises were entirely unsuited for offices, they were bare and draughty, without fireplace and had been described by a Medical Doctor as unfit even for cattle. He (Secretary) since his release from prison on 26th November had had three attacks of illness owing to the cold of the present premises in which the work of the Council was carried on, and other members of the staff had also been laid up. The place was entirely out of the way and did not allow of sufficient room for the staff to carry on their work.

The records of the Council were in a most topsy turvey condition and would require a considerable amount of sorting. A number had been lost. This was unavoidable as the staff had been at an hour's notice thrown out of the Hall at point of revolver and rifle, and papers, books etc., had been thrown out with them. The Secretary's own private records and books had entirely disappeared. Seeing the manner in which the County Council had been treated and the extraordinary inconvenience which the staff had to put up with, the Council ought to have no hesitation in calling on the Provisional Government to have the place vacated forthwith and handed back to its rightful owners.

The following resolution was proposed by Mr. Culleton, seconded by Mr. Devereux and unanimously adopted:-

"That we call upon the Department for Home Affairs to take steps to have the County Hall restored to the County Council. The staff of the Council is at present working in a most unsuitable premises viz:- a disused workhouse ward. These are so cold and draughty (being unprovided with fireplaces) that several cases of illness have occurred, while the accommodation for papers and records is wretched. We would remind the Ministry for Home Affairs that the staff was thrown out of the County Hall at the point of rifle and revolver to make room for R.I.C., and that all documents and records which were not removed on an hour's notice to vacate the place, were thrown out into the street and numbers of them disappeared.

The present offices are most inconvenient for the general public

as they are situate at some distance from the town of Wexford. We hope the Ministry for Home Affairs will attend to the matter at once. The English Police can move into the Military Barrack though in any event we fail to see why our staff should be incommoded and their health injured to accommodate people who are enemies of Ireland. That on the premises being handed over on behalf of the Council our Secretary be instructed to have them properly fumigated and disinfected before re-occupation by our staff".

Voters & Jurors Acts.

Under date 13th January 1922 (E.1084) the Minister for Local Government wrote that remuneration for preparation of Jurors & Franchise Lists may be paid to all officers concerned, on the basis of last year's payment, provided that a guarantee is signed by the officials to do this work if called on before the 31st March.

Books Etc. taken by R.I.C.

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

"That we request Captain Howlett, Liason Officer to take steps to have the books and records taken by a party of R.I.C. from County Council Offices on 22nd November, 1920, returned at once to our Secretary".

Committee for Petty Business.

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

"That Messrs. Corish, Devereux, E. Foley and C. Culleton be appointed a Committee to deal with matters of petty business and to report on same to the Council. That our Secretary summon said Committee as he considers their services may be required".

Old Age pension Business.

A recommendation was received from Enniscorthy by Kiltale Old Age Pension Sub-Committee (No. 5) for the appointment of Mr. James Lawlor, Coolree, Ballindaggin.

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

"That Mr. James Lawlor, Coolree, Ballindaggin, be appointed a member of No. 5 Sub-Committee Old Age pensions Act".

-----ooOoo-----

(Signed) _____

Presiding Chairman

Dated this day of 19

SPECIAL MEETING, 4th February, 1922.

Present:-

Mr. J.R. Etchingham, (Chairman) presiding., also
Messrs. John O'Byrne (Gorey) Seamus Doyle, Michael Cloney, R. Corish,
G. Devereux, John Murphy, John Cummins, J. Pender, Sean Sinnott,
C. Cullleton, D. Kavanagh and James Shannon.

The Secretary, the County Surveyor, the Assistant Secretary,
Mr. T. Treanor, Senior Assistant Surveyor, and Miss Lister, Inspector,
Local Government Department, were also in attendance.

Resumption of Road Work.

Report of County Surveyor as to proposal of Local Government
Department to furnish grants to allow of road work being resumed
was presented to the meeting. The Report appears in full on
Minutes of Meeting of 1st February 1922 (pages 16, 17 & 18).

Circular letter from Local Government Department as to how
grants were to be dealt with and estimates for Rates for 1922-23
prepared was also read. This circular letter (Ref. A-129) appears
in full on Minutes of County Council of 1st February 1922 (pages
19 and 20).

The Chairman proposed and Mr. Corish seconded the following
resolution:-

"That the report of the County Surveyor be received and adopted"
"Passed"

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr.
Seamus Doyle, seconded by Mr. Shannon:-

"That estimates received from Boards of Guardians, Rural District
Councils and Adylum, be returned for the purpose of having included
as debits therein the amounts due for repayment of Loans, Interest
etc., to the British Treasury.

In connection with remuneration to be paid road workers under
the proposed scheme, Mr. Cloney proposed that the resolution of the
Council fixing the wages of workers on roads at 1/- per hour be
rescinded.

The Chairman pointed out the resolution in question would only
be rescinded by notice of motion and Mr. Cloney stated he would

forward notice of motion to the Secretary later.

Mr. Corish proposed, Mr. Culleton seconded and it was passed:-

"That road workers to be employed under the provisions of Scheme submitted by the County Surveyor be paid at the rate of 1/- per hour for a 40 hour week".

Mr. Devereux proposed and the Chairman seconded the following resolution which was unanimously adopted:-

"That a certain percentage of Ex-service men, who fought for Ireland in the late war, be employed under the proposed Direct Labour Scheme".

In connection with membership and payment of subscriptions to Transport Union, Mr. Seamus Doyle read a letter which he had from Liberty Hall, Dublin, stating that the cards of men who had been imprisoned or interned would be fully stamped for the period of their incarceration but a similar privilege could not be given in the case of men who were on the run. Mr. Doyle said he wrote to Liberty Hall, pointing out the injustice of this course but the Transport Union stated they could not alter their decision.

The Chairman called attention to the necessity which existed for the cutting of hedges at dangerous corners and the cleaning of passways for water under roads. Owing to the neglect of the latter a great many roads were being flooded. The County Council would be glad to have land owners carry out this work without compulsion.

It was decided on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Culleton, that the County Surveyor insert an advertisement to this effect in the local papers, calling the attention of land holders to cases which should be dealt with at once, and report to the County Council how far his instructions in these matters have been attended to, as, failing their requests being complied with, the Council will have to make use of their compulsory powers.

General Purposes Committee.

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

"That the names of Mr. D. Kavanagh, and Mr. Sean Sinnott be added to the General Purposes Committee appointed at last meeting

of the Council on 1st February 1922, for consideration of items of Petty Business and that cases relative to Road Contractors before this day's Meeting of County Council be referred to said Committee for report".

Repair and Maintenance of Bridges.

Under date 4th January 1922, the Clerk, Urban Council, New Ross wrote that his Council had agreed to maintain the roadway and approaches of New Ross Bridge (exclusive of wooden portion) from 1st January to 30th June for the sum of £20.

He was directed to again draw the attention of the County Council to the very dangerous condition of the wooden portion of the bridge and to request that they will take immediate steps to have it put in proper state of repair and thus remove the possibility of serious injury to the public when using the bridge.

The County Surveyor stated that the necessary repairs had been carried out to the wooden portion of New Ross Bridge.

The following was read from Meeting of Roads Committee (22nd December, 1921)--

"That we recommend the County Council to have repairs carried out to the following bridges at amounts specified, by the County Surveyor, viz:-

Deep's Bridge,	£37
Kilconnib	£95
Ballymotey	£187.10.0"

The recommendation of the Roads Committee was confirmed on the motion of Mr. Culleton, seconded by Mr. Cloney.

In connection with Ferrycarrig Bridge, the County Surveyor reported that two pile heads were defective and required immediate repair, cost not to exceed £25.

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

"That defective pile heads at Ferrycarrig Bridge be repaired, cost not to exceed £25".

The County Surveyor reported that Wexford Bridge required metalling.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish seconded by Mr. Shannon:-

"That metalling be provided for Wexford Bridge, cost not to exceed £25".

Roads Committee.

The following report of Roads Committee Meeting 16th December 1921, was received and adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish, seconded by Mr. Seamus Doyel--

"The Committee appointed at Meeting of County Council on 16th December 1921, to consider complaints from Road Contractors etc., met immediately after meeting of County Council on same date.

"The following were in attendance:-

"Messrs. Foley, McCarthy, Redmond, Kavanagh, Hall & Sinnott, with the County Surveyor and Mr. Treanor, Senior Assistant Surveyor".

Road 8R.

"James Furlong, Whitemoor, New Ross, wrote under date 2nd December 1921, that he had held the contract for above road for a number of years and he would now be prepared to clean watertables etc. on road for one year at a fixed price if the Council would not propose to have the work done by Direct Labor".

"Referred to the County Surveyor to have the work carried out provided the money be available".

Road 3W.

"Correspondence was read from Mr. Thos. Foran, General president Irish Transport & General Workers' Union, complaining that Denis Murphy had been employed on above road displacing a member of the Union, John Kinsella, Castlebridge, and from James Hogan, Secretary Castlebridge Section, Irish Transport & General Workers' Union stating that Murphy only joined the Union to secure work on the road".

"Mr. Aidan Mernagh, Oylegate, came before the meeting in support of the employment of Kinsella".

"The County Surveyor stated that Murphy had been a member of the Union while a branch existed in Castlebridge, and Kinsella it was stated only joined in October when a Branch was started in

Oylegate. Besides Murphy had been employed on this road for some time previously.

"It was decided to approve of the County Surveyor in employing Murphy".

Road 25E.

"Mr. James O'Brien, of Glenteigue, Edermine, appeared before the Committee in regard to his claim for several sums. The Committee decided that the first item in his claim, viz:- £92.14.3 was one that had been considered by the previous County Council anterior to June 1920, and referred to contracts previously enforced. The Committee now decided that the matter is outside the consideration of the Council. In regard to Mr. O'Brien's other claims, it was decided to adjourn the consideration as the Committee had not sufficient information before them, Mr. O'Brien and the County Surveyor were directed to submit full particulars".

re 1W.

"A letter from Messrs. Huggard & Brennan, Solicitors, Wexford dealing with flooding of Kelly's holding at Knottown, Wexford was considered. The County Surveyor reported that a trench had been made at the side of a gullet, which had been broken down. Subsequently to allow of the traffic proceeding on the road the trench was filled in solidly, with the result that the flow of water was blocked. The Committee recommended the County Surveyor to have the work carried out at once, so as to relieve the flooding".

re 162W.

"Letter from Messrs. O'Connor, Solicitors, Wexford, reporting to a horse belonging to Mr. John Cogley of Edwardstown, Cleariestown was considered. the County Surveyor reported that the matter had been reported to the Insurance Company, who would be liable in case of damage being payable. The County Surveyor also reported that Mr. Roche of Cleariestown had subsequently repaired the gullet".

227E & 236E.

"Mr. Michael Nolan, D.C. Ballycoursey, Glenbrien wrote under date 15th December 1921, that Road 227E was impassible and the

ratepayers of the district were complaining. The approach to Catholic Church of Glenbrien (Road 236) was in a very bad state and Contractor held it was not included in specification".

"The County Surveyor explained that nothing further could be done on 227E until the County Council allocated more money for road expenditure. As regards No. 236E the County Surveyor stated that the approach to Glenbrien Catholic Church had been specially included in the terms of road contract by instructions of Rural District Council of Enniscorthy".

Ordered:-

"That County Surveyor direct the Contractor to carry out the work".

22W, 102W & 103W.

"Messrs. Crotty & Kelly, Solicitors, Wexford, wrote on behalf of Maurice Crean, Arnestown, Ballymitty, Contractor for Roads Nos. 22W, 102W and 103W that this man's contract was cancelled by the Council when he had the necessary material ready for repair of these roads. For this he claimed damages of £32.16.9. He also claimed £15.16.9 amount due on a former contract for these roads and £17 due on 104W".

"The Committee decided to take no action as regards claim for damages for suspension of contracts, but that claims for payment of sums on foot of contracts should be examined by County Surveyor and payment be made on his certificate".

23G.

"Letter under date 14th December 1921, was received from Denis Murphy, Seaview Cottage, Coumstown Harbour, complaining that he had not been paid for work under Sudden Damage Order for repair to bridge on Road 23G amount £4".

"The County Surveyor explained that payment would have been made before now were it not for the fact that the Sudden Damage Order was not in order as it bore the signatures of two County Councillors instead of two Rural District Councillors. A new form had been sent Mr. Murphy with instructions and when form came to hand payment would be dealt with".

93G & 95G.

"Henry O'Neill, Ballingarry, Gorey, applied for payment of £8 which he stated was due on foot of contracts 93G and 95G.

"County Surveyor was instructed to look into the claim and report

Contractors M. Cullen (Crush, Ballaghkeene) &
Joseph Cullen (Borelia, Kilcotty)

"These two Contractors came before the meeting asking for advance on account of work which they had carried out during last Summer and Autumn",

"The County Surveyor stated that these Contractors had done some work, but they had been notified by him that they were carrying out this work at their own risk. No payment in connection with such work could be dealt with until Road Work was re-started by the County Council".

"The Committee made no order".

re Direct Labour Men.

"A list from Mr. Denis Whelan, Secretary of Irish Transport & general Workers' Union, Oylegate Branch, with reference to payment of arrears to Direct labour men for use of horses or donkeys, was considered. The County Surveyor reported that the delay in dealing with the matter arose owing to the loss of Schedule of names as approved of by the County Council some time ago. This was missing after the Council was ejected from the County Hall, but recently a further list had been obtained, and payment had now been made".

"Accordingly no order was made by the Committee".

County Printing.

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

"That tender for County Printing for year 1922 be considered by the General Purposes Committee".

Extraordinary Traffic.

Under date 12th January 1922, the Minister for Local Government wrote (107/22) asking what powers the Council sought in addition to those provided for in the Public Road (Ireland) Act 1911 in order to recover damage to roads by timber hauliers.

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

"That the Secretary and County Surveyor submit recommendations as to how best to recover for damage to roads by timber traffic etc".

Proposed Pensions for Roadmen.

The following resolution was received from Dublin County Council

"That we, the Dublin County Council, call upon the Minister for Local Government to introduce legislation in the next session of Dail Eireann empowering each County Council to grant pensions to their roadmen, and all other, at present non-pensionable employees, upon the same basis as the pensionable officers of the Council".

The above resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish, seconded by Mr. J. O'Byrne.

Decrees under Criminal Injuries Acts.

Under date 24th January 1922, the Minister for Local Government wrote (E.1281) that persons who have obtained or await decrees under the Criminal Injuries Acts or Section 5 of the Local Government Act 1898, or have suffered damage but have not lodged claims, shall before April 1st file such decrees or claims with the Secretary of the County Council in which the damage occurred.

Machinery Account.

Letter from Messrs. Thompsons Motor Car Company.

Under date 3rd January 1922, the following letter from the Managing Director, Thompsons Motor Car Company, Dublin, was forwarded by Messrs. M.J. O'Connor & Company, Solicitors, Wexford.

"With reference to the Eagle Engineering Co's claim against us for trailers supplied to the Wexford County Council, owing to the County Council not carrying out their undertaking to us we have had to pay £35. 7. 6 interest as per enclosed account. I think that the County Council should certainly pay this amount and should be glad if you would take the matter up with them. There are still four more trailers awaiting delivery".

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

"That claim for Interest by Messrs. Thompsons' Motor Car

Company, Dublin in connection with purchase of trailer waggons be

refused".

Public Health Board- Resignation of Dr. Ryan.

Under date 12th January 1922, Dr. Ryan wrote that while he was a member of the Public Health Board it was a pleasure to do what he could in the interests of the amalgamation scheme. He regretted however, that he had to resign membership of the Board as owing to a certain resolution which the County Council had adopted, and more especially owing to some remarks which were made at the same meeting, he could no longer remain the nominee of the Wexford County Council on any Board.

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

"That we request Dr. J. Ryan to reconsider his resignation as Member of County Public Health Board".

Coronership for South Wexford.

The following resolution was adopted at a recent meeting of the County Council:-

"That the question of continuing Mr. J.J. Roche in office as Coroner for South Wexford, be considered at a future meeting of the County Council".

It was decided that no further action be taken in the matter.

Dr. S.A. Furlong and Attendance at Inquests.

At an inquest held on 20th October 1921, at the County Wexford Infirmary and at which Dr. Furlong, Resident Surgeon, refused to give evidence on the grounds that he had held a commission in the King's Army and still held the rank of Captain, and that he had sworn allegiance to the King and would not forswear it.

The County Council asked for the resolution adopted on the matter by the County Wexford Infirmary Committee and were informed that it was as follows:-

"That we instruct Dr. Furlong to be represented at any inquiry for the purpose of supplying any medical evidence that may be held in connection with the death of any person who dies in this Institution under his care. That failing Dr. Furlong carrying out this instruction the County Council be informed of this refusal

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

"That this County Council is of opinion that Dr. Furlong, Surgeon County Infirmary, should attend and give evidence at all inquests held in County Wexford Infirmary".

Duplicate Pay Orders.

Under date 16th January 1922 the Manager, National Bank, Wexford applied for issue of duplicate Pay Orders for Nos. 234 and 235 (Subsidiary account) and Nos. 83 and 97 (General account) which had been lost in transit between Enniscorthy and Wexford.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Seamus Doyle, seconded by Mr. Corish:-

"That duplicate pay orders be issued as per application of Manager, National Bank, Wexford, under 10th January 1922".

Advertising Contract.

The following resolution was adopted at a recent meeting of the County Council:-

"That the question of paying amount of contract for advertising be considered at next ordinary meeting of the Council".

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

"That our Secretary be instructed to pay amount due on foot of advertising Contract".

Standardised Half-Holiday.

The North Wexford Employers & Traders' Federation forwarded the following resolution:-

"That we respectfully petition the newly constituted government of Ireland to enact by statute at an early date an Act establishing by law the weekly half-holiday upon a stated day for each week and suggest that the application thereof apply in conjunction with the operations of the Factory & Workshop Act to avoid the necessity of a second half-holiday in any district".

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

"That this County Council is in favour of a standardised weekly

half-holiday to be held on the same day of the week for all concerned

Courtown Harbour.

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

"That in the event of it becoming necessary, Miss Etchingham be allowed to erect portico to her house at Courtown Harbour in accordance with the plan of White Cross. In the meantime, the County Surveyor be instructed to communicate with Mr. Dowse, Umrigar Tinahely, landlord of house occupied by Mr. Anthony Williams and which adjoins Miss Etchingham's, as to removal of portico and railing from house of Mr. Williams and both of which were erected without the consent of the County Council".

-----ooOoo-----

(Signed)

Presiding Chairman

Dated this day of 19

MEETING. 1st MARCH, 1922.

A meeting of the Wexford County Council was held in the Town Hall, Wexford on 1st March 1922.

Present:- Messrs. John Sinnott, Philip Lennon, John J. O'Byrne, John Pender, R. Corish, John Cummins, James Shannon, C. Culleton, John O'Byrne, John Murphy, Michael Redmond, G. Devereux.

Miss Lister, Inspector, Local Government Department, and the Secretary, the County Surveyor, the Assistant Secretary, and Mr. T. Treanor, Senior Assistant Surveyor were also in attendance.

Mr. Elgee, Solicitor to the Council, was also present.

On the motion of Mr. Cummins, seconded by Mr. Redmond, the chair was taken by Mr. John J. O'Byrne.

The Minutes of Meeting of the Council on 1st February 1922, and of Special meeting on 4th February 1922, were read and confirmed.

Mr. Etchingham (Chairman) wired, regretting his inability to attend.

Replies to Votes of Condolence.

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

"That the replies to votes of condolence read at this meeting from His Lordship (Most Rev, Dr. Codd), Miss Bessie Kehoe and Rev. J. Kelly, C.C. New Ross, be inserted in the minutes of this day's meeting of the Wexford County Council".

Most Rev. Dr. Codd wrote:-

"The resolution adopted by the Co. Council exhibits their keen sense of the loss which has befallen us in the death of the late Sovereign Pontiff.

The cares attending the great office to which he was called are ordinarily very onerous. But owing to the turmoil through which the world passed during his pontificate, his shoulders were made to feel in an increased degree the weight of responsibility.

The recognition of the nobility of his character and aims, and of the high religious motives which guided his justice and humanity, is a fitting tribute to his memory from a world which now deplores his loss.

The debt of gratitude which we, as a people, owe to the late Pontiff has been well expressed in the terms of your resolution".

The following was read from Miss Bessie Kehoe, Ballintubrid, Blackwater:-

"Please convey to the members of the Council my sincere thanks for their kind sympathy as expressed in their resolution of regret on the death of my dear brother, Simon. It is indeed a consolation to know his comrades held him in such affection and esteem".

The following was read from Rev. J. Kelly, C.C., New Ross:-

"Kindly convey to your Council my very sincere thanks and deep gratitude for the resolution of condolence they so kindly tendered to me on the sad occasion of my dear mother's death. R.I.P. It is indeed a severe trial and a loss that cannot be repaired in this world. But when Almighty God has been pleased to call her to Himself, we must only try and bear it with resignation to His Adorable Will.

"Thanking you also, dear Mr. Frizelle, for your kind sympathy".

Courtown Harbour.

Mr. J. O'Byrne inquired if anything had been done in the matter of approaching Mr. Dowse, Umrigar Tinahely, Co. Wicklow, landlord of house occupied by Anthony Williams, Courtown harbour, with a view to having removed porch to this house which is considered an obstruction to the public.

The County Surveyor stated he understood the Chairman of the Council was to have arranged the matter with Mr. Dowse.

On the motion of Mr. Corish, seconded by Mr. John O'Byrne, the following resolution was adopted::

"That the County Surveyor be instructed to carry out the resolution of the County Council, adopted at the meeting of the Council on 4th February, as to house at Courtown Harbour occupied by Mr. Anthony Williams".

Days of Meetings of County Council.

The following Notice of Motion stood in the name of Mr. Seamus Doyle:-

"That until further notice, all meetings of the County Council

be held on Tuesdays instead of on Wednesdays".

Under date 27th February 1922, Mr. Doyle wrote that owing to attendance at Dail Eireann session, he would not be able to attend the meeting of the County Council on 1st March, but perhaps some other member would take up his resolution. His reason for seeking the change was because the Enniscorthy Rural District Council met on Wednesdays, and their meeting almost always clashes with County Council meeting.

By permission of the meeting, the notice of motion was moved by Mr. Murphy.

Mr. Shannon seconded.

After considerable discussion, it was decided (Mr. Murphy and Mr. Shannon consenting) that the future meetings of the County Councils be held on Mondays.

County Public Health Board.

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

"That representation of Wexford Corporation on County Public Health Board be increased from two to four members".

Mr. Sinnott seconded.

In connection with the same matter, the following notice of motion stood in the name of Mr. James Hall:-

"That Messrs. C. McCarthy (Senior) Murrintown, and John McCormack, Arnestown, Ballymitty, be appointed additional members of County Public Health Board".

After considerable discussion the following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Cummins:-

"That the Acting Secretary to County Public Health Board be requested to furnish to the members of the County Council return of the attendance of the members of his Committee, and that he ascertain from those who have not attended if it be their intention to continue membership of the Committee. Pending the receipt and consideration of this information that the notice of motion as regards membership be adjourned".

The Acting Secretary, County Public Health Board, wrote that at the meeting of this body on the 17th February, 1922, a

resolution was adopted, asking the County Council to defray the travelling expenses of members attending meetings of the Board.

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

"That the application from County Public Health Board, as to payment of travelling expenses to members attending meetings, be submitted to the Local Government Department for their direction thereon".

Amalgamation of Unions Scheme.

The following under date 20th February 1922, was read from Mr. D. O'Sullivan, Acting Secretary, County Public Health Board:-

"Your Council's resolution regarding the Union Amalgamation finance was laid before the Public Health Board at their meeting on Friday last.

In view of the probable economy under the Scheme, they decided to ask the County Council to raise only £28,000 for institutional relief for next year, instead of £31,966, the amount calculated to be included in the Union Estimates for institutional purposes. This will have the effect of reducing the Union Estimates from £50,342 to £46,376. Each Union Estimate to be reduced pro rata.

Regarding the payment of compensation to officers retired under the Scheme, the amount of which is estimated at £8,427, the Board consider that the question of how this liability should be met might be left in the hands of the Co. Council, but they suggest that perhaps your Council might meet the charge out of the arrears of Grants due to them by the late Government.

Regarding the Motor Ambulance, it was decided to ask your Council to provide three, one for each town, with the exception of Enniscorthy, which has one already.

It was also decided to request your Council to defray the expenses of the Board until you supply them with funds. I will furnish you with the accounts requiring payment".

The following resolution, adopted by New Ross Board of Guardians on 25th February 1922, was read:-

"That the question of Amalgamation of Hospitals be postponed until such time as An Dail produce a general scheme of Amalgamation

for Ireland, workhouse portion of the Scheme to be proceeded with, the Wexford County Council to be requested to approve of this action"

Miss Lister pointed out that when the Local Government Department produced a Scheme for a County Home and County Hospital for such Counties as were small enough for such a provision, the New Ross Guardians turned it down. The County Council could leave the objections of New Ross to be dealt with by the Local Government Department.

Mr. J. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Redmond seconded:-

"That the recommendations of the County Public Health Board as to Union Amalgamation Scheme be adopted, and that maintenance and upkeep of same and of District Hospitals in Gorey and New Ross be District Charges".

Mr. Corish proposed and Mr. Murphy seconded:-

"That maintenance and upkeep of County Hospital and County Home be met as County charges, and maintenance and upkeep of District Hospitals in Gorey and New Ross be dealt with as District charges".

Both these motions were subsequently withdrawn.

After considerable discussion, a resolution by Mr. J. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Cummins, approving of the Union Amalgamation Scheme as considered at last meeting of County Public Health Board was adopted and

Mr. Corish gave the following notice of motion:-

"That in view of the modifications which have been made in the Union Amalgamation Scheme from the date on which it was agreed that the expenses of institutions, etc., in connection with said Scheme be regarded as District Charges, the question as to the chargeability of County Home, County Hospital and District Hospital be considered and fixed at a future meeting of the Council".

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

"That the question of supplying motor ambulances for Gorey and New Ross, as recommended by County Public Health Board, be deferred to next meeting, in the meantime, the County Council, without prejudice, to pay for any locomotion expenses for patients which the County Public Health Board may have to incur owing to

Employment of Men on Roads

The following resolution was received from Kilanerin Sinn fein Club as to employment of men on roads:-

"that we condemn the action of the County Council and the Gorey District Council for not carrying out their agreement with the North Wexford Brigade of the I.R.A. in giving preference of all public work to the unemployed members of the I.R.A."

Monageer Branch of the Co. Wexford Farmers' Association forwarded the following resolution:-

"That the Monageer Branch of the Co. Wexford Farmers' Association protest against the present system of employing labour on the roads, and demand the County Council to take immediate action to give every unemployed labourer an equal share of the work".

Under date 24th February 1922, the following was read from the Secretary, Co. Wexford Farmers' Union--

"Arising from a discussion at the Annual Meeting of my Association in connection with the present expenditure on the roads, it was unanimously agreed to ask your Council to receive a Deputation representing my Association, in order that our views might be laid before the Council, with particular regard to the following--

- (1) That out of work labourers should be employed irrespective of their Union or political opinions.
- (2) That such labourers should not be given more than the standard wage for Agricultural workers.
- (3) That the Council be asked to supply the Farmers' Union with a return of all work to be done on the roads, and the amount to be expended on same.

I shall be glad to learn of a date that will suit your Council to receive the Deputation".

Mr. James Byrne, M.C.C. wired:-

"Impossible attend meeting. General dissatisfaction re road work. Roads in contract taken over at wages 40 per cent higher than neighbouring Counties".

Mr. Corish proposed and Mr. Culleton seconded the following:-

"That the deputation from Co. Wexford Farmers' Union be heard at next meeting of the Council- 13th March 1922".

Mr. Shannon moved:-

"That the deputation from Co. Wexford Farmers' Union be not

received by the County Council".

Mr. Shannon subsequently withdrew his motion, and the resolution to receive the deputation at next meeting was agreed to, nem. con.

Considerable time was spent as regards formulating concrete proposals to improve existing methods of road maintenance, and as a result, the following resolution was adopted, on the motion of Mr. Foley, seconded by Mr. Murphy:-

"That a committee, with plenary powers, be appointed to deal with the present Road Scheme of the County Council (under which grant of £10,000 is being spent) to investigate and deal with claims etc. of Road Contractors, obtain information as to the working of Direct Labour Schemes in other Counties, and endeavour to devise a Scheme which will be acceptable to all sections of the ratepayers and which will serve the interests of the County as a whole. That if Committee consider it necessary, they can spread over a period of years the working of a scheme which will bring the roads of the County up to first-class standard, the first meeting of the Committee to be held on Friday, 3rd March 1922, at 11 o'clock, in the Town Hall, Wexford.

"And that in view of the gravity of matters to be dealt with by the Committee, the Secretary request a full attendance at meeting

The following were appointed members of the Committee:-

Messrs. E.P. Foley, Seumas Doyle, Michael Doyle, John O'Byrne (Gorey) John J. O'Byrne (Cushinstown) G. Devereux, and the Chairman (Mr. J.R. Etchingham) as ex-officio member, with power to appoint substitutes to any meetings which they cannot attend, provided the substitutes are members of the County Council.

Weekly Payments to Road Workers.

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

"That the system of weekly payments to workers on roads, etc., be reverted to by the Council".

Proposed Extension of Franchise.

The President, Dail Eireann, Wrote under date 8th February 1922 that that the resolution of the County Council as to the extension of the Parliamentary Franchise, would receive due

consideration.

Sanction of Appointment of Mr. P. Fitzpatrick, Rate Collector.

Under date 31st January 1922, the Minister for Local Government wrote (letter No. 20729-21, Wexford County) sanctioning the appointment of Mr. P. Fitzpatrick as rate Collector for No. 15 Collection District at remuneration of 7d in the £ on amounts collected and lodged by him to the credit of the Council.

County Hall.

Under date 16th February 1922, the following was read from the Minister for Home Affairs:-

"I am in receipt of your letter of the 8th instant with enclosed resolution, asking that the County Hall be restored to the County Council. The County Council premises are at the present moment being used by the R.I.C. as a Concentration Depot preparatory to their disbandment, and it is anticipated that the premises will be vacated by them in about three weeks' time.

It is not possible to adopt the suggestion made by you to transfer the R.I.C. to the Military Barracks, inasmuch as our forces have already taken them over".

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

"The Wexford County Council are dissatisfied with the answer from the Minister for Home Affairs as to having County Hall handed back to the County Council. The latter want the premises immediately as it is no longer possible to carry on their business in the disused ward of Wexford Workhouse, and which, in any case, is required immediately for purposes of Union Amalgamation Scheme".

Appointment on County Committee of Agriculture and Technical Instruction.

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

"That as recommended by the County Committee of Agriculture and Technical Instruction, Mr. Michael Jordan, Ballyhamilton, Ferns, be appointed a member of said Committee vice Mr. Aidan Stafford, Clonjordan, resigned".

Dates of Meetings.

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

"that the dates of meetings of County and Rural District Councils as follows, be approved:-

Enniscorthy R.D. Council, Thursday, 13th April 1922 at 11 a.m.

Gorey R.D. Council, Thursday 6th April 1922, at 11.30 a.m.

New Ross R.D. Council, Wednesday, 12th April 1922 at 11.30 a.m.

Wexford R.D. Council, Saturday, 8th April 1922 at 11 a.m.

Proposal Committee, Monday, 3rd April 1922, at 11 a.m.

County Council (Half Yearly) Monday, 8th May, 1922 at 11 a.m.

County Council, Monday, 3rd April 1922 at 11.30 a.m."

Rate Collection.

The Secretary submitted the state of the rate Collection, which in the main was considered satisfactory.

Mr. J. Barnwell (Ex-Captain British Army) Kilmannock House, Campile, wrote Mr. Elgee, asking that payment of his rates should be deferred until his application for a revision of the valuation of the buildings on his holding had been decided.

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

"That Rate Collector Roe be directed to institute proceedings against J. Barnwell, Kilmannock House, Campile, for recovery of poor rate due by him, as the County Council have no power to agree to his proposal to defer payment".

Michael Kinsella, Ex-Rate Collector.

Mr. Elgee reported that he proceeded against Michael Kinsella, Rate Collector, on 28th February 1922 at a District Court in Enniscorthy, and had obtained a decree against him for £59 odd, with costs and expenses. One of the members of the Court asked why Kinsella was not in custody, and he (Mr. Elgee) explained that the Council did not take criminal action against him, as he proposed to come to their assistance during a trying and difficult time. He (Mr. Elgee) was afraid that nothing would be realised on foot of the decree.

Rate Collectors resuming Duty.

Mr. R. Sinnott, Collector for No. 4 Collection District, wrote under date 20th February 1922, that some time ago, he tendered his resignation as Brigade Police Officer to headquarters in order to carry on Rate Collection, but he was informed that his resignation would not even be considered, much less accepted. He could give satisfactory guarantees that, in his absence, the Rate Collection will be carried out efficiently.

Mr. J.J. Sinnott, Newtown, Clonevin (Collector for No. 16 Collection District) wrote that he was prepared to resume his duties as rate Collector on any date the County Council directed. For some time past, he had been helping his brother to clear up outstanding rates to 30th September last.

No reply had been received from Mr. Joseph Cummins (Collection District No. 8) and Mr. Charles McCarthy, Jun. (Collection District No. 5).

Limit of Expenditure on Roads.

The Gorey Rural District Council asked the County Council to apply to the Local Government Department for extension of Road Limit to £13,007, and Enniscorthy Rural District Council to £27,721. 7. 0.

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

"That the Local Government Department be requested to raise the financial limit of expenditure in Gorey Rural District to £13,007, and in Enniscorthy Rural District to £27,721.7.0".

Proposed Rate for Upkeep, I.R.A.

The following resolution adopted by the Enniscorthy Rural District Council on 17th February 1922 came up for consideration:-

"That we request the County Council to levy a rate of 3d in the £ for the upkeep of the I.R.A."

The Secretary directed attention to letter from Local Government (E 1902) under date 22nd February 1922, which stated that, if any rate was proposed, regarding which there was a doubt as to its legality, the Local Government Department should be consulted before its inclusion in the estimate.

Miss Lister stated that the proposed rate was illegal and the matter dropped.

Irish Republican Soldiers and prisoners
of War Association.

Under date 25th February 1922, the Secretary, Irish County Councils' General Council, wrote that the General Council had unanimously approved of the objects of the above Association and requested each affiliated Council to assist, as far as practicable in giving them effect.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Foley seconded by Mr. Cummins:-

"That this County Council as a corporate body and individually will do everything possible to further the objects of the Irish Republican Soldiers and Prisoners of War Association".

University Scholarships.

Mr. Corish gave the following notice of motion:-

"I will move at next meeting of the County Council that the resolution of the County Council declaring D. Phelan, Summerville, Wexford, as ineligible to compete for University Scholarship be rescinded, and that the Council, in view of the financial position of the boy's people, declare him eligible to compete".

It was decided that the remainder of the business be adjourned until the meeting of the Council on 13th March 1922.

-----oo0oo-----

(Signed) _____

Presiding Chairman

Dated this day of 19

MEETING, 13th MARCH, 1922.

A meeting of the Wexford County Council was held on 13th March 1922.

Present:- Mr. J.R. Etchingham (Chairman) presiding., other members:- Messrs. R. Corish, G. Devereux, Michael Doyle, E.P. Foley, John O'Byrne (Gorey) J. Pender, J. Shannon, James Byrne, Philip Lennon, Patrick O'Byrne, D. Kavanagh, James Hall, John Sinnott and C. Culleton.

The Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Messrs. W.F. Barry, County Surveyor, T. Treanor, Senior Assistant Surveyor, and C.P. Curran, Assistant Surveyor, were in attendance.

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and signed.

Mr. J.J. O'Byrne (Cushinstown) wired, regretting his inability to attend the meeting.

New County Councillor & Co-Option of
Mr. M.M. O'Donoghue.

Under date 2nd March 1922 Mr. Patrick Cullen, Hon. Secretary, Blackwater Sinn Fein Club, wrote that at a special meeting of representatives from Sinn Fein Clubs, Ballygarrett, Oulart, Kilmuckridge and Blackwater, Mr. Myles M. O'Donoghue, Raheenlusk Kilmuckridge, was nominated for election on the County Council.

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne (Gorey) seconded by the Chairman the following resolution was adopted:-

"That Mr. Myles O'Donoghue, Raheenlusk, Kilmuckridge, be co-opted a member of this County Council, vice Mr. Simon Kehoe, deceased".

Farmers' Union and Roads.

Under date 24th February 1922, the following was read from the Secretary, Co. Wexford Farmers' Union, at the meeting of County Council on 1st March 1922:-

"Arising from a discussion at the Annual Meeting of my Association in connection with the present expenditure on roads, it was unanimously agreed to ask your Council to receive a Deputation, representing my Association, in order that our views might be laid before the Council, with particular regard to the following

(1) That out of work Labourers should be employed irrespective

(2) That such Labourers should not be given more than the standard wage for Agricultural workers.

(3) That the Council be asked to supply the Farmers' Union with a return of all work to be done on the roads, and the amount to be expended on same.

I shall be glad to learn of a date that will suit your Council to receive the Deputation".

The following resolution was adopted at the meeting of the County Council on 1st March 1922:-

"That the deputation from Co. Wexford Farmers' Union be heard at next meeting of the Council- 13th March 1922".

The following are the names of the deputation:-

Col. C.M. Gibbon, C.M.G. Sleadagh, Wexford.

Capt. Harvey, Kyle. Wexford.

Mr. H.W. Johnson, Clone House, Monamolin.

Mr. N.J. Murphy, Kilmokea, Campile.

Mr. Barron, Bridgetown.

Mr. W. Boggan, Kilmuckridge.

Mr. J. Kehoe, Monroe.

Mr. J. A. Doyle, Templeshelin, Adamstown.

Co. L.A. Bryan, Borrmount.

The following members attended:-

Colonel Gibbon, Pierce Barron, Captain Harvey and M. Doran, Secretary to the Farmers' Union.

Colonel Gibbon apologised for the absence of some members of the deputation from the south of the County, as they were prevented attending owing to restricted train service. He had personally moved in the matter in having the deputation in order that the Farmers' Union and the County Council could be brought into closer touch. Things were said at Farmers' Union meetings about the County Council, and at the County Council about the Farmers' Union, which were likely to beget and perpetuate friction, and no one wanted that. Farmers, owing to slump in prices, were labouring under great difficulties, at the present time. There was immense cost falling on the farmers owing to rates and taxes, and the burden was extremely heavy when they considered what they

rates for the upkeep of roads, and they had been very hard hit from the economic point of view. The agricultural industry was the industry of Wexford and it should be fostered, encouraged and protected. It was very important for the farming industry that the incidence of local taxation should be reduced as low as possible. Dealing with labour on the roads, he thought they could procure no more satisfactory or inexpensive labour than from the small farmers. It was not fair that these men should not get employment unless they became members of the Transport Union. The Farmers' Union wanted to see a proper balance sheet of the County Council, some assurance as to the wages and hours of County Council employees, and that the latter would be employed, irrespective of whether they were Union or non-Union men. Referring to the payment of Rates, he held they were being paid as well as in the past.

Captain Harvey said they wanted to bring back to the Farmers' Union an assurance that the small farmers would have an opportunity of working on roads without being forced to join a trades union., that the County Council would give equal rights and facilities to farmers and members of the Transport Union. The farmers considered they were not able to pay men the wages which the County Council were giving, and, for the same reason, they believed the County Council should not pay, out of the money supplied by the farmers, wages to workmen which farmers, in their individual capacity, were unable to pay.

Mr. Barron referred to the hours worked by road men, viz., 40 per week. No farmer could have men working for such a short period and be able to carry on. There was bound to be discontent and friction while one man was working on the road for 40 hours for £2 per week, and the man at the other side of the fence, working 54 hours per week for 29s. 6d. In his district, farmers lived principally by milk production, and, if a 40 hour week was generally adopted, they would have to employ two staffs, and the price of milk would go to 1s. 6d. per quart. Mr. Barron also advocated the contract system for by-roads.

Mr. Doran pointed out that a prominent member of the Farmers' Union had not been allowed to haul material for roads because he

was not a member of a Union. Some scheme should be devised by which owners of heavy lorries would be responsible for a reasonable contribution towards the maintenance and upkeep of the roads damaged by such vehicles.

Several members of the Council replied to points raised. They pointed out that, as regards the preparation of a balance sheet, the County Council staff had been evicted by the military and police, and the County Council records thrown on the street, half of them being lost. The Minute Books and Account Books of the Council had been seized by the police and were only returned a fortnight ago. The staff were working in a disused workhouse ward, without room for papers or records. When it was possible, the accounts would be prepared and submitted to audit.

As regards the payment of £2 per week wages for road men, the Labour representatives considered it was only a living wage and they were not prepared to accept the wages fixed by the Farmers' Union as any criterion of justice or equity. But the payment of 1/- per hour would have been reconsidered, were it not that the scheme under which it was being paid had only a very short time to run, and as there was a resolution on the books to pay the rate of 1/- the County Council could not have alternate wages until this resolution was rescinded. But the Roads Committee had been considering a permanent scheme, as regards which the County Council would have an opportunity of considering hours and wages. The County Council, in connection with haulage, had distinctly laid it down that farmer or labourer was entitled to be employed, and it was unnecessary that either should be a member of a Trades Union, in fact, the only stipulation which the Council made was that large farmers should, if possible, be not employed on this work.

The proposed new Scheme of Road Maintenance provided that the second and third class roads, representing practically 1484 miles out of 2,000, would be maintained by the contract system.

In connection with Rates, the Council pointed out that it was in the interests of the community that as low a rate as possible consistent with efficiency, should be agreed to.

Colonel Gibbon having, on behalf of the deputation, thanked

the Council for their patient hearing, the discussion closed.

New Ross Urban District Council and Grants
for Repair of Roads.

Under date 1st March 1922, Mr. M.J Finn, Town Clerk, New Ross, wrote that a deputation from the Urban District Council, consisting of the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and Town Surveyor, had been appointed to wait upon the County Council to put before them a claim for portion of the grant which County Councils would receive for road repair and maintenance purposes in view of the fact that many of the streets in the Urban District might be regarded as "main roads" since they form connecting links with main roads in the Rural Districts.

Mr. George Dooley (Chairman Urban Council, New Ross) Mr. T. Redmond, Vice-Chairman, and Mr. J.J. Shortall, Town Surveyor, attended.

They pointed out that the sum offered - from grants supplied by the Ministry of Transport to New Ross, viz:- £223, was quite inadequate. They should, in view of what they were obliged to spend on their streets, receive at least £750. Owing to its geographical position, New Ross had suffered much more than other districts by heavy military traffic.

The County Surveyor pointed out that the entire grant from the Ministry of Transport had been allocated, the £900 set aside for Urban Districts having been allocated by valuation, which he considered the fairest method of apportionment.

The matter having been explained to the deputation, the Chairman recommended the latter to make, through the County Council, a special application to the provisional Government for a grant to make good war damage done to the roads in this Urban District by military traffic.

Membership of Roads Committee.

Mr. Seumas Doyle, M.C.C. wrote that he found it was not possible for him to attend the meetings of the Roads Committee. He recommended that Mr. John Murphy be appointed in his place.

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

"That the resignation of Mr. Seumas Doyle as member of Roads Committee be accepted, and that Mr. John Murphy be appointed to fill the vacancy thus created".

Superannuation Proposed to Ex-Collector Banville.

The following notice of motion stood in the name of Mr. M. Redmond:-

"That the question of granting a superannuation allowance to Mr. John Banville, Ex-Rate Collector, be considered, and if agreed to, that the amount of superannuation be fixed".

As Mr. Redmond was not in attendance, it was decided that the motion be adjourned until he was in a position to be present.

Proposed Superannuation- Ex-Rate Collector Smith.

Mr. John O'Byrne (Gorey) moved the following of which he had given previous notice:-

"That the question of granting a superannuation to Mr. J.C. Smith, Ex-Rate Collector, be considered, and if County Council agree to same, that the amount of said superannuation allowance be fixed".

Mr. P. O'Byrne seconded.

As an amendment, Mr. M. Doyle proposed:-

"That as Mr. Smith refused to carry out the instructions of the County Council, during a crucial period, the notice of motion proposing to grant him superannuation be not entertained".

Mr. Hall seconded.

After considerable discussion, a show of hands was taken with the result that ten voted in favour of the amendment, and five against.

The amendment was then put as the substantive motion, and declared carried.

University Scholarships.

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

"That the resolution of the County Council, declaring D. Phelan Summerville, Wexford as ineligible to compete for University Scholarship, be rescinded and that the Council, in view of the financial position of the boy's people, declare him eligible to

compete".

Mr. Foley seconded.

The Secretary explained that, at the meeting of the County Council on 1st March 1922, a vote as to eligibility to compete was taken as between John Mooney, Glenglass, Killanne, Una M. Hickey, 24 South Main Street, Wexford and D. Phelan, Summerville, Wexford. The application of Mooney was accepted on a vote, nine being in his favour, while five voted for Hickey, and three for Phelan.

The resolution of Mr. Corish was put and passed, nem. con.

County Public Health Board.

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

"That representation of Wexford Corporation on County Public Health Board be increased from two to four members".

After considerable discussion, Mr. Corish withdrew his notice of motion, and moved the following:-

"That representation of Wexford Corporation on County Public Health Board be increased from ~~two~~ to three members".

Mr. M. Doyle seconded this resolution which was adopted.

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

"That Messrs. C. McCarthy, Sen. (Murrintown) and John McCormack Arnestown, Ballymitty, be appointed additional members of County Public Health Board".

It was pointed out that, by appointing two more representatives from South Wexford, their representation on the Committee would be 19, while North Wexford would have only 13. Some of the members from South Wexford referred to the fact that there was no representation from Bannow and Duncormack.

Mr. Hall, by consent, withdrew his motion and moved the following:-

"That Mr. John McCormack, Arnestown, Ballymitty, be appointed a member of the County Public Health Board".

Mr. Corish seconded the resolution which was unanimously adopted.

The following is a list of attendances of members as asked for at meeting of County Council on 1st March 1922:-

County Council- M. Cloney 2., J.J. O'Byrne (Cushinstown) 3,
 D. Kavanagh, 2., John Pender, nil, John O'Byrne, Gorey, 1.,
 Michael Doyle, 2., John Sinnott, nil. James Shannon, nil.,

Enniscorthy R. D. Council- Deumas Doyle, 2.,

Gorey R. D. Council- W.P. Keegan, 1.

New Ross R.D. Council, Michael Byrne, 1.

Wexford R.D. Council- C. Culleton, 2.

Gorey Town Commissioners- Vacant

Enniscorthy Urban Council- Thomas McCarthy, 4.

New Ross Urban Council- Thomas Redmond, 1.

Wexford Corporation- Alderman R. Corish (Mayor), 3., Michael Martin
 1.

Nominated by County Council- John M. Roche, 2., Thomas Banville, 1.,

James Connors, 2., Dr. Ryan, 1.

Enniscorthy Guardians- James Lawlor, 3.

Gorey Guardians- Moses Bolger, nil.

New Ross Guardians- Patrick Lynch, 3.

Wexford Guardians- Nellie O'Ryan, 3.

County Insurance Committee- Dr. Greene, 3., Lady Fitzgerald, 2.,

Francis Carty, 3.

County Medical Association- Dr. Hickey, 3., Dr. M.W. Kelly, 2.

Mr. John Pender, M.C.C. wrote that he did not attend meetings
 of County Public Health Board as he had not received any notice to
 attend.

The Acting Secretary, County Public Health Board, stated that
 agenda had been issued to Mr. Pender as to the other members, and
 he could not understand why it did not reach him.

Mr. Shannon, M.C.C. wrote that he desired to continue member-
 ship of the Committee. He would have been at last meeting but his
 car had broken down.

Mr. Sinnott, M.C.C. explained that owing to the time of his
 release from prison, it would have been possible for him to attend
 but one meeting, and pressing business prevented his attending then.
 He would attend in future.

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

"That the Acting Secretary, County Public Health Board, be requested to again communicate with Mr. Moses Bolger, Clonee, Camolin, and ascertain from him if he desires to continue membership of County Public Health Board, that in the event of his declining to remain on the Board, the Gorey Guardians be asked to nominate his successor"

Under date 9th March 1922, the Acting Secretary, County Public Health Board, wrote that as the new institutions would not be taken over until 1st April, the amount they would require would be very small, say £30, to defray the initial expenses, such as printing, advertising etc. After 1st April they would require at least £1,000 to pay Outdoor Relief and other current expenses.

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

"That a sum of £30 be transferred to County Public Health Board from this meeting to meet current expenses, and a further sum of £1,000 to meet Outdoor Relief, this latter sum not to be handed over to the County Public Health Board until after 1st April 1922".

Union Amalgamation Scheme - The Question
of Chargeability.

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

"That in view of the modifications which have been made in the Union Amalgamation Scheme from the date on which it was agreed that the expenses of institutions etc., in connection with said scheme be regarded as District Charges, the question as to the chargeability of County Home, County Hospital and District Hospitals be considered and fixed at this meeting of the Council".

Mr. M. Doyle seconded.

Adopted nem. con.

After a great deal of discussion, Mr. Corish moved the following:-

"That in view of the modifications which have been made in the Union Amalgamation Scheme from the date on which it was agreed that the expenses of institutions etc., in connection with said scheme, whether for County Home, County Hospital, or District Hospitals of Gorey and New Ross, or for any other purpose, as County Charges".

Mr. M. Doyle seconded the motion which was accepted without a division.

Motor Ambulance- Gorey and New Ross.

The following resolution, adopted at the meeting of the County Council on 1st March 1922, came up for consideration:-

"That the question of supplying motor ambulances for Gorey and New Ross, as recommended by County Public Health Board, be deferred to next meeting., in the meantime, the County Council without prejudice, to pay for any locomotion expenses for patients which the County Public Health Board may have to incur owing to lack of ambulances for Gorey and New Ross".

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. M. Doyle, seconded by Mr. Foley:-

"That the County Public Health Board, at their meeting on 15th March 1922, be requested to make a recommendation to the County Council as to the necessity for Motor Ambulances for the District Hospitals of Gorey and New Ross".

Resignation of Dr. Ryan.

Under date 16th February 1922, the following letter was read from Dr. Ryan, 73 Anglesea Street, Dublin--

"I have reconsidered my resignation from County Public Health Board, but have come to the same conclusion, and must therefore adhere to my resolution. I have also come to realise that I am still a member of both the County Insurance Committee and the County Tuberculosis Committee. I beg now to tender my resignation from both these Committees.

"Thanking the Council for their kindness in asking me to reconsider my resignation".

On the motion of Mr. Corish, seconded by Mr. J. O'Byrne, the resignation of Dr. Ryan as member of Committee of the Council was accepted.

Adjourned to Roads Committee Meeting.

The following items on agenda paper were referred to the Roads Committee meeting, to be held on 25th March, 1922 at 11 o'clock, a.m.:-

"County Surveyor's applications:- (a) County Surveyor's salary (b) Restarting Road work on existing contracts (c) Re-opening of Quarries, (d) Government Grant for Roads only £10,000 (e) Proposals at R.D. Council meetings, to be contract or direct labour. (f) extra material for Wexford bridge, (g) Assistant Surveyor Kirby, (h) application, increased rent, machinery yard, Enniscorthy (i) Purchase of machinery by County Council (j) Fleming & Co., re rock drills, (k) Road Contractors' claims (l) J. Brien, Road Contractor, (m) Irish County Councils' General Council as regards road work.

Rate Collection.

Under date 9th March 1922, the following letter, No. D/36 was read from the Minister for Local Government, as to the existing state of the Rate Collection:-

"It is noticed from the Monthly Return of Rates, Forms 66 and 66a, that the collection of the Rate in your County is in a most unsatisfactory condition.

"The Council should take the matter up immediately with the Collectors and instruct them to take proceedings forthwith against all defaulting Ratepayers.

"Ratepayers who withhold their Rates at the present critical juncture are guilty of a serious offence against the wellbeing of the Nation and should be drastically dealt with".

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

"That copy letter from Minister for Local Government be furnished the Rate Collectors and that they be directed to have its instructions put into effect".

Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, asked for instructions as to what steps he would take against ex-rate Collector Kinsella against whom a decree for £59 odd (with costs and expenses) had been made at Enniscorthy District Court for Rates which he had failed to lodge.

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

"That Mr. Elgee proceed in the ordinary course as to lodgment and execution of decree in the case of Michael Kinsella, ex-Rate

Collector".

All other matters in connection with Rate Collection were adjourned to the next meeting of the Council.

County Hall.

The Secretary reported that the R.I.C. had evacuated the County Hall on 11th March 1922, and it had been taken over by the I.R.A. The latter stated the County Council could move in at their convenience. The place was in a very dirty condition, and he wished for instructions as to having the place cleaned and the furniture and records brought back to the former offices.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish, seconded by Mr. M. Doyle--

"That John Roche, caretaker, County Hall, be instructed to move into the premises, his salary to remain at same figure as when the Council were evicted from the premises. That the County Surveyor be instructed to have the premises properly washed out, and that the staffs of County Council return to occupation as soon as possible".

Printing Contract.

Two tenders were received for annual printing supply for County Council offices and for offices of County Surveyor, viz:-

The People printing Co. Ltd., Wexford	£250. 8. 6 and
The Free Press, Wexford	275. 13. 9.

the tender of The People was accepted on the motion of Mr. M. Doyle seconded by Mr. Sinnott.

Primary Scholarship Scheme.

The Primary Scholarship Committee submitted the following scheme, which was adopted on the motion of Mr. M. Doyle, seconded by Mr. Sinnott:-

"A meeting of the Primary Scholarship Committee of the Wexford County Council was held in the Town Hall, Wexford on 11th March 1922, for the purpose of considering letter from the Minister of Education and suggestions from Irish County Councils' General Council as to Primary Scholarship Scheme.

"Present:- Very Rev. Canon Dunne, p.P. Castlebridge,

representing Managers of Schools) Messrs. H. O'Byrne, Ballindaggin and P.D. Breen, Castlebridge (representing National Teachers) Rev. Brother Fitzgerald, Christian Schools, Wexford, (representing the Christian Brothers) and Mr. T. Treanor, Wexford (representing Co. Wexford Committee of the Gaelic League).

"The Secretary to the County Council was also in attendance.

"On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Brother Fitzgerald, the chair was taken by Very Rev. Canon Dunne, P.P.

"In apologising for his non-attendance at the meeting, Father ^{if} Maher, P.P. Oulart, wrote asking the Council had sufficient data to enable them to form a judgment as to whether the Scholarship system is giving good results in this County, or in Ireland as a whole. 'It was', continued Father Maher, 'stated in the 'Times' Educational Supplement of last week that the Scholarship system in England is found to be both costly and ineffective'. 'A better system would be to have Primary Education up to the age of 11 years and junior secondary education for all children up to the age of 15 years. That would secure free secondary education for all children whose mental calibre justifies it, and whose parents cannot afford to pay for it. Parents who can afford to pay for an alternative system to be free to do so, if they wish".

"Should it be decided to go on with the Scholarship Scheme now, I would be strongly in favour of a separate scheme for town schools and country schools. Country children as you know, do not as a rule, develop as quickly as town children. Children in the country have not the same educational opportunities as their brothers and sisters in the towns. It would only be in accordance with justice and fair play that there should be separate schemes for town and country.

"The best fruit ripens slowly. The reservoir of the best brains will always be the country. I think that is the universal experience".

"The teachers present were not prepared to accept the age termination for primary education or commencing age for secondary education.

"The meeting considered as there was a general desire to have some scheme by which promising pupils of elementary schools would have an opportunity in the present year (even in very limited numbers) of taking advantage of secondary education, there was no alternative scheme to that of the Scholarship system. But they felt it would be advisable if a report could be obtained (through a Committee of Experts) as to the general working of Scholarship Schemes in Ireland, inquiry to be conducted under definite heads of reference.

"As regards the division of Scholarships between town and country schools, the County Council have decided, for the present, to confine all Scholarships to children of Rural Districts, and will only ask these districts to contribute the amount of Rate necessary to finance the project. From educational conditions in Wexford County, children in Urban Districts are, in the main, able to avail of secondary education without a subsidy for the purpose.

"Letter, under date 25th January 1922, from the Minister of Education, approving of the Scheme, was read. The Minister, however, pointed out that the standard of Irish was too low., as the candidates would apparently be placed in the sixth standard there appeared to be no good reason for making the standard in Irish equivalent to that of fourth standard. The minimum age of students (14 years) appeared to be rather high., if students were to take full advantage of a secondary education, it was advisable they should begin in not less than their thirteenth year. The Minister suggested it might be possible for the Council to make some amendments in the scheme on the lines suggested.

"The various details of the scheme approved at meeting of 25th January 1921, were then considered, and various amendments having been agreed to, the Committee present the following to the County Council for final approval:-

Wexford County Council.

Primary Scholarship Scheme adopted at Meeting
of County Council of 13th March 1922.

Four Scholarships are to be awarded to Boys and Three

Scholarships to Girls tenable at recognised Secondary Schools in the County Wexford by pupils attending primary Schools - age to be not less than 13 or more on 1st of June in year of application for S

Scholarships will be available only for children whose parents or guardians reside in County Wexford for at least three years prior to year in which Scholarship is applied for., who further reside beyond a two-mile radius of a recognised Secondary School, and who are in need of assistance to enable them to secure a Secondary Education.

Scholarships will be awarded as the result of an examination. They will be tenable for three years at £40 per year, of which, at least £5 is to be paid the Managers of Secondary School at which Scholarship is held.

Third-year Scholarships may be taken at an Agricultural School approved by the Council. Such Agricultural Scholarships may, in the discretion of the Council, be extended for a fourth year, Students, who intend availing of Agricultural Scholarships, must at the end of their second year, inform the Council of their intention to finish Scholarship at an approved Agricultural School.

The County Council shall have the right to withhold a Scholarship in any case in which they consider this course advisable, and their decision on any matter in connection with the Scheme is to be final and binding on all concerned.

SYLLABUS FOR EXAMINATION/

1. READING. (maximum marks, 70). To read with fluency and intelligence a passage from some Standard author. Spelling to be tested by Dictation.
2. WRITING. (maximum marks, 60). To write a free, legible hand.
3. ARITHMETIC (maximum marks, 100). To know Fractions, Decimals, Simple and Compound Proportion, Practice, Simple Interest, Metric System, Stocks.
4. GRAMMAR. (maximum marks, 40). To parse and analyse ordinary sentences, principal Rules of Syntax, correction of errors, common roots, prefixes and affixes.
5. COMPOSITION (maximum marks, 70). To write an essay or letter on any simple subject of three given.

6. IRISH. (Fourth Standard) (maximum marks, 100). (a) General Conversation., (b) To read and understand a suitable reader Reader to be used as basis for conversation., (c) To memorise and understand songs or poems, making up about sixty lines, (d) To reproduce, orally, in the pupil's own words, substance of passages from the Reader.

For next year, 5th standard is recommended, and in 1924, Sixth Standard.

7. HISTORY. (Maximum marks, 80). Broad outlines of Irish History,

8. Any two of the following:-

- (a) ALGEBRA (maximum marks, 80). Simple Rules, simple equations factors.

- (b) GEOMETRY & MENSURATION (maximum marks, 80). First Book of Euclid with Exercises., Areas of rectilineal figures and surfaces of principal solids, volume of principal solids.

- (c) PLAIN NEEDLEWORK (maximum marks, 80). 6th Standard.

- (d) HYGIENE (maximum marks, 80). Syllabus:-

AIR. Reality of., necessary for "burning"., breathing., Comparison of breathed air with ordinary air., necessity for ventilation., effects of breathing impure air., experiments to show air is changed by breathing., how we breathe., the lungs.

WATER.- Sources of supply compared., uses of water., hard and soft water tests., purification of water by filtering., boiling.

TEMPERATURE.- The Thermometer., used for domestic purposes., temperature of human body., how kept up (by food, air, clothing) how prevented from rising unduly.

FOOD/- Nature of food., chief constituents., classified according to., path of food., digestion., how it enters the blood stream., weight of unit volume of common beverages and amount of dry solid contained., amount of ash and moisture in "solid" foods.

THE SKIN.- Functions of perspiration., dangers of damp clothing and houses.

INTERNAL ORGANS/- General idea of respiratory and digestive

organs and their functions.

TEMPERANCE.- Social, economic and physiological aspects.

GERMS.- Useful and dangerous., putrefaction., preservation of food.

INFECTIOUS AND CONTAGIOUS DISEASES/- Precautions., disinfection., tuberculosis.

SIMPLE REMEDIES in ordinary accidents., e.g. burns, scalds, cuts, bruises.

GENERAL CONDITIONS.

1. Candidates must pass examination in Irish and Arithmetic, and also in any three of the remaining subjects.
2. Six months before date of examination, the eligibility of candidates to compete in examination should be decided by a Committee of the County Council or by Scholarship Committee. For present year, this course (owing to time limit) cannot be adopted.
3. Every candidate for a Scholarship should, before being admitted to examination, produce a satisfactory reference from the Teacher or School Manager of his school, together with a medical certificate as to fitness and a recommendation from a Clergyman of his parish as to character.
4. The Scholarship Examination will be held at convenient centre or centres in the County (according to the number of entrants) between 15th June and 1st August in each year. The papers will be prepared and Examination conducted by Local Teachers for the present.
5. Applications for Scholarships in 1922 must be lodged on or before 1st May, and in subsequent years, before 31st December of preceding year in which Scholarships will be awarded. Forms of entry can be obtained from the Secretary to the County Council, County Hall, Wexford, who will notify candidates of dates of Examination. These will also be advertised in the local papers.
6. This Scheme will be revised annually.

The Committee consider that County Councils should at once urge upon the Minister for Education the necessity for introducing

suitable instruction in Agriculture in the Primary School curriculum. The Committee are disappointed that no provision has been made for the teaching of this subject, dealing with the basic industry of the country, in our elementary schools. The 'old-time' teaching tended to produce clerks and candidates for the professions, but made no attempt to provide simple teaching in Agriculture, and the Committee regret that neglect of Agricultural Instruction appears to be perpetuated in the new programme.

A resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Breen, seconded by the Chairman, asking the Minister for Home affairs to hand over to the District Committees of the Gaelic League of Enniscorthy and Wexford the Coastguard stations of Curracloe and Rosslare for the purpose of Summer Schools for the teaching of Irish.

Malicious Injury Applications.

Under date 17th February 1922, the Clerk, Wexford Rural District Council, wrote stating he was directed by his Council to inquire as to what action the County Council proposed taking in future with regard to claims for compensation for criminal injuries.

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

"That the inquiry from Wexford Rural District Council as to the future action of the County Council, relative to malicious injury claims, be referred for instructions to the Minister for Local Government".

Irish Education Act - Enniscorthy Rural District School Attendance Committee.

The Commissioners of National Education wrote that, as the period of service of the School Attendance Committee for the Enniscorthy Rural District will terminate on 31st May 1922, the Wexford County Council were requested to appoint, as Local Authority under Irish Education Act, 1892, their five representatives on the Committee.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. M. Doyle, seconded by Mr. Foley:-

"That Enniscorthy Rural District Council be requested to recommend for appointment by the County Council, five represen-

tatives on the Enniscorthy Rural District School Attendance Committee".

Rate Estimate.

The Secretary stated that he had not received Estimate for Enniscorthy Union and District Council. On 27th February 1922, he had received a letter from the Clerk,, New Ross Rural District Council, that no meeting of his District Council was held during the month of February, but he would bring the County Surveyor's Estimate before the meeting of his Council on 11th March. On the evening of 11th March. a telegram had been received as follows from the Clerk, New Ross Rural District Council:-

"No quorum for meeting Ross Rural Council to-day. Five members attended and recommended last year's estimate for roads, viz:- £9929. 18. 4, -be adopted".

The Secretary stated that County Surveyor's estimate was £15,780. 10. 0.

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

"That our Secretary communicate with the Chairman, New Ross Rural District Council, and point out the necessity of having Road Estimate for New Ross Rural District considered by a meeting. In view of the great discrepancy, practically £6,000 between the figures recommended as Road Estimate by the members who attended Rural District Council meeting on 11th March and County Surveyor's Estimate the County Council do not consider it advisable to accept any figure for road maintenance for New Ross without affording the Rural District Council a further opportunity of considering same. Hence they suggest that the Chairman of the New Ross Rural District Council should call a meeting at the earliest possible date for this purpose.

"That Mr. A.A. Connolly, Clerk, Enniscorthy Union and Rural District Council, be requested to furnish his Rate Estimates at once".

Appointment of Analyst.

Mr. A.A. Connolly, Enniscorthy Guardians and Rural District Council, and Mr. O'Sullivan, Clerk, Wexford Guardians and Rural District

Council, wrote that their bodies approved of the suggestion of the County Council, appointing one Analyst for all the Public Bodies of the County.

Mr. Shaw, Town Clerk, Enniscorthy, wrote under date 4th March 1922, that his Council had approved of the proposal of the County Council to appoint one analyst for the County.

A similar letter was read from the Asylum Committee, Enniscorthy.

Under date 9th March 1922, the Town Clerk, New Ross wrote that the letter of the County Council, as to the appointment by the County Council of County Analyst for the work of County Council and all other local Bodies in the County, was considered by New Ross Urban Council, and they decided unanimously to make no order thereon.

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

"That the Local Government Department be requested to state if the County Council can now proceed to the election of Analyst for the County, as they have done all they could to secure the views of all other County Bodies concerned".

Food & Drugs Acts.

Under date 7th February 1922, the Ministry for Home Affairs wrote that the procedure to be adopted as regards the administration of Food and Drugs Acts was receiving attention.

Wagon Tyres.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Devereux, seconded by Mr. M. Doyle:-

"That the County Surveyor to next meeting of the Roads Committee report as to condition of engine and wagons hired to Wexford Urban Council, particularly as regards motor tyres, with an estimate of cost to have those properly repaired or replaced, and also a statement as to the amount which he has received from Wexford Urban Council for hireage purposes.

Drinagh Cement Works.

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

"That we call upon all Public Bodies to boycott English

manufactured cement and purchase German cement until the Drinagh Cement Works, Wexford, have been re-opened.

"That a copy of this resolution be furnished to the Managing Director, Associated Portland cement Co., Lloyd's Avenue, London, E.C. the Irish County Councils' General Council, Cork and Dublin Industrial Development Associations, and all County Councils in Ireland. That the latter be requested to do all in their power to see that the terms of this resolution are put in force".

Belfast Boycott.

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

"That we call on Mr. Michael Collins, Chairman of the Provisional Government, to take steps with a view to having the Belfast Boycott re-imposed in view of the fact that the compact arrived at was not being kept by the so-called Northern Government".

Irish Political Prisoners.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Devereux, seconded by Mr. Corish--

"That our Secretary be instructed to communicate with Messrs. Griffiths, Collins and De Valera and ask them to demand that Irish political prisoners, still in English jails, be released at once. We, as a county Council fail to understand why these prisoners have been detained after the general amnesty".

Salaries of Officials.

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

"That a return of the salaries paid the officials of the County Council be presented to next meeting of Roads Committee on 25th March 1922".

-----ooOoo-----

(Signed) _____

Presiding Chairman

Dated this day of 19

MEETING, 3rd APRIL, 1922.

A Meeting of the Wexford County Council was held in the County Hall, Wexford on 3rd April 1922.

Present:- Mr. J.R. Etchingham (Chairman) presiding., also Messrs. James Byrne, Michael Cloney, John Cummins, R. Corish, Michael Doyle, Seumas Doyle, E.P. Foley, James Hall, Mathhew Hughes, John Murphy, John O'Byrne (Gorey) J.J. O'Byrne (Cushinstown) Michael Redmond, A.F. Smith, and M.M. O'Donoghue (new member who subscribed the declaration of office)

The Secretary, the Assistant Secretary, the County Surveyor, Mr. T. Treanor, Senior Assistant Surveyor and Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, were in attendance.

The minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

Personal Explanation by Mr. Cloney.

Mr. Cloney, by permission of the meeting, made a personal explanation as to statements made by members at County Council meeting in respect to what he was supposed to have said at a meeting of the Farmers' Union in respect of Labour members of the Council. He denied that he had (as appeared in the Press report) stated that members of Labour Unions were paid for attendance at County Council meetings. But he did say and would repeat that they were paid organisers, and as such, he did not consider it fair that they should attend meetings at which they dealt with the distribution of public money for the interests of trades unionism. If public business was to be kept in pure channels, labour members should not use their positions on public boards to further class interests.

Mr. Corish denied that he, as a labour representative, ever used his position on a public board except for the purposes of doing what he considered best for the general body of ratepayers. He was present at public boards as the representative of the people, and not like Mr. Cloney, who was admittedly on the Council representing one class - the farmers.

After a heated discussion, the matter dropped.

Proposed Superannuation to Ex-Collector Banville.

The following notice of motion, standing in the name of Mr.

M. Redmond, was before the last meeting of the Council, and adjourned as Mr. Redmond was not in attendance--

"That the question of granting a superannuation allowance to Mr. John Banville, Ex-Rate Collector, be considered and if agreed to, that the amount of superannuation be fixed".

The Secretary stated that copies of Mr. Redmond's motion had been furnished County Councillors on the 4th February 1922.

Mr. James Murphy, Shanoule, Foulks Mills, the present Collector, wrote under date 15th February 1922, that he could not say too much in praise of Mr. Banville for the way he had assisted in the collection of the Rate for March 1921. It was through Mr. Banville's advice and assistance that he (Mr. Murphy) was able to collect the Rates so well.

The Secretary stated that the total Mr. Banville could receive under the Local Government Act of 1919, on a three years' average of salary and emoluments to October 1920, was £78.18.4 per annum. The County Council could add, if they so desired, 10 years' service to an official's service for good and faithful service, but as Mr. Banville had 37 years' service, between the Council and the Grand Jury, it would take an addition of three years only to bring to 40-60ths or two-thirds of his salary and emoluments. The scale of superannuation set out in Circular No. 55 of the Local Government Department provided for, at the discretion of the County Council, an addition of ten years to the period of service of an official to enable him to be paid the maximum figure of two-thirds. On the basis of a two-thirds' allowance, Mr. Banville would be entitled to £69.0.5 per annum. If the County Council did not add anything to Mr. Banville's length of service, he would be entitled to 37-60ths of his salary and emoluments, viz:- £63.16.11.

Mr. M. Doyle seconded the motion which was passed nem. con.

Mr. Redmond proposed:-

"That subject to the sanction of the Local Government Department Mr. John Banville, Ex-Rate Collector, be voted a superannuation allowance of £50 per annum, payment to be deferred until the finances of the Council allow of payment".

Mr. M. Doyle seconded.

As an amendment, Mr. Cummins moved:-

"That the question of awarding a fixed superannuation allowance to Mr. Banville be adjourned for the present".

Mr. Hall seconded.

A show of hands was taken and it was found that three were in favour of the amendment and ten against. The other members present did not vote.

The Chairman declared the amendment lost.

On the motion of Mr. Redmond (to allow superannuation allowance to Mr. Banville) being put to the meeting, a division was not challenged, and the Chairman declared it carried.

Proposed Rate for Irish.

The following resolution from New Ross Urban District Council was read--

"That this Council request the Wexford County Council to include, in their Estimate of Rate for financial year ending 31st March, 1923, one penny in the £ on the valuation of the County for the purposes of the Irish Language".

Mr. Seumas Doyle had given the following notice of motion:-

"That Wexford County Council strike a rate of one penny in the £ on the County for the teaching of Irish in the area under their control".

By permission of the meeting, Mr. Doyle altered his motion to read as follows:-

"That a rate of 2d in the £ be struck under Agriculture & Technical Instruction Acts, of which one penny, to be devoted to the present Live Stock, Agriculture and Technical Instruction Schemes of the the County Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction, will be raised as a County-at-Large Charge from which Urban Districts are exempt, and the other penny, to provide for the teaching of Irish, to be a County-at-Large Charge, the Urban Technical Instruction Committee to receive their portion of Rate as per their valuation, subject to their making adequate provision for administration of same to the satisfaction of the County Council. money for the teaching of Irish not to be paid over to the Technical Instruction Committees until a scheme has been

agreed to by the County Council".

Mr. Corish seconded the motion, which was adopted nem. con.

County Board of Health.

Mr. D. O'Sullivan, Acting Secretary, County Board of Health, wrote under date 29th march 1922, that the Board at their last meeting, by seven votes to six, decided to ask the County Council to reconsider their rating resolution in connection with the new Public Health Service, and to make the expenses of the New Ross and Gorey District Hospitals District Charges.

The Secretary stated that the following charges had been decided by the last meeting of the County Council to be County-at-Large Charges:-

In maintenance and clothing., establishment., workhouse burials Workhouse farm, against which receipts for repayment of relief, sales of offal, etc. had been put.

The following remained Union Charges:-

Expense of maintenance in Extern Institutions., Emigration., Law and other Expenses., Medical Charities., Lunacy Fees., Registration., Superannuation and Outdoor relief.

The following notice of motion was moved by Mr. J.J. O'Byrne (Cushinstown):-

"That the question of the chargeability of County Home, County Hospital and District Hospitals under Union Amalgamation Scheme, be re-discussed, and if considered advisable, that same be varied".

Mr. M. Doyle seconded the motion which was adopted.

Mr. J.J. O'Byrne (Cushinstown) proposed:-

"That the administrative charges for County Home, County Hospital and District Hospitals in New Ross and Gorey, be County-at-Large Charges. That the upkeep of the County Hospital, County Home and District Hospitals in New Ross and Gorey, be charged to each Rural District according to the number of patients sent from these Districts".

Mr. M. Doyle seconded the motion which on a show of hands, was carried by seven votes to six.

Vacancy on County Board of Health.

County Public Health Board, wrote that Mr. James Connors, Gorey, nominated on the Board by the County Council, had resigned and the County Council were asked to fill the vacancy.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. John O'Byrne (Gorey) seconded by the Chairman--

"That the resignation of Mr. James Connors, Gorey, as a member of the Co. Wexford Board of Health, be accepted, and that Mr. James Swords, North Parade, Gorey, be appointed to the vacancy".

Finances, County Board of Health.

The Secretary stated that the County Board of Health had applied for £1,030 to carry on. This amount had been transferred to them, but they now stated they could not carry on without a further £100.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Coris seconded by Mr. Cummins:-

"That a further sum of £100, making £1,130 (in all) be transferred to the County Wexford Board of Health".

The Forthcoming Parliamentary Elections.

Under date 15th March 1922, the Minister for Local Government Irish Provisional Government, wrote bringing under the notice of the Council the question of Parliamentary Polling Districts and Places. It was essential that the fullest facilities should be given to Voters so that they would not have to walk unduly long distances. The necessary arrangements should be made at the earliest moment so that the Returning Officer may have time to carry them into effect. The Secretary of the Council should send to each County Councillor a copy of existing Polling Places and a meeting summoned to consider the representations made by each Councillor. The Registration Officer and returning Officer could be summoned to the meeting for consultation. Copy of the Scheme should be transmitted to the Department with a coloured map, and it should be published as directed by the Polling Districts & Places Rules, 1919. No registration unit, except for very grave reasons, should be divided as the Register was made up according to Registration Units.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr.

Corish, seconded by Mr. Cummins--

"That the revision of present Polling Places for Parliamentary election be referred to a Committee with plenary powers to dispose of this matter".

The following Committee was appointed, to meet on 10th April 1922 at 10.30 a.m. in the County Hall, Wexford:-

Messrs. John Murphy, R. Corish, E. Foley, John Cummins, and John O'Byrne (Gorey).

Rate Collection.

The Secretary submitted the state of the Rate Collection to date from which it appeared that two-thirds of the rate for half year ended 31st March 1922, was still outstanding.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. John O'Byrne (Gorey) seconded by Mr. John J. O'Byrne (Cushinstown)-

"That we hereby direct that the Rate Collection for periods to 31st March last must close on 15th May next. That defaulting Ratepayers, in respect of rate for 31st March last, be proceeded against immediately after that date, but that we expect Rate Collectors to proceed at once against those who are still in default as regards payment of Rate for periods ended September 1921".

Finance and Roads Committee.

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

"That the terms of Reference to Roads Committee be extended in order to allow of this Committee dealing with matters of Finance in addition to questions relative to roads".

Recommendations from Roads Committee.

A large number of recommendations were presented from the Roads Committee, but owing to the lateness of the hour, it was possible to deal with the following only--

"That, for the purposes of effecting agreement, the Roads Committee, at meeting held this 3rd April 1922, recommend the County Council to fix a wage of 38/- for a 50-hour week for men engaged at work on roads and in quarries".

Mr. Cummins proposed and Mr. Seumas Doyle seconded:-

"That the recommendation of the Roads Committee be approved".

Mr. Cloney moved:-

"That we disagree with the recommendation of the Roads Committee and that wages for road men and quarrymen be fixed at 35/- per week".

A show of hands was taken when four were found to be in favour of Mr. Cloney's amendment, and seven against.

Mr. Cloney demanded a poll which resulted as follows:-

For the amendment- Messrs. Murphy, O'Donoghue, Hall and Cloney- 4.

Against- Messrs. Corish, Cummins, Foley, John O'Byrne (Gorey)

S. Doyle, J.J. O'Byrne (Cushinstown) and the Chairman- 7.

Messrs. James Byrne and M. Doyle did not vote.

The Chairman declared the amendment lost, and the resolution of confirmation was then put and declared passed nem. con.

Adoption of Estimate of Rate.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. M. Doyle, seconded by Mr. Foley:-

"That we hereby adopt the Estimate of Rate for General and Separate Charges for financial year 1922-23, and agree that the Rates in the £ to be levied off the several Rural Districts of the County, be as follows:-

<u>District</u>	<u>Land</u>		<u>Other Heredatments.</u>	
	s	d	s	d
Enniscorthy	4	10	8	3
Gorey	4	7	7	4
New Ross	3	10	7	5
Wexford	3	11	7	0

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

<u>District</u>	<u>General Charges</u>			<u>Separate Charges</u>			<u>Total</u>		
	£	s	d	£	s	d	£	s	d
Enniscorthy	1094	15	6	nil			1094	15	6
New Ross	2069	4	5	nil			2069	4	5
Wexford	3415	5	11	nil			3415	5	11

Rooms in County Hall.

Mrs. M. Hibbitts, late Matron of Gorey Union, wrote asking the Council to let her two small rooms, at present vacant in the top landing in County Hall, as she found it impossible to obtain

lodgings in Wexford.

Mr. John O'Byrne (Gorey) proposed:-

"That we agree to the application of Mrs. Hibbitts for rooms in County Hall".

The Chairman seconded.

Mr. J.J. O'Byrne (Cushinstown) proposed:-

"That the matter be referred to the next meeting of the Finance and Roads Committee".

Mr. Hall seconded-

On a show of hands, five voted for the resolution to accede to the application and seven against.

The motion to refer the matter to the Finance and Roads Committee was then carried.

Dublin & South-Eastern Railway Service.

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

"That we request the Directors of the Dublin & South-Eastern Railway System to re-instate the 6 p.m. train from Wexford, with a connection to Waterford from same".

Carnegie Library for County Wexford.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish, seconded by Mr. Seumas Doyle:-

"That this County Council expresses satisfaction at the action taken in County Wexford to establish a Rural Library Scheme for Co. Wexford and will do all possible- individually and collectively to help the project".

Quarry Work.

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

"That the County Surveyor carry out work at quarries within his estimate of £500, and report to the Council what amount of work he has been able to carry out for this sum".

Bazaar Carman.

The Hon. Secretary, "Bazaar Carman", under date 25th March 1922, wrote stating that this Bazaar, which was to have been held

on 31st October and 1st November 1921, in the County Hall, had to be postponed owing to circumstances which could not be controlled by the promoters. It was now decided to bring it off on Easter Sunday and Monday, 16th & 17th April 1922, and the Committee requested the use of the Hall for these dates.

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

"That the County Hall be given to the Committee of Bazaar Carman for 16th & 17th April, portion of the premises required to be arranged by our Secretary and County Surveyor with the Bazaar Committee".

Confirmation, Minutes, proposal Committee.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman:-

"That the various applications adopted at this day's meeting of the Proposal Committee of the County Council be and are hereby approved".

Adjournment of Meeting.

The meeting was adjourned to Monday, 10th April 1922, at 11 o'clock, a.m.

-----ooOoo-----

(Signed)

Presiding Chairman

Dated this day of 19

Meeting, Proposal Committee.

3rd April, 1922.

A meeting of above Committee was held in Co. Council Chamber, Co. Hall, Wexford on 3rd April, 1922.

Present:- Mr. J.R. Etchingham (Chairman) presiding, also:- Messrs. Michael Cloney, R. Corish, E.P. Foley, M. Hughes, M.M. O'Donoghue, John Murphy, John J. O'Byrne (Cushinstown) and Michael Redmond.

The Secretary, the Assistant Secretary, the Co. Surveyor Senior Assistant Surveyor and Mr. Elgée, Solicitor were also in attendance.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

Applications for Works.

The following applications were submitted by the Surveyor:-

No. 160. To strengthen the bascule of Wexford Bridge, not to exceed £150. To be a County-at-Large Charge.

Adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish, seconded by Mr. Foley.

No. 161. To repair pileheads of Ferrycarrig Bridge, not to exceed £25, to be a County-at-large Charge.

Adopted on the motion of Mr. Cummins, seconded by Mr. John O'Byrne, Gorey.

No. 162. To repair New Ross Bridge, not to exceed £100. To be a County-at-Large Charge.

Adopted on the motion of Mr. Cummins, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne (Gorey)

No. 163. To maintain roadway over Wexford Bridge from 8th May 1922 to 31st March 1923, not to exceed £30. To be a County-at-Large Charge.

Adopted on the motion of Mr. Cummins, seconded by Mr. Byrne (Gorey)

No. 164. To maintain roadway over Ferrycarrig Bridge from 8th May 1922 to 31st March 1923, not to exceed £5. To be a County-at-Large Charge.

Adopted on the motion of Mr. Cummins, seconded by Mr. Byrne (Gorey)

No. 165. To maintain roadway over Deeps bridge from 8th May 1922 to 31st March 1923, not to exceed £5. To be a County-at-Large Charge.

Adopted on the motion of Mr. Cummins, seconded by Mr. Byrne, (Gorey)

No. 166. To maintain roadway over Edermine Bridge from 8th May 1922 to 31st March 1923, not to exceed £25. To be a County-at-Large Charge.

Adopted on the motion of Mr. Cummins, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne (Gorey)

No. 167. To maintain roadway over New Ross Bridge to 30th June 1922, not to exceed £50. To be a County-at-Large Charge.

Adopted on the motion of Mr. Cummins, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne (Gorey)

No. 168. To maintain roadway over New Ross bridge from 30th June 1922 to 31st March 1923, not to exceed £50. To be a County-at-Large charge.

Adopted on the motion of Mr. Cummins, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne (Gorey)

The above proposals from No. 160 to No. 168 inclusive were given into charge of the Co. Surveyor.

Advertising.

The following notice of motion was moved by Mr. Foley:-

"That the three local papers be asked for quotations for advertising of the Council and its Committees as from the 31st March 1922 to 31st March 1923, quotations to be considered at first available meeting of Co. Council.

-----ooOoo-----

MEETING, 10th APRIL, 1922.

A Meeting of the Wexford County Council was held on 10th April 1922.

present:- Messrs. J. Cummins, R. Corish, G. Devereux, E.P. Foley, James hall, D. Kavanagh, Philip Lennon, J. Murphy, John O'Byrne, (Gorey) James Shannon and John Sinnott.

The Secretary, the County Surveyor, Mr. T. Treanor, Senior Assistant Surveyor, and Mr. Elgee, Solicitor to the Council, were in attendance.

On the motion of Mr. Cummins, seconded by Mr. Lennon, the chair was taken by Mr. Corish.

The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

Leave of Absence- Mr. S. Hayes.

Mr. S. Hayes, Clerk in Secretary's Office, submitted the following certificate from Dr. Bowen, Enniscorthy, under date 6th April, 1922:-

"This is to certify that Mr. S. Hayes is suffering from a severe chill, and will be unable to resume work for a week. I have advised him accordingly".

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

"That a week's leave of absence as from 6th April 1922 be granted Mr. S. Hayes, Clerk in Secretary's office".

Representation on County Board of Health.

Under date 1st April 1922, the Minister for Local Government wrote that the Ministry are not prepared to consider the question of increasing representation on the County Board of health at present.

Mr. Sinnott resigned membership of the Board, and on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the resignation of Mr. John Sinnott as member of the County Board of Health be accepted, and that the vacancy be filled by the appointment of Alderman Nicholas Connolly, the nominee of the Wexford Corporation".

Extension of Road Limits.

Under date 1st April 1922 the Minister for Local Government wrote, agreeing to the extension of road limit for Gorey District to £13,007, and in Enniscorthy Rural District to £27,721. 7. 0. for one year to 31st March 1923.

Applications were received from New Ross and Wexford Rural District Councils for extension of Road Limits, the former to £12,000 and the latter to £17,200.

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

"That we request the Ministry for Local Government to extend the Road Limits for New Ross and Wexford Rural Districts, to £12,000 and £17,200 respectively".

Application, Increase of Salary.

Under date 24th March 1922 Mr. D. Radford, Clerical Assistant in County Surveyor's office, applied for an increase of salary. He was appointed in September 1920, at a salary of 30/- per week. It was unnecessary for him to point out the inadequacy of the salary and he hoped the Council would grant such an increase as, in the circumstances, they thought just.

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

"That the salary of Mr. D. Radford, Assistant in County Surveyor office, be fixed at £2 per week as from the date of this meeting".

Parliamentary Polling Districts, &c.

The Secretary read circular Letter, under date 15th March 1922, from the Irish Provisional Government, relative to the situation of Polling Districts and Places in view of the forthcoming Parliamentary elections, which was referred to a sub-committee, consisting of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Council, Messrs John Murpyh, R. Corish, John Cummins, and John O'Byrne (Gorey) who reported as follows:-

bree (killurin Polling District) to be transferred to D E D of Bree, Polling District of Bree.,

Ballyhogue, portion situate in bree Polling District to be

transferred to D E D of Ballyhogue, Killurin Polling District.,

Ballyanne, portion situate in Templeudigan Polling District to be transferred to D E D of Ballyanne, Polling District of Rathgarogue

And the adoption of the following Scheme:-

<u>Polling District</u>	<u>Regn. Unit</u>	<u>Poll At</u>
Baldwinstown	Kilcowan Killag Kilmore	Baldwinstown School Baldwinstown School Kilturk School (Nos 1 & 2 Stations)
Ballycanew	Ballycanew Balloughter	Ballycanew School Balloughter School
Ballycullane	Tintern	Ballycullane School
Ballyellis	Ballybeg Ballyellis	Askamore School Askamore School
Ballygarrett	Ballygarrett Cahore Killenagh	Ballygarrett School Kilennagh School Killenagh School
Bannow	Ballymitty Bannow Duncormick Harpurstown Harfistown	Hilltown School No. 1 Danescastle School Duncormick Courthouse or School Hilltown School No. 2 Duncormick Courthouse or School
Blackwater	Aughwilliam Bridgetown Mayglass Newcastle	Cleariestown School Mulrankin School Mayglass School Cleariestown School
Bree	Bree The Leap	Bree School Davidstown School
Camolin	Huntingtown Kilcomb Rossminogue	Craanford School Camolin School Craanford School
Castlebridge	Ardcavan Ardcolm Artramont Kilpatrick	Castlebridge male School Curracloe School Grossabeg School Kyle School
Clonroche	Castleboro Clonroche	Courtnacuddy School Clonroche Courthouse or School
Coolgreany	Ballylarkin Coolgreany Kilgorman Limerick Wingfield	Inch School Coolgreany School Castletown School Kilanerin School Ballythomes School

<u>Polling District</u>	<u>Regn. Unit</u>	<u>Poll At</u>
Courtown	Ardamine Courtown	Riverchapel School Kiltennel School
Enniscorthy	Enniscorthy Rural Enniscorthy East Urban Enniscorthy N.W. } Urban) Enniscorthy S.W.) Urban)	Enniscorthy Workhouse Convent of Mercy School Technical Institute Nos. 1 & 2
Ferns	Ballycarney Ballymore Ferns Kilboro The Harrow Tinnacross Tombrack	Ballycarney School Ferns Courthouse and Female School Ferns male School Ferns Courthouse & r female School Boolavogue School Tinnacross School Tombrack School
Fethard	Fethard Templetown	Poulfur School Templetown School
Glenbrien	Ballyhuskard Edermine Kilmallock	Kilcotty School Oylegate School Ballymurn School
Glynn	Forth Glynn	Glynn School No. 1 Glynn School No. 1
Gorey	Dunmain Inch Killesk	Gusserane School Gusserane School Killesk School
Killana	Killann Killoughrim	Killann School Nos 1 & 2 Caim School
Killiniok	Killiniok Kilscoran Lady's island Rosslare St. Helen's Tacunshane Tomhaggard	Ballymore School Tagoat School Lady's Island School Rosslare School Kilrane School Nos. 1 & 2. Tacunshane School Tomhaggard School
Killurin	Ballyhogue Killurin	Galbally School Glynn No. 2
Kilnamanagh	Ford Killincopley Monamolin Wells	Kilmuckridge School Kilmuckridge School Monamolin School kilnamanagh School

<u>Polling District</u>	<u>Regn. Unit</u>	<u>poll At</u>
Kiltealy	Ballindaggin	Ballindaggin School
	Kiltealy	Kiltealy School
	Marshallstown	Marshallstown School
	Rossard	Templeshambo School
Meylerspark	Carnagh	Meylerspark School
	Oldcourt	Ballykelly School
	Rochestown	Meylerspark School
	Whitechurch	Ballykelly School
New Ross	New Ross Rural	New Ross Workhouse
	New Ross N.E. Urban	New Ross Tholsel & St. Michael's School No. 1
	New Ross S W Urban	St. Michael's School No. 2 & Courthouse Nos. 1 & 2
Newtownbarry	Castledockrill	Castledockrill School
	Kilrush	Ballyroe buck School
	Moyacomb	Newtownbarry School
	Newtownbarry	Newtownbarry Courthouse and Hall
	St. Mary's	Kilmyshal School
Oulart	Bolaboy	Oulart School
	Kilcormick	Kilcormick School
Raheen	Adamstown	Adamstown School
	Barronstown	Raheen School
	Carrickbyrne	Carrickbyrne School
	Clongeen	Clongeen School
	Newbawn	Newbawn School
Ramsgrange	Ballyhack	Arthurstown Dispensary
	Kilmokea	Horeswood School
	Rathroe	Ramsgrange School
Rathgarogue	Ballyanne	Rathgarogue School No 1
	Old Ross	Rathgarogue School No 2
	Whitemoor	Rathgarogue School No 2
Taghmon	Horstown	Traceystown School
	Kilbride	Taghmon School
	Kilgarvan	Caroreigh School
	Taghmon	Taghmon Courthouse or School
	Whitechurch	Caroreigh School
Templeudigan	Barrack Village	Templeudigan School
	Clonleigh	Donard School
	Templeudigan	Templeudigan School
Wexford	Garrick	Barntown School
	Brinagh	Piercestown School
	Rathaspeck	Murrintown School
	Wexford Rural	Wexford Courthouse Nos. 1 & 2

<u>Polling District</u>	<u>Regn. Unit</u>	<u>Poll At</u>
Wexford	Wexford Urban No 1	Foresters' hall and Town Clerk's Office
	Wexford Urban No 2	Maudlintown to King St at Faythe Schools, and remainder, King St. to Gibson's St. at St. Brigid's National School
	Wexford Urban No. 3	Town Hall and Court- house

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

"That the recommendation of the Committee be adopted".

The Secretary read letter (no. L.G. 855) from Irish Provisional Government, 6-8 College Green, Dublin, asking him to inform the Under-Sheriff as early as possible, of the supply of Ballot Boxes, fittings, compartments, etc., available for use at the forthcoming Parliamentary Elections, so that provision could be made for any further supplies required in consequence of additional polling places and any necessary repairs carried out.

The Secretary stated that he had complied with this request.

Application for Rooms in County Hall.

Mrs. Margaret Hibbitts, Carour Cottage, Wexford wrote under date 2nd April, 1922, stating that she was prepared to rent two small rooms in the County Hall, which were not in use, as it was so difficult to get lodgings in Wexford.

This matter had been before the last meeting of the Council when it was referred to the Finance & Roads Committee who made no order thereon.

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

"That Mrs. Hibbitts be informed that at present the Council cannot see its way to entertain any application for the letting of any portion of the premises of the County Hall".

Provision for the Blind.

Under date 22nd March 1922, circular letter as to the provision for the Blind in the County Council's area was received from the Local Government Department with a request that the matter would

receive early consideration with a view to the County Council undertaking in a special manner the care of the Blind, which had hitherto devolved on the Poor Law Authorities. This course would have the advantage of discontinuing the dependence of the Blind on the Poor Law, would allow better treatment, and put the Council in touch with the proper Institutional, pension and other Authorities, thereby in many cases, relieving the local rates, and enable the Council to give further help to Institutions, which help was urgently needed, owing to deficits arising from increased costs and reduced charitable contributions. It was to be noted that the Institutions in question would relieve the rates to a marked extent, as their charitable income supplemented by Government grants, meet about two-thirds of the cost of many of the Blind, which otherwise would be borne by local Poor Relief. The "Act to promote the Welfare of Blind Persons", (16th August 1921) and the regulations made thereunder by the Local Government Board (Custom House) were also enclosed for information.

These pointed out that every blind person over 50, who was unable to perform work for which sight was essential, was entitled to a pension under Old Age pension Acts. It was the duty of the County Council, within twelve months after passing of the Act, to submit a scheme to the satisfaction of the Ministry of Health for promoting the welfare of the Blind, and for this purpose, they could provide and maintain or contribute towards the provision and maintenance of workshops, hostels, homes or other places for the reception of blind persons. A Government grant of £20 for each blind person would be provided, and the Council could delegate their powers to a Committee, of which not less than two-thirds were to be County Councillors. The County Board of Health was the Local Authority in all Counties in which Union Amalgamation had been effected.

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

"That, as the County Board of Health is now the Local Authority under Act of Parliament "to promote the welfare of Blind Persons" circular letter from Ministry of Local Government, under date 22nd

March 1922 to Corporations and County Councils be referred to said Board of Health".

Applications for Poundage.

Messrs. J. Banville (ex-Rate Collector) and E. Cummins (Ex-Collector) applied for poundage on amounts of rate collected by them in respect of period ended 31st March, 1921.

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

"That Mr. Banville be informed that the County Council consider that their grant of superannuation to him should in the circumstances be sufficient remuneration without giving him poundage on the small amount of rate collected by him in respect of the period ended 31st March 1921.

"That, in reference to the application of Mr. E. Cummins for poundage, as he declined to throw in his lot with the Council, we refuse to agree to any payment of poundage in respect of the small amount he collected in respect of the March 1921 Rate".

Mr. P. Codd, Ex-Rate Collector.

Under date 11th February, 1922, Mr P. Codd, Ex-Rate Collector, wrote that he was willing to collect the outstanding rates to 31st March, 1921, provided the County Council was satisfied and was willing to pay poundage on same. He wished to have cheque for amount of Rate collected. He also asked to be informed as soon as possible if he would be allowed to collect the amount outstanding as he was about to prosecute some parties who had not paid Rates for two years, and he wanted permission to include the half year's rates (that he had not paid the Council) in the amount due by them and have the whole lot finished up.

Under date 9th March 1922, Mr. Jasper Whitty, deputy Rate Checker, wrote that he had gone through P. Codd's books and had written Codd to attend in order to satisfy himself as to the amount due by him to the Council. As soon as he attended, Mr. Whitty would present a report. The latter asked what was he to do with the Collecting Books, as according to the receipts, there was nearly £600 outstanding in the district for Rate of March, 1921.

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

"That as Mr. P. Codd declined to carry out the instructions of the County Council, we cannot see our way to get him to collect the amount of rate outstanding in his former district in respect of the period ended March, 1921. That the Deputy Checker be directed to hand over Collecting Books in respect of this period to Mr. Michael Deegan, Brideswell, Craanford".

Ex-Collector M. Tobin.

In connection with amount of rates, collected by M. Tobin, Ex-Rate Collector, the Secretary produced bond given for this man by the National Benefit Life and property Assurance Company, Ltd., National House, 27 & 28 Newgate Street, London, E.C. in the sum of £900 under date 11th July 1919.

The Commandant, North Wexford Brigade, under date 11th March 1922, submitted the following report from Captain Quirke, F. Co., 2nd Battn., as to the allegation of Ex-Collector M. Tobin that a large sum of money had been looted at his house on the occasion when his Collecting Books were taken-- certain

"About one and a half years ago, in compliance with instructions I ordered the rate books to be seized from Tobin, Rate Collector, The Ballagh. In consequence of rumours being current after the seizure to the effect that money had been taken, I subsequently visited the Ballagh and saw Tobin. Having questioned him in connection with what I had heard, he assured me that there was nothing taken except the books. If Tobin missed money after the seizure of the books, he should have reported it immediately, or, at least, when I visited him".

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

"That criminal prosecution be instituted against M. Tobin, Ex-rate Collector, for the amount of Rate which he collected on behalf of the County Council, and failed to account for, viz:- £245.12.9. That a copy of this resolution be furnished Mr. Elgee, Solicitor to the Council".

Rate Collection.

Under date 9th march 1922, Mr. James Quirke, Rate Collector, wrote that prior to his arrest in March 1921, he paid the second moiety of 1921 Rate for a friend, Mr. William Breen, Garraheen, amount £4.18.6. Mr. Breen was not aware of this and paid the amount to the Bank. Accordingly, Mr. Quirke asked for a refund.

The Secretary stated that Mr. Quirke's statement in this matter was quite correct.

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

"That amount of £4.18.6 for Rate for Nos. 29 and 51, E D of Forth, paid by Collector Quirke and by ratepayer, Mr. William Breen, Garradreen, be refunded Mr. Quirke".

Under date 4th April 1922 the following letter was read from Mr. E.J. Murphy, Rate Collector:-

"I enclose you circular letter I am posting to-day to all the defaulters, and this is my fourth notice to them since last October and if this does not work them by the Fair, next Tuesday, I will hand them over to the Courts to satisfy the wishes of the County Council, but my opinion is that course is useless, because the courts are powerless to enforce decrees. At least, we must judge them by what we know of facts. If they were active, Collectors would have an easy journey each half year. And needless to inform you, the people are well aware of these facts and are glad to avail of the situation. That's honestly my own experience".

Advertising Contract

On the motion of Mr. Foley, seconded by Mr. Sinnott, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the three local papers be requested to state on what terms they would be prepared to let to the County Council scale contract, seven inch space, per week, for one year".

Restarting Road Work on Existing Contracts.

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

"That instructions be given to the County Surveyor to restart

work on road contracts".

Assistant Surveyor for Gorey District.

The County Surveyor read for the meeting a letter from Mr. James Kirby, late Assistant Surveyor in Gorey District, in which he stated that, before coming back to take up duty, he would wish to have a guarantee from the County Council as to his salary from the date of his suspension, and as to what his salary in the future would be fixed at.

It was decided on the motion of Mr. Devereux, seconded by Mr. Cummins, to adjourn the matter to the next meeting of the County Council.

Machinery Yard, Enniscorthy.

The County Surveyor stated that Mr. Charles Byrne, owner of the machinery yard at Enniscorthy, was asking for an increase of 6/- per week in the rent of the yard. The Council were at present paying 6/- per week to Mr. Byrne who wanted 12/- per week.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne, it was decided to refer the matter to the next meeting of the Council.

Road Contractor James O'Brien, Glenteigue, Glenbrien.

Mr. James O'Brien, who was contractor for roads Nos. 25E, 26E, 231E and 234E for a number of years, either direct from County Council, or through County Surveyor, has been persistently making claims for monies which he held to be due him on foot of these contracts.

At a recent meeting, the County Council decided to refer the matter to the County Surveyor and the Secretary.

Accordingly, on 23rd February 1922, Mr. O'Brien's claims were gone into exhaustively. He maintains that for year March 1918 to March 1919, a depot of 27 cubic yards of hand-broken stones, which he had on road No. 25E, were never credited to him. He believed that the real amount in depot would have been four or five yards over and above the 27, but as a result of a visit to the County Surveyor's office, he fixed on 27, and in a letter, dated 22nd February 1919, he made a definite claim based on this figure. He valued material at 10/- per cubic yard. Total, £13.10.0.

The County Surveyor stated he is absolutely certain Mr. O'Brien received full measurement for all his roads for the period in question. A certain amount of material from one depot was transferred from Road 25E to 26E, but Mr. O'Brien was credited with that. the County Surveyor had no hesitation in saying that there was no material in any depot belonging to Mr. O'Brien for which the latter did not receive full credit.

Mr. O'Brien made no claim as regards year 1919-20, but for the following year he claimed to have supplied a surplus amount of material of approximately, 34 cubic yards.

The County Surveyor conceded that Mr. O'Brien had apparently this amount of surplus material, but seven cubic yards were credited to Road 231E to make up for a shortage of gravel, and 22 cubic yards were put on road 234E owing to shortage. Mr. O'Brien contended that the 7 cubic yards was too big a reduction for the gravel shortage, and in the case of Road 234E, he stated that he drew the material from the quarry and spread it. The only documentary evidence was a note by Mr. Curran, Assistant Surveyor, that the 22 cubic yards had been taken from the surplus.

In regard to contract for supplying and spreading 63 cubic yards of material for steamrolling work, Mr. O'Brien received the full amount, £32, but he holds he provided and spread further material than what was specified, for which he claims £7,7,6, and for which payment was recommended by Enniscorthy Rural District Council.

The principal claim made by Mr. O'Brien is for extra cost of material owing to enhanced prices caused by the War. the County Surveyor points out that there were several contractors in the same position as Mr. O'Brien, and they had made no complaint of the War Bonus which was paid them and which was on the same basis as paid Mr. O'Brien. This claim of Mr. O'Brien was very fully considered by the late County Council, who recommended a payment of £30, but the Ministry of Transport refused to sanction the payment of a bonus plus War Bonus, and no further action was taken. Mr. O'Brien stated that he had, owing to increased War Prices, lost about £200 on these contracts.

The last item claimed by Mr. O'Brien was for £1.74 on foot of Sudden Damage Order and which he claimed had been promised to him. This could not be allowed on 25E which had a surplus, but we believe it could be allowed.

The total claim is £66. 9.10, but the County Surveyor can recommend only the payment of the £30 if this commends itself to the County Council. In the absence of documents caused by the seizure of County Council premises, it is difficult to clear up the details, but taking everything into consideration, Mr. O'Brien's claim for £30 appears to be the only one which can be sustained. There is no doubt this amount would have been paid him long ago if the Ministry of Transport had not refused their sanction.

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

"That without prejudice, the Council offers Mr. James O'Brien, Glenteigue, the sum of £30 in full settlement of his claim against the Council".

General Council of County Councils and Roads.

Under date 25th February 1922, the Secretary to the Irish County Councils' General Council, wrote that he had been directed by the General Council to impress on all County Councils the urgent necessity of making ample provision in the estimates for the coming financial year for the restoration and improvement of roads.

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

"That the Irish County Councils' General Council be informed that this Council have spent a sum of £93,000 on the restoration and improvement of the County Roads".

Defaulting Land Purchase Annuitants.

Under date 4th April 1922, the Secretary Irish Land Commission forwarded list of defaulting Land Purchase Annuitants in County Wexford and against whom legal proceedings had been instituted for recovery of the instalment due on 1st November and 1st December 1921.

No Order.

Coal etc., County Courthouses.

Mrs. McNally, Caretaker, Wexford Courthouse, wrote under date 3rd April 1922, that she had been referred by the Under-Sheriff to the County Council for coal for use of Courthouse and for Office of Clerk of Crown & peace. She also wished to know what would be done in connection with small repairs etc., at Courthouse.

The Secretary said he had written to the Under-Sheriff in the matter, and he received from the latter the following extract from a letter written by the Under-Secretary, Dublin Castle:-

"With reference to the arrangement under which you have been paying certain salaries and expenses in connection with the upkeep of Courthouses in your County and recovering the amounts so expended from this Office, I am directed to inform you that this procedure will cease as from 31st instant (March, 1922) and thereafter all claims in respect of the salaries and expenses in question should be preferred on the County Council".

Under date 7th April 1922, the following letter was read from Messrs. Huggard & Brennan, Solicitors, Gorey--

"We have had a letter from Mr. James P. Connor, Sub-Sheriff, Enniscorthy, in which he informs us that he will not be responsible for the rent of the Gorey Courthouse beyond the 31st ult., and refers us to you for the future payment of the rent.

"Your Council have surrendered this Courthouse, and we would feel obliged if you would kindly instruct whoever has the keys at present to hand them over to us on behalf of our client".

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

"That the Local Government Department be requested to advise this Council with regard to the upkeep and maintenance of Courthouses".

Proposed payment - Inquests.

Under date 27th March, 1922 the following letter was read from Mr. Philip Lennon, Registrar of republican Courts, South Wexford--

"at a meeting of Justices held on yesterday I was ordered to write to you for Fees for Justices who attended Inquests in South

Wexford on the Bodies of

Thomas Connolly, Rathgarogue.

Laurence Curran, new Ross.

An Infant (dead) " "

William Edwards " "

The Coroner at present acting is getting paid whilst he is not recognised by the Justices. Therefore, it is most unfair if the men who do the work are not paid.

The Secretary read the following letter from the Local Government Department (K 153) under date 16th November 1921, and which was before the meeting of the County Council on 22nd November 1921:-

"With reference to Mr. J.J. Roche, I have to request you to again ask Mr. Roche to resign his position as J.P. I desire to point out that, in case of refusal, serious action will be taken".

The following resolution was adopted at the meeting of 22nd November, 1921 on the latter--

"That Mr. J.J. Roche, Coroner for South Wexford, be informed that, unless he resigns his J.P-ship by the 1st December, his position as Coroner for South Wexford shall be determined".

The Secretary stated that, previous to 1st December 1921, a letter was received from Mr. Roche that he had resigned his J.P ship.

Under date 31st March 1922, the following letter No. 8043/22, Wexford County, was read from the Local Government Department:-

"With reference to your letter of the 29th instant., regarding the proposal of your Committee to dispense with the services of Mr. Roche, Coroner for South Wexford, I desire to inform you that the Council have no authority to dispense with Mr. Roche's services. The Ministry for Local Government have referred the whole file in connection with this matter to the Minister for Home Affairs for his attention".

Under date 31st March 1922, the following letter, No. 8042/22 Wexford County, was read from the Local Government Department:-

"With reference to your letter of the 28th inst., regarding the payment of Justices for sitting on Inquests, I desire to

inform you that there is no provision in the existing laws to allow of Justices receiving such payment".

Mr. Sinnott proposed and Mr. Lennan seconded:-

"That Mr. J.J. Roche be called on to resign his position as Coroner for South Wexford".

The Chairman considered it was not in order to move a resolution of this description at the present meeting, and, this ruling being accepted, Mr. Sinnott intimated his intention of serving Notice of motion that Mr. Roche be called on to resign his position as Coroner for South Wexford.

Voters & Jurors Lists.

Under date 23rd March 1922, the following letter, No. D/80 was read from the Local Government Department:-

"With a view to minimising adjustments as between the British Government and Dail Eireann, the Department should like^{if}/your County Council would deal with the claims of the Clerk of the Crown and Peace as heretofore. Of course, the usual recoupments will be made in respect of these payments".

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

"That except for adjustments such as those referred to in the letter of the Local Government Department, under date 23rd March. 1922, and No. D/80, this County Council declines to deal with any person who is described as the Clerk of the Crown & Peace".

University Scholarships.

Mr. Frank Algar, Students' Representative Council (University College, Dublin) forwarded the following resolution which had been adopted at the meeting of his Council on 9th February 1922:-

"That this Council is of opinion that the Scholarships awarded to students in this College by Corporations and County Councils are grossly inadequate and urges an immediate and substantial increase".

Marked "read".

Underdate 3rd April 1922, the following letter was read from Mr. Leo F. Sullivan 40 Selskar Street, Wexford:-

"Owing to a slight illness, I have been obliged to spend part of last College term in hospital. Accordingly my expenses at University Hall have only amounted to half their usual amount. As attendances at any lectures missed will be granted to me on medical grounds, I should feel obliged if you would forward me the remainder of my Scholarship, due for this term, at your earliest convenience".

Referred to next meeting of the Finance and Roads Committee.

Funds for Subsidiary Bodies.

Under date 27th February 1922 the following resolution was received from the New Ross Board of Guardians:-

"That the County Councils of Wexford, Kilkenny and Carlow be requested to forward funds due to this Union on foot of 1921-22 Estimate of Rate to enable the Guardians to clear off all liabilities for the 31st March 1922".

In forwarding this resolution, the Clerk to the Guardians added:-

"I was directed to add that, even if other Unions in the County are left short of funds, we are entitled to the amounts due in view of the rates having been paid punctually in this Union".

Underdate 31st March 1922, the Clerk, New Ross Union, wrote that in reference to the balance of £3,158 due the Union by the County Council on foot of Demand, it had been decided that Insittutional administration continue as heretofore for the present. This meant that the Guardians should be provided with money and the Treasurer could not reasonably be asked to continue accommodating the Guardians. he (Clerk) would be glad if the Treasurer was written to, giving guarantee that the amount due the Guardians would be transferred by a particular date.

Under date 8th March 1922, Mr. Röchford, Clerk New Ross Union wrote, asking that the special attention of the County Council should be called to the amount due on foot of New Ross Union Demand, viz:- £4,158, while there were only three weeks of the financial year to run. The Board were anxious to pay off their liabilities before ceasing to function. They were grieved over the treatment they were receiving from the County Council in the matter of funds, considering that the people of New Ross Rural

District paid their Rates long before they were collected in any other District in the County.

The Secretary that he had informed the Clerk, New Ross Union, that the Guardians had received all the money which the Council could spare them. The Clerk of New Ross Union did not consider that the Council had paid three-fourths of Union demands, while at last meeting of the Council, a sum less than £2,000 had been collected on the Rate from September to March".

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

"That the Secretary be instructed to transfer whatever amount he considers can be spared from the funds of the Council to the Subsidiary Bodies".

Messrs. Thompson's Account for Trailers.

Under date 1st February 1922, Messrs. M/ J. O'Connor & Co., Solicitors, Wexford forwarded the following letter which they had received from Messrs. Thompsons' Motor Car Co. Ltd:-

"I hear that the Road Board are now arranging to pay the grants that have been promised. Is there no chance of getting the money for the balance of the trailers, as we are most anxious to get this transaction wound up as soon as possible?

Under date 8th April 1922, the following letter was read from Mr. R.W. Elgee, Solicitor to the County Council--

"I have now gone carefully through the correspondence which has passed between you and Messrs. Thompson as to the purchase of the Trucks herein. The facts appear to be as follows--

The first order was for Steam Lorry and two trucks, but I leave these out of consideration as they have been delivered and paid for long since.

The next order was in the month of July, 1920 for 10 Trucks or Trailers, same to be delivered within 4/5 weeks at the rate of 5 per week, payment to be made within 30 days after delivery, the price to be £357.10.0., plus £16.10.0 for steel linings, or together £374, or for the 10 Trucks, £3740.

The Makers afterwards varied this Agreement and declined to deliver the Trucks unless payment was made before they left the

works.

Accordingly, on the 26th Jan. 1921, the payment of £1,000 was made to them, and on the 36th February 1921 a further payment of £500 was made, being together £1,500.

As against these payments, 4 trucks were delivered in the Summer of 1921, just twelve months after the order was given, and 6 months after the payments on account were made.

Two more trucks were delivered in the month of October 1921, and in the month of December 1921, a payment of £738.13.0 was made to Messrs. Thompson on account.

Six of the 10 trucks have thus been delivered and paid for, and four trucks have not been delivered, although Thompson & Co. have apparently a small sum in cash to credit of them after the various payments made on account.

Now it seems to me that the original Contract having been varied in so many particulars, both as to time of delivery and mode of payment, that it terminated and became impossible to complete, that is as to the ten trucks which, according to the original contract, were to be delivered (after the expiration of 4/5 weeks) in a fortnight.

The actual delivery of the trucks appears to me to be an entirely new contract for each lot of trucks as delivered, the first four which were not delivered until long after they had been paid for, and the other two which were apparently delivered before they were paid for.

Then as to the 4 trucks still undelivered, I am of opinion that the Council are entitled to do as they have sought to do, in seeking to cancel the order for these 4 trucks, as owing to the great delay in making delivery by the Company, I do not see how they can force the Council to take them now after the lapse of 22 months from the date of the order being given for them.

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

"That, in view of the advice of our Solicitor, we hereby decide to cancel the contract with Messrs. Thompson's Motor Car Co. Ltd., Dublin, for the supply of trailers".

Re-opening of Drinagh Cement Works.

A number of letters were received from County Councils and development Associations of Cork and Dublin, etc., relative to the re-opening of Drinagh Cement Works. The most important of these was a letter from the proprietors, "Associated Portland Cement Manufacturers, Limited", under date 22nd march 1922, expressing astonishment that the Council had passed a resolution to boycott English cement, in view of the fact that the question of the re-opening of Drinagh Cement Works was at the present time under consideration, and that an early interview had been arranged for some of the Directors of the Company to meet the authorities in Dublin on the subject.

Under date 27th March 1922, the Secretary to the Cement Marketing Co. Limited, the selling organisation of the Associated Portland Cement Manufacturers, Ltd., wrote that they had suggested appointments with the Ministry of Trade & Commerce and with the Local Government Department for Friday, 31st march 1922 and at which they would be glad to see the Secretary to the Council.

The Secretary explained that, owing to pressure of business, he had been unable to make arrangements to go, but Mr. Foley, Vice-Chairman of the Council, very kindly took his place.

The Chairman stated that the works were being opened that day.

Intermediate Examinations - "North-East" Ulster.

The Secretary of the "Ministry of Education for Northern Ireland" wrote under date 22nd March 1922, enquiring if the Wexford County Council would be prepared to accept the results of the Intermediate Examinations, conducted by this Ministry for the same purposes and in the same manner as it has hitherto accepted those of the Intermediate Board.

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

"That, should occasion arise, the query from the Ministry of Education for Northern Ireland, relative to acceptance of Intermediate Examinations (conducted in "North-East" Ulster) for University Scholarship purposes, will be dealt with. At present, none of the students who have made application for University

Scholarship proposes sitting for examination at other than County Wexford centres".

Ministry of War pensions
Two Committees for Ireland.

Under date 28th march 1922, the regional Director, Ministry of Pensions, Ireland South Region, 41 Upper Fitzwilliam Street, Dublin, wrote that the Minister of Pensions had under consideration the re-organisation of Committee Areas in Ireland under the War pensions Act, 1921, and as a provisional arrangement, which would be subject to alteration hereafter, the Minister proposed to issue orders establishing two Committee Areas for Ireland, viz:- one for the Ireland (South) Region, and the other for the Ulster Region. Any observations which the Council desired to make in the matter should reach the writer before the 12th April next.

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

"That the Ministry of pensions be informed that this County Council declines to deal with anything which recognises the partition of Ireland".

Pension of Ex-Jail Official.

Under date 3rd February 1922 Mr. N.E. Walsh, ex-Jail Official, wrote that, now that a settlement is being effected relative to matters which might have conduced to the Council's former decision not to pay superannuation of Jail Officials, etc., he asked that the matter should be brought before the Council with a view to his being paid the amount due, viz:- from 1st July, 1920.

Referred to the Local Government Department for directions.

Preparation of Rate Books and
Receipt & Demand Notes.

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

"That our Secretary be empowered to employ temporary clerical staff to have rate Books written up and Collectors' receipt and Demand Notes prepared., that a Committee consisting of Messrs. R. Corish and Foley be appointed to assist him in the selection of said staff .

Removal of Co. Council Offices to County Hall.

The Secretary stated that as the result of the removal of County Council Offices back to County Hall on its evacuation by the English Police, he had been obliged to employ extra clerical assistance to sort and arrange papers etc.

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

"That we approve of the employment of Mr. P. Connaire in County Council Offices from 25th February 1922 at £2 per week, employment to continue until the various documents etc., have been put into order and classification".

The Council's Bank Pass Books.

On the motion of Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. Devereux, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the Treasurer of the County Council be requested to have the Council's Bank Pass Books written up and balanced at the end of each month as in the past".

Enniscorthy Rural District School
Attendance Committee.

Under date 1st April 1922 the following letter was read from the Clerk, Enniscorthy Rural District Council:-

"The following names have been suggested by my Council for appointment on School Attendance Committee:-

Martin Kelly, Tombrick, Ballycarney, Ferns.

James Hall, Boolavogue, Ferns.

John Kavanagh, Ferns.

James Clince, Caim, Enniscorthy.

Martin Cummins, Ballymurn, Enniscorthy.

On the motion of Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. Foley, the foregoing were appointed as the representatives of the County Council on the Enniscorthy Rural District School Attendance Committee.

Appointments of High Sheriffs.

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

"That our Secretary be directed to ascertain from the Minister

for Home Affairs who nominated the present individuals acting as High Sheriffs".

Ex-Service Men and Appointments under
Public Bodies.

On the motion of Mr. Devereux, seconded by Mr. Lennon, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That, in the opinion of this Council, some consideration should be given to Ex-Service Men in the shape of allowing them to pass at lower marks than ordinary candidates in connection with examinations for positions under Public Bodies".

Road at Kilmore.

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

"That the County Surveyor be directed to inspect the road at Kilmore, known as the "Pig's Elbow", and take the necessary steps before the District Council to have same widened, as at present, it was a grave danger to the public".

Expenses, Conveyance of Lunatics.

The Secretary submitted expenses for conveyance of lunatics forwarded by the Brigade Police Officer, and accompanied by the certificates of the Justices.

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

"That the County Council do not consider it necessary that each item of expenditure for conveyance of Lunatics should be specially brought before them, provided the approval of the Local Government Department has been obtained and the expenses are accompanied by a certificate of the Justices that they are actual and necessary".

Death of Rate Collector D. Byrne.

Mr. O'Byrne reported that Mr. Daniel Byrne, Rate Collector, for No. 13 District, had been killed in Gorey on Saturday 8th April. He proposed that a vote of sympathy be passed to Mrs. Byrne, wife of the deceased Collector.

The Chairman seconded the motion which was passed,

Roads Committee.

The following reports were submitted from the Roads Committee:-

Wexford County Council.

Roads Committee,

The first meeting of above Committee was held on 3rd March 1922 in conformity with the following resolution adopted at the meeting of the Wexford County Council on 1st March 1922:-

"That a Committee with plenary powers, be appointed to deal with the present road scheme of the Council (under which grant of £10,000 is being spent) to investigate and deal with claims, etc., of Road Contractors, obtain information as to the working of Direct Labour schemes in other Counties, and endeavour to devise a scheme which will be acceptable to all sections of the rate-payers and which will serve the interests of the County as a whole. That, if Committee consider it necessary, they can spread over a period of years the working of a scheme which will bring the roads of the County up to first class standard, the first meeting of the Committee to be held on Friday, 3rd March 1922 at 11 o'clock a.m. in the Town Hall, Wexford. And that in view of the gravity of the matters to be dealt with by the Committee, the Secretary request a full attendance at meetings".

The following were in attendance:-

Messrs. E.P. Foley, (Vice-Chairman County Council) presiding. John O'Byrne, (Gorey) John J. O'Byrne (Cushinstown) G. Devereux, Seumas Doyle and R. Corish.

The two other members of the Committee could not be present. Mr. Etchingham was detained owing to the serious illness of his mother, and Mr. Michael Doyle wired that he had been confined to bed for some days.

The Secretary, the County Surveyor, Mr. T. Treanor, Senior Assistant Surveyor and Mr. C.P. Curran, Assistant Surveyor, were also present.

The Chairman in referring to the formation of the Committee, stated that his object in moving in the matter at the last meeting of the County Council was not only to try and have the present

system of road maintenance improved, but also if possible to bring about real harmony between the two most important Associations in the County, viz:- the Farmers' Union and the transport Union. The gulf between them at present was very wide and was hampering the work of getting the road scheme of the County on a proper and businesslike footing. He (Chairman) was anxious that the leaders of both sides would meet the Committee and discuss their differences in a whole-hearted open manner. He hoped they would be all perfectly frank with each other, and if any of them found anything in the details of a scheme to which he objected, he should be honest enough to say so. They should do everything they could to establish harmony and to look to the best interests of the County as a whole. The roads at present were unable to withstand the traffic, and everybody was complaining of their condition. The Council was criticized and attacked, and it was up to the members of the Council to try and do what they considered best to meet this public criticism. There are great complaints all over the County as regards the present Scheme, even from the workers themselves, in connection with overlapping in the system of employment. Another very serious thing was the fact of the men being paid for a 40-hour week. This was a touchy and thorny question but the Committee had to consider it, because after all, where you had men on the roads working a five-day week for 40/-, and a man on the other side of the fence working six days for a much smaller wage, it was bound to cause friction and dissatisfaction. They should see if it was not possible to do something new as regards hours and wages. He believed there was a very large section of the men who did not expect they would be called on to work only for five days a week for 40/-

Mr. Corish said that it was a mistake that the gangers should have been appointed by the Transport Union. The gangers should have been employed by the County Council, irrespective of Farmers' Union or Transport Union.

Mr. John J. O'Byrne said that the reason why they could not change the amount of the wages, viz:- 1/- per hour, was because it would have required a notice of motion, and the amount was

back money which the workers should have earned long ago.

The meeting then discussed the matter at length, when it was finally decided that, as the scheme had only three weeks to run, and as it would practically take this period to have notice of motion discussed by the County Council, it would be inadvisable that any change should now be sought, but the Committee are of opinion that, before any new scheme is considered, the Council should go very carefully into the question of hours and wages, in view of the fact that circumstances had altered considerably since the Council fixed the rate of 1/- per hour as remuneration for road workers.

In reply to queries, the County Surveyor stated that, as regards existing scheme- provided it was not possible to obtain the second £10,000 on which the scheme was originally based- the most pressing matter was the spreading of the material, but all he would be able to do, with the funds now available, was to fill the pot holes.

Several members advocated that arrangements should be at once made to have the work of hauling and spreading the material taken in hands at once. The cost of hauling would, on the average, work out at 1s.6d a cubic yard per mile.

The following recommendation was moved by Mr. Corish, seconded by the Chairman and adopted:-

"That a charge hand be placed in the various quarries from which it was proposed material should be drawn., that the County Surveyor be directed to arrange with hauliers to have material concentrated on particular roads at particular periods, workers from adjoining roads to be employed to carry out the spreading. That the various gangers employed under present scheme meet the Assistant Surveyors on Saturday 4th March in the four towns of the County, with a view to having the work of hauling and spreading the material begun on 6th instant., Assistant Surveyors to attend at quarries on Monday and Tuesday, 6th and 7th March, to try and arrive at what amount of work hauliers can do in a day, and in the event of any haulier not working satisfactorily, that his services be discontinued".

Mr. O'Byrne (Gorey) proposed:-

"That the Assistant Surveyors be empowered to employ motor cars for Monday and Tuesday, 6th and 7th March to arrange for hauling, and for one day per week for every other week during the continuance of the Scheme".

Mr. Seumas Doyle seconded the motion, which was carried.

In the course of the discussion, it was stated that it should be distinctly understood that the County Surveyor and the Assistant Surveyors can discharge any ganger or worker who is not giving satisfaction. The County Council will insist that their responsible officials must have control.

The Chairman raised the question that in a particular district, hauliers would not be allowed to work, as they were not members of the Transport Union.

Mr. Corish pointed out that it was agreed that hauling could be carried out by anyone, and it was not necessary that hauliers should be members of any Union.

The County Surveyor said that no big farmers had submitted figures for hauling, so that there was no necessity to have a direction that small men only should be employed.

Meetings were then arranged for Saturday 4th March 1922, with the gangers as follows:-

Enniscorthy - Mr. Ennis and Mr. Curran.

Gorey - Mr. T. Treanor.

New Ross - County Surveyor and Mr. Jones.

Wexford - County Surveyor and Mr. Kehoe.

It was proposed by Mr. Corish, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne (Gorey) and passed:-

"That the County Surveyor be directed to procure, from other County Surveyors in Ireland, copies of their direct labour schemes also any information he can also get from them as to the working of their quarries, and wages paid men working in same, and a list of the machinery they have for the purposes of their Schemes".

Mr. O'Byrne (Gorey) thought it would be advisable for some of members of the Committee to visit other Counties to see how their Road Schemes were being carried on.

The Chairman considered this was premature at present.

Mr. Corish said it appeared that the County Surveyor had provided £73,000 for repair of roads next year. He estimated that £12,000 of this would be necessary for the maintenance by direct labour of about 500 miles of leading first and second-class roads. This would give employment to between 320 and 350 men for 24 weeks in the winter, and the men could be employed for the balance of the year in quarries and on the land. The third-class roads, comprising about 1,484 miles, could be taken by contract. This would entail an expenditure of £30,000. The balance of the estimate of the County Surveyor, viz:- £31,000 would be utilised for material, haulage, machinery and steamrolling.

As regards the latter, the County Surveyor said it could only be done on the system of patch and rolling and with the ordinary maintenance material. The usual method of re-making, surfacing and steamrolling was too costly, as that recently carried out had cost £2,000 per mile, and by filling holes, levelling up and rolling in patches on the worst places, a great improvement could be effected, as they knew from experience of similar work in the County. He had an engine and eight trailers at present. On a good road the engine would pull two trailers about ten tons. He had arranged with Mr. Thompson to do some experimental haulage for a few weeks with a Fordson tractor. Mr. Thompson had given him figures for haulage by this tractor for 475 days- 675 miles, which worked at (practically) cost of 1d per ten mile.

The County Surveyor was instructed to prepare an estimate for erection of shed at County Hall in which to house the machinery of the Council.

Mr. Corish stated that, until the Council were able to utilise the County Hall premises, he would ascertain if it would not be possible to have the machinery kept in the New Market, Wexford.

A long discussion took place as to the opening of the County Council quarries. It was pointed out that loan from Dail Eireann of £4,400 and of a similar amount from the Bank, approximately, £9,000 could be utilised for the purpose of starting quarry work. The meeting pointed out that unless this work was done at once, it

would not be possible to provide sufficient material at the proper time. The average cost of material procured in the quarry was 10/- per cubic yard, and spread on the road, £1 per cubic yard.

It was decided that the County Council consider at once the advisability of opening the various quarries.

Dealing with roads under contract, the County Surveyor pointed out that there were roughly about 180 miles of the 500 miles of main roads at present under contracts which would expire at various periods, the bulk in 1923.

It was decided that the Secretary obtain the opinion of Mr. Elgee, Solicitor to the Council, as to the responsibility of the County Council to the road contractors, whose contracts had been suspended, and if the Council had power to terminate same. Should Mr. Elgee advise in the affirmative, the County Surveyor and Mr. Treanor to interview the the contractors concerned in the contracts of the 180 miles included in main roads, which it is proposed should be maintained by Direct Labour, with a view of inducing them to surrender their contracts.

Mr. Devereux considered it would be well if the County was divided into five areas, and if the County and Assistant Surveyors and the members of the Roads Committee in each of the five areas could get into closer touch and have attention called to anything considered necessary to be done.

Mr. O'Byrne (Gorey) disagreed. Definite work should be apportioned to County and Assistant Surveyors, and if they neglected to perform this, they should be held responsible by the Council.

The Chairman said it would not be possible to have the various duties etc. of officials decided that day. He suggested that, in view of their proposals, close supervision would, in the future, be most essential to success., they should have to do something definite to see that such supervision would be forthcoming.

Mr. Devereux stated that he had been informed by one of the gangers under the present scheme that he had received no instructions.

Mr. Corish said that Mr. Barry and Mr. Treanor had spent a whole day explaining their duties to the gangers.

It was further decided that the County Surveyor should submit to next meeting a list of the machinery he required, and if possible, the probable cost.

It was also arranged that broken stones, provided they are found suitable for the roads, broken by people on the mountain of Forth, be purchased and also that particulars of new quarries available for districts in which material was badly needed and price should be submitted to next meeting.

It was decided that next meeting of the Committee be held on Monday, 13th March 1922, at 10.30 a.m. and that County Council be summoned to meet at 12 o'clock on same day.

-----oo0oo-----

(Signed)

Presiding Chairman

Dated this day of 19

Wexford County Council.Roads Committee.Meeting - 13th March, 1922.

A meeting of the Roads Committee of the Wexford County Council was held on 13th March 1922.

Present-- Mr. J.R. Etchingham (Chairman) presiding, other members:- Messrs. R. Corish, G. Devereux, M. Doyle, E.P. Foley and John O'Byrne (Gorey).

The Secretary, Assistant Secretary, County Surveyor, Mr. T. Treanor, Senior Assistant Surveyor, and Mr. C.P. Curran, Assistant Surveyor, were also in attendance.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

Wexford Bridge.

Mr. J.J. Stafford, Merchant, Stonebridge, Wexford came before the meeting in respect of the condition of Wexford Bridge.

On the motion of Mr. Corish, seconded by the Chairman, it was decided that Mr. Stafford be heard by the meeting.

Mr. Stafford said he had called the attention of the County Surveyor to the state of Wexford Bridge recently. Road traffic was now being carried out mostly by lorries. Notwithstanding that a considerable amount had been spent on Wexford Bridge, it was closed to lorry traffic, and in consequence, a very important district was cut off from Wexford. His lorries were obliged to make a detour of five or six miles around by Ferrycarrig Bridge in order to get to Blackwater. The Wexford Bridge, with the exception of the bascule, was equal to the traffic, and according to the present regulations, no loaded lorry could pass over the bridge, and no unladen lorry if its weight exceeded two tons. He was anxious that the County Council would strengthen the bascule, so that an unladen lorry, up to 5 tons, could be brought across the bridge.

The County Surveyor stated that four piles could be driven to support the bascule, and if this was done, it would be able to withstand the traffic of a two-ton lorry laden or that of an unladen lorry of 5 tons. It would cost about £150 to have the

necessary work carried out.

Mr. Corish proposed:-

"That we recommend the County Council to expend £150 on strengthening the bascule of Wexford Bridge in order to allow of an unladen lorry, weighing not more than 5 tons, to cross over".

Mr. O'Byrne seconded the resolution which was adopted.

Strike on Roads at Ferrycarrig.

The County Surveyor stated he found Aidan Mernagh, Ballinaslaney, Oylegate, overseer of roads at Ferrycarrig section, unsatisfactory. He (County Surveyor) told Mernagh to carry out some work, viz:- scraping mud on Wexford Bridge, and he never attended to it. He (County Surveyor) considered Mernagh responsible for holding up the work at Barmoney. He also organised the present strike. The County Surveyor stated he had informed Mernagh he would bring his conduct before the County Council and the answer to that was the present strike.

The following was read from Mr. D. Whelan, Secretary, Transport Union, Crossabeg Branch:-

"At a meeting held yesterday (12th March) in Crossabeg of all surface men and carters in this Branch, employed by the County Council, it was unanimously decided to cease work until such time as notice of dismissal, served on Aidan Mernagh, Ballinaslaney, Oylegate, overseer, by C. Curran, assistant Surveyor, is withdrawn as the men are not aware of any reason why he should be dismissed nor is any reason stated in notice of dismissal. They also wish to protest against the conduct of C. Curran, assistant Surveyor, in his wanderings around this part of his district, abusing the men on roads, and so causing general confusion and disorder, and they have asked me to call for his dismissal, as by his conduct, they believe he is doing his best to make direct labour a failure, and so cause disemployment of men engaged, when work is so badly needed. They beg to remind C. Curran and all others whom it may concern that they are not a lot of slaves, but Freemen in a Free State. None of the Union surfacemen or carters (which means all) will start work this Monday morning".

Mr. Curran, Assistant Surveyor, said he did not give notice

of dismissal to Mernagh, that came from the County Surveyor. At Barmoney quarry there was a strike, and the foreman said Mr. Mernagh was going there to organise a strike, as local men did not get the work. Mernagh was organising the strike although he was overseer. With reference to haulage, Mernagh did not carry out instructions to see hauliers, and he also refused to ask the men to carry out a reasonable amount of work per day.

The County Surveyor read letter which he had forwarded to Mernagh, and in reply to a question, said he was only proposing that Mernagh should be dismissed from the overserrship, but not from getting employment on the roads.

Mr. Curran said Mernagh gave no explanation as to why he did not call on hauliers, although asked on three or four occasions. He was directed to see a man named Sinnott, and although he could have seen this man before or after Oylegate Mass on Sunday, he had not done so. Subsequently, he was also asked about why he did not call on Sinnott and he gave no explanation.

Mr. Corish proposed:-

"That, as the present Road Scheme has only to run for a further fortnight, Aidan Mernagh be re-instated as overseer on Ferrycarrig section of roads and censured, the County Surveyor to keep a close eye on his future work. His re-instatement now to be conditional on his giving an undertaking that he will carry out the instructions of the Surveyors in future".

Mr. O'Byrne seconded. passed.

Position of Existing Road Contracts.

A resolution was adopted at a recent meeting of the County Council, asking Mr. R.W. Elgee, Solicitor to the Council, to advise as to the responsibility of the County Council in relation to existing road contracts.

The following under date 9th March 1922, was read from Mr. Elgee:-

"I am in receipt of your letter of the 6th instant, relative to the Road Contracts which were suspended by Resolution of the County Council in the month of March 1921.

With reference thereto, I beg to say that the Council are

bound by the contract or Bond, to pay the Contractor the yearly amount of his Contract price, for the term that is covered by the Bond, i.e. five years or three years as the case may be, from the date of the Bond, subject as hereinafter mentioned.

The Council cannot, by a mere Resolution, get rid of their liability under the Bond, such liability can only be determined by consent between the parties.

As to the Council's liability under existing Contracts from the month of March 1921, when the Council resolved to discontinue work on the roads, in my opinion, no payments can be made for this period to, or claimed by, a Contractor unless the County Surveyor certified under Article 26 (b) of "The Local Government (Procedure of Councils) Order 1899 'that the work in respect of which payment is to be made has been executed in accordance with the Contract', and a payment to a Contractor shall not be considered unless a Certificate to that effect is produced.

I am informed by the County Surveyor that none, or at the most very few of the Contractors have done any work under their Contract since they received notice of the Council's resolution, and this being so, as no work has been done, the Surveyor can give no Certificate, and as the Council cannot pay without a Certificate, it seems clear to me that the Contractors have no claim under their Contracts against the Council.

In the case of Contractors who have done any work or supplied any material during the period in question, the County Surveyor should certify in accordance with the amount of work done.

If the Council adopt the "Direct Labour Scheme" on the roads, they will have to be careful that such scheme is not put into force on the roads on which there are "Contracts" in force, as this would plainly be a breach of Contract on their part, for which they would be liable for damages.

The County Surveyor said he had measured up the mileage of proposed main Roads which were under Contract and found it to be 210.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Foley, seconded by Mr. M. Doyle:-

"That the County Surveyor and Mr. Treenor, Senior Assistant Surveyor, interview the contractors who hold contracts for 210 miles of proposed Main Roads, and try to effect a surrender of these Contracts to the County Council".

The remainder of the business in connection with roads was adjourned to next meeting of the Committee to be held at 11 o'clock a.m. on 25th March 1922.

Quarries.

Mr. Corish proposed, Mr. O'Byrne seconded and it was passed-

"That the County and Assistant Surveyors make all inquiries possible with a view to securing the necessary quarries for repair of roads".

-----oo000-----

(Signed) _____

Presiding Chairman

Dated this day of 19.

Roads Committee Meeting, 25th March 1922.

A meeting of the Roads Committee of the Wexford County Council was held in the Committee Room, County Hall, Wexford, on 25th March 1922.

Present:- Mr. E.P. Foley, Vice-Chairman Co. Council, presiding.
Also:- Messrs. John J. O'Byrne (Gorey), John J. O'Byrne (Cushinstown) M. Doyle and G. devereux.

The Secretary, the County Surveyor, Mr. T. Treanor, Senior Assistant Surveyor and Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, were also in attendance.

Question of Wages and Hours for Road Workers.

The Chairman said he wished to have it on record that at the first meeting of the Committee he asked Mr. R. Corish, as representative of Irish Transport & General Workers' Union, if he were prepared to approach the matter of wages and hours for the employees of the Council on the same basis as these were arranged in the neighbouring counties of Tipperary and Waterford, and Mr. Corish had replied in the affirmative.

Payment to Quarry Workers.

Mr. O'Byrne (Cushinstown) complained that the workers in Ballinaboola Quarry had not been paid for the past three weeks, and he desired to know who was responsible. Mr. O'Kelly, the Overseer, informed him that he posted the wages returns to the Assistant Surveyor of the district every Wednesday, and yet the men were not paid, while men on the road were. He (Mr. O'Byrne) had written to the County and Senior Assistant Surveyor in the matter, but had not received a reply from either. However, he was determined not to allow the matter rest. He would bring it before the meeting of the Council and would not feel satisfied until he had ascertained who was responsible for the delay.

Mr. O'Byrne (Gorey) also complained that the men in Tara Hill Quarry were ^{not} being regularly paid.

The County Surveyor explained that wages for three weeks had been sent the Tara Hill men the previous day.

The Unemployment Scheme.

A number of general questions were raised in connection with work being carried out under the Grant of £9,000 to the County Council from the Ministry of Transport.

The County Surveyor stated he had arranged for the surface men in Gorey, New Ross and Wexford districts, to cease work on Wednesday 29th inst. In Enniscorthy as they started late they would continue at work for two or three days beyond Wednesday next. He would then go into the question of haulage and would distribute any balance available for any special work which would be required.

The Chairman called attention to the deplorable condition of the roads in Crossabeg district. The general Scheme was now practically finished, yet at least three of these roads were practically impassible, and the Roller was lying in a ditch awaiting repair.

The County Surveyor explained that the axle of the Roller had been broken.

Mr. Doyle pointed out that it was a pity more attention had not been given to roads such as the main road between Wexford and Enniscorthy and which so badly required it, and less attention to roads which were in a fair condition.

The Chairman thought the services of the men should have been retained.

The County Surveyor said the men were dispensed with because the Roller was out of order.

In reply to Mr. Doyle he said he thought he would have about £300 available from the present scheme.

The Chairman said that in the Crossabeg district the road at the back of Kyle had been destroyed by motor traffic when this was diverted from the main road. Lorries were going Saunderscove road and it would very soon break up. At last meeting he had it in mind to see these roads but time did not admit of this being put into effect.

Mr. Doyle said that six weeks ago to his personal knowledge

the Enniscorthy-Wexford road was dangerous to traffic.

The Chairman said Whitefort Hill was in a desperate condition and would require a good deal of attention.

Mr. Devereux stated he was speaking to the County Surveyor two or three weeks ago about the condition of the Enniscorthy-Wexford road and he recommended the County Surveyor to consult Mr. Foley in the matter.

The Chairman thought arrangements could have been made by which the men could have continued getting out material for the road in question.

Mr. Devereux said he was very much afraid they would have to call on the County Surveyor to resign and receive superannuation. He (Mr. Devereux) would not like to see the Council embarking on their proposed Scheme of road improvement unless they had some idea they would have considerably better supervision and organisation than was exhibited by the state of affairs mentioned at the present meeting.

The County Surveyor explained that the offices which he and his staff had in the Workhouse were most unsuitable., it was impossible to keep track of papers which were constantly going astray and there was no privacy, so that it was really much more difficult than Councillors could realise to keep matters up to date. Besides there was a good deal of confusion during the present week in consequence of their removal to the County Hall.

The Chairman said he really could not understand why the work of drawing material had been stopped.

The County Surveyor said he already had the material for the road.

Mr. O'Byrne (Cushinstown) suggested that the County Surveyor should prepare and submit to next meeting a financial statement showing how much he had spent on the Scheme and the balance available.

The Chairman said that though they were working a scheme of £10,000 they had no idea of what was spent in each district, or what sum was now available, in fact from the business point of view they might as well be at home.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne (Cushinstown) seconded by Mr. Doyle:-

"That a Special Meeting of this Committee be held in County Hall, Wexford, at 11 o'clock a.m. on Wednesday, the 29th March 1922 and that the County Surveyor be instructed to submit to said meeting a complete financial statement of the expenditure in each district under the £10,000 Grant received from Ministry of Transport".

Mr. Doyle proposed:- "That any balance found available from the present road scheme be expended on the roads in the Crossabeg district."

Mr. Devereux seconded the resolution which was passed nem con.

-----ooOoc-----

(Signed)

Presiding Chairman

Dated this day of 19

Wexford County Council.Roads Committee.Meeting - 29th March, 1922.

A meeting of the Roads Committee of the Wexford County Council was held on the 29th March 1922. Mr. E.P. Foley (Vice-Chairman County Council) presided. Also present-- Messrs. John O'Byrne (Gorey), John J. O'Byrne (Cushinstown), M. Doyle, R. Corish and G. Devereux.

The Secretary, the County Surveyor and Mr. T. Treanor, Senior Assistant Surveyor, were in attendance.

Expenditure of Grant of £10,000

The County Surveyor explained that, of the £10,000 grant which had been promised by the Ministry of Transport, £934 had been allocated to the Urban Districts and £9,066 to the Rural Districts. The total spent, or arranged to be spent, in these districts, was: Enniscorthy, £2366., Gorey, £2045., New Ross, £1590., Wexford £2466, and on account of machinery, £500. Total, £8,967. This would leave only a balance of £99. For the further estimated expenditure included in the figures he had given, he had calculated on outside prices, and he was sure they would be able to save something on them. Then they could cut out something, such as the cost of preparing material in Ballymurray Quarry and for the Gorey-Arklow road.

Mr. O'Byrne (Cushinstown) pointed out that the amount allocated for New Ross district was very low, but the County Surveyor pointed out that the valuation of the New Ross Rural district was the lowest in the County.

The Chairman mentioned that they had asked for a financial statement as regards expenditure of the grant so that they could ascertain amount spent in each district, and as the scheme was expiring, what amount would be available for roads in Crossabeg locality in the Enniscorthy District. He thought that, before main embarking on steamrolling the/road, it would be worth discussing whether it would not be better to put the adjoining second-class roads into some kind of order so that traffic could pass over

them in safety.

The County Surveyor in reply to a query, stated that he considered by dropping from the scheme payment for Ballymurray quarry, they would have £200 in hands, and by cutting out Gorey-Arklow road, £500 of a total of £700.

Mr. O'Byrne (Gorey) said the County Surveyor had made arrangements with men to prepare material for Gorey-Arklow road and in Ballymurray Quarry, and how could the County Surveyor go back on these arrangements?

The County Surveyor said the material was required for next year's maintenance.

Mr. Corish thought if this was the case it should be paid out of the Rate for next financial year.

The County Surveyor said the £700 had been included in the road estimate for the coming year.

Chairman- Then why bring it into the present scheme?

County Surveyor- Because we were trying to apportion the money on the valuation for each District as closely as we could.

Mr. Corish proposed:-

"That the £700 for material from Ballymurray Quarry and for Gorey-Arklow road be deleted from present scheme, and that these matters be provided for out of money to be raised in the new Rate. That the £700 in question be spent on actual and necessary work on roads".

Mr. Devereux seconded the motion which was adopted.

Mr. Treanor contended that if the main road between Wexford and Enniscorthy was put in order, there would not be much fault to be found with the condition of the roads of the County. He thought it would take £300 to put the roads in the Crossabeg district into repair, leaving the main road from Wexford to Enniscorthy out of question. He considered it would be advisable that the £400 balance should be spent on the preparation of material for the main road. The roller had been out of commission for the past three weeks owing to a broken axle, but a week would finish the rolling if the material was all available.

Mr. Doyle proposed:-

"That the County Surveyor be directed to have the by-roads in Crossabeg district levelled by the employment of surface men, also holes filled and material put on where necessary. That the main road from Wexford to Enniscorthy be put into as good order as possible with the balance from the £700 which will be left over after providing for the repair of the by-roads".

The Chairman seconded the motion which was adopted nem. con

Mr. Doyle pointed out that the mistake made in the present scheme was that, in the Barony of Forth where roads were fairly passable, work which was not needed, had been done on a number of roads. The money so spent could have been available for the main road from Enniscorthy to Wexford and they would have had far better results.

After further discussion, the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne (Gorey) seconded by Mr. Doyle:-

"That the Wexford Rural District Council be informed that unless they object, the County Council will, on behalf of the Rural District, borrow £1,500 for the purpose of finishing the steamrolling work on Wexford-Enniscorthy main road".

New Road Scheme - Details.

The County Surveyor read the following circular which he had issued to each County Surveyor in Ireland:—

"I have been directed by my County Council to obtain from other Counties particulars as regards Direct Labour work, and I shall be much obliged if you will, as soon as possible, send me replies to the following queries:—

1. To what extent is Direct labour in operation in your County?
2. The approximate number of miles over which Direct Labour is in force?
3. Number of men employed on the average per mile of road?
4. Number of hours worked per week, and wages for same?
5. How are men dealt with in regard to broken time, due to wet weather and regular holidays?
6. Number of Overseers, or gangers and rate of pay for same and approximate mileage under their charge?

7. Do labourers work in gangs, or are they distributed with charge of separate length of road each?
8. Is there any piece work payment in connection with road work?
9. How is material obtained and does your Council work any quarries by Direct Labour on a large scale?
10. Number of hours and rate of pay for quarrymen?
11. Approximate cost per cubic yard for prepared material in quarry?
12. How is haulage of material provided for, horse work or traction, and cost per cubic yard averaging for haulage?
13. What machinery does your Council own to deal with stonebreaking, rolling and haulage etc.?
14. How is machinery kept in order? Has the County Council its own workshops?
15. What are the duties of Assistant Surveyors in connection with Direct Labour, and are they paid a mileage rate for travelling, outside of the fixed salary?
16. Who is responsible for measurement of material supplied on the roads?

The County Surveyor had, in reply to this circular, received from 14 Counties fairly full details of their road schemes, the wages and number of hours worked per week by road employees, whether surfacemen, quarry workers or gangers being set out in each case.

The figures were carefully considered by the Committee.

The Chairman said if they took an average of the amounts paid in Waterford, Tipperary, Kilkenny and Wicklow, (unfortunately they had not received a return from Carlow) it would mean that surfacemen would be paid 38/- for a 50-hour week.

The County Surveyor stated that, as regards the working of quarries in Tipperary, Waterford, King's Co., and Kildare, there was available a large number of small quarries, and material was very easily procured without any heavy cartage, such as they had to provide for in Wexford. Limestone gravel could be obtained in any quantity in the Counties he had mentioned.

In connection with quarry work, the Chairman said he thought

it would be a good thing if they could keep the same staff of men employed, particularly in the quarries. It was a great advantage to have groups of men who had experience of the work.

The County Surveyor then submitted his proposals in connection with Direct Labour Scheme.

Mr. Doyle said he had laid the scheme of the Co. Surveyor before his local branch of the Farmers' Union at a very large meeting. In regard to the wages it was admitted that road workers should be paid more than agricultural labourers. He suggested that the increase over the latter should be 7/- per week, and that the hours of road men should be 50 as against 54 for those engaged on the land. This would give road men a 50-hour week for 35/- as against the agricultural labourer's wage of 28/- for a 54-hour week. If much more was given, it would certainly cause grave dissatisfaction.

Mr. O'Byrne (Cushinstown) held that work on the roads was not different from work on the land, but the conditions of employment were not the same.

It was finally decided that the question of hours and wages be adjourned to meeting of the Committee to be held on Monday, 3rd April 1922 at 1030 a.m. (summer time) in the County Hall, Wexford.

The Scheme of the County Surveyor was then considered, paragraph by paragraph, and was after amendment, adopted in the following form, on the motion of Mr. Corish, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne (Gorey):-

Direct Labour.

All first and second class roads to be worked by Direct Labour at commencement, and these to be added to if deemed advisable later.

Third class roads to be maintained by contract as heretofore.

Classification of Roads.

<u>District.</u>	<u>1st & 2nd Class</u> <u>(By Direct Labour)</u> <u>Miles</u>	<u>3rd Class</u> <u>(By Contract)</u> <u>Miles</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>Mileage</u>
Enniscorthy	130.228	454.272	634.5
Gorey	84.385	291.115	375.5
New Ross	92.538	387.212	479.75
Wexford	112.868	351.632	464.5
Total	470.019	1484.231	1954.25

Each surface man to be put in full charge of, and be responsible for, $1\frac{1}{2}$ to 3 miles. Surface men will be concentrated for rolling work. The Assistant Surveyors to be provided with motor cycle, as they will be able to supervise work regularly. Wages of surface men will be at the rate of for hour week. No deductions to be made for absence from work on R.C. holydays or in case of very wet weather, but pay and continued employment will be dependent on regular and careful attention and good work. Wages will be deducted from any workman improperly absent during working hours.

Tools will be provided by the County Council and receipt given by the surfaceman, who will be responsible for the safe keeping of same.

The Assistant Surveyor will order and distribute tools and keep record of same.

Surfacemen to provide jennet or ass and cart when required for spreading material or removal of waste off roads at 45/- per week.

Surfacemen to be selected and dismissed, if necessary, by the Assistant Surveyor, subject to the approval of the County Surveyor, and Roads Committee will finally decide in case of any dispute.

All men employed to be members of a recognised Labour Union.

The week will run from Thursday morning to Wednesday evening and pay will always be one week in arrears.

The Assistant Surveyor will make out pay recommendations each week and forward to the County Surveyor.

When no stuff is available in County Council quarry, the material will be supplied by contract at a rate per cubic yard delivered in suitable depots on the road, and evenly distributed. Tenders should be taken for this. Where County Council material is available, the haulage will be at a rate per cubic yard delivered on the road. This should be by tender also. If bona-fide workers are employed, they should be members of a ~~trades~~ Union as before-mentioned. Small farmers are also open to employment under this head, and that need not be members of a Trades Union.

In the case of unexpired contracts, which have been surrendered, the supply and delivery of material will be by special agreement.

Material will be prepared in County Council Quarries by Direct Labour, under the supervision of the Senior Assistant Surveyor, who should consult with the other Assistant Surveyors as to the supply necessary.

For the present, Tara Hill overseer to remain in order to keep charge of the machinery at 45/- per week.

In quarries with more than 3 workers, a working charge hand will be necessary at 43/- per week, who shall have care of tools etc.

Assistant Surveyors will measure up material and put in returns for interim payments in case of piece work, and the charge hand shall be responsible for time keeping when time work is in progress. The Assistant Surveyor will check the output when working on time. The Senior Assistant will measure up piece work for settlement with men.

The Senior Assistant Surveyor is to arrange for the machinery to visit the several quarries and to superintend blasts.

The Machinery Overseer will visit all machinery regularly and keep same in proper working order.

Terms of payment to quarrymen to be same as to surfacemen and the rate for actual time worked will be at per hour. The rate for piece work will be as agreed on between the men and the County Surveyor and Senior Assistant.

The Assistant Surveyors will arrange for the supply and

delivery of all material not provided for under contract (subject to County Surveyor's approval).

All Surveyors and Overseers to submit weekly reports to County Surveyor who shall report on same to monthly meeting of Roads Committee.

All Special Works which have been given into the charge of the County Surveyor to be dealt with by Roads Committee for direction to the County Surveyor as to whether they are to be carried out by direct labour or by contract.

Proposed Surrender of Road Contracts.

The County Surveyor stated he and Mr. Tresnor, Senior Assistant Surveyor, had interviewed nearly all contractors who held existing contracts on the 470 miles of roads, which it was proposed should be maintained by direct labour. There were very few objections to surrender, but there were a few cases in which they would have to give special terms.

Shed for Machinery at County Hall.

The County Surveyor submitted estimate of £200 for shed, 50 feet by 30 feet with corrugated iron roof.

It was decided that the County Surveyor invite quotations for shed with corrugated iron or felt roof.

Material from Mountain of Forth.

A letter was read from Rev. G. Pettit, C.C. Murrintown, stating that the men concerned in breaking stones on the Mountain of Forth were prepared to sell same to the County Council for 6/- per cubic yard and to place them in depot which had been suggested or convey them to the main line for 3/- carriage.

It was stated that the average for material and cartage would be from 7/- to 7/6 per cubic yard.

It was decided that the Secretary inform Rev. G. Pettit, C.C. Murrintown, that the Roads Committee considered the quotation of the stonebreakers of Mountain of Forth too high, but they were prepared to recommend 7/- per cubic yard, to cover cost of material and cartage.

Machinery.

The County Surveyor impressed on the Committee the necessity

for providing machinery. It was very unsatisfactory having to hire engines, as breakers deteriorated under these conditions. If the County Council had their own engines, the latter could be used for rolling when not engaged in the quarries.

Mr. Corish proposed, Mr. O'Byrne (Gorey) seconded and it was passed:-

"That we recommend the County Council to consider the advisability of raising a loan with the view of purchasing the necessary machinery for road work, as recommended by the County Surveyor, the latter to have all available information for production at next meeting".

Quarry Work.

The question of arranging for general quarry work was raised by the County Surveyor, but it was decided that, unless at Tara Hill quarry, in which work is to continue, no action be taken until wages and hours of workers have been fixed.

Salary of County Surveyor.

The County Surveyor called attention to the following resolution which had been adopted at the meeting of the County Council on 20th April, 1921:-

"That the salary of Mr. Barry, County Surveyor, be fixed at £537 per annum, being a reduction of £179, in view of the fact that road work in the County has been suspended. That this reduced salary remain in force until such time as the finances of the County will allow of the resumption of this work".

Since then, the County Surveyor stated he had been paid at the rate of £537 per annum, the reduction being £179.

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

"That we recommend the County Council to re-instate the salary of the County Surveyor at £716 per annum, as from 1st March 1922".

-----ooOoo-----

(Signed) _____

Dated this

day of

19

Presiding Chairman

Wexford County Council.

Roads Committee.

A meeting of the above Committee was held in the County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 3rd April 1922, to consider the fixing of hours and wages for men engaged on road work and in quarries, and to agree to Estimate of Rate for the forthcoming financial year.

Present:- Mr. J.R. Etohingham (Chairman Co. Council) presiding.

Also:- Messrs. R. Corish, M. Doyle, E.P. Foley, John Murphy, John O'Byrne (Gorey) and John J. O'Byrne (Cushinstown).

The County Secretary, the Assistant Secretary, the County Surveyor, Senior Assistant Surveyor and Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, were in attendance.

Confirmation of Minutes.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

Mr. Corish said that in order that there might be a possibility of coming to an agreement between the Workers and the County Council he had called to the head office of the Irish General Workers & Transport Union, and asked them to send down a representative to discuss the matter with the Council. He also asked some men from Local Branches of the Union to attend, and they were now waiting to go before the Council.

Mr. Doyle asked the County Surveyor what would be the average cost on maintenance for first and second class roads under his proposed Scheme.

The County Surveyor said he had estimated there would be 80 yards to the mile on first class roads for material alone, and this would cost, exclusive of putting on roads and spreading £40 per mile. The cost on first and second class roads would be £28 per mile as an average. The cost of material put in depots, would be from £40 to £45 per mile, but this did not cover the cost of spreading.

Mr. Doyle said the Council never paid such prices in the past.

Mr. O'Byrne (Gorey) contended that the roads would require

a great deal more material than they had received in the past.

The County Surveyor did not agree withthin , the amount specified would make good rao

Mr. Corish said the feeling of the men in North Wexford was to work a 50 hour week for 40/-.

Mr. Doyle said that as regards the suggestion he had made at the last meeting of the Roads Committee, that men on the roads should be paid 35/- per week, he was only taking the same percentage from road men as the Arbitrator from dail Eireann had taken from Agricultural labourers' wages, viz:- 12½ per cent from 32/- per week. He was of the opinion that if the County Council fixed any higher rate than 35/- per week they would have dissatisfaction not alone with the Ratepayers, but with the labourers who could not get these high wages. At the meeting of his local branch of the Farmers' Union the majority were opposed to 35/- on the ground that it was too high, but he succeeded in pacifying them on the strength of the necessity to bring about a settlement.

Mr. Corish challenged the accuracy of some of the figures which had been supplied to the County Surveyor from other Counties. He thought 40/- per week was a good compromise.

Mr. Doyle said the County Surveyor had not been able to get figures from Carlow. He had made enquiries and found that the rates paid were very diversified running from 32/- to 38/- per week, but the majority were working for the 32/-

Mr. O'Byrne (Cushinstown) said the men who had been working for the 40 hour week for 40/- would have preferred if the wages had been lower so that the work would have continued longer.

Mr. O'Byrne (Gorey) could not see that the men would be any better by having to work two weeks extra for the same amount of money.

Mr. O'Byrne (Cushinstown) rejoined by stating that there was a certain class of men who would always live up to the wages of which they were in receipt.

Mr. Doyle said the cost per perch for roads would under the new Scheme be 6/- which they never paid in their lives.

The County Surveyor, in answer to Mr. O'Byrne (Gorey) said there were some roads for which they had to pay 6/- per perch.

Mr. Corish said that taking hours and wages the proposal of Mr. Doyle would mean a reduction of over 20 per cent.

Mr. Doyle held the Council would be able to obtain plenty of satisfactory labour at 35/- per week.

The County Surveyor said the average cost per perch on first class roads under the proposed Scheme would be 7/3 and on second class roads 3/9 per perch.

After considerable discussion as to differences between figures supplied to the County Surveyor from other Counties, and those obtained by Mr. Corish, on behalf of the men, Mr. Foley suggested they should try and fix an agreed figure between the 35/- per week proposed by Mr. Doyle, and the 40/- per week which Mr. Corish asked for on behalf of the men.

Mr. Doyle said if the County Council would employ more men at less wages, the country would be better satisfied. Owing to the gloomy prospects before the Agricultural industry, farmers would not be able to keep half the usual number of men.

The Chairman considered that if the last Scheme had been worked on the basis of a 50 hour week for 40/- there would not have been much grumbling.

Mr. Everitt (Wicklow) representing the Transport Union, pointed out that the general wage for surfacemen in Wicklow was 40/- per week, and in his opinion Wexford should be able to pay the wages which obtained in Wicklow.

Mr. Hayes of South Wexford Transport Union, pointed out that the cost of living was 125 per cent above pre war figures.

Mr. Denis Whelan, Crossabeg District representative of Transport Union, said the present wages paid to agricultural labourers who had families was a starvation one.

Mr. Corish said that the wages fixed by the County Council was 1/- per hour of £2.10/- for 50 hours. The reduction to 35/- per

week would be in the neighbourhood of 40 per cent.

Mr. Everitt said a great deal of objection had been made to the employment of direct labour in Wicklow, but even those who opposed it were greatly in its favour as a considerable improvement had been brought about in the condition of the roads.

Mr. Corish on behalf of the Workers, said they would if it were an agreed figure, accept the 38/- per week for a 50 hour week suggested by Mr. Foley, and this would be almost a 25 per cent reduction.

The County Surveyor stated that he intended employing about 300 men on the roads under the direct labour scheme.

Mr. Doyle said a difference of 3/- per week in the wages of 300 men would be £45.10/- per week or £2366 per annum.

After some lengthy discussion the following was unanimously agreed to, for recommendation to the County Council:-

"That for the purpose of effecting agreement, the Roads Committee recommend to the County Council to fix a wage of 38/- per week of 50 hours for men engaged on roads and in quarries".

Grants.

Mr. Foley pointed out that he had ascertained from a call which he had made on Mr. Blake (Ministry of Transport) that a number of Grants were standing to the credit of the County Council. They had no record in the office of the Ministry of Transport of having received any amended Scheme from the County Surveyor to cover the £10,000 which they had spent, but if the County Surveyor submitted one at once, the money would be forthcoming. There was also a sum of £2250 earmarked for share of the cost of Mountgarrett Bridge to the County Wexford..

In connection with machinery there was a sum of £7,105 to be obtained. If they decided as suggested by the County Surveyor, to spend £6,000 on new machinery, they would get £2,000 as a grant against that amount.

It was then decided that the County Surveyor should apply for any road grants which were available. He was instructed to complete

the steamrolling of the bad portion of the main road between Wexford and Enniscorthy at a cost approximately of £1,500 and to get the adjoining roads in fair order. Balance of road grant to go to the Gorey-Arklow road.

The question of purchasing engines was postponed to next meeting to enable Mr. Corish to find out if grants were available for next year, and provided the County Council were not in a position to avail of them then, for how long would they be available.

**Report re Wagons & Engines hired to Wexford
Corporation.**

The County Surveyor submitted a report as to the hire of Engine and wagons to Wexford Corporation. Allowing for wear and tear and depreciation, particularly depreciation to engine and wagon tyres, the net profit on the transaction would be £10.

On the motion of Mr. Cummins, seconded by Mr. Shannon, the various recommendations of the Roads Committee were confirmed.

Arising out of the various recommendations of the Roads Committee, the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Sinnott:-

"That we instruct our Secretary to get into touch with the Ministry of Transport and ascertain if, in the event of the County Council purchasing four engines for road work, cost £5,400, whether the Ministry of Transport would be prepared to contribute one-third of this amount, viz:- £1,800., also that he communicate with the Treasurer of the Council with a view to ascertaining on what terms rate per cent and period of repayment, the Bank would be prepared to advance £3,600, balance of cost of engines.

"That the County Surveyor be instructed to communicate with Dail Eireann with a view to obtaining facilities to inspect road machinery in charge of Dail Eireann, which was handed over by the British Government".

The County Surveyor stated that at present he was able to obtain only 150 pounds of gelignite at a time for quarry work., it was entirely inadequate and would not be sufficient even for one quarry. he required at least 600 pounds per week.

On the motion of Mr. Foley, seconded by Mr. Sinnott, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That Mr. Treanor, Senior Assistant Surveyor, travel to Dublin, and interview the officers in charge of issue of explosives for quarries, with a view to having such an amount issued per week as will enable the road work of the County to be carried out efficiently. That, in order to provide for the transport of gelignite to the various quarries and to arrange for blasts so as to avoid delay. Mr. Treanor, Senior Assistant Surveyor be provided with a motor car at the expense of the Council".

Road Overseers.

Under date 8th April 1922, the following letter was read from Mr. M. Kehoe, Secretary, Enniscorthy Branch, Irish Transport & General Workers' union:-

"We have been informed that your Council is about to dispense with J.J.O'Gorman, Overseer, owing to some other arrangements that are being made.

We protest against any arrangements being made to dispense with him as he should be allowed to continue in his position.

Trusting that your Council will settle this matter".

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Foley, it was decided that where possible, overseers be offered the position of charge hands in quarries, as provided in the report of the Roads Committee.

Assistant Surveyors.

Mr. Lennon pointed out that some of the Assistant Surveyors would not be able to make use of the motor bicycles, to be provided by the Council, and in the circumstances, he served notice of motion that at the next meeting, they determine certain appointments on superannuation.

-----ooOoo-----

(Signed) _____

Presiding Chairman

Dated this day of 19

MEETING. 8th May, 1922.

A Meeting of the Wexford County Council was held in the County Hall, Wexford, on Monday 8th May 1922.

Present:- Mr. J.R. Etchingham (Chairman) presiding:-

Also:- Messrs. Michael Doyle, M. Cloney, R. Corish, James Hall, G. Devereux, John O'Byrne, John J. O'Byrne, J. Cummins, E.P. Foley, M. Byrne, James Shannon, M. Hughes, C. Culleton, James Byrne, John Sinnott and M.M. O'Donoghue.

The Secretary, Assistant Secretary, County Surveyor, Mr. Treanor Senior Assistant Surveyor, were in attendance.

Confirmation of Minutes.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

Direct Labour Questions.

In connection with the proposed direct labour Scheme, Mr. Corish called attention to the fact that quarrymen should be employed by day work.

The County Surveyor referred to the terms of the agreement which had been agreed to by the Council, and one of the provisions of which read:- "Terms of payment to quarrymen to be same as to surfacemen and the rate for actual time worked will be at per hour. The rate for piece work will be as agreed on between the County Surveyor and Senior Assistant, and the men".

This provision the County Surveyor held clearly decided that piece work was to be enforced in suitable quarries.

Mr. Treanor stated that by fixing the rate for quarrymen on a time basis and paying the quarrymen the same as surfacemen, the former would be in a worse position. Any man who was inclined to work could always earn considerably more per week on piece work than the time rate of wages. He gave instances of quarries in which this had taken place and added that there was no question of piece work in the quarries being objected to until Mr. Houston, Organiser for the Transport Union, came into the County. Under normal conditions piece work could be arranged for in the quarries on a perfectly satisfactory basis, but he would not say this could now be the case.

Mr. R. Corish proposed:- "That all quarrymen be employed at day work and by piece work".

Mr. John J. O'Byrne seconded.

After considerable discussion the motion was adopted.

The following letter was read from Mr. D. Houston, Organiser Transport & general Workers' Union:-

"I am instructed by your Road and Quarrymen, likewise a number of unemployed men, to inform you that they wish to place their views on the following before you at your meeting to-day:-

- (1) the Contract system versus Direct labour.
- (2) Reduction of overseers to quarry foremen.
- (3) Piece rates in the quarries.

Hoping you will make arrangements to hear the men's representations".

It was decided on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Corish, that Mr. Houston and the deputation from Transport Union be received.

The following copy of Minute was furnished from the Enniscorthy R. D. Council:-

Direct Labour.

Mr. D. Houston, Transport Union, wrote as follows:-

"The unemployed workers in Town and Country have requested me to arrange with you to receive a deputation of said men.

"Hoping you will make the necessary arrangements to hear the Deputation".

It was unanimously decided to hear the Deputation of the men on the motion of Mr. Nolan, seconded by Mr. Clince.

Mr. Houston speaking on behalf of the deputation appealed to the Council to refuse to accept any tenders for Road Contracts and to have all roads made by Direct Labour.

The Chairman pointed out that the County Council had made arrangements to have first and second class roads made by Direct Labour and to give the third class roads to Contractors. He considered this a very fair offer.

After further discussion Mr. Clince proposed:- "That tenders

be not accepted". Mr. J. Nolan seconded.

As an amendment Mr. M. Kelly proposed:- "That the Council transact business usual; that Roads for which no tenders were received be done by Direct Labour and that no Contract be given to Farmers with 30 acres of land or more".

Mr. J. Lawler seconded.

A Poll was taken on the amendment with the following result:-

For:- Messrs. J. Hall, E. O'Connor, J. Sinnott, J. Lawler, W.J. Furlong, M. O'Brien, M. Kelly - 7.

Against:- Messrs. P. Buckley, M. Byrne, P. Ronan, J. Byrne, J. Clinee J. Nolan, M. Bennett, M. Doyle, T. Furlong - 9.

Mr. Clinee's resolution was then put and carried by a majority of two votes (9 to 7).

Tenders not being opened the meeting then concluded".

Under date 2nd May 1922, Mr. D. O'Sullivan, Clerk Wexford Rural District Council, wrote:-

"I enclose copy of the Minutes of Proceedings of the adjourned Half-yearly Meeting of my Council, held on the 29th inst., at which resolutions were passed asking your Council, in view of the present economic conditions to (a) maintain all roads in the District by Direct Labour., (b) have all material broken by hand instead of by machinery, and (c) have all road material horse-drawn".

The following is an extract from the Minutes referred to in the letter of Mr. O'Sullivan:-

"The Clerk read resolutions from Kilmore, Cleariestown, Duncormick Kilmannon, Crossabeg and Bannow Branches of the Irish Transport & General Workers' Union, requesting the Council not to accept tenders for the maintenance of the roads in the district, but to have the work done by Direct Labour, so as to alleviate the acute distress prevailing at present owing to unemployment, and likely to prevail during the coming autumn and winter, also to have the material in quarries broken by hand instead of machinery, and that material be hauled by horses and jennets of small farmers until the economic conditions of the country has improved".

Mr. D. Houston, Organiser of the Transport & General Workers' Union, wrote asking the Council to receive a deputation of the

unemployed workers in support of the terms of the resolutions.

On the motion of Mr. Mahon, seconded by Mr. Ennis, it was decided to receive the deputation. Passed unanimously.

Mr. Houston, Organiser and Mr. Hayes, Local representative, addressed the Council at some length in favour of having all the roads in the District maintained by direct labour, and that material be broken by hand instead of by machinery, and that the material be horse-drawn.

Mr. White proposed and Mr. Hayes seconded:- "That the tenders received be opened and that roads untendered for be given into the hands of the County Surveyor to have done by direct labour". Messrs. Devereux and O'Ryan supported Mr. White's proposition.

Mr. Mahon proposed and Mr. Roche seconded:- "That no tenders be opened and that the County Council be requested to have all roads in the District maintained by Direct labour, and that the suggestion of the Transport Union regarding providing and cartage or road material be adopted".

Mr. Mahon's proposition was supported by the Chairman (Mr. Culleton) and Messrs. Whelan, Cousins and Boggan.

On a poll there voted:-

For Mr. Mahon's proposition:- Messrs. Roche, Cousins, Boggan, Cullen Ennis, Whelan, Hagan, Mahon and the Chairman- 9.

Against:- Messrs. O'Neill, Hayes, Devereux, Cleake, O'Ryan and White. - 6.

Mr. Mahon's proposition was accordingly carried and the meeting adjourned pending the consideration of the Council's resolution by the County Council.

The following was read from a number of labourers in the Coolgreany (Gorey) District:-

"We the undersigned unemployed workmen of this district, at a meeting held on Thursday night, respectfully ask your Council to cancel the contract system on the roads and start direct labour immediately. At the present time we have in this district a large number of men with large families with nothing but the pure air to live on, while the roads are taken over by men who surely have

better means of existing than we have.

Hoping dear Sir your Council will give our case their earnest consideration, as our motto is "either work or war" on the men who take the bit out of our mouths".

Mr. Houston and Mr. P.J. Hayes, Organisers for Transport Union, having gone in detail into the points raised in the letter presented to the meeting by Mr. Houston., A long discussion followed in the course of which it was pointed out that any alteration which would be now made in the direct labour scheme agreed to by the Council would, owing to the condition of the finances of the Council, be an alteration on paper only. It would be impossible for the County Council even if they employed every penny at their command, to meet with existing unemployment and resultant distress. Without Government assistance, unemployment in Wexford which had been accentuated by the drop in tillage (on which Wexford was so dependent) could not be relieved. The alteration in the present direct labour Scheme of the County Council would not bring about the result desired by Labour and certainly would not afford any immediate relief.

Mr. Houston and the very large deputation withdrew to discuss the points raised at the meeting.

When they returned Mr. Houston stated they had discussed the matter very fully. He pointed out that the Council found it very difficult to secure payment of poor rates, but if the Transport Union branches were invested with authority they would soon collect the rates. The general experience was that people who could pay the Rates were holding them up, and these were neither labourers nor small farmers. the deputation would agree to the direct labour Scheme of the Council going on subject to the following:-

- (1) No Road Contract Scheme to be continued after 31st March 1923, otherwise the members of the Transport Union would continue their objection to the present Scheme.
- (2) As Mr. Barry, County Surveyor had stated that all Materials for third class roads (those which it was proposed should remain in contract) would be supplied by the County Council and broken by direct labour and by the Workers. The latter

should have the supply of all material.

- (3) All breaking of material (where such can be done economically) to be done by hand.
- (4) The difference between the County Surveyor's estimates and amounts at which Contracts for roads were adopted to be spent by County Surveyor on direct labour works and without delay.
- (5) County Council not to allow any contract with any man who has more than ten acres of arable land., the tenders accepted from Contractors by Gorey and New Ross R.D. Councils to be returned to them with a view to having this provision carried out. That Wexford and Enniscorthy R.D. Councils be allowed to have the tenders submitted to them considered, and that in dealing with such tenders the provision now laid down as to man being awarded a contract who has more than ten acres of arable land to apply.
- (6) Where a contract for first or second class road contains a surrender clause this clause to be put into force without delay.
- (7) Where a road is untendered for at District and County Council Meetings, the work is to be given into the charge of the Council and it is to be carried out by direct labour.
- (8) As the workers are urgently in need of work to obtain relief from their present unfortunate position, and as they recognise that if the County Council devoted all their funds towards that end, the problem would not be solved, the Deputation suggested that the County Council should approach An Dail with a view to obtaining a grant for cutting hedges, cutting off dangerous corners, putting watertables into order and kindred work on roads. the Transport Union would be prepared to furnish a representative on the deputation".

Mr. R. Corish considered that the deputation had recognised the difficulties of the County Council. If men and women of Wexford were not to suffer starvation, it was the duty of the Co. Council to make representations to the Government.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Corish:- "That our Secretary be instructed to arrange with Mr. Kevin O'Higgins, Minister for Economics, to receive the following deputation in connection with procuring a

grant from the Government to relieve unemployment in the County wexford viz:- Messrs. E.P. Foley, J.J. O'Byrne, James Shannon, John O'Byrne Michael Doyle (representing County Council) and Mr. D. Houston (representing Transport union) on 16th or 17th May. That we request our Chairman (Mr. Etchingham) and Mr. R. Corish to introduce the deputation".

In connection with the other suggestions of the deputation Mr. Shannon proposed:-

"That the County Council accept the provisions modifying the Direct labour Scheme as laid down by deputation from Transport Union at to-day's meeting".

Mr. Corish seconded.

Mr. James Byrne proposed:- "That the recommendations from Transport Union deputation as to direct labour scheme of the County Council be considered seriatim".

After discussion Mr. Shannon withdrew his proposal and the various recommendations were dealt with in detail.

In connection with No. 1, the Council made no ruling in view of the fact that between now and March 1923, the entire Road Administration will probably undergo radical changes and in addition a new Co. Council will take office in June 1923.

As regards No 2 (provision of Seagravel) the County Surveyor pointed out that gathering and hauling should be combined and it was not possible to have any scheme of direct labour in the matter.

Mr. Houston said if it were not possible to deal with Seagravel the County Surveyor should see that approved gravel quarries are opened and worked by direct labour.

The County Surveyor also pointed out that field stones could not be provided by direct labour. There were also a number of men with small contracts maintained by quarries on their own lands worked by themselves.

It was decided to make no order on No. 2 recommendation as the Co. Council did not regard the feasibility of procuring sea gravel by direct labour.

No 3. (breaking material by hand where economical) Approved.

No. 5 (Limitation of Contracts to men holding ten acres arable land) The County Council desire to point out that the maintenance of roads (in the absence of a main road scheme) is a matter for the Rural District Councils. We accordingly leave this matter to the discretion of the Rural District Councils concerned. We direct our Secretary to furnish copies of the recommendations made to this meeting to the Rural District Councils of the County.

No. 6 (Surrender Claims) No action necessary as the County Surveyor explains that surrender claims has appeared for first time in contracts taken at last meeting of the Rural District Councils.

No. 7 (Roads in charge of County Surveyor) Approved on the understanding that the proposals for maintenance are first approved by Finance & Roads Committee.

Proposed Establishment of a County Police Force.

Mr. Foley introduced to the meeting Mr. Richard Sinnott, Brigade Police Officer. Mr. Foley pointed out the absolute necessity which existed at present for the protection of life and property, and held that if the Government was not able to establish a Police Force for that end it was the business of the Public Bodies to form it. Leaving out the Political aspect entirely, a sum of £1,200 had been stolen in the South Wexford area within the last week. People should recollect that all the destruction of property which was being carried out, would have to be paid for later on, by the ratepayers through decrees in the courts. He considered that a local Police Force would secure the respect and obedience of the people better than one established by Headquarters in Dublin. Those associated with this project were of opinion that they should intercept the revenue from licences, petrol, motor car tax etc., and apply the amounts towards the payment of the Police. Until they had a settled Government and an agreement arrived at the Courts could pay over amount of taxation to the local bodies which provided the police force. He suggested a Committee should be appointed say five on behalf of

the County Council, with representatives from the Rural and Urban District Councils, and also from the republican Courts, North and South Wexford. The idea of Mr. Sinnott was that they start with 50 Police which would cost £150 per week, and which would be sufficient for present needs.

The Chairman considered it would be inadvisable to take any steps at the moment in view of the pending settlement between the two sections of the Irish Leaders.

Mr. Culleton called attention to the robberies on the roads which had occurred within the last two or three days, and this would prevent him from agreeing to any postponement.

Mr. Doyle said he believed the first thing the Committee should consider was the question of finance, and in view of the fact that no provision had been made for special expenditure of this nature, they might see their way to begin on a smaller scale.

Mr. Foley said at present all they wanted was an expression of opinion that a police force was necessary. They could let the Committee formulate a Scheme and make a report.

Mr. Corish proposed that the following members of the County Council be appointed to act on the Committee suggested by Mr. Foley:- Messrs. M. Doyle, J.J. O'Byrne (Cushinstown) John O'Byrne (Gorey) J.R. Etchingham and G. Devereux.

Mr. Foley seconded the motion which was passed.

It was understood that Mr. Foley would take steps to have representatives from the Rural and Urban District Councils and the Republican Courts appointed.

Fidelity Bonds-Rate Collectors.

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

"That all Rate Collectors of the County Council be required to enter into Fidelity Guarantee Bonds with an approved Guarantee Society".

In proposing his motion Mr. Foley pointed out that private security, as they had up to the present with the Collectors, could

not be regarded as satisfactory.

Mr. Cummins seconded the motion which was adopted.

Older Officials.

The following notice of motion stood in the name of Mr. Lennon:-

"That the appointment of certain of the older officials of the Council be considered with a view to determination on superannuation".

Owing to the absence of Mr. Lennon, the foregoing was adjourned to next meeting.

Coronership- South Wexford.

The following notice of motion stood in the name of Mr. Sinnott

"That Mr. John J. Roche, Coroner for South Wexford be called upon to resign his position".

Mr. Sinnott had left the meeting when the motion was reached.

In connection with this matter the Minister for Local Government wrote, under date 31st March 1922 (letter No. 8043-22 Wexford County) that the Council had no authority to dispense with the services of Mr. J.J. Roche, Coroner for South Wexford. The Ministry for Local Government had referred the whole file in connection with this matter to the Minister for Home Affairs for his attention.

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

"That the question of the appointment of Mr. J.J. Roche as Coroner for South Wexford, be adjourned indefinitely".

Rate Collection.

The Secretary submitted the state of the rate Collection which showed that a sum of £35,198 was outstanding at 30th April 1922,.

On the motion of Mr. Foley, seconded by Mr. John X. O'Byrne (Gorey) the following resolution was adopted:-

"That in view of the fact that we have directed the Rate Collectors to close their collections on the 15th May a special meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee be held on Wednesday 17th May to consider the state of the Rate Collection, and that the Rate Collectors be instructed to attend said meeting, with any statements or documents bearing upon the collection in their possession".

Under date 21st April 1922 No. E-NIC 8328-22, the Minister for Local Government wrote that the Department urged that every possible means be used to complete the Rate Collection which was still so backward.

Under date 18th April 1922, the following letter from Messrs. Huggard & Brennan, Solicitors for Mr. M. Tobin, Ex-Rate Collector, was read:-

"Mr. M. Tobin, of Tinraheen, The Ballagh, has handed us your letter to him of the 12th inst.

Our Client has not committed any criminal offence in connection with the collection of his Rates. He had the money collected and was about to lodge it when his house was raided by men alleging they were sent by the County Council and the money was taken away from him.

He is not in a position therefore to lodge the money to the credit of the Council".

Mr. Elgee, Solicitor pointed out that Tobin would be unable to pay if County Council proceeded against him, but the Council decided to adhere to their decision to have Tobin proceeded against by criminal prosecution.

Appointment of rate Collector for No. 13 Collection District.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. John O'Byrne, (Gorey) the following resolution was adopted:-

"That our Secretary be instructed to advertise in "Irish Independent" and "Freeman's Journal" the vacant Rate Collectorship for No. 13 Collection District, poundage fees at 7d in the £ with the usual emoluments".

Ex-Rate Collector Banville.

Under date 8th April 1922 Mr. J. Banville, Horetown North, Foulksmills, ex-Rate collector, wrote thanking the Council for having granted him superannuation.

Payments Subsidiary Bodies.

Proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Mr. John O'Byrne:-

"That our Secretary be instructed to make as large payments to Subsidiary Bodies as is consistent with the present financial

position of the Council".

Passed.

£9,000 Unemployment Grant.

The following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was approved on the motion of Mr. Doyle, seconded by Mr. Cloney:-

"That we instruct our Secretary to point out to the Ministry of Transport that the County Council are unable to make payments to their employees or to the Subsidiary Bodies, for which they are responsible, principally because of the fact that the £9,000 Unemployment Grant, due to the County Council, has not yet been provided by the Ministry of Transport, although the work was performed five or six weeks ago, and carried out on the understanding that the Grant would be immediately available. We must request the Ministry to let the Council have the money at once to enable them to discharge their financial obligations".

Machinery Yard, Enniscorthy.

The County Surveyor reported that Charles Byrne, owner of Machinery Yard in Enniscorthy, applied for a rent of £31.4.0d instead of the present figure of £15.12.0d i.e. exactly double. He (County Surveyor) had had an offer from Enniscorthy Co-operative Society for yard and shed at £50 per annum, which he considered too high.

Mr. Elgee stated they had a lease of the yard of Mr. Charles Byrne.

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

"That Mr. Byrne be paid the difference between Rates on Machinery Yard at time taken by County Council and any increase in said Rates".

Assistant Surveyor for Gorey District.

The Finance & Roads Committee submitted the following recommendation:-

"That County Surveyor inform Mr. Kirby (Assistant Surveyor, Gorey District) his position as Assistant Surveyor will be filled unless he returns to duty within seven days".

The above recommendation was adopted on the motion of Mr. John O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Cummins.

* Mr. Doyle proposed and Mr. Cloney seconded the following, which was adopted nem. con :- "That in the event of Mr. Kirby, Assistant Surveyor not returning to duty within seven days. our Secretary be instructed to advertise for an Assistant Surveyor at a salary of £170 with annual increments of £5, conditional on good and satisfactory service".

Tenderd- Machinery Shed.

The County Surveyor stated he had sent round the Specification for Machinery Shed at County hall and had received the following tenders:-

Laurence Radford, Wexford	£289
P. O'Connor, Wexford	294
Geo. O'Connor, Crossabeg	439
Graves & Co. Waterford (for roof alone and expecting held of unskilled labour	£32.10/-

"It was decided on the motion of Mr. Foley, seconded by the Chairman, that the matter be referred to next meeting of Finance & Roads Committee.

County Bridges.

The County Surveyor stated that as regards the proposal to spend £150 to strengthen the bascule of Wexford Bridge, he had received a letter from Mr. P. Donovan, Shipowner, objecting to any repairs at the bascule of this bridge which would in any way interfere with river traffic. The County Surveyor also mentioned that as Mr. Donovan was using a larger vessel than heretofore for river traffic between Enniscorthy and Wexford, it was necessary to have Edermine Bridge opened three times a week.

It was decided that Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, be asked to advise as to responsibilities of the Council in connection with the statement of County Surveyor relative to Wexford and Edermine Bridges.

Primary Scholarship Scheme.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Hall,

seconded by Mr. J. O'Byrne (Gorey):-

"That the question of appointing Examiners etc. in connection with award of Primary Scholarships be referred to next meeting of Finance & Roads Committee".

County Board of Health- Question of Chargeability.

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

"That in order to fully explain the resolution adopted by the County Council at meeting of ^{3rd} ~~1st~~ April 1922, in connection with expenses under Public Health Board, we decide that the following basis of chargeability shall apply- Any alterations or changes in the buildings necessary to provide suitable institutions., all Salaries, Rates, Taxes and rents to be County-atlarge Charges., while Lunacy fees and Outdoor relief are to remain Union Charges., all other expenses to be as per beds occupied by each district".

County Hospital.

Report from Mr. M. Ua Riain, Engineering Section Local Government Department, under date 16th April 1922 as to site for proposed County Hospital was adjourned to next meeting.

Correspondence in connection with tenure etc. of County Wexford Infirmary from Mr. O'Sullivan, Acting Secretary, County Board of Health, and Mr. R.W. Elgee, Solicitor to County Council were read and adjourned to next meeting of the County Council.

Quarry Overseers.

Considerable discussion took place in connection with the position of Messrs. M.J. O'Kelly, Balynabola, J.J. O'Gorman, Ballyrannell, and Michael McEvoy, Barntown.

Finally the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Foley, seconded by Mr. J.J. O'Byrne:-

"That we offer Messrs. M.J. O'Kelly, J.J. O'Gorman and Michael McEvoy the position of charge hand in quarries at 43/- per week. Later, if the more skilled position arises, the County Council would consider favourably the appointment of these men to it".

County Board of Health. Vacancy.

Mr. D. O'Sullivan, Acting Secretary, Co. Board of Health, wrote that Mr. Thomas Neville had resigned his position as a nominee of the County Council on the County Board of Health, the latter recommended the appointment of Mr. James hall, M.C.C. to the vacancy.

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

"That Mr. James hall, M.C.C. Tobergal, Boolavogue, be appointed a member of the Co. Board of Health vice Mr. Thomas Neville resigned".

Under date 26th April 1922, the Minister for Local Government (9830-22) wrote stating that the Ministry had accepted the resignation of Mr. John Sinnott from the County Board of Health.

Under date 6th May 1922 a letter was read from Mr. D. O'Sullivan Acting Secretary County Board of Health as to making a payment on a/c to certain officers of Wexford Union who had been compensated for loss of office and to enable them to tide over the interval between the present and the date when sanction of Local Government Department was received to the amounts of compensation.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Foley, seconded by Mr. J.J. O'Byrne (Cushinstown):-

"The county Council regret they are unable to make any payment to officers whose offices have been abolished consequent upon the establishment of County Board of health, until the compensations have received the approval of the Local Government Department".

printing Jurors' Lists.

Under date 25th April 1922 Messrs. English & Co., Custom House, Quay, Wexford wrote enclosing account for last year's Contract for Jurors' Lists (Amount £135. 9. 6d) the printing of which was suggested although the work had been commenced. Thus Contract they wrote was taken at a very low price, and of course on the understanding that the Co. Council would carry out their share of the Contract".

Referred to next meeting of Finance & Roads committee.

University Scholarship Scheme.

Under date 3rd April 1922 the following letter was read from Mr.

Leo F. Sullivan, 40 Selskar Street, Wexford--

"Owing to a slight illness I have been obliged to spend part of last College term in hospital. Accordingly, my expenses at University Hall have only amounted to half their usual amount. As attendance at any lectures missed will be granted to me on medical grounds, I should feel obliged if you would forward me the remainder of my Scholarship, due for this term at your earliest convenience".

The Secretary stated that £11.11/- had been allowed off Hostel a/c for Mr. Sullivan and in order to meet his medical account, Mr. Sullivan asked the County Council to pay him this amount.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish seconded by Mr. Cloney:-

"That a payment of £11.11/- be made Mr. Leo F. Sullivan, Selskar Street, Wexford, on foot of his University Scholarship".

Explosives for Quarries.

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

"We recommend the County Council to explain to the public that if quarry work will be held up, the fault does not rest with the Council. If certain Military eventualities take place, the County Surveyor and his staff have instructions as to what steps they are to take to endeavour to secure the necessary supplies of Explosives for quarry work. In the meantime the County Council have no option but to suspend all work in quarries in which explosives are necessary.

The Committee also desire to point out that the County Surveyor's department has been refused the County Council detonators stored in Wexford Military Barracks and paid for by the money of the ratepayers."

Mr. Corish stated that he had seen Mr. R. Mulcahy, Minister for defence, who had promised to facilitate the Wexford County Council in securing the necessary supplied of explosives to enable quarry work to be carried on.

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

"That the Chairman of the County Council (Mr. J.R. Etchingham T.D.) and Mr. R. Corish T.D. endeavour to arrange with Mr. R. Mulcahy

Minister of Defence, for the supply of explosives required for quarry work in the County Wexford and no action be taken as regards the Minute of the Finance & Roads Committee".

Finances- Quarry Work.

The County Surveyor mentioned that a recent meeting he had received authority to expend £500 to carry on quarry work, as a matter of fact he had expended £518 and he now required £1500 for next month.

"It was decided to refer the matter to the next meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee".

Roads and Road Material.

Mr. Culleton raised the question of sea gravel being provided for roads in the vicinity of Ballynaas quarry, entailing long draught, and he considered sea gravel was not as good material as could be procured locally.

The County Surveyor pointed out that Ballynaas quarry was worked out, and as for Ballycogley quarry, the material was no use.

Mr. Culleton mentioned that there was a gravel quarry in Ballycogley which could be used.

County Surveyor- You would have to shift ten yards of stuff in order to get one yard of material in that quarry.

Further attention having been called to the lack of good material in that district, the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish, seconded by Mr. Devereux:-

"That the County Surveyor be directed to interview Mr. P. Browne, Ballysheen, with a view to having a quarry opened on his land".

A further resolution as follows was adopted on the motion of Mr. Devereux, seconded by Mr. Culleton:-

"That Mr. Treanor, Senior Assistant Surveyor and Mr. Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor inspect certain places along the side of the Mountain of Forth with a view to obtaining supply of material which can be broken by hand in order to relieve the present unemployment".

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

"That in the event of the proposed changes in Direct Labour Scheme being agreed to and brought into force, the County Surveyor

be allowed to treat road expenditure as regards the roads concerned, on a group basis".

Petrol for County Surveyor etc.

The question of supply of petrol for County Surveyor and his Staff and of Motor Cycles for the Assistant Surveyors was referred to next meeting of Finance & Roads Committee.

Advertising Contract.

The following resolution was adopted at the meeting of the County Council on 10th April 1922:-

"That the three local papers be requested to state on what terms they would be prepared to let to the County Council Scale Contract seven or other specified space per week for one year.

In reply to this the Managers of the three local papers, "The People", "The Free Press" and "The Echo" wrote that the advertising arrangements existing up to now having been arrived at by negotiation and agreement between the County Council and the County Press, the managers of the papers could not see their way to vary the arrangement by quoting on such a basis as was asked for by the resolution of the Council.

The following recommendation from the Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed on the motion of Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. Corish:-

"That we recommend the County Council, in view of the fact that we consider the present cost of advertising unreasonable, to inform the Managers of the three local papers that the County Council will be obliged to arrange for the publication of their advertisements by other mediums, if the local papers cannot see their way to fall in with the Council's request for a scale contract. The advertising contract is entered into yearly, and the County Council are in no way bound by any arrangement made some years ago with the old Council who entered into it very reluctantly".

On the motion of Mr. J. O'Byrne (Gorey) seconded by Mr. Foley, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That in the event of the three local papers refusing to accept the proposals of the County Council as regards the advertising contract, the Secretary be instructed to advertise in the Freeman's

Journal and "Irish Independent".

D. & S. E. Railway System.

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

"That we request the D. & S. E. Railway Company to extend the 6 p.m. train from Wexford to Dublin for Summer months at least, as we believe this would make for the great convenience of the public".

Poisons & Pharmacy Act.

Mr. R. Breen, Commercial Quay, Wexford, applied for renewal of Licence under Poisons & Pharmacy Act to enable him to sell Sheep Dip.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. R. Corish, seconded by Mr. Hall:-

"That the Licence under Poisons & Pharmacy Act issued to Mr. R. Breen, Commercial Quay, Wexford be renewed on condition that Mr. Breen will stock and sell only Irish Sheep Dip".

Irish Co. Councils' General Council.

Under date 12th April 1922 the Secretary, Irish Co. Councils' General Council, wrote pointing out that Special Standing Committees had been appointed by the General Council on (1) Legislation (2) Financial Matters, (3) Education (4) Health, (5) Roads, (6) Housing, (7) Reconstruction.

In addition to questions referred to them by the General Council it was hoped that these committees would be of assistance to the Constituent Councils by advising on matters of difficulty that may arise in the intervals between meetings of the General Council.

On the motion of Mr. J.J. O'Byrne (Cushinstown) seconded by Mr Hall, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That our Secretary be instructed to avail of the services of the various Committees set out in the communication from the Irish County Councils' General Council, under date 12th April 1922".

Difficulties as to holding Inquests.

Under date 29th April 1922, the following letter was read from Dr. W.C. Lawler, Coroner for North Wexford:-

"The holding of inquests in North Wexford presents a serious difficulty and I must ask for instructions from the County Council.

The Police of the district notify the Coroner and summon the Jury. The presence of the body is necessary for inspection by the Jury and Medical Examination.

We have two rival forces- pro-treaty and anti-treaty, as far as the holding of an inquest is concerned, the police force that holds possession of the body commands the position.

Am I free to hold inquests under the directions of both forces?

In Bunclody and in Gorey (I believe) you have only anti-treaty police. In Ferns pro-treaty and in Enniscorthy both.

On April 10th I held an inquest in Gorey under the auspices of the anti-treaty police. They were the only police functioning and no objection was raised.

In Enniscorthy on April 27th I was notified by the anti-treaty police that Henry O'Connor had been shot under circumstances that certainly warranted the holding of an inquest.

The pro-treaty police spoke to me before the hour appointed and told me I was not to hold it under the guidance of the anti-treaty police. As I had no definite instructions from Co. Council or Dail I considered it prudent not to hold it.

Whatever may be my personal political views I must not give expression to when acting officially and shall be guided by the directions I receive from the County Council".

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

"That for the present no specific instructions be given Dr. Lawler Coroner for North Wexford, as regards the holding of inquests, we are hopeful that an agreement will be arrived at between both sections of the Irish People and there is also the probability that a police force which will function without objection from anyone will be established".

Proposed Carnegie Library.

Under date 13th April 1922 Mr. Lennox Robinson, (Secretary Carnegie United Kingdom trust) 16 Harecourt Street, Dublin, wrote, stating that the Irish Advisory Committee of the trust had received the resolution of the County Council with satisfaction. The Committee hoped to do all in their power to further the Scheme but wished to

to know what measure of support the County Council intended to render.

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

"That our Secretary be instructed to place at the disposal of the Carnegie Trustees any portion of the County Hall which he considers is not required for County purposes in order to allow for storage of books etc., and the members present, one and all, to pledge themselves to help the establishment of a Carnegie Library Scheme for County Wexford in every possible way and have no hesitation in promising their wholehearted support in regard to striking a library rate when same will be required".

Arrears Income tax.

Under date 20th April 1922, the Comptroller, Inland revenue, wrote that large arrears of Income Tax are still due by Wexford County Council for 1919-20, 1920-21 and 1921-22. The Assessment and collection of Income Tax was being carried on with the authority of the provisional Government and all sums now collected for whatever period due were being paid into the Exchequer of that Government. The Comptroller trusted that the Council would arrange to have the arrears due remitted at once to the proper officers in accordance with the demands already furnished.

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

"That no payment be made on foot of any demand for income tax".

The Ministry of War Pensions (English)

& Mr. W. Boggan D.C. Wexford.

Under date 26th April 1922 an Order was issued by the Ministry of War pensions (English) stating that the Local Committee for the Administrative County of Wexford had represented to the Minister that it was desirable with a view to securing the efficient discharge of the Local Committee's functions that Mr. William Boggan, a member of the Committee, should cease to be a member of the Committee, and in consequence the Minister declared that Mr. Boggan had vacated his office of member of the Local Committee.

"No Order"

New Ross R.D. School Attendance Committee.

Under date 5th May 1922 a letter was read from Mr. J. J. Rochford Clerk New Ross Rural District Council, stating that his Council had recommended the appointment of Messrs. James Redmond D.C. Ballintubber New Ross, and Mark McGrath, D.C. Ballywilliam, as members of the New Ross Rural District School Attendance Committee, vice Messrs. Denis Cummins and Wm. Byrne disqualified.

On the motion of Mr. Byrne, seconded by Mr. James Byrne, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That Messrs. James Redmond, D.C. Ballintubber, New Ross and Mark McGrath, D.C. Ballywilliam be appointed members of New Ross Rural District School Attendance Committee, vice Messrs. Denis Cummins and Wm. Byrne disqualified".

Woodlands.

The following resolution was read from Roscommon Co. Committee of Agriculture:-

"We call the attention of the Department of Agriculture and Land Settlement to the fact that landlords, who are selling their demesnes in Ireland, are selling their woods in many cases to British and other commercial firms for destruction immediately, we deplore this because of the scarcity of woods in the country. We are of opinion that re-planting is not a sufficient return to the present generation for the total removal of the grown woods, and we suggest that an order should be made permitting thinning only, even where woods have already been sold, but are still standing".

Adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish, seconded by Mr. Cloney.

Shooting of Protestants in County Cork.

The following resolution was read from the Cork Corporation:-

"We the Corporation of Cork, 97 per cent Catholic, while very deeply deploring the death of Ireland's young and brave soldier, Commandant O'Neill, appeal to our young men of West Cork to show every conceivable restraint in the present trying situation, and to avoid imitating the horrible and unchristianlike methods of Belfast, and we hereby tender to our Protestant fellow countrymen our sincere sympathy on the cruel and tragic deaths of their co-religionists, and

we assure them of our anxiety for the continuance of the splendid spirit of toleration which has always been manifested in the South of Ireland. We call on the authorities charged with peace and order to afford immediate protection to all classes, irrespective of creed or politics"

Adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish, seconded by Mr. Foley.

Motor Driving Licences.

Under date 2nd May 1922 a letter was read from the Secretary of the Irish Automobile Drivers' and Motor Mechanics' Union, stating that his Committee believed that a competency test should be imposed on all applicants for licences to drive motor cars and cycles., the test to cover physical fitness (including eyesight) and driving proficiency, as the present system of issuing licences to all and sundry was not in the public interest or that of the motoring community.

Approved on the motion of Mr. Corish, seconded by Mr. Foley.

Finance & Roads Committee.

It was decided that the next meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee be held on 15th May previous to the visit of the deputation to the Minister of Economics, Dublin on 16th or 17th May.

-----ooOoo-----

(Signed)

Presiding Chairman

Dated this day of 19

SPECIAL MEETING, 29th MAY, 1922.

A Special Meeting for the purposes of striking the Rate for financial year 1922-23, was held on Monday 29th May 1922, in County Hall, Wexford.

Mr. J. R. Etchingham (Chairman) and subsequently Mr. E. Foley, (Vice-Chairman) presided.

Also present:- Messrs. James Byrne, John Cummins, R. Corish, G. Devereux, James Hall, D. Kavanagh, John O'Byrne, John J. O'Byrne, M. M. O'Donoghue, M. Redmond.

The Secretary, the Assistant Secretary, the 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.

Striking Rate for Financial Year 1922-23.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. John J. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. M. redmond:-

"That we hereby adopt the Estimate of rates for General & Separate Charges for financial year 1922-23, as approved by Finance & Roads Committee 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	4/10	8/3
Gorey	4/7	7/4
New Ross	3/10	7/3
Wexford	3/11	7/-

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
	£ s d	£ s d	£ s d
Enniscorthy	1094.15 6	1094.15. 6	

District	General Charges	Separate Charges	Total
New Ross	£ 2069. 4. 5	£	£2069. 4. 5
Wexford	3415. 5. 11		3415. 5. 11

Rate Collection.

The following report of Conference re rate Collection was laid before the meeting:-

"A Conference between the members of the Finance & Roads Committee and the rate Collectors and deputy Checkers of Collectors' Accounts, was held in the County Hall, Wexford on 18th May 1922".

"Mr. E.P. Foley (Vice-Chairman) presided and there were also in attendance, Messrs. John J. O'Byrne (Cushinstown) and John O'Byrne (Gorey)".

"Mrs. Keating, Local Government Inspector, Dail Eireann, the Secretary and Assistant Secretary Co. Council, and all the Rate Collectors and deputy Checkers of Collectors Accounts were present.

"The state of each Collection District was carefully examined. The Committee found a considerable difference even in adjoining districts as to the amounts uncollected, but it may be taken for granted that Collectors who were not held up owing to abnormal happenings and who went about their work in a systematic and diligent manner, have succeeded in making very substantial progress. In some instances the Committee considered Collectors have been too easy going and have not exhibited a whole-hearted interest in their work. It was evident also that a few Collectors regarded the meeting as an Inquisition at which they were to be put up for punishment".

"The Committee found, as a general rule, that two causes were responsible for the backward condition of the Collection (1) The fact that numbers of decrees had been obtained and remained unexecuted. Several of these have been lying dormant for over a year. The result is that people who are not honest enough to pay their Rates, laugh at the idea of a prosecution and point to the fact that the Collector has been powerless to realise the amount in year old cases. (2) General scarcity of money. There has been very few refusals to pay in any district, but numbers of people, owing to the

District	General Charges	Separate Charges	Total
New Ross	£ 2069. 4. 5	£	£2069. 4. 5
Wexford	3415. 5. 11		3415. 5. 11

Rate Collection.

The following report of Conference re rate Collection was laid before the meeting:-

"A Conference between the members of the Finance & Roads Committee and the rate Collectors and deputy Checkers of Collectors' Accounts, was held in the County Hall, Wexford on 18th May 1922".

"Mr. E.P. Foley (Vice-Chairman) presided and there were also in attendance, Messrs. John J. O'Byrne (Cushinstown) and John O'Byrne (Gorey)"

"Mrs. Keating, Local Government Inspector, Dail Eireann, the Secretary and Assistant Secretary Co. Council, and all the Rate Collectors and deputy Checkers of Collectors Accounts were present.

"The state of each Collection District was carefully examined. The Committee found a considerable difference even in adjoining districts as to the amounts uncollected, but it may be taken for granted that Collectors who were not held up owing to abnormal happenings and who went about their work in a systematic and diligent manner, have succeeded in making very substantial progress. In some instances the Committee considered Collectors have been too easy going and have not exhibited a whole-hearted interest in their work. It was evident also that a few Collectors regarded the meeting as an Inquisition at which they were to be put up for punishment".

"The Committee found, as a general rule, that two causes were responsible for the backward condition of the Collection (1) The fact that numbers of decrees had been obtained and remained unexecuted. Several of these have been lying dormant for over a year. The result is that people who are not honest enough to pay their Rates, laugh at the idea of a prosecution and point to the fact that the Collector has been powerless to realise the amount in year old cases. (2) General scarcity of money. There has been very few refusals to pay in any district, but numbers of people, owing to the

depreciation in the price of live stock and farm produce generally, have asked for an extension of time for payment".

"The Committee admitted that the manner in which decrees had been dealt with to the present made the work of Rate Collectors particularly arduous, but hope with the aid of the proposed County police force to devise machinery by which decrees will be realised effectively and expeditiously. Recognising also that farmers and agricultural labourers have been hit by the slump in prices, they agree that the Collectors should be given an extension of time to close their collections to 18th June".

"The Committee are of opinion that Rate Collectors should not have their offices on licensed premises".

"As regards Collection District No. 13, Mr. Fanning, Deputy Checker, was instructed to re-examine the Collecting Books of the late D. Byrne, at once, and report to the Secretary of the Co. Council".

"Mr. Fanning informed the Committee that on his first checking of Mr. Byrne's Accounts a sum of £500 appeared to be due by him".

"It was further agreed that the present Collectors or their deputies as the case may be, are to finish the Collection to March 1922, before any question of resignation can be considered".

"The Committee recommend that as regards the Rate for second moiety of current financial year, a bonus of 1d in the £ on amount of Warrant be paid all Collectors who lodge the full amount of their Warrants by the 28th January 1923. Also that Local Government department be requested to sanction payment of poundage on amounts lodged by Collectors and on private lodgments to 30th April 1922".

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

"That the report of Conference between Finance & Roads Committee Rate Collectors and Deputy Checkers of Collectors' Accounts be approved, but that the proposal to award bonus of 1d in £ to Collectors who lodge the full amount of their Warrants by 28th February 1923, be held over for consideration at a future meeting of the Co. Council"

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. John O'Byrne (Gorey) seconded by Mr. James Byrne::

"That any Collector who had not closed his Collection to the

satisfaction of the Secretary of this Council by 18th June 1922, be suspended from office, pending investigation by Finance & Roads Committee as to the reason for not closing. That a copy of this resolution be furnished each Collector^H.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. E. Foley, seconded by Mr. James Byrne:-

"That Collectors Fitzpatrick, McCarthy, Roe, P, O'Byrne, Deegan and John Kelly be informed that the County Council consider they should have carried out their duties with greater diligence than they have shown to the present, and in view of the fact that no extension of time to close the collection beyond 18th June 1922, will be agreed to the Council will expect that by next meeting these Collectors will have so much improved that no further complaint can be found as to the manner in which they are performing their duty^H.

Under date 16th May 1922, the following (12,950-22) was read from Local Government Department:-

"In regard to Collectors Securities I desire to inform you that the Bond executed by these officers must be in accordance with the provisions of the Public Bodies Order^H.

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

"That our Secretary correspond with Local Government Department as to whether it would not be advisable in view of charges made by Insurance Companies for existing Bond drafted according to the provisions of the Public Bodies Order, to have with the Rate Collector a bond guaranteeing only against dishonesty, defalcation or embezzlement. From experience gained to the present, though the Bond as per Public Bodies Order is most desirable and comprehensive, the Council believe that the cost of same is too high. For the information of the Council the Local Government Department are asked to supply the Council with the names of approved Insurance Societies which will be prepared to enter into Fidelity Guarantee Bonds for Rate Collectors, also (if possible) their scale of charges. Further would Local Government Department sanction the payment of premium by County Council should the latter decide on adopting such a course^H.

Under date 27th April 1922, the Local Government Department

wrote:- "The Ministry have extended to the 15th May next the time for the closing of the Rate Collection for the period ended 31st March. the Collectors' sureties should be notified of the Council's action".

"The Secretary stated this had been done.

In connection with No. 21 Collection District, the Secretary reported that Mr. Thomas Sullivan had called on him about a month ago and stated he would square up the question of amount of rates, etc. which had been outstanding when he acted as the Collector,

Mr. Finn, Deputy Checker, New Ross, wrote under date 20th April 1922, that Mr. Sullivan had not called up to then, and Mr. Finn stated at the Conference with the Collectors on 18th May Mr. Sullivan had not called on him in the meantime.

The matter had been hanging on for a considerable time and some steps should be taken to dispose of it.

It was decided that Mr. Foley, Vice-Chairman Co. Council, interview Mr. Sullivan with a view to having some tangible information obtained from Mr. Sullivan in the matter.

As regards Collection District No. 13, Mr. J.J. Manning, Deputy Checker for Gorey District, wrote under date 23rd May 1922, that the late Mr. D. Byrne had lodged all sums collected by him.

The seeming discrepancy referred to at Rate Collectors' Conference occurred through a mistake made in duplicating the entries in his Abstract when entering up his last receipts. The amount now outstanding in this district was £2529. 4. 10½ on rate for March 1922, instead of £1816. 16/- as stated at Conference.

Under date 17th May 1922, Mrs. D. Byrne wrote asking for payment of poundage on rates collected by her late husband.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman (Mr. Etchingham) seconded by Mr. J. O'Byrne, (Gorey):-

"That the Local Government Department be requested to sanction payment of poundage to Mrs. Byrne, widow of the late Collector Daniel Byrne".

Rate Collector for No. 13 District.

The following applied for the position of rate Collector for No. 13 Collection District (Ballylarkin) Ballynestragh, Coolgreany Kilgorman, Limerick and Wingfield:-

Sean Breen, 8 McCurtain Street, Gorey.

Mathew Brennan, Camolin.

Andrew Howell, Ballyduffbeg, Camolin.

Walter Jordan, Gurteen, Inch.

William Kavanagh, Cróghan, Ballyfad.

John Lee, Castletown, Inch.

Michael McGrath, Market Square, Gorey.

Philip O'Neill, Ballyconran, Craanford.

John O'Reilly, Bruce, Clonevan.

Luke Smith, Haggardstown, Ballycogley (late of Oulart)

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

"That Mr. Treanor (Senior Assistant Surveyor) and Mr. J.H. Cadogan (Assistant in Co. Council Office) be appointed Examiners and Superintendents for examination of Rate Collectors in Irish, English, and Arithmetic".

After the Examination the following was presented as the result:-

	Irish	English	Arithmetic	Total
Michael McGrath	100	75	100	275
John Lee	70	75	100	245
J. O'Reilly	65	60	100	225
Sean Breen	75	70	60	205
Andrew Howell	30	30	70	130
M. Brennan	90	35	---	125
Walter Jordan	25	30	60	115
Luke Smith	---	30	40	70
Wm. Kavanagh	15	20	20	55

Philip O'Neill was not in attendance.

The Chairman held that four candidates only, viz:- Messrs. M. McGrath, John Lee, John O'Reilly, and Sean Breen had qualified.

It was agreed that a poll would be taken without any proposing or seconding of Candidates.

The following was the result:-

For O'Reilly:- Messrs. Hall, J. Byrne, M.M. O'Donoghue, Devereux

Kavanagh and the Chairman.- 6.

For McGrath:- Messrs. Corish, Cummins, John O'Byrne (Gorey) J.J.

O'Byrne (Cushinstown): 4.

For Lee:- Nil.

For Breen:- Nil.

The Chairman declared O'Reilly elected.

The following resolution was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Mr. O'Donoghue and passed:-

"That Mr. John O'Reilly, Bruce, Clonovan Gorey be appointed Rate Collector for No. 13 Collection District of the County Wexford, subject to the sanction of the Local Government Department".

Enniscorthy Mental Hospital.

The Secretary reported that the Local Government Department had forwarded to the treasurer of the County Council Pay Order for £1975 as an instalment of the Government Contribution for the maintenance of patients in Enniscorthy Mental Hospital.

Advances in respect of Damages to Property.

Under date 11th May 1922 the Ministry of Local Government wrote (L.G. 2356) that in certain cases of injury to property, the Provisional Government were prepared to make preliminary payments by way of loan where such a course was desirable in the interests of industry, trade or employment, and particularly where rebuilding was involved.

Claims for War Damage.

Under date 16th May 1922, the following Circular letter was read from Local Government department:-

"The Ministry of Local Government request the immediate return to the Office of all claims lodged on behalf of persons who have suffered loss during the period January 1919- July 1921.

This Department looks to every Local Authority for the most cordial and friendly co-operation in dealing with claims for compensation.

The Commission, which is opening on Friday next, at the Court house, Green Street, Dublin, is set up to inquire into these claims which are largely against the British Government. The Commission

is set up by the two Governments and with their consent.

It will be necessary for each Local Authority to assist, as far as lies in its power, the work of the Commission in procuring evidence, furnishing particulars, and expert advice on the value of the damaged property".

It was decided on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. J. Byrne that the Secretary give every information possible to the Ministry of Local Government in connection with applications for compensation for War losses".

County Board of Health.

In connection with the resolution adopted by the County Council at their meeting on 8th May 1922 as to chargeability of expenditure for County Board of Health, the following under date 16th May 1922 (12,950-22) was read from Local Government Department:-

"The entry relating to chargeability for expenses under the Public Health Board has been noted and I desire to inform you that there is no provision for Union Charges under the Amalgamation Scheme as the Union area no longer exists. All charges must therefore be either district charges of County-at-Large Charges".

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

"That the reference from Local Government Department as to chargeability of expenses of County Board of Health under date 16th May 1922 (12,950-22) be adjourned to next meeting and that our Secretary explain to the Department the views of the Council as to why they agreed to the resolution of Mr. John J. O'Byrne".

Under date 27th April 1922 the Local Government Department (8,848/22) wrote that they had accepted the resignation of Mr. James Connors as a member of County Board of Health.

Under date 16th May 1922, the Minister of Local Government wrote that the resignation of Mr. Thomas Neville as a member of County Board of Health had been accepted.

Under date 16th April 1922 the report of Mr. M. Ryan (Engineering Section Local Government Department) as to buildings in Wexford proposed for County Hospital, was read. (It has appeared on previous Minutes).

Under date 26th April 1922, Mr. O'Sullivan, Acting Secretary, County Board of Health, wrote asking for the information of the County Board of Health, a report from the County Solicitor as to how the County Infirmary, including the Surgeon's house, was held or in whom vested. In a report submitted to the County Board of Health on 15th March 1922, it was stated that the County Infirmary was vested in the County Council, but some members of the Committee stated that private interests were also involved. Before approaching the County Infirmary Committee on the subject of handing over the premises he (Mr. O'Sullivan) would like to see Mr. Elgee's report.

In connection with the Lady Esmonde Home which stands on the Infirmary grounds and was now idle, Mr. O'Sullivan asked that Mr. Elgee would communicate with the Trustees on behalf of the County Board of Health and ask the Trustees on what terms, if any, they would be prepared to hand over the Home to the County Board of Health, in the event of its being decided to establish the County Hospital at the County Infirmary and requiring the Home as an adjunct to the Hospital.

The following under date 21st April 1922 was read from Mr. R.W. Elgee, Solicitor to the Council:-

"I am in receipt of your letter of yesterday with copy of one from the Acting Secretary of the County Wexford Board of Public Health, enclosed.

I have looked into the title to, and the ownership of the County Infirmary premises, and although I have no documents of title, I am of opinion that the premises are now vested in the County Council. And they are held in fee, free of rent.

I believe the site was bought and the premises erected, by the old Grand Jury, out of funds raised by Presentment off the County.

The property of the Grand Jury or property held by any other Board or otherwise for any public uses and purposes of a County, was vested in the County Council by Article 15 (1) of the Local Government (Application of Enactments Order 1808) and in my opinion the Infirmary falls within the above description of "Property held for a Public Purpose".

"Re Lady Esmonde Hospital".

"As directed I am writing to the Trustees of this Hospital to ascertain if and on what terms they are prepared to hand over these premises to Public Health Board.

I must point out however, that as this Hospital was carried on by the Trustees, under a Scheme settled by the Chancery Division, the Trustees have no power, in themselves to hand over the premises to the Board without the permission of the Chancery Division being first obtained".

Under date 20th May 1922, the Secretary County Board of Health, forwarded the following resolution adopted at the meeting of the Board on 17th May 1922:--

"That we request the County Council to transfer the theatre equipment of the County Infirmary to the new County Hospital".

The question of the effect of closing the County Infirmary as regards compensation to staff etc., was considered.

Mr. Corish asked if the officers whose offices would be abolished would be entitled to compensation or superannuation.

After some discussion the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. J.J. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Redmond:--

"That Mr. R.W. Elgee, Solicitor to the Co. Council, obtain Counsel's opinion as to the position of the County Council towards County Wexford Infirmary, as to whether County Council can withdraw its grant from the Institution or close it completely., in the event of so doing will the officers be entitled to superannuation or compensation., are County Council owners of equipment in County Infirmary such as operating theatre etc., and generally to advise as to the powers and obligations of the County Council towards the County Wexford Infirmary".

Extension Road Limit of Expenditure.

Under date 3rd May 1922 the Local Government Department wrote (9830/22) extending road limits of expenditure for New Ross and Wexford Rural Districts to £12,000 and £17,200 respectively.

Application Interned Rate Collectors.

The following letter under date 14th April was read from the

following Rate Collectors:- James Quirke, Edward Roe, John J. Sinnott, Matthew Kelly and Patrick Walsh.:-

"We understand that the Minister for Local Government, Dail Eirean has issued instructions to all the Public Boards to pay their officers who were imprisoned or interned during the recent hostilities two-thirds their salaries during the term of their incarceration. We believe that Rate Collectors appointed in the War period come under these instructions. We therefore appeal to the County Council to grant us the sum of £2.10/- per week during the term of our imprisonment. We received no grant from any source whatever. Knowing the risk we ran we trust the County Council will give this matter their kind consideration and allow us something in recompense".

Under date 4th May 1922 the Local Government department wrote (10360-22) that the claims of the Collectors will be dealt with by the Ministry for Local Government when they come before the Department recorded in Minutes of proceedings of the County Council.

The Secretary pointed out that the present Commission to enquire into War Damage would not deal with such applications as those received from the Rate Collectors who had been interned.

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

"This County Council are of opinion that steps should be taken by Dail Eireann to see that a Commission be set up to consider claims from men who were interned or who suffered personal damage by agents of the British Government. We hold that as the rate Collectors, who have made application to us for compensation, were interned simply because they were the lawfully appointed Collectors of the County Council, it is the business of Dail Eireann to secure suitable compensation for such men from the British Government by whose instructions they were illegally imprisoned and interned".

Motor Cycles for Assistant Surveyors.

Under date 6th May 1922 the Local Government department wrote stating it was necessary to furnish them with an account of the amount expended in providing Motor Cycles for Assistant County Surveyors.

The Secretary pointed out that the Finance & Roads Committee had

recommended the purchase of 4 H.P. Triumph (Motor Cycle) for four Assistant Surveyors, cost £115 each as most suitable for Assistant Surveyors.

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

"That we approve of purchase of 4 H.P. Triumph Motor Cycles for four Assistant Surveyors and that the question of running expenses and upkeep be referred to next meeting of Finance & Roads Committee".

Motor Car Acts.

The question of the administration of Motor Car Acts and particularly collection of Motor Tax was considered at length.

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

"That in order to have Motor Car Acts properly administered we hereby agree to place in charge of this work, Mr. C.H. Richards, Senior Clerk County Council Offices, provided Ministry of Transport are prepared to recoup the Council his present annual remuneration of £342 per annum. Mr. Richards has experience of the work, and we believe this to be the best arrangement to secure the amount of Registration and Taxation for each Motor Vehicle in the County, and also amount for Motor Driving Licences".

Assistant in County Council Offices.

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

"That our Secretary be empowered to employ clerical assistance for two months for the sorting and filing of papers consequent on removal to the County Hall. That in the event of Mr. Richards' services being made available as Local Taxation Officer under Motor Car Acts to Ministry of Transport, a Clerk in his stead be appointed in County Council offices, position to be advertised, and salary and conditions of office to be fixed by the Council on recommendation from Finance & Roads Committee".

Kitchen Equipment County Hall.

The Chairman (Mr. Foley) mentioned that Mr. Culleton and he were met on 22nd May 1922 by Mr. Hassett, Engineer to Wexford R.D. Council

and who was fitting up County Hospital with a request that he would be allowed to remove one of the kitchen stoves from the County Hall. Mr. Hassett had the men employed at County Hospital and informed them that if he could not have the range in the County Hall, the Board of Health would have to purchase a range at a cost of £35. In view of this and the statement from Mr. Hassett, he (Mr. Foley) and Mr. Culleton agreed that Mr. Hassett should remove the range.

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

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

"That the Council in the circumstances mentioned by Mr. Foley hereby sanction his action and that of Mr. Culleton in agreeing to have range in County Hall removed, to County Hospital. In future all applications of this nature must be in writing to the County Council. That we agree to give plenary powers to the Finance & Roads Committee to allow the County Board of Health to remove from the County Hall any articles or materials which are not required there and which would be useful to Co. Board of Health".

Recommendations Finance & Roads Committee.

The following Minutes of Finance & Roads Committee from meeting of 15th May 1922, were read:-

"Present:- In the Chair, Mr. E. Foley (Vice-Chairman Co. Council) and R. Corish.

The Secretary, County Surveyor and Mr. T. Treanor, Senior Assistant Surveyor were also in attendance.

Mr. Kirby, Assistant Surveyor- Gorey District.

Under date 13th May 1922 Mr. James Kirby, B.E. Assistant Surveyor for Gorey District wrote:-

"Owing to the miserable salaries paid their Assistant Surveyors by the Wexford Co. Council and the continued persistence of that body in refusing to effect a reasonable and equitable re-adjustment of the wholly inadequate salaries paid to Surveyors by their predecessors in office, I hereby tender the Council my resignation of the position of Assistant Surveyor in your County. I find it absolutely impossible to continue in the position under the above circumstances"

This resignation is without prejudice to my claim for arrears of salary due to me during the period of suspension of work 1921-22, and I would be obliged for a definite statement of the Council's intention in the matter".

"Referred to County Council".

Gelignite for Quarries.

"It was decided that Mr. Treanor, Senior Assistant Surveyor, make the necessary arrangements with Military Head Quarters in Dublin for a supply of explosives for Quarries".

Finances for Quarry Work.

"The Committee recommended the County Council to borrow from the Treasurer of the Council, the National Bank, a sum of £6,000 to provide for continuance of work in quarries".

The £10,000 Unemployment Grant.

Mr. Foley mentioned that the Local Government Department, Dail Eireann, did not appear to be satisfied with the manner in which the County Surveyor had presented the Scheme in connection with the Unemployment Grant, they did not consider the particulars furnished were sufficiently definite.

The County Surveyor stated that he had received a letter from the Local Government Department in connection with this Grant asking for the lengths of road dealt with and their location, and quantity of material provided for them, all to be set out in detail. It would take a full fortnight's work to prepare this information.

Mr. Corish said he would have an interview with the Minister for Local Government during the week and would try and have the matter adjusted so that the grant would be paid without further delay.

Motor Cycles for Assistant Surveyors.

Under date 6th May 1922, the Local Government Department wrote (9830/22) stating they required to be furnished with an account of the amount expended in providing Motor Cycles for the Assistant Surveyors.

Under date 5th May 1922, Mr. R.J. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, wrote that the following were the prices of the five motor cycles which would be suitable for the work
of the Assistant Surveyors.

4 H.P. Triumph	£115
3½ H.P. Sunbeam	130
4 H.P. Norton	124
4 H.P. B.S.A.	114
4 H.P. Indian	112.

Of the above he considered the Triumph to be the best as it was specially made for the class of work performed by Assistant Surveyors. This machine was almost exclusively used for disptach riding during th War. It there was an extensive scheme of direct labour established the Surveyors would require a machine which would run like a clock.

"The meeting recommended the purchase of Triumph Motor Cycles and directed the Secretary to ascertain if these could be obtained through the Supplies Department of the Government and if they could be delivered within a definite time".

Petrol for County Surveyor.

The County Surveyor in view of the fact that the County Council were about to supply petrol and motor cycles for Assistant Surveyors asked that he should be supplied with petrol by the Council for the running of his Motor Car.

"It was decided to refer the matter to next meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee".

Proposed reduction of Tonnage.

Mr. D. Doyle, (Road Contractor) Ballinagam, Clonevan, wrote under date 3rd May 1922, asking that the tonnage on his road 170g be reduced from 84 yards to 64 yards or increase the price from £25.10/- per annum to £32. 10/-

"it was decided that no order be made".

Bed Clothing for Blacksmith.

The Secretary called attention to an account for £5.5/- for providing bed clothing etc., for a blacksmith working at the County Hall.

"It was decided that the amount be paid but that the County Surveyor in future before incurring any expenditure of this character should have the approval of the Finance & Roads Committee".

Primary Scholarship Scheme.

Entries received for the above to date were submitted by the Secretary.

The following recommendation was agreed to:-

"That applications from residents of Urban Districts of Enniscorthy New Ross and Wexford, as regards Primary Scholarships be not entertained As the Council have not arranged to levy a rate for Primary Scholarship Scheme in Urban Districts of the County students of these Districts are ineligible to compete for said Scholarships.

That as no application has been received from boys for Primary Scholarship Scheme, the date of receipt of application be extended to 12th June and that in the meantime our Secretary communicate with the various National Schools of the County with a view to securing entries from boys for these Scholarships".

The following resolutions were adopted:-

proposed by Mr. D. Kavanagh, seconded by Mr. O'Donoghue:-

"That the resignation of Mr. James Kirby, Assistant Surveyor for Gorey District be accepted".

Proposed by Mr. Cummins, seconded by Mr. O'Donoghue:-

"That the Minutes of Finance & Roads Committee for meeting of 15th May 1922, be and are hereby approved".

Proposed by Mr. Corish, seconded by Mr. John O'Byrne (Gorey):-

"That the County Surveyor be instructed to open up the necessary quarries with a view to providing sufficient road metalling for this year's work, and that if necessary the Council borrow a sum not exceeding £6,000 to allow this work to proceed effectively".

Appointment of County Analyst.

Under date 1st April 1922, the Minister for Local Government wrote that the Council could proceed to appoint an Analyst for the whole County as proposed.

The following resolution which was adopted at the meeting of the County Board of Health on 17th May 1922, was read for the meeting:-

"That we request the County Council to appoint a County Analyst".

The following resolution was adopted at the meeting of the County Council on 27th May 1922:-

"That Messrs. O'Kelly, Keane and Miss O'Ryan, 26 Upper Mount Street, Dublin, be appointed Analysts to County Council under Food & Drugs Acts at 5/- persample analysed, except water fee for which is to be £1.1/- and for poison cases £2.2/- as per conditions fixed by County Council appointment to be determined by a month's notice on either side".

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

"that Messrs. O'Kelly, Keane and Miss O'Ryan, 26 Upper Mount Street, Dublin, be re-appointed Analysts to County Council to cover analyses from all recognised County Bodies on the terms and conditions of the Co. Council's resolution of 27th May 1921". (Page 289)

Sheep Dipping Order.

Under date 13th May 1922, the Veterinary Branch of the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction wrote (letter No. 855-21) calling attention to the necessity of an active execution and enforcement of the Sheep Dipping Order this year. The general observance of the obligation to dip sheep once in Summer and twice in Autumn is regarded as not only the best precaution against the spread of Sheep Scab, but as calculated to promote the interests of the sheep industry in other ways. As the best results could not be obtained from the Dipping Regulations unless they are uniformly observed no Local Authority could remain indifferent to the condition of affairs in their own district without prejudicially affecting the general interest.. Each Local Authority was armed with the necessary powers for the adequate enforcement of the Regulations and the Department hoped that every Local Authority will take steps to see that during the coming season their powers in the matter would be employed to the best advantage.

As the new Police Force was not expected to be in a position to render any assistance in regard to distribution of Sheep Dipping Forms etc. during the coming season, it was necessary for the County Council to make adequate provision for the work of distributing and collecting these forms. Neither would the police be in a position to supply the Co. Council with the usual particulars as to the numbers and ownership of sheep, and the Local Authority should therefore take steps as would appear to them necessary in order to obtain this

information.

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

"That we re-appoint James Murphy, Coolbaun, Ferns as Sheep Dipping Inspector for the Rural Districts of Gorey and Enniscorthy at a remuneration of £26 for both dipping periods of 1922 and that we re-appoint Mr. James Hayden, Corlican, Killurin as Sheep Dipping Inspector for Rural Districts of New Ross and Wexford, at a remuneration of £26 for both dipping periods of 1922. In the event of either of these officers refusing to act that the position be advertised in accordance with the terms of this resolution. That forms of notice of dipping be furnished the Clerks of Rural District Councils, the members of the County Council and County Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction".

Mr. N.E. Walsh, Ex-Jail Official.

Correspondence was read from Mr. N.E. Walsh, Ex-Jail Official as to payment of arrears of his superannuation allowance and a resumption of payment.

Under date 6th May 1922, the Ministry for Local Government wrote that as the British Government had undertaken to restore the local Grants which had been withheld it would be proper for the County Council if they are satisfied that the amount claimed by Mr. Walsh was properly due, to resume the payment to Mr. Walsh, and also any other payments which should be made in the normal course had the grants referred to not been withheld.

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

"That the question of reinstating payment of superannuation of Mr. N.E. Walsh, Ex-Jail Official and also dealing with payment of arrears of same be adjourned until the grants of the Council are received in full from Government".

Application re Road Foremanship.

Under date 20th May 1922, Mr. Aidan Mernagh, Ballinaslaney, Oylegate wrote asking to be reinstated as quarry or road foreman, and promising to carry out the orders of the officers of the Co. Council.

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

"That we request the County Surveyor to endeavour to offer a position as quarry or road foreman to Aidan Mernagh, Ballinaslaney, Oylegate, when same be available".

Direct Labour Scheme.

Mr. D. Houston, Irish Transport & General Workers' Union, wrote under date 29th May 1922 asking the Council for permission to come before them in connection with the question of direct labour on roads.

Permission having been granted on the motion of Mr. Corish, seconded by Mr. J. O'Byrne, Mr. Houston complained that the Enniscorthy R/D. Council had given road contracts to men who held 25 acres of land although the County Council had agreed that no man holding more than ten acres of arable land should be given a contract.

"It was pointed out that the County Council did not feel themselves in a position to lay down hard and fast rules as to the position which men accepted as road contractors should hold in view of the fact that there was no main road scheme in Wexford County, and all roads were district charges".

Mr. Houston also complained that certain people had been granted haulage contracts and were carrying them out by hired labour. The County Council wages were not being paid in these cases. This was a pernicious system and would not be agreed to by the Irish Transport Union.

After some discussion the Council decided to make "No Order"

Tender Machinery Shed.

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

"That the County Surveyor be directed to advertise for tenders for erection of Machinery Shed at the County Hall".

proposed County Police Force.

The following report of Conference relative to establishment of County Police force was read:-

"A Conference between the County Council, Rural District Council, Urban Councils and Republican Courts, regarding the Policing of the

County, was held in the County Hall, Wexford on Monday 22nd May 1922.

"Present:- Mr. E.P. Foley (presiding) Also:- Messrs. G . Devereux
M.C.C. C. Culleton, R.D. Council, wexford, T. Mccarthy, Chairman
Enniscorthy Urban Council., Alderman Corish, Mayor of Wexford., T.D.
Wexford
Sinnott, representing North/Republican Courts., and J. McCormack,
South Wexford Republican Courts.

Messrs. Richard Sinnott, Brigade Police Officer, Wexford., and T.
A. Frizelle, Assistant Secretary County Council were also in attendance

The following wire was read from mr. Philip Lennon, Court Registrar
New Ross:-

"Broke down off Road Lynch unable to attend, writing Lennon".

"A discussion took place as to whether it would be advisable to
proceed with a Local Scheme in view of the fact that, owing to the
Agreement between the Political parties in An Dail, the Government
would most probably prepare at once a Scheme for a Policing of the
whole County.

"Some members expressed the view that any Scheme the Government
would put into operation would take some months to be brought into
working order and as robberies and other crimes were very prevalent
in the County at present a Local Scheme which could be started at once
would be very necessary, until the Government's arrangements were
complete.

It was also pointed out that owing to Decrees of the Courts not
being executed the Rates of the County were not being paid as they
should, and this explanation was given by many Rate Collectors as to
the backward state of their collections.

"Mr. T.D. Sinnott recommended that any Local Force that might
be established be under the control of the Courts, which would appoint
a Police Board having full powere over appointments and the efficiency
of the force generally. he believed that if the revenue of the
Courts was utilised for the purpose it would be quite sufficient after
a short period to defray the expenses of the Scheme. It would be
necessary when making a start to ask the County Council to guarantee
a sum of about £2,000 which would be raised for the establishment of
the Force".

"As regards the number of men necessary and rate of pay it was decided that Mr. R. Sinnott prepare a statement for submission to next meeting of the number of men required for the County and their proposed location along with an estimate of the cost of the carrying out the Scheme".

"Mr. Sinnott proposed and Mr. Foley seconded the following resolution:- "That the County Council be requested to guarantee a sum of £2,000 towards the establishment of a Local Police Force. That in the meantime the Secretary get into touch with the Government with the view of ascertaining if they have prepared a Scheme for the policing of the Country and if so, the particulars of same and when it is proposed to have it in operation".

"The Secretary stated that an outline of the Minutes of Conference had been furnished the Minister of Defence who wrote as follows under date 23rd May 1922 (a3677):-

"In reply to your communication of 22nd May re Police, the Government's intention was that until the distribution of the newly formed Police force, the policing of the County would be carried out through the Army Organisation by men employed on full time duties and set aside for police work. Now that a political settlement has taken place the trouble in the Army which prevented this being effectively done up to the present, disappears, and the position is that this work can be effectively taken up now by the Volunteers. In view of this, I consider it inadvisable that any new Force such as you suggest should be started".

"The Chairman did not consider it feasible to employ the Army as Police, and gave several reasons to bear out this opinion".

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

"That the Wexford County Council are prepared to guarantee (if required) a sum not exceeding £2,000 for the establishment of a County Police Force, this proposal to receive the sanction of the Local Government Department".

Examination of Candidates for Positions under Co. Council

Proposed by Mr. John J. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Devereux and

adopted:-

"That in the case of appointments under this County Council to positions in respect of which it is decided to hold a qualifying Examination, we hereby instruct our Secretary to arrange for the holding of Examination the day preceding the day of Election, and if the latter be on Monday to arrange for examination the previous Saturday".

Wexford & Edermine Bridges.

Under date 11th May 1922 the following was read from Mr. R. W. Elgee, Solicitor to the Council:-

"The County Council have no power to close up the opening span of Wexford Bridge, as suggested by putting down piles to support the bascule, as the public using the river can compel the County Council to open the span to allow vessels to pass through".

Under date 11th May 1922, Mr. R.W. Elgee, Solicitor to the Council wrote that he had looked into the by-laws made by the County Council dealing with bridges over the river Slaney and there is no provision in them as to who is to bear the cost and expenses of opening the Bridges. This being so he was of opinion that the County Council would have to open the span of Edermine Bridge at their own expense.

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

"That the question of strengthening bascule of Wexford bridge and proposed appointment of caretaker for Edermine Bridge be referred to next meeting of Finance & Roads Committee for a considered recommendation".

Irish Political Prisoners in English Jails.

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

"That a telegram from this meeting be despatched to Messrs. A. Griffith and M. Collins, Downing Street, London, calling their attention to the number of Irish political prisoners in English jails and asking the Irish delegates to take steps to secure the release of these men".

Repair etc. Secretary's Office.

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

"That our Secretary be empowered to have his office repaired, walls distempered and floor covered with linoleum at a cost not exceeding £12".

Drinagh Cement Works.

Under date 25th May 1922, the following was read from the Minister for Local Government (Trade):-

"As we are informed that the British Portland Cement Company are now engaged in re-opening the Drinagh Cement Works, we consider that the resolution passed by your Council urging a boycott of that Company should now be rescinded. This was agreed on at the Conference with the Cement Company's Directors at which your Council was represented".

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

"That the Minister for Local Government be informed that the Council are not satisfied with the manner in which the work of re-opening Drinagh Cement Works is proceeding. The present operations can be described as tinkering only, and we are satisfied the question of re-opening the Works is not being dealt with by the Company as arranged at Conference. When the Company give some evidence that they are in earnest the Council will be prepared to consider the rescinding of their resolution".

Irish products League.

Circular letter was read from the Head Organiser of the Irish Products League, University College, Cork, asking the Co. Council to pass a resolution calling on the people of the County to support Irish Manufacture until Unemployment has ceased and to join the Irish Products League., further to call a public meeting with a view to founding a branch of the League.

"No Order"

Jurors' Lists.

Under date 25th April 1922, Messrs. J. English & Co., Printers Custom House Quay, Wexford, forwarded account for last year's contract

for Jurors' Lists, the printing of which was suspended altho' the work had been commenced. This contract was taken at a very low price, and of course on the understanding that the County Council would carry out their share of it. The amount claimed by Messrs. English & Co. is £135. 9. 6d.

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

"That Messrs. English & Co. be informed that as the Jurors' Lists for 1921 were not printed owing to War conditions the Council cannot assume liability for payment".

Railway Rates.

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

"That we call on the Irish railway Companies to reduce their local rates for carriage of goods. We are convinced that present rates are hampering trade and commerce and hindering the development of Ireland. We believe that a reduction would not cause loss. We would further point out that if even in their own interests Railway Companies are not prepared to consider the National aspect of this question, every representative man will find himself compelled to help the establishment of a well balanced road transport system in competition with rail transit. We fail to understand why it should be cheaper (owing to favourable railway rates) to have goods brought from Manchester to Wexford than from Dublin to Wexford, a fact which is directly against the development of Irish Trade.

That a copy of this resolution be furnished the Secretary to the Railway Commission and to the Railway Clearing House".

Quarry at Clonroche.

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

"That the agreement for working quarry at Clonroche on the lands of Mrs. Kathleen Tector, be sealed and signed on behalf of the Council. That we hereby agree to pay Mrs. Tector a sum of £25 for right of way over her land to admit access to the quarry., also surface damage at ordinary rate and as mentioned in agreement".

Road Over-seer John Breen.

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

"That Mr. R.W. Elgee, Solicitor to the County Council be directed to proceed against John Breen, Road Overseer, for Bridgetown Road Group, for the recovery of money paid him for purchase of Insurance Stamps for road workers' Cards".

Unemployment in County Wexford.

In connection with the resolution of the County Council adopted at meeting of 8th May 1922, asking the Minister of Economic Affairs to receive a deputation in connection with unemployment in County Wexford, under date 10th May 1922 a letter was read from the Ministry that the Minister had been indisposed for the previous week and it was not possible to say when he would be in a position to resume duty. The letter of the Co. Council asking for the reception of the deputation would be brought to the attention of the Minister at the first opportunity.

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

"That the attention of the Minister of Economic Affairs be called to the abnormal amount of unemployment in County Wexford of which the Councillors have hourly evidence. We direct our County Surveyor to prepare for submission to the Relief Committee set up by Dail Eireann a Scheme for Relief Works which are urgently needed to mitigate the distress in this County. We hereby apply to this Committee for a Grant of £15,000 for this purpose. Numbers of our people are on the verge of starvation and the County Council are besieged with applications for employment and with which they are unable to deal. The Coast fishermen of the County are in dire straits and we call on the Relief Committee to help them to tide over the present period of distress."

Demands- Public Bodies.

Under date 23rd May 1922, Mr. O'Sullivan, Clerk Wexford Union, wrote asking payment of £3,334 amount due on foot of demand of Wexford Guardians to 31st March last.

Under date 23rd May 1922, Mr. T.D. Sinnott, Secretary County Board of Health, wrote asking the County Council to transfer £3,000 to enable the Board to meet the quarterly payments which would fall due on the 1st June 1922.

Proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Corish, and adopted:-

"That our Secretary be instructed to make the largest possible payments to the Public Bodies subsidised by the County Council, taking into consideration the present condition of the finances of the Council".

-----oo0oo-----

(Signed)

Presiding Chairman

Dated this day of 19

MEETING, 26th June, 1922.

The Annual Meeting of the Wexford County Council was held on 26th June 1922.

Present:- Mr. J.R. Etchingham, Chairman, and subsequently Mr. E.P. Foley (Vice-Chairman) presiding.

Also present:- Messrs. J. J. O'Byrne (Cushinstown) James Hall, John O'Byrne, (Gorey) Michael Doyle, G. Devereux, Seumas Doyle, C. Culleton James Byrne, James Shannon, John Cummins.

The Secretary, Assistant Secretary, County Surveyor, Mr. treanor, Senior Assistant Surveyor, Messrs. R.J. Ennis, and C.P. Curran, Assistant Surveyors and Mr. Elgee, Solicitor to the Council were also in attendance.

Confirmation of Minutes.

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and confirmed.

Chairmen & Representatives of R.D. Councils.

Correspondence from Clerks R.D. Councils informed the Co. Council that Mr. Seumas Doyle had been re-elected Chairman of Enniscorthy R.D. Council., Mr. P. O'Byrne, had been re-elected as Representative of Gorey R.D. Council (the Chairman of the R.D. Council- Mr. Etchingham being an elected member of the County Council) Mr. Michael Byrne was re-elected Representative of New Ross R.D. Council on County Council and Mr. G. Devereux representative of Wexford R.D. Council.

Election of Chairman.

Mr. John O'Byrne (Gorey) proposed:- "That Mr. John R. Etchingham be re-appointed Chairman of Wexford County Council for year 1922-23 and until his successor in office be appointed".

Mr. Cummins seconded the resolution which was adopted unanimously

The Chairman having returned thanks for his election subscribed the usual declaration of office.

Election of Vice-Chairman.

Mr. John J. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. J. Cummins seconded:-

"That Mr. Edward Foley be re-appointed Vice-Chairman of the Wexford County Council for year 1922-23, and until his successor in office has been appointed".

has been appointed".

The resolution having been passed nem. con the Vice-Chairman returned thanks for his election and subscribed the usual declaration of office.

Appointment of Finance & Roads Committee.

The Chairman proposed, Mr. James Hall seconded the following resolution which was unanimously adopted:-

"That the following be re-appointed as members of the Finance & Roads Committee for year 1922-23- Messrs. R. Corish, G. Devereux, Michael Doyle, J.R. Etchingham, E.P. Foley, John Murphy, John O'Byrne, (Gorey) and J.J. O'Byrne (Cushinstown) also that the name of Mr. John Cummins be added to the Finance & Roads Committee".

Proposal Committee.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Seumas Doyle, seconded by Mr. Hall--

"That the proposal Committee be constituted a Committee of the whole House".

Notice of Motion- Officials.

The following notice of motion stood in the name of Mr. Lennon:-

"That the appointment of certain of the older officials of the Council be considered with a view to determination on superannuation".

This Motion had been on Agenda paper for three or four meetings and as Mr. Lennon was not present and had not asked anyone to take charge of it, the meeting decided to allow it to lapse.

Rate Collection.

Collectors not closing Accounts:- The question of Rate Collection was then taken up when it appeared that up to Saturday, 24th inst., the amounts outstanding were as follows:-

For March Rate '21.- £	}	£13,192. 5. 7
For September Rate '21.- £		
For March rate '22.- £		

The Secretary stated he had summoned to the present meeting Rate Collectors C. McCarthy, P.J. Fitzpatrick, and P. Byrne, as their collections were most backward.

Mr. McCarthy explained that as he was not very well when he was

released from Maryborough prison he could not collect until March last. he had been a few weeks sick since then, and in fact was under the care of the doctor at the present time. There were a number of men who had refused to pay him Rates.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Devereux, seconded by Mr. Culleton-- Mr. J.J. O'Byrne (Cushinstown) dissenting.

"That Mr. McCarthy be granted a month's extension in which to close his Rate Collection, that he furnish our Secretary with a list of names and addresses of persons who have declined to pay Rates".

Mr. O'Byrne informed the Council that no one had refused to pay but a number of people had not the means to meet their obligations. He was expecting that a good deal of money would be collected in his district after the 5th July fair. if he could not perform his duties satisfactorily he would resign.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Shannon seconded by Mr. Culleton:-

"That Mr. P. O'Byrne be granted a month's extension for the close of his Rate Collection".

Mr. P. J. Fitzpatrick stated that as he had his duties in the Army to carry out he could not collect every day of the week. He believed he would be able to close in a month.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. M. Doyle:-

"That Mr. P.J. Fitzpatrick be granted a month's extension for the close of his collection".

The following under date 23rd June 1922, was read from Mr. Fitzpatrick:-

"I beg to tender to you and through you to the County Council my resignation as Rate Collector for No. 15 District which position I find necessary to vacate immediately I have closed my collection".

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. M. Doyle:-

"That the question of Mr. Fitzpatrick's resignation as Rate Collector for No. 15 Collection District be considered when he has closed his collection".

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

"That with the exception of rate Collectors Fitzpatrick, McCarthy and O'Byrne, whose cases have been otherwise disposed of, all the Rate Collectors be instructed that they must close their collections within a fortnight from 26th June 1922".

Under date 29th May 1922, Mr. M.J. Finn, Deputy Checker for rate Collectors' Accounts for New Ross district, reported that he had not received Treasurer's Receipts from Collector Edward Roe, for amounts which should have been lodged for fortnight ended 20th May as shown on Forms 62, viz:- £49. 19. 4½ and £17. 2. 1½.

The Secretary stated that on receipt of this report he had forwarded the following telegram to Mr. Roe:-

"Attend at County Hall by four O'C this afternoon".

As Mr. Roe did not attend, the Secretary stated he wrote Mr. Roe on the afternoon of 30th May (the date on which Mr. Finn's report had been received) asking for an explanation as to why he had not lodged the amounts referred to in Mr. Finn's letter, and directing him to attend at Co. Council Office at once.

The Secretary continuing, said:- "As no reply to telegram or letter had been received from Mr. Roe, the Secretary to the Council, and Mr. E. Foley, Vice-Chairman of the Council proceeded on the evening of 31st May 1922 to Mr. Roe's residence and interviewed him. They made the following report:-

"Mr. Roe admitted that the amounts mentioned in the letter of Mr. Finn were correct and gave as a reason for not lodging the fact that the Bank was closed when the work of checking his accounts was completed. The reason he did not lodge next day was because he was unwell, that in fact he was unable to continue the performance of his duties owing to stomach trouble. He agreed to the suggestion that his brother Thomas Roe who had acted as deputy collector for over a year (and with great satisfaction) should take over and finish the Collection. We recommend the adoption of this course, as we regret to state that in our opinion, Mr. Roe will not be able to carry on his duty with that alertness and carefulness which should be characteristic of a good Rate Collector".

"Mr. E. Roe promised to lodge the amounts referred to in letter of Mr. Finn (29th May) by the 1st June at latest. The amount was lodged at 11 O'C on 1st June as promised and a telegram to this effect was received from Mr. Finn.

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

"That we confirm recommendation of Finance & Roads Committee (Meeting 7th June 1922) to appoint Mr. Thomas Roe as deputy Rate Collector for Mr. Edward Roe, to finish Rate Collection to March 1922".

In connection with outstanding amount of £114. 17. 1½ in Collection District No. 21 during the period for which Mr. Thomas Sullivan acted as Rate Collector. Mr. Finn, Deputy Checker, Rate Collectors' Accounts for New Ross District, wrote that he had not heard anything from the Sullivans as to rate collection since the collecting books were handed over.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That Mr. E.P. Foley and our Secretary interview Mr. Thomas Sullivan and endeavour to ascertain from him what steps he intends taking to clear up outstanding balance of rate collection".

Collector John J. Sinnott:- Under date 7th June 1922, the Minister of Local Government wrote (letter No. 15929-22 Co. Wexford) sanctioning the appointment of Mr. John J. Sinnott, Newtown, Clonevan Gorey, as rate Collector for No. 16 Collection District, at a poundage fee of 7d in the £ on all monies collected by him and lodged to the credit of the Council.

Collector J. Cummins:- The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. Shannon:-

"That Mr. E.P. Foley, Vice-Chairman and the Secretary to the County Council, ascertain from Mr. Joseph Cummins, Collector for No. 8 Collection District if he intends to continue in office as Rate Collector".

Collector John O'Sullivan:- A letter was read from Mr. John O'Reilly Bruce, Clonevan, Gorey, appointed on 29th May 1922 as Rate Collector for No. 13 Collection District, stating that he had written to several Insurance Societies, but none of them were prepared to issue on his

behalf a fidelity guarantee policy. he suggested that the Council should accept personal security and gave the names of James Keane, Parkannesley, Gorey and James Kavanagh, Garrynow, Killenagh, Gorey, as his securities in the sum of £900.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Seumas Doyle, seconded by Mr. John J. O'Byrne (Cushinstown)---

"That, in view of the fact that Mr. John O'Reilly, recently appointed Rate Collector for No. 13 Collection District, finds it impossible to obtain a fidelity guarantee bond from Insurance Society, as this class of business for rate collectors appears to be suspended for the present, we hereby accept as securities for Mr. O'Reilly, Messrs. James Keane, Parkannesley and Mr. James Kavanagh, Garrynow, on the understanding that when a suitable Guarantee Society becomes available, Mr. O'Reilly will be prepared to obtain a bond from such Society".

Sureties of Collectors:- Under date 3rd June 1922, the Minister for Local Government wrote, that the question of Rate Collection Securities was at present receiving the attention of the Ministry and instructions in the matter would shortly be issued to all local bodies concerned.

Ex Collector Banville:- Under date 7th June 1922, the Minister for Local Government wrote (letter No. 15931-1922, Wexford Co) that the Ministry had approved of the superannuation of £50 per annum to Mr. John Banville, ex-rate Collector.

Ex-Collector Mullett:- Under date 23rd June 1922, Mr. John Mullett wrote asking for payment of arrears of his superannuation allowance. One and a half year's allowance was due to him.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. John J. O'Byrne (Cushinstown) seconded by the Chairman (Mr. Foley):-

"That Mr. Mullett be informed that the Council are not yet in a satisfactory financial position and payment of superannuation to him was conditional on the finances of the Council being in a sound condition".

Interned Rate Collectors:- Under date 3rd June 1922, the Minister for Local Government wrote (15670-22, Wexford Co) that as regards applications from Rate Collectors who were interned, the Ministry

had sanctioned payment of two-thirds salary to married men and one-half salary to single men, and they desired to be furnished with a return showing in the case of each officer the date of capture and release, the average collection for the three years prior to imprisonment, and the rate of poundage according to the terms of appointment.

Appointment Assistant Surveyor.

For the position of Assistant Surveyor for Gorey District at a salary of £170, applications were received from Messrs. E.A. Devlin, Campsie, Omagh, John J. Murphy, Assumption Road, Cork, J. F. Berthistle 25 Tritonville Road, Sandymount, Dublin, Michale O'Carroll, Cadamstown Birr, Offaly., W.A. Byrne, Gormanstown, Co. Meath, Richard H. White, Killnan's Hotel, Roundwood, Co. Wicklow, Patrick O'Neill, Gorey.

Mr. Murphy withdrew his application by letter, and Messrs. Devlin. O'Carroll and Byrne were not in attendance.

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

"That Messrs. T.D. Sinnott, Secretary County Board of Health and Mr. P. Treanor, Senior Assistant Surveyor conduct an Irish Examination for Messrs. Birthistle. O'Neill and White, candidates for the position of Assistant Surveyor".

Messrs. Sinnott and treanor subsequently reported the following as the result of the Irish Examination:-

Mr. P. O'Neill, 98 marks., J. F. Birthistle, and R. H. White 90 marks each.

Mr. O'Neill in reply to the Chairman stated, as pointed out in his application, he would not complete his B.E. degree course of lectures until the end of the present month and he expected to sit for his B.E. degree in September.

The meeting decided that as Mr. O'Neill had not the requisite technical qualification for the position, his application could not be entertained.

Mr. Cummins proposed and Mr. Shannon seconded the following resolution:-

"That Mr. J.F. Birthistle be appointed (subject to the sanction of Local Government Department) Assistant Surveyor for Gorey District at a salary of £170 per annum, rising by annual increments of £5 to

£200 per annum, increments to be conditional on good and satisfactory service".

Mr. M. Doyle proposed and Mr. Hall seconded the appointment of Mr. White.

A vote was taken with the following result:-

For Birthistle:- Messrs. John O'Byrne (Gorey) John J. O'Byrne, (Cushinstown) Culleton, Shannon, Cummins, S. Doyle, E. Foley, James Byrne, Hall, Devereux and the Chairman-. 11.

For White:- Mr. M. Doyle.- 1.

The Chairman declared Mr. Birthistle elected.

The successful candidate returned thanks and stated he was prepared to take up duty as soon as sanction to his appointment had been given by the Local Government Department.

The following is Mr. Birthistle's application:-

"I beg to apply for the position of Assistant Surveyor to your Council. I am 25 years of age and my qualifications are as follows:-

(1) Served apprenticeship for 3 years to Geo. L. O'Connor, F.R.I. A.I. Architect and Engineer, 27 Dawson Street, Dublin, 1916-1919.

(2) 1919-1922, engaged as Assistant to F.W. Higginbotham, I.C.E.I. Surveyor to Howth U.D.C., I have thus a sound knowledge of the general routine of a Surveyor's duties, both office and field work, in addition to a thorough knowledge of the preparation of plans and maps for buildings, water supply, roads etc.

(3) Was successful at L.G.B. examination for Assistant Surveyors held in May 1920 and obtained 6th place.

(4) I possess a good working knowledge of Irish having studied up to Middle Grade with the Christian Brothers, Westland Row, and afterwards at Gaelic League, Senior Classes.

I attach copy of testimonial from my employer Mr. Higginbotham. Hoping to be honoured with your confidence".

Application Arrears & Increases Salaries

Assistant Surveyors.

Under date 6th June 1922 the following application was read from Assistant Surveyors C. P. Curran, B.E. R.J. Ennis, B.E. James Kirby B.E. (Mr. Kirby had since resigned) and John Kehoe:-
County

"We the under signed Assistant/Surveyors beg to make application

for the arrears of salary due to us for the period from the 15th April 1921 to Febry 1922.

During this period we were in fact the Officers of the Co. Council. Our services were always available and were occasionally required. It was due to no fault of ours that work was suspended. We were prohibited from seeking for other employment as we did not know how soon the County Council would require us to perform our duties. Furthermore, the reason given for non-payment of salaries was lack of funds due to the withdrawal of Grants. These Grants are, we understand, now forthcoming and there would not therefore appear to be any reason why the arrears should not be paid.

We would therefore ask the Council to let us have payment as soon as possible, as being deprived of our salaries for such a length of time is a very great hardship to us.

We also beg to ask the County Council to reconsider the question of our remuneration generally both as to salary and expenses. The Council is aware that a new system of road-making has recently been introduced which entails considerably more work and more supervision than under the old system. We have, each of us, on an average about three hundred and ninety (390) miles of roads to look after and under the present arrangement these require very close and constant supervision as well as the keeping of accurate and complicated accounts. The first and second class roads in the County to be worked by direct labour comprise some 432.5 miles- the material required for same amounts to 27,253 tons of road macadam and the expenditure is £35,452. In addition, the third-class roads which are untendered for are, by order of the County Council, to be also worked by Direct labour. These untendered roads amount to 540 miles- material required is 16,400 tons and the money to be expended is £11,700. Very few tenders have been received for haulage, so on the Assistant Surveyors falls the work of making complete arrangements for the haulage and distribution of about forty thousand tons of material. Most of the hauliers will be small farmers or labourers to whom payments must be made at frequent intervals. This entails a very large amount of extra constant measurement of material, calculation of quantities and the making out of pay sheets etc. In addition to the above

there still remain about nine hundred miles of contract roads to be worked.

We are whole time officers and have not therefore any opportunity of adding to our salaries by private professional work. Our present salaries are £185 per annum (£200 in the cases of Messrs. Kehoe & Jones) out of which we have to pay all our own expenses which would amount to about £40 per annum, leaving the net salary £145, which is less than that of a shop assistant or tradesman.

We do not make this application without giving this matter very close consideration. We do not wish to be in the least unreasonable but merely wish to be remunerated in accordance with the responsible and exacting nature of the duties now placed upon us and we may add we are quite satisfied that the entire matter be referred for settlement to an Arbitrator to be appointed by the Local Government Board of Dail Eireann^h.

Mr. Cummins proposed that the application of the Assistant Surveyors for arrears of salary and for increase of salary be adjourned for twelve months.

Mr. Doyle proposed that the application from Assistant Surveyors in reference to salary be not entertained.

After further discussion the following resolution was adopted nem. con on the motion of Mr. Foley, seconded by the Chairman:-

"That the application of the Assistant Surveyors for arrears and for increases of salary be referred to the Finance & Roads Committee for report to next meeting of the Council. That the Finance & Roads Committee arrange to hear Mr. Brennan, Solicitor, on behalf of the Assistant Surveyors".

Application for use of County Hall as
Circuit Court.

Under date 25th June 1922, the following was read from Mr. Richard Sinnott, Divisional Police Officer, Wexford:-

"As you are probably aware the opening of the Summer Assizes of the Circuit Court will commence in Wexford on Friday next, 30th inst., I would be glad if you would bring before your Council my application to have the use of the County Hall for that sitting.

There is no need to point out the utter impossibility of trying

to fit Jurors, witnesses, etc., into what now remains of the Court-house.

Thanking you in anticipation".

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. M. Doyle, seconded by Mr. E. Foley:-

"That any ~~portion~~ portion of County Hall which may be required for the purposes of holding Circuit Court commencing on 30th June 1922 be placed at the disposal of the Divisional Police Officer".

Motor Car Acts Administration.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Cummins seconded by Mr. Shannon:-

"That all details in connection with Motor Car Acts Administration be referred to the Finance & roads Committee with plenary powers to deal with same".

Primary Scholarship Examinations.

The following resolution was adopted at a recent meeting of the County Council:-

"That the question of appointing Examiners etc., in connection with award of primary Scholarships be referred to next meeting of Finance & Roads Committee".

The Secretary explained that as a quorum was not available the meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee was not held.

After considerable discussion the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Seumas Doyle, seconded by Mr. M. Doyle:-

"That the National Teachers' County Executive be requested to nominate four Examiners, male or female (and who are not presenting pupils for examination) for the forthcoming Primary Scholarship Examinations, viz:- for

1. Writing, Grammar and Composition.
- 2.- Algebra, Geometry and Mensuration.
- 3.- Needlework and Hygiene.
- 4.- Irish and Reading.

That Examiners be allowed honorarium of £2.2/- for the setting of papers and 1/- each for examination and marking of worked Exercises., Irish (Oral) Examination to be paid for at 1/- per pupil

in attendance. That Examinations be held during the last week in August if possible on Friday 25th and Saturday 26th of said month, and that the Secretary and his staff provide the necessary superintendence. That names of Examiners nominated by Teachers' Organisation are to receive the approval of the County Council".

Finance & Roads Committee.

The following Minutes of above Committee in respect of Meeting of 7th June 1922, were submitted:-

"Present:- Mr. E. Foley, Vice-Chairman Co. Council (presiding)

Also:- Messrs. R. Corish and J. O'Byrne.

The Secretary, the County Surveyor and Mr. Treanor, Senior Assistant Surveyor were also in attendance.

Proposed County Police Force:- The following reports were submitted from Conference Committee appointed by the Co. Council:-

"A Meeting of the Committee appointed by the County Council to consider the drafting of a Scheme for the establishment of a County Police Force was held in the County hall, Wexford on 30th May 1922.

Present:- Mr. E. Foley, (Chairman) Messrs. T.D. Sinnott, John O'Byrne (Gorey) John J. O'Byrne (Cushinstown) and R. Corish.

The Secretary of the Co. Council and Mr. R. Sinnott, Divisional Police Officer, were also in attendance.

"The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Sinnott, seconded by Mr. John O'Byrne:- "That the Scheme for the establishment of a County Police Force be proceeded with and that an Executive Board of seven members be appointed from the personnel of the existing Conference Committee to put the Scheme into operation. That when the Scheme is in working order and on a satisfactory basis, a permanent Police Board be established to be formed of the nominees of the Public Bodies concerned but without representation from Republican Courts."

were
"The following appointed a provisional Police Board:-

Messrs. Thomas McCarthy, E. Foley, John O'Byrne, Thomas Redmond, John J. O'Byrne (Cushinstown) Michael Doyle (Cottage) and R. Corish".

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. T.D. Sinnott, seconded by Mr. John O'Byrne:- "That the following be appointed a sub-committee to draft details of Scheme, viz:- Messrs. E. Foley, N.J. Frizelle, Secretary Co. Council and R. Sinnott, Divisional Police Office

to meet on 31st May at 4 p.m. in County Hall.

An opinion was expressed that it would be advisable to recruit the new force from the Irish Republican Police^h.

Report of Sub-Committee:- "A Meeting of the Sub-Committee to draft details of Scheme for proposed County Police Force was held in the County Hall, Wexford, on 31st May 1922.

The three members of the Sub-Committee, Messrs. Foley, Frizelle and Sinnott were present.

"It was decided that the Force should, for the present, consist of 53 men (approximately) to be located as follows:-

Urban Areas:- Enniscorthy 7, Gorey 5, New Ross, 7, Wexford 10.

Rural Areas:- Duncannon 4, Rosslare or Bridgetown 4, Taghmon 4, Clonroch 4, Oulart 4, Ferns or Newtownbarry 4.

Recruits are (so far as it may be possible) to be drawn from men who acted as Republican Police or members of I.R.A. and who joined prior to the Truce of July 1921.

Height 5 feet 8 inches (minimum) Age:- not less than 21 or over 35.

Remuneration- Men £2.10/- per week including Mess, Station Superintendents £3 per week to include Mess.

Recruits must be able to pass a simple examination in Irish, Arithmetic and English.

All applicants must produce a reference from last employer, and a certificate of character from the Clergyman of the district and from the O.C. of the Brigade area.

Preference will be given to men who have served in the Republican Police and to total abstainers.

All appointments are to be determinable on a month's notice and care will be taken to explain to the men that the Force will probably be only of a temporary character.

Selection will be made by Executive Police Board, viz:-

Messrs. Thomas McCarthy, E. Foley, John O'Byrne (Gorey) Thomas Redmond, John J. O'Byrne (Cushinstown) Michael Doyle (Cottage) and R. Corish.

It was decided that the new force be placed in sole charge of Mr. R. Sinnott, Divisional Police Officer. The Secretary was instructed to apply to the D. & S.E. Railway Co., and to the Great S. & W. Railway Co., for a free travelling pass for Mr. Sinnott.

It was also decided that the Police Board be summoned for 21st June to interview recruits etc.

It was decided on the motion of Mr. Corish, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne that the Minutes of Conference Committee and Sub-Committee be approved except the Minute suggesting amount of remuneration which was varied so that men would receive £3 to include mess and Station Superintendents £3.10/- to include Mess.

Typewriters:- The Secretary reported that the Remington Typewriter in his office and the Remington Machine in the office of the County Surveyor, both of which had been in use for 20 years, were wornout and not worth the cost of further repair.

"It was decided that two Kappel (brief) machines be purchased at a cost of £40, old machines to be given in exchange".

Wexford & Edermine Bridges-- The following resolution was read from meeting of Co. Council of 29th May 1922:- "That the question of strengthening bascule of Wexford bridge and proposed appointing of Caretaker for Edermine Bridge be referred to next meeting of Finance & Roads Committee for a considered recommendation".

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

"That the County Surveyor communicate with Mr. Donovan, Shipowner, Wexford, and ask him if in the event of the Co. Council being obliged to appoint a permanent Caretaker to constantly open and close Edermine Bridge for his accommodation what proportion of the wages of the caretaker is he prepared to pay?"

It appeared no steps could be taken to strengthen the drawarch of Wexford Bridge except by closing of bascule.

University Scholarship Scheme-- Under date 30th May 1922, Mr. Martin J. Kenny, Campile, wrote that his son, James was selected for a University Scholarship for this year, but it was unfortunate that the boy passed his matriculation examination last September. In consequence the Intermediate Commissioners would not let him sit for Senior Grade Examination this year. Mr. Kenny desired to know if his son could still compete.

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

"The Finance & Roads Committee regret that they could not see their way to recommend such a change in the University Scholarship Scheme as would override the necessity for each Entrant for Scholarship sitting for Intermediate Examination in year of application for Scholarship".

Mr. T.J. Lambert, 40 Upper Rathmines, Dublin, wrote under date 29th May 1922 applying for an extension of his University Scholarship as it was impossible to qualify in Mechanical Engineering (which as you are aware is the course I am pursuing) within the three years. He had passed all his Exams (so far) with Honours and not having the means of paying for final year he asked the Co. Council to be good enough to grant him the necessary extension.

Mr. Lambert forwarded a letter from Professor Pierce Purcell that mechanical engineering was a four years' course, and Mr. Lambert's Scholarship unless renewed will lapse this year and before he had time to complete his studies for B.E. Degree. He was at present doing his third year course at the College of Science and as he has always been a most industrious and hardworking scholar and had passed his examination with credit and distinction, Professor Purcell stated he had great pleasure in recommending Mr. Lambert to the Council for the renewal of his Scholarship for another year in order to enable him to complete his course for the B.E. degree.

The following recommendation was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish seconded by Mr. J. O'Byrne:-

"That we recommend the County Council to agree to a year's extension of University Scholarship of Mr. T.J. Lambert in order to allow him to secure the degree of B.E."

Collector Edward Roe:- The Secretary reported that he received a letter on 30th May 1922 from Mr. M.J. Finn, Official Checker for Rate Collectors' Accounts that Mr. Edward Roe, Rate Collector for No. 21 Collection District had not lodged for fortnight ended 20th May 1922 sums shown on Form 62 as having been collected, viz:- £49.19.4½ and £17. 2. 1½. On receipt of this letter the Secretary wired Mr. Roe to attend at County Council Office at once and explain his action. He also wrote for an explanation, and as Mr. Roe did not attend on 30th May 1922 he was directed by the Secretary to attend immediately on receipt of letter. Mr. Roe did not attend and accordingly as no reply

of any kind had been received from him the Secretary to the Council and Mr. Foley, Vice-Chairman proceeded on the evening of 31st May 1922 to Roe's residence and interviewed him. Roe admitted that the amounts mentioned in the letter of Mr. Finn were correct and gave as a reason for not lodging them the fact that by the time his books were examined the bank was closed. The reason he did not lodge next day was because he was unwell, and that in fact he felt unable to continue the performance of his duties owing to stomach trouble. he agreed to the suggestion that his brother, Thomas, who had acted as deputy collector for over a year (and with great satisfaction) should take over and finish the collection. Mr. Foley recommends the adoption of this course, as we regret to state owing to his condition of health, Mr. Edward Roe will not be able to carry out his duties with that alertness and care which should be characteristic of a good rate Collector.

Mr. E. Roe promised to lodge the amounts referred to in the letter of Mr. Finn by 1st June 1922.

The Secretary stated that this had been done and he had received a wire from Mr. Finn, Deputy Checker Collectors' Accounts to that effect.

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

"That we recommend the County Council to appoint Mr. Thomas Roe as Deputy Rate Collector for his brother Mr. Edward Roe to finish Rate Collection to 30th March 1922".

Advertising Contract:- Letters were read from "The people", "Free Press" and "Echo" asking £30 per quarter each for a space of six inches weekly extra space to be pro rata.

The following recommendation was adopted:- "That the Council be recommended to refuse offer of local newspapers for the insertion of advertisements of County Council at £30 each per quarter on a 6 inch weekly basis, extra space to be charged pro rata, as we consider quotation too high. That our Secretary be instructed to insert any necessary advertisements in "Irish Daily Independent".

Wexford-Enniscorthy Road:- The Chairman pointed to the fact that this road was in a deplorable condition and though it had been under consideration of the Committee months ago nothing had been done.

"The County Surveyor stated that a sum of £3,000 would be required

to put the road in order.

The following recommendation was adopted:-

"That the County Council be recommended to borrow a sum of £1,600 to put the Wexford-Enniscorthy road in order on condition that a sum of £1,400 is advanced by the Ministry of Transport. That the Co. Council be requested to point out to their Treasurer, the National Bank, that the latter secured the Account of the Council mainly owing to their offer to advance loans at 3 per cent and in view of this the Council consider they should not be asked for any higher interest than 4 per cent on all monies which are advanced for the purpose of road improvement".

It was decided that next meeting of Finance & Roads Committee be held on Wednesday 21st June 1922, and that the Annual Meeting be held on 26th June 1922".

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

"That the recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee as regards establishment of County Police Force be approved. That a delegation on behalf of this Council, viz:- Messrs. J.R. Etchingham (Chairman) E. Foley, (Vice-Chairman) J. Cummins and the Secretary wait on the Minister for Local Government on Saturday 1st July, interview to be arranged by Messrs. Seumas Doyle T.D., R. Corish, T.D. and Micahel Doyle, T.D. members of County Council".

"In connection with the opening of bascule of Edermine Bridge, Mr. Patrick Donovan, Shipowner, wrote to the County Surveyor, that he would require bascule opened about six times monthly, and he would be glad to know what the County Surveyor considered a fair contribution towards the cost of providing a Caretaker".

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Foley:- "That the Minute of Finance & Roads Committee be approved, and that the County Surveyor be directed to communicate with Mr. Donovan as to what he considers a fair amount to be contributed by Mr. Donovan. In the meantime the County Surveyor is to endeavour to procure some person in the locality of the bridge to perform the work of caretaker at a reasonable figure.

In connection with University Scheme, the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Seumas Doyle, seconded by Mr. Shannon:-

"That the recommendation of Finance & Roads Committee proposing an extension for one year of University Scholarship of Mr. Thomas J. Lambert be approved. That we further approve of recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee informing Mr. Martin J. Kenny, Campile, that it is not possible to allow his son to compete for University Scholarship, as the Intermediate Commissioners would not allow the boy to sit for Intermediate Examination this year".

As regards advertising contract the recommendation of Finance & Roads Committee declining to accept the proposals of the local papers, and directing the Secretary to advertise in "Daily Independent" was unanimously approved.

It was decided that the question of borrowing a sum of £1,600 to put Wexford-Enniscorthy road in order be held over to next meeting of the Council.

The recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee that two "Kappel (German) typewriters costing £20 each- one for the County Surveyor's office and one for County Council office- be purchased by County Council, was approved on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Shannon.

Motor Cycles for Assistant Surveyors.

"The following resolution of the meeting of County Council of 29th May 1922, was referred to the Finance & Roads Committee:-

"That we approve of purchase of 4 H.P. Triumph Motor Cycles for four Assistant Surveyors, and that the question of running expenses and up-keep be referred to next meeting of Finance & Roads Committee".

"The Secretary stated that the recommendation had not been dealt with by the Finance & Roads Committee as no meeting could be held owing to no quorum having assembled".

Under date 7th June 1922 (15928-22) the Minister for Local Government wrote that Triumph Motor Cycles could be supplied through his Department., while under date 21st June 1922, the Minister wrote (Trade) forwarding prices and specifications of Triumph Motor Cycles.

A statement was submitted on behalf of Assistant Surveyors showing that it would require an outlay of approximately £56. 15/- to run 7,000 miles.

A long discussion took place as to whether the County Council would provide petrol etc., or whether the Assistant Surveyors would be

granted a mileage rate.

Finally the following resolution was proposed by Mr. M. Doyle, seconded by Mr. John J. O'Byrne and adopted:-

"That Assistant Surveyors John Kehoe, C.P. Curran, R.J. Ennis and J. F. Birthistle be allowed 2½ per mile for running of motor cycles. That the Trade Section of Local Government Department be requested to supply and charge to the account of Wexford County Council four 4h.p. Triumph Motor Cycles S.D. fitted with Triumph Patent 3 speed countershaft Gear Spring Drive, All chain transmission, cost £105. 15. 9d each. Mileage allowance to be paid subject to check on distance covered".

Mr. J.J. O'Byrne (Cushinstown) mentioned that Mr. W.H. Jones, Assistant Surveyor New Ross District, who was an elderly man, told him that if the Council would allow him (Mr. Jones) the price of a motor cycle he would purchase a small motor car.

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

"That Mr. W.H. Jones, Assistant Surveyor, be informed that the County Council are prepared to supply him with Triumph Motor Cycle and allow him a mileage rate of 2½ per mile for the running of same if he is satisfied he will be able to make use of the machine".

Petrol for County Surveyor.

The County Surveyor applied for an allowance towards the cost of petrol for his motor car when engaged on Council business.

This application had been referred to Finance & Roads Committee, but no Meeting of Committee was held as quorum did not turn up

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Shannon, seconded by Mr. James Hall, and passed ~~unanimously~~ unanimously:-

"That a sum not exceeding £20 be allowed the County Surveyor for cost of petrol, amount of mileage covered to be submitted with account".

Working of Quarries.

Under date 26th June 1922 the following was read from Mr. D. Houston, Irish Transport & General Workers' Union, Wexford:-

"Owing to numerous complaints having reached above offices during the last two weeks from your quarrymen, I shall be obliged if your Council will arrange to receive a deputation at their meeting to-day.

It is alleged that the Co. Council has not kept faith with the quarrymen, in that the Surveyor instructed the men in several quarries to revert to piece work again".

Mr. R. Corish, M.C.C. wrote as follows under date 25th June 1922:-

"As I have been called to Dublin to attend a Committee Meeting which has been called by the L.G.D. in connection with the matter of "Distress" in Ireland, it will be impossible for me to attend meeting to-morrow, and I am writing through you to the Council to protest against orders alleged to have been given to some quarrymen that they should revert to the Piece Work system again. This is altogether contrary to the recent deliberations of the Council, and I feel sure that knowing the conditions that obtain amongst the workers at the moment, they will confirm their previous decisions in this connection. Unless they do I cannot see any hope of content amongst the men.

I have no desire to create trouble but in view of the undertaking given to the Deputation of Workers who attended second last meeting of Council, the Labour Party are bound to insist on its being honoured".

Mr. Houston having received permission to address the meeting alleged that the men working in Barntown Quarry had been told to go on piece work. The same happened in Ballybrennan. In Ballygarvan the men had been told they were not putting out enough stuff, but the men allege they could not produce any more with the tools and facilities afforded them. After five weeks when the quarry was opened they had not been supplied with proper tools. There would be trouble if there was any departure from the system which the Council had agreed to adopt. The understanding which the Council had come to with the workers was not being carried out. Mr. Houston also complained that in Enniscorthy, Mr. E. Kavanagh had been given a contract for haulage by engine and had ousted several carters. In Blackwater the men who were in the habit of doing haulage were not getting it and those who were getting it complained they were not being paid a fair price. One of the reasons why output in some places was not satisfactory was because gelignite was not available, but the men could not be blamed for that.

Mr. Houston further complained that haulage was being farmed out at Agricultural labourers' wages for drivers of horses.

Mr. Treanor (Senior Assistant Surveyor) stated he was in charge of

the Quarries. The men in Balygarvan were supplied with the same class of tools as the men in other quarries. The work done in this quarry was much below the average there being only 18 c. yards quarried and banked, and ten cubic yards broken from 30th May to 13th June, while the wages paid the six men engaged was £20. 4. 2d. The cost should not exceed £6. The allegations made that there was any compulsion or threat to make the men go back to piece work were far from fact. He (Mr. Treanor) had applications from various branches of Transport Union workers asking to be allowed to revert to piece work. He read letter from men at Barntown quarry dated 4th June asking for reversion to piece work, while the men in Ballybrennan had signed a request to the same effect, and two other quarries also wished for piece work. These had come from the men voluntarily and without persuasion or force. Continuing Mr. Treanor said that in Tomgarrow Quarry where eight men were employed only 70 cubic yards had been quarried and 20 cubic yards broken in three weeks. The cost was £41. 5. 3, but should not have exceeded £15. On the 13th June 1922 he found two men idling in this quarry and when charge hand was spoken to he stated he could not get men to work properly. On the 14th inst., he, Mr. Treanor, made a further inspection of this quarry at 8.20 a.m. and although the men were actually in quarry, work was not started until after his arrival. Breaking material by hand was not giving satisfaction, as the cost approximately exclusive of quarrying was:- Monarrig Quarry 13/- per cubic yard, Dirr 17/-, Ballyconnick 13/-, Carrigbyrne 9/6 and Wicklow Gap 9/6.

In Balynabola charge hand was absent on two occasions though he arrived in course of inspection. All round fair results would not be obtained on time rate system. If County Council allowed the present condition of affairs to continue they need not blame him, if when material was required it was found wanting.

During the course of the ensuing discussion, Mr. Treanor complained that Mr. Houston had stated he (Mr. Houston) had been informed by the foreman in Ballybrennan Quarry that the Surveyor informed the men they would have to go back to piece work or quarry would close down.

Mr. Treanor denied this and ^{asked} ~~asked~~ that the foreman in question (Myles Hendrick) should be summoned to next meeting. As a matter of fact Ballybrennan Quarry was working satisfactorily on time rate though

not so well for County Council or men as when piece work obtained.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Seumas Doyle, seconded by Mr. Hall and adopted:-

"That a special meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee be held on Wednesday, 28th June 1922 at 1 O'C, p.m. to interview foremen of all quarries involved in discussion at this day's meeting and to consider the future working of the quarries".

Roads & Works.

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

"That the several proposal from the several Rural District Councils as appearing on Form presented to this Meeting be, and are hereby adopted subject to the modifications and other Orders noted thereon and initialled by the Chairman".

Under date 22nd June 1922 the following letter was read from the County Surveyor:-

Re Forms 20.

"When these come up before the County Council I would be glad if you would draw their attention to the following matters connected therewith. The third class roads not provided for by contract and which presumably will have to be undertaken by Direct labour I set out in tabular form below::

District	Miles	C. Y.	£
Wexford R. D.	143	3,714	2,981
Enniscorthy R. D.	147	3,000	3,306
New Ross R.D.	191	4,785	4,000
Gorey R. D.	60	1,627	1,423
Totals	541	13,126	11,710

There may be some slight variation in this owing to unsigned bonds etc., but the figures are approximately correct.

When estimating for these roads to be done under contract I took into account that the Contractors would in most cases be carrying out

the work in spare time and if now they have to be done by Direct labour the division of items, supply of material, haulage and surface work, will cost a great deal more. Is there any possibility that further money can be provided for these roads? If not, will you ask the Council to direct what is to be done in the matter. The tonnage cannot I believe be reduced without the roads suffering, as I had my estimate made out to the lowest limit so as not to inflate this year's rate, further, where field stones, approved material or seagravel have been specified, it will be difficult if not impossible to obtain this class of material, and it will be necessary to go to the Co. Council quarries for broken stones. This item alone will very much run up price, and furthermore the distance over which it is to be hauled will be increased, and we shall have to pay top mileage rate. Another point the Council should take notice of is that the wages paid under Direct Labour is considerably higher than the Agricultural labourer's wages which would run if the work was done under contract, and unemployment insurance would not be necessary.

There is no doubt that good quarry material will eventually improve the roads, but at the present time quantity rather than quality is of more importance, as pot holes and cuts have to be levelled and reduction of quantity would not allow of this.

There will be a good deal of difficulty also in arranging for the surface work on roads by Direct labour as the untendered roads are in many cases isolated and even where a specified number are grouped together the amount of work to be allocated to them would not provide continuous employment for surfacemen.

I am at present directing the Assistant Surveyors to group all untendered roads as far as possible arranging continuous Winter work for a certain number of labourers and in this work of course the first and second class roads already provided for under Direct labour will be joined up with the untendered third class roads".

After a long discussion the Secretary in reply to the Chairman stated that the amount to be spent on roads for the financial year 1922-23 was:- Enniscorthy £27,721, 7/-, Gorey £13,007, New Ross £12,000 and Wexford £17,062. Total £69,790. 7/-.

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

"The County Council in view of the present circumstances cannot see their way to recommend the Rural Districts to provide any money for road maintenance beyond that provided in annual estimate".

Minutes from the Rural District Councils in connection with various matter appearing on Form 20 were read.

Gorey Rural District Council wrote asking that Patrick Hughes, Castletown, Gorey, should be released from his Contract No. 66G entered into at District Council Meeting of 6th April 1922.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. M. Doyle, seconded by Mr. John J. O'Byrne:-

"That Patrick Hughes, Castletown, Gorey, be informed that as he has signed tender and bond for Road 66G the Co. Council cannot see their way to cancel same".

Applications Road Contractors.

Several applications from Road Contractors were referred to Finance & Roads Committee Meeting.

Proposed Quarries.

Under date 24th May 1922, Mr. M. Rossiter, Sec., Irish Transport & General Workers' Union (Oulart Branch) wrote that at a largely attended meeting which was held on the 23rd May. a resolution was adopted pointing out to the County Council that there were a couple of really good quarries adjacent to Oulart. The Meeting in view of the number of agricultural labourers in the district who were unemployed, demanded that steps to work these quarries should be at once taken by the Co. Council.

Mr. Treanor said he had inspected the quarries in question, two were unsuitable and in the case of the third the landowner had given instructions to his Solicitor to oppose the application of the Council to enter the quarry.

Loan from Dail Eireann.

Under date 13th June 1922 letter (No. 16727-22, Wexford Co) was read from the Minister for Local Government, asking if repayment of loan advanced by Dail Eireann was contemplated in the near future as it was desirable that the amount should be refunded before the end of the half-year ending 30th June 1922.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. M. Doyle, seconded by Mr. James Byrne:-

"That in connection with repayment of loan of £4,400 to Dail Eireann we desire to point out that the Council are creditors of the Ministry of Local Government for over £9,000 spent in connection with Unemployment which they were promised a Grant, but in respect of which up to the present not one penny has been received. In the circumstances we request the Minister to allow the £4,400 loan to go in part payment of the grant in question.

That the members of this Council who have been elected T.D's, viz:- Messrs. Seumas Doyle, Michael Doyle and R. Corish- be requested to take every step which they may consider necessary to secure from the L. G. Ministry payment of the Unemployment Grant. The Ministry must recognise that the Council were directed through the Surveyor to put the work in hand forthwith and the inducement given was that the grant would be forthcoming at once".

Proposed Loans.

The Secretary pointed out that at various meetings recently resolutions had been adopted to borrow certain sums for road improvement and purchase of machinery, viz:- £3,600 for Machinery, £6,000 for Quarry Work, £1,600 for Enniscorthy-Wexford road. He was anxious to know if the necessary steps would be taken to procure these loans. In connection with this matter he read correspondence from the Manager of the National Bank, that advances would be made as from 16th June 1922 at 4 per cent.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman (Mr. Foley) seconded by Mr. Hall::

"That no further steps be taken as regards procuring loans for road improvement or purchase of machinery. When the Council have considered their position as regards road and quarry work, proposals can again be brought forward in connection with loans".

County Board of Health.

Under date 20th June 1922, the Clerk R.D. Council, Wexford, wrote that his Council wished for an additional representative on the County Board of Health, and suggested the appointment of Mr. Denis Whelan, The Deeps, Kyle.

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

"That the Minister for Local Government be requested to allow of

of the membership of County Board of Health being increased by one in order that Mr. Denis Whelan, D.C. The Deeps, Kyle, can be appointed as an additional representative for Wexford R.D. Council".

Mr. T. D. Sinnott, Secretary County Board of Health, wrote under date 21st June 1922 applying for £3,000 to meet quarterly payments etc. In future he would be in a position to give a detailed estimate of liabilities.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Shannon, seconded by Mr. James Hall:-

"That a sum of £3,000 to meet quarterly salaries etc., be paid over to County Board of Health. That for the future the Secretary to this Board be requested to furnish details of proposed expenditure in connection with payments on foot of demands".

Old Age Pension Sub-Committee No. 5.

Mr. Thomas McCarthy, Clerk Old Age pensions Sub-Committee No. 5 notified that Mr. James O'Leary, Grange, Rathnure, had resigned membership of the above Committee. The resignation had been accepted, and Sub-Committee recommended the appointment of Mr. Robert Rackard, Killanne who was willing to act.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. James Hall, seconded by Mr. Shannon:-

"That Mr. Robert Rackard, Killanne be appointed a member of No. 5 (Enniscorthy & Kiltalea) Old Age pensions Sub-Committee, vice Mr James O'Leary resigned".

Claims for Criminal Injuries.

The Secretary reminded the Council that under date 17th February 1922 a letter was received from Wexford R.D. Council asking what action the Council proposed taking in future with regard to claims for malicious injuries.

The Council had passed the following resolution in reference to this communication:- "That the inquiry for Wexford R.D. Council as to the future action of the County Council relative to malicious injury claims be referred for instructions to the Ministry of Local Government".

No answer had been received but it was observed that these claims were being heard by Republican Courts and decrees were being given. Three decrees had been granted recently amounting with costs to £27.19.9

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

"That our Solicitor be instructed to oppose all claims for compensation for malicious injuries and which are brought before Republican Courts".

Land Commission Annuities.

The Secretary called attention to the fact that there was a sum of £2029 in County Wexford due on foot of Land Commission Annuities at the 30th April 1922. Amounts due by defaulting Annuitants were stopped out of Government Grants which would be coming to the Co. Council.

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

"That we call on all farmers who have purchased their land to pay up annuities to the Land Commission. Any default in this respect means that the general ratepayers of the County are mulcted seeing that all losses in the shape of annuities are taken from Government Grants given in relief of local taxation".

Revisions of Valuation.

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

"That all applications for revision of valuations of buildings and other hereditaments be referred to the Finance & Roads Committee with plenary powers to deal with same".

Irish National Teachers' Organisation.

The following resolution was read from Gorey Branch, Irish National Teachers' Organisation:-

"That we deem it advisable that the Irish National Teachers' Organisation be represented on the Co. Council".

"No Order"

Rent Machinery Yard, Enniscorthy.

Messrs. John A. Sinnott & Co., Solicitors, Enniscorthy, wrote under date 10th June 1922 on behalf of Mr. Charles Byrne, Island Road, Enniscorthy, requesting an increase of the rent (6/- per week payable out of Yard at Island Road, to 12/- per week, as the rent paid by the Council was entirely inadequate.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. John J. O'Byrne (Cushinstown):-

"That Mr. Charles Byrne, Island Road, Enniscorthy be informed the County Council cannot entertain his proposal for increase of rent of Enniscorthy Machinery Yard from 6/- to 12/- per week".

Upkeep etc. of Courthouses.

At the Meeting of 10th April 1922 the following resolution was adopted by the County Council:-

"That the Local Government Department be requested to advise this Council with regard to the upkeep and maintenance of Courthouses".

Under date 14th June 1922 the Minister for Local Government (9830-22 Wexford Co) wrote advising that the various cases of Courthouses should be referred to the Solicitor of the County Council with instructions to move for the possession of the premises. It was presumed that the Council proposed to hold themselves liable for rent in future, as payments of Grants which had been diverted are now being restored".

The Secretary stated he had furnished a copy of the letter to Mr. Elgee, Solicitor to the Co. Council, and had received from him a reply under date 22nd June 1922, pointing out that in the year 1920, the Co. Council instructed him to serve notice on all the landlords of Courthouses, determining the tenancies of each Courthouse and petty sessions house in the County, and accordingly on the 4th September 1920 he had served Notice on all such landlords terminating the tenancies on the 25th March 1921, and since that date the Council had not paid any rent for these premises.

The position now is that the tenancies having terminated the County Council if they desired to take over the Courthouses again would have to enter into new agreements with the landlords of the premises. In some cases he (Mr. Elgee) understood that the former petty sessions houses are not available or they have been re-let.

Under date 23rd June 1922 Mr. D. Corish, Sub-Registrar, District Court, wrote that Wexford Courthouse was very dirty and that Mrs. McNally Caretaker was willing to undertake the work of cleaning if she is paid as she was formerly for so doing.

After discussion it was decided on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Shannon, that no action be taken as regards the taking

over or cleaning of Courthouses at present".

Poisons & Pharmacy Act.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. John J. O'Byrne (Cushinstown) renewal of licence under Poisons & Pharmacy Acts was granted to Henry Hill, Ballycanew and John Roche, Camolin.

Under date 13th June 1922 a letter was read from Enniscorthy Agricultural Co-operative Society, asking for the ruling of the County Council with regard to English made Sheep Dips. They had not a considerable stock of these as they were running Mallen's Irish made dips which most of their customers like, but they had occasional enquiries and they would be glad to know if these dips may now be imported and sold.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Shannon—

"That Enniscorthy Co-operative Agricultural Society were granted a licence under Poisons & Pharmacy Acts by the County Council on condition that Irish Sheep Dips were stocked and sold. English dips will not be recognised by the Council, and it is expected that Enniscorthy Co-operative Society will have disposed of the stock of these on hands by 1st September 1922".

Renewal Cinema Licence.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. John J. O'Byrne, (Cushinstown) seconded by Mr. Shannon:—

"That renewal of Cinema Licence be granted P. Walshe, Campile, Co. Wexford".

Enniscorthy R.D. School Attendance Committee.

Under date 1st June 1922 the Office of National Education wrote that Rev. Canon Macbeth, L.L.D., Rev. S. Cullen, C.C. Rev. M. Wallace, C.C. Rev. R. Talbot B.A. and Rev. R. Gaul C.C. had been appointed members of above Committee for a period of three years as from 1st June 1922.

County Council Garden etc.

On the motion of Mr. M. Doyle, seconded by Mr. Shannon a resolution was adopted appointing Mr. E. Foley and Mr. C. Culleton, a Committee to report as to garden at County Hall, the duties of Caretaker and generally as to the premises.

Income Tax.

The Secretary stated he had received the usual annual return of Income Tax, in connection with payment, and asked for directions as to whether it should be filled up and returned.

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

"That our Secretary be instructed not to furnish any information as regards returns for Income Tax assessments".

Solicitors' Bills.

The Minister for Local Government wrote under date 22nd May 1922 that Local Authorities should, in future, forward Solicitors' bills of costs to the Minister for Home Affairs and to transact any business of a similar nature with his Department.

Carnegie Library for Wexford.

Under date 8th June 1922 Mr. Lennox Robinson wrote that the Advisory Committee had recommended the Trustees of Carnegie Library Trust to sanction the necessary grant of money for the Rural Library Scheme in County Wexford. This he hoped the Trustees would do at their meeting next month after which the Library would be established.

Mr. D. Radford, Clerk in Co. Surveyor's Office.

Under date 19th June 1922, the Minister for Local Government wrote (letter 16443-22, Wexford Co.,) that the Ministry had sanctioned the proposed increase to £2 per week in the salary of Mr. Denis Radford, for his services as Clerical Assistant in the County Surveyor's office.

-----ooOoo-----
(Signed)

EP Jacy

Presiding Chairman

Dated this 6th day of July 1922

MEETING, 17th JULY, 1922.

A Special Meeting of the Wexford County Council was held in the County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford on Monday, 17th July 1922.

Present:- Mr. E. Foley (Vice-Chairman) presiding.

Also:- Messrs. M. Byrne, R. Corish, D. Kavanagh, J.J. O'Byrne, J. Cummins, and J. Sinnott.

The Secretary, the County Surveyor, Mr. R.W. Elgee and Mr. T. Treano Senior Assistant Surveyor were also in attendance.

Confirmation of Minutes.

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and confirmed.

Letter from Chairman.

The Chairman wrote apologising for non-attendance at meeting as he had to attend to an urgent private matter in Dublin. As regards repair of bridges he failed to see what could be done except to prevent accidents and render the structure passable. An inspection should be carried out and the quarry work should be carried on.

Damage to Bridges.

The County Surveyor called attention to the damage which had been caused several bridges by Irregular troops.

Great inconvenience was being caused the general public by the closing of the New Bridge at Wexford. The bascule of about 50 feet and two abutments at each side of the bascule had been destroyed leaving a gap of 90 feet. To effect repair which would allow of the passage of light vehicular traffic would cost £1200, while replacement in original condition would run to from £2500 to £3000.

The members did not consider it advisable to arrange for an immediate repair of the bridge.

It was agreed that the Secretary should make arrangements with Mr. S.V. O'Leary, of Wexford Dead Meat Factory, for hire of ferry boat to accommodate the general public and to provide transit for funerals, to Crosstown Cemetery, also for goods etc.

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

"That the County Surveyor be instructed to communicate with the Ministry of transport and endeavour to ascertain what would be the

amount of the Government Grant which the Council could calculate upon towards the cost of new bridge to be erected at the Courthouse site".

The County Surveyor mentioned that some injury had been done to the bascule of Ferrycarrig Bridge, but the leaf of the bascule had been lowered by the Military and the bridge was now passable.

As regards the Deeps Bridge, portion of the leaf of bascule which had been raised had been burned and he suggested that the bridge should be repaired so as to allow of its use by foot passengers.

It was decided that the suggestion of the County Surveyor be carried out and as damage to bascule might not on examination be so extensive as was believed, the County Surveyor was also instructed to provide a passage way for horses and carts.

As regards the road bridge on Road 3R the following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. M. Byrne:-

"That the County Surveyor be instructed to take what steps that may be possible to have bridge on Road 3R repaired with rough timber. That a similar order be made as regards bridge between Camolin and Gorey, and Broadford Bridge between Ferns and Camolin".

Seizure of Gelignite.

Under date 8th July 1922, the County Surveyor reported::

"I have to report that on yesterday the Military Authorities from the Barracks here in Wexford searched the County Hall and took away explosives which we had for quarry work. I am now making formal application to the Military Authorities to return the explosives to us in bulk or in parts so that our quarry work may not be entirely held up. I am stating that without explosives we must close down work and throw out of employment a large number of men.

The key of lock was eight miles away at Ballyconnick. However, the door was opened with another key from where obtained I do not know".

The County Surveyor mentioned that about 300 lbs of gelignite had been taken, but on his letter about 50 lbs only had been returned.

The Council considered they could not make any order in the matter.

Exploder etc. taken.

The County Surveyor reported that on the night of 29th June the exploder, cable, galvanometer, used in connection with quarry work, had

been taken from the Caretaker's premises in which they had been left for safety. On the day in question four snipers of the Irregular troops had been located in the County Hall, and as the Caretaker feared to stop in his quarters, he left at half past ten at night, when everything was normal. When he returned early next morning the lock of the entrance door had been forced and the articles referred to removed.

No Order was made.

Proposed County Police Force.

The Chairman considered that in view of the present condition of the County, no useful purpose would be served by dealing with the proposed establishment of a County police force, and he moved that the question of the visit of the County Council's deputation to the Minister for Local Government be postponed for the present.

"It was agreed to".

It was also decided that the Secretary ask Brigadier Kehoe who is in charge of the National troops, if he intends doing anything to provide a temporary police force".

Removal Trees and filling Trenches.

The County Surveyor called attention to the fact that a number of roads were blocked by felled trees and open trenches.

Mr. John O'Byrne proposed:- "That the Military be requested to remove trees and fill trenches which are blocking roads, the Co. Council to give what help they possibly could.

This was not seconded.

After discussion it was decided that no order be made in the matter.

Continuance of Quarry Work.

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

"That the Military Authorities be approached by the County Surveyor and Mr. Treanor, Senior Assistant Surveyor, with a view to procuring a supply of gelignite to enable quarry work to be carried on."

Mr. Treanor pointed out that if gelignite could not be procured twenty or thirty quarries would have to close down and about 120 men would be thrown out of employment.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman

seconded by Mr. M. Doyle:-

"That the County Surveyor and his Assistants make arrangements to keep working in County Council Quarries as many men as possible".

Absence of Members of County Council Staff from Duty.

The County Surveyor reported that Mr. Denis Radford, Clerical Assistant in his office had been absent from duty from Friday, 29th June. He had on that date written to the County Surveyor that he would not be in the office for the day. That morning (17th July) he (County Surveyor) had received a letter from Mr. Radford "for a further extension of his leave as the work upon which he was engaged was not yet completed".

The Secretary reported that Mr. Stephen Hayes, Clerical Assistant in County Council office, had been absent from duty without leave from Monday 3rd July.

On the motion of the chairman, seconded by Mr. Corish, it was decided that the matter be decided in Committee.

Mr. Cummins proposed:- "That Messrs. Radford and Hayes be directed to furnish an explanation as to their absence from duty without leave., that this explanation be considered at next meeting of the Council, and that in the meantime these officials be allowed to resume duty".

Mr. Michael Byrne proposed:- "That Messrs. Radford and Hayes be directed to furnish an explanation as to their absence from duty without leave, and that should said explanation be considered to be satisfactory by next meeting of the County Council, they be reinstated. In the meantime these officials are to be suspended from duty". The Chairman seconded.

Mr. John J. O'Byrne seconded.

A vote was taken with the following result:-

For the amendment:- Messrs. J.J. O'Byrne, John O'Byrne, M. Doyle, D. Kavanagh, and Mr. M. Byrne.- 5.

Against:- Messrs. Cummins and the Chairman.- 2.

Mr. Corish did not vote.

The Chairman declared the amendment carried.

On being put as a substantive motion Mr. Corish moved:-

"That Messrs. Hayes and Radford be allowed to return immediately to duty but they be warned they will be dismissed if at any future time they are absent without the permission of the Secretary and Co. Surveyor respectively".

This amendment was not seconded and the amendment which had been carried was then put as the substantive motion and carried nem con.

Finance & Roads Committee.

The following Minutes of Finance & Roads Committee Meeting of 23th June 1922, were read:-

"A Meeting of above Committee was held in Co. Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 23th June 1922.

Present:- Mr. E. Foley, Vice-Chairman (presiding) Also:- Messrs. J. Cummins, John J. O'Byrne, John O'Byrne (Gorey) Michael Doyle and G. Devereux.

The Secretary, the County Surveyor, Mr. T. Treanor, Senior Assistant Surveyor, Messrs. C.P. Curran and R.J. Ennis, Assistant Surveyors, were also in attendance.

Application Increase Salaries etc. from Assistant Surveyors:- The following application under date 6th June 1922, was read from Assistant Surveyors C.P. Curran, R.J. Ennis, J. Kirby and John Kehoe:-

"We the Assistant County Surveyors, beg to make application for the arrears of salary due to us for the period from the 16th April 1921 to February 1922.

During this period we were in fact the officers of the County Council. Our services were always available and were occasionally required. It was due to no fault of ours that work was suspended. We were prohibited from seeking for other employment as we did not know how soon the County Council would require us to perform our duties.

Furthermore, the reason given for non-payment of our salaries was lack of funds due to the withdrawal of grants. These grants are, we understand, now forthcoming, and there would not therefore appear to be any reason why the arrears should not be paid.

We would therefore ask the Council to let us have payment as soon as possible, as being deprived of our salaries for such a length of time, is a very great hardship to us.

We also beg to ask the County Council to reconsider the question of our remuneration generally both as to salary and expenses. The County Council is aware that a new system of road-making has recently been introduced which entails considerably more work and more supervision than under the old system. We have, each of us, on an average about three

hundred and ninety (390) miles of roads to look after and under the present arrangement these require very close and constant supervision as well as the keeping of accurate and complicated accounts. The First and Second Class roads in the County to be worked by Direct Labour comprise 432.5 miles the material required for same amounts to 27,253 tons of road macadam, and the expenditure is £33,452. In addition the Third class roads which were untendered for are, by order of the County Council, to be also worked by Direct Labour. These untendered roads amount to 540 miles material required is 16,400 tons and the money to be expended is £11,700. Very few tenders have been received for haulage so on the Assistant Surveyors falls the work of making complete arrangements for the haulage and distribution of about forty thousand tons of material. Most of the hauliers will be small farmers or labourers to whom payments must be made at frequent intervals. This entails a very large amount of extra work- constant measurement of material calculation of quantities and the making out of pay sheets etc. In addition to the above there still remains about nine hundred miles of contract roads to be worked.

We are wholetime officers and have not therefore any opportunity of adding to our salaries by private professional work. Our present salaries are £185 per annum (£200 in the cases of Messrs. Kehoe and Jones) out of which we have to pay all our expenses which would amount to about £40 per annum, leaving the nett salary £145, which is less than that of a shop assistant or tradesman.

We do not make this application without giving this matter very close consideration. We do not wish to be in the least unreasonable, but merely wish to be remunerated in accordance with the responsible and exacting nature of the duties now placed upon us, and we may add we are quite satisfied that the entire matter be referred for settlement to an Arbitrator to be appointed by the Local Government Board of Dail Eireann["].

Mr. Brennan, Solicitor, (Messrs. Huggard & Brennan) put the case of the Assistant Surveyors before the meeting.

The Committee having consulted made the following recommendation:-

"The Committee desire to point out that the Council elected an Assistant Surveyor on Monday, 26th inst., and had three applications for the position from University Graduates. The suspension of Road Work occurred through no fault of the County Council, and it is not possible

for the Committee to single out the Assistant Surveyors for consideration in this respect when so many others of the Council's employees were disemployed without compensation. The Committee believe it would be invidious for them to select one particular class of employees for consideration and leave others out of question. Besides, taking into consideration the present condition of road work in the County and the finances of the Council, the Committee feel that the Council cannot deal with the matter at present. Claims for disemployment owing to war conditions have been made against the British Government by ex-prisoners etc., and we recommend the Assistant Surveyors to adopt the same course.

As regards the application for increase of salary, the Co. Council feel they would not be justified in the eyes of the country and particularly in view of the slump in prices of Agricultural produce, in agreeing to the application.

The Committee would point out that the County Council have relieved the Assistant Surveyors of their locomotion and kindred expenses by purchase of motor cycles, and in agreeing to pay for running of same. and which is tantamount to a very substantial increase in salaries. In fact it was because the present salaries justified some relief being given to the Assistant Surveyors that the County Council undertook the payment of their locomotion expenses. The Government Grants referred to in the application of the Assistant Surveyors had not been paid, and the Council were not in a position to say when they would be receivedⁿ.

Quarries in Kilmuckridge District:- Mr. M. Downey, Secretary, Kilmuckridge Branch, Irish Transport & General Workers' Union, wrote under date 26th June 1922:- "I am directed to write to you in regard to the opening of the quarry in this district, At a Committee meeting held on Sunday evening (25th June 1922) it was passed not to allow sea-gravel to be put on the roads which is considered a loss of time and money. When stones can be got so convenient and plenty of unemployed to do the work, we think there is no reason at all why the quarry should not be opened at onceⁿ.

The following recommendation was agreed to:-

"That the Secretary of the Kilmuckridge Branch of Irish Transport & General Workers' Union be informed that the Co. Council will act on the report of their officers as regards what quarries will be opened, and will

take no dictation from any outsiders. The Council were about to open a quarry on the lands of Mr. Michael O'Brien, Killincooley, Kilmuckridge, but the Committee will now recommend that no further steps be taken in this matter".

Reports Quarries:- The following report under date 24th June was read from Mr. Treanor, Senior Assistant Surveyor:-

"I beg to report that on my rounds of inspections of quarries I find that in many cases work is not being properly proceeded with. Some time ago I noticed each charge hand that a certain minimum output must be obtained, and on my visits to quarries impressed upon charge hands the necessity of such an output being given in return for wages paid. I find from check measurements made in some quarries that this has not been done.

In Ballygarvan Quarry (New Ross R.D.) work done is very much below average, there being only 18 c. yards quarried and banked and ten cubic yards broken from 30th May to 13th June, wages paid six men for this work £20.6.2d though the cost should not exceed £6.

Tomgarrow Quarry (Ross R.D.) where there eight men employed only produced about 70 c.y. quarried and 20 c.y. broken in three weeks, wages £41.5.3d, cost in this case should not exceed £15. In connection with this quarry I beg to report that on inspection made on 13th inst., I found two men idling and when charge hand was spoken about this, he stated he could not get men to work properly. On 14th inst., I made further inspection at 8.20 a.m. and though all the men were in quarry they had not begun work, and only began when I arrived in quarry. Breaking by hand is not producing results approaching payments made, as I find from measurements the cost of hand breaking is so high as to make this class of work prohibitive. I submit herewith cost of such work:-

Monarigg Blackwater, about 18/- per cubic yard

Dirr	"	17/-	"
Ballyconnick	"	13/-	"
Gerrigbyrne	"	9/-	"
Wicklow Gap	"	9/6	"

These prices are exclusive of quarrying.

In many cases I have been unable to make check of work done as a lot of time spent in hand boring and cleaning.

Only in one case, Ballynabola have I to report absence of chargehand

absent though he arrived during my stay in quarry. Mr. Jones also reported absence in this case,

I am convinced that all round fair results will not be obtained on time rate system and would again strongly recommend that County Council revert to piece rates for work in quarries. In this regard I may point out that I have received application from four quarries to allow men to do work on piece rates.

I may also point out that in the event of County Council being unable to purchase engines soon it will not be possible to complete breaking work this year, as hired engines will be taken away for threshing work in August or Septemberth.

Mr. Treanor in reply to the Chairman said the actual cost of breaking material in Monarigg Quarry was 17/8 and there would be also 5/- a cubic yard for quarrying. This would leave the stuff 22/9d per yard as against the estimated price of 10/-.

Joseph Ward, the foreman of the quarry who was present, contended there were 120 yards of material in the quarry, not 75 as measured by Mr. Curran, Deputy Surveyor. If Mr. Curran again visited the quarry he would not get out of it so easily as he did on the last occasion.

The Members pointed out that if this was to be the attitude taken up by the workers it would be very difficult for the Council and its officials to carry on.

Mr. Treanor said he would re-measure the material in this quarry.

In Carrigbyrne quarry the material was costing 9/- to break, but the foreman who was in attendance, believed he would be able to bring about an improvement. Some of the men had no previous experience of breaking stones but they were doing their best.

Wicklow Gap:- Mr. Treanor pointed out that the stuff in Wicklow Gap was much harder than in Monarigg and the men were quite as "green" at the work, but the stuff was costing only 9/6d per cubic yard as compared with 17/9 in Monarigg.

Dirr quarry:- Mr. Treanor said that handbreaking would have to be discontinued in this quarry as the men were unable to break the material by hand. The Council found it absolutely necessary to bring the breaker there, and when they did so there should be no interference with it. There was a rumour that the breaker would be interfered with if it went

In Ballyconnick Quarry the breaking had been costing 13/- per cubic yard, it was now down to 11/- since the check was made. He expected some of the men would be able to break stuff at a reasonable price and some of the men were not able to do it. There was a difference of 6/- per cubic yard between some of the workers, and the Committee considered this was not a state of things which should prevail.

Ballygarvan Quarry:- Attention was directed to the paragraph in the report of Mr. Treanor that the actual cost of work in this quarry should have been £6 for period from 30th May to 13th June, and the amount actually paid was £20. 6. 2d over three times what was reasonable.

The foreman alleged the men had not been supplied in time with proper tools.

Mr. Treanor suggested that the quarry should be carried on for a further fortnight, and if results were not found satisfactory it should be shut down

Tomgarrow Quarry:- Mr. Treanor read a letter from Neill, Chargehand resigning his position. Mr. Treanor said the work in this quarry had considerably improved, but it was not yet up to standard. Neill admitted to him that he was not able to hold control of the men.

"It was decided to allow the work to continue for a fortnight and see how work would go on in the meantime.

Ballynabola Quarry. Mr. Treanor reported that the charge hand in this quarry had been absent on three occasions.

M.J. O'Kelly, Charge hand in this quarry explained he had been informed by a County Councillor that he was not supposed to work in the quarry but it was explained to him he had been appointed as an ordinary working charge hand.

"It was decided that Mr. O'Kelly be instructed to take up duty in the quarry as an ordinary charge hand and if an improvement be not found within a fortnight the Co. Council will be asked to deal with the matter".

Mr. Treanor read letters from Dunanore (Enniscorthy) Barntown (Bishop's Quarry and Windy Gap Quarry) and Ballybrennan Quarries, asking that County Council should resume piece work in the quarries.

After considerable discussion the following recommendation was unanimously adopted:-

"That the County Council be recommended to revert to piece work in the quarries on a 50 hour per week basis, if in the immediate future a vast

improvement be not found in the output of the quarries on time rate".

Position of County Surveyor:- The following recommendation was adopted:-

"We recommend that Mr. Barry, County Surveyor, be requested to resign on superannuation".

Advertising Contract:- The following recommendation was adopted:-

"That in order to effect a settlement of dispute as regards advertising contract, we offer the three local papers 6d per line- the same terms as they have accepted for advertisements of Co. Board of Health".

Order of Business:- The following recommendation was unanimously adopted:-

"That we recommend the County Council in future not to discuss any matter which does not appear on agenda paper, that should exceptionally urgent circumstances necessitate immediate action by the Council, the Standing Orders should in all cases be suspended to allow of discussion.

That requests and complaints which are to be considered by the Council must be received five days prior to the meeting of the Council to allow of inclusion on agenda paper".

-----ooOoo-----

