

WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

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MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON 14th APRIL, 1930.

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N. J. FRIZELLE,  
SECRETARY.

Fortview,  
WEXFORD.

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The monthly meeting of the Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, Wexford, on 14th April, 1930.

Present:- Mr. M. Doyle (Chairman) presiding; also Messrs:- James Armstrong, John Brennan, James Clince, Patrick Colfer, Thomas Cooney, Richard Corish, John Cummins, Timothy F.D'Arcy, James Gaul, Colonel C. M. Gibbon, James Hall, Patrick Hayes, William P. Keegan, Thomas Maylor, Thomas McCarthy, John Murphy, Sean O'Byrne, M. M. Roche, and James Shannon.

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

Mr. Smyth wired that he could not attend the meeting owing to attendance at a funeral and a letter was received from Col. Quin that he was unable to be present owing to illness.

THE CORRECTNESS OF MINUTES OF COUNTY COUNCIL  
MEETING OF 3rd MARCH, 1930.

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At the opening of the meeting the Secretary said that at the last meeting of the County Board of Health the correctness of the minutes of the County Council meeting of 3rd March was impugned. The following was an extract from the Press report dealing with the matter:-

"It was ascertained from the County Council office that that body had passed the following resolution:- "That this Council is in agreement with the Local Government Department as to the necessity for the appointment of a county medical officer of health, but considers that the amount of salary etc., should be fixed by the Council."

Chairman - I thought we had expressly agreed to it if the salary were to be fixed by the County Council ?.

Secretary - The Minister is right in his statement.

Chairman - I don't know about the word "considers". I don't know how they got in that word ?.

Secretary - These minutes (Co. Council) are not yet signed.

Chairman - I don't think they will be signed, because I have a very definite idea that it was on the condition that the



the County Council were allowed to fix the salary. I remember Colonel Gibbon, who supported the appointment, mentioning that the appointment would be made on that condition. There is, however, a notice of motion to rescind the appointment!"

Continuing the Secretary said "It is unprecedented to criticize minutes at the meeting of an outside body and in view of the allegations one would consider some enquiry would have been made before casting reflections upon the accuracy of a record which is quite correct. The extract from the newspaper report of the County Council meeting of 3rd March is evidence that the Chairman's recollection is at fault as the word "considers" appeared in the Press report. In the present instance, fortunately for me, this report proves my record correct and in the circumstances there was no necessity for the statement at the Board of Health that the Minutes had not been signed with the consequent inference that they should be amended."

A long discussion took place in the course of which Mr. Corish stated that the motion appearing in the Minutes was word for word the motion which he had proposed.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed the following resolution which was seconded by Mr. Colfer and adopted unanimously:- "That the Minutes of County Council Meeting of 3rd March, 1930, as submitted to this meeting by our Secretary ~~xxxxxx~~ are a true record of the proceedings of the Council at said meeting and should, therefore, be signed.

The Chairman then signed the minutes.

#### VOTES OF CONDOLENCE

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On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Colfer, the following resolution was adopted:- "That replies to votes of condolence received at this meeting be inserted on the Minutes of the day:-

"The family of the late Mrs Elizabeth Ryan return very sincere thanks for your kind expression of sympathy in their recent sad bereavement."



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Lady Maurice Fitzgerald, Johnstown Castle, Wexford, wrote:-

"Major Lakin and myself feel very grateful to the members of the Roads' Committee and to those of the County Committee of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for the kind votes of condolence they have passed with us in our great bereavement.

'We also greatly appreciate and are much touched by the tributes paid to Mrs Lakin's memory. We feel we can never forget all the sympathy that has been shown to us in our hour of trial. I wish to thank you for your sympathy too."

Mr. Hall proposed a vote of condolence with the widow and family of the late Mr. John Sinnott, Ballyeland, Davidstown, who had been a member of the late Enniscorthy Rural Council for over half a century and was for some time Vice Chairman of that body. He was also father of Mr. T. D. Sinnott, Secretary to County Wexford Board of Health. Mr. Sinnott worked and suffered more for his country than any other man whom he (Mr. Hall) ever knew. He was a live long Nationalist and never spared himself in the service of Ireland. If it were at all possible he wished to propose the adjournment of the present meeting to enable members to attend the funeral. He (Mr. Hall) would have been there but did not know of Mr. Sinnott's death until he came to Wexford.

Mr. Cummins, in seconding, said there was no more patriotic man than Mr. Sinnott nor one who did more to forward the interests of the Country.

Colonel Gibbon, Messrs McCarthy and Keegan with the Secretary, the County Surveyor and Mr. Elgee associated themselves with the resolution. The Chairman said a vote of sympathy was due from the County Council to the family of the late Mr. Sinnott who during his long connection with the public life of the County acted with credit to himself and to his country. He (Chairman) was very sorry the occasion had arisen when they found themselves passing a vote of condolence on the passing of one who had been a notable figure in the life of their Country and who had served well and



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and truly in the cause of his country.

The resolution was adopted in silence.

THE LATE MRS MURPHY, KILMOKEA.  
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On the motion of Mr. Corish, seconded by Mr. Cummins, the following resolution was adopted:- "That we offer our sincere sympathy to Mr. N. J. Murphy, Kilmokea (a former County Councillor), Rev. G. J. Murphy, C.C., Wexford and family in the death of their mother, Mrs Ellen Murphy. "

MINUTES OF COMMITTEES  
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Finance:-

The following minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting of 13th March, 1930, were submitted:-



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The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, Wexford, on 13th March, 1930.

Present:- Messrs Thomas McCarthy, James Hall, Sean O'Byrne, James Shannon and John J. Culleton.

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

On the motion of Mr Hall seconded by Mr O'Byrne, the chair was taken by Mr McCarthy.

The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

#### PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £5958 : 17: 5d. was examined and signed.

#### RATE COLLECTION

The state of the Rate Collection was submitted, showing that 72 per cent of current rate had been lodged to date of meeting, the percentage lodged in each Collector's district being:-

	E.J. Murphy	80	per	cent
	J. Curtis	80	"	"
	J. Cummins	75	"	"
(No.4)	J. Quirke	75	"	"
	J.J. O'Reilly	74	"	"
	T. Bolger	74	"	"
	Art Dunne	73	"	"
	J.J. Sinnott	73	"	"
	Sean Gannon	73	"	"
	J. Deegan	71	"	"
(No.1)	J. Quirke	71	"	"
	T. Rowe	71	"	"
(No.19)	John Doyle	70	"	"
	M. Kelly	70	"	"
	Philip Doyle	70	"	"
	P. O'Byrne	68	"	"
	W. Cummins	68	"	"
	Patrick Carty	64	"	"
	P. Donohoe	63	"	"
	T. Sutton	61	"	"
(No.5)	John Doyle	51	"	"

The amount of current rate outstanding was £33002: 4: 8d ; collectable arrears outstanding £1004: 16: 5d. ; temporary uncollectable arrears outstanding £3089: 4: 4d.

The Rate Inspector submitted a report showing the lodg-



ments of the various Collectors. The total showed an increase of 10 per cent over the corresponding period of last year.

The Rate Inspector stated that he had notified Collectors Donohoe and Sutton if they did not show substantial improvement before the next meeting of the Finance Committee, he would instruct them to attend the meeting.

In connection with lodgment by Rate Collectors of rates received every 48 hours the Rate Inspector reported as follows:

"Re lodgment by Rate Collectors every 48 hours.

I attach list of the Collectors showing the nearest and farthest point from any Bank.

The fact of a Collector who is working in his district having to spend more than a half day going to and coming from the Bank would mean that he would lose two days nearly every week from his collecting district.

	Nearest	Farthest.
James Quirke	1 Mile	14 Miles
Philip Doyle	3 "	14 "
John Doyle (No.5)	2 "	13 "
John Doyle (No.19)	8 "	12 "
John Deegan	2 "	11 "
Patk. O'Byrne	6 "	12 "
W. Cummins	3 "	10 "
John J. Sinnot	8 "	13 "
Patk. Carty	9 "	23 "
T. Bolger	3 "	10 "
P. Donohoe	4 "	12 "

It was decided that the Local Government Department be requested to waive clause in Public Bodies Order, requiring lodgments every 48 hours, by the above mentioned Collectors, who should only be requested to lodge every seven days, and that copy of Rate Inspector's report be submitted in support of this



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application.

POUNDAGE

Under date 12th March, 1930, the following letter, (No.G. 14406/1930. Fa.Loch Garman) from the Local Government Department was read:-

" I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 26th ultimo, and I am to state that the Minister sanctions payment of poundage as proposed to Collectors - (1) E.J. Murphy (No.17 District), (2) John Curtis (No.20 District), provided part of the poundage is devoted to clearing his 1928-29 arrears, (3) James Quirke for No4 District and for No. 1 District provided part of the poundage is used for clearing his 1928-29 arrear in that District (No.1), (4) John J.O'Reilly (No.13) and (5) John Deegan (No.7) who have no old arrears outstanding may be paid the full balance of their 50%, but (6) Collector Gannon who has arrears for 1928 and 1929 outstanding should be first required to clear his 1927-29 arrears.

The Minister considers the position of the other Collectors very unsatisfactory and is not prepared to sanction the payment of any further poundage to them until they show a marked improvement. I am at the same time to state that the Minister will not sanction the payment of full poundage to any Collector who has more than 5% of his collectible rates outstanding at the end of <sup>this</sup> ~~the~~ month.

It was decided on the motion of Mr Culleton seconded by the Chairman that strong representations be made to the Local Government Department, asking them to reconsider their decision, regarding payment of balance of Rate Collectors' poundage on lodgments to 31st October last. Since that date the collection has very considerably improved and, if the poundage proposed by the County Council were sanctioned, it would still leave a very sub-



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stantial amount deferred in the case of each Collector. The Finance Committee would point out to the Department in regard to arrears outstanding that, having heard the statement of the Rate Inspector, they recognise that it has not been possible for the Collectors to obtain payment in the cases of ratepayers in arrears for years 1927-28 and 1928-29. In the circumstances the Finance Committee would ask the Local Government Department to waive the condition regarding the portion of poundage being applied to arrears in respect of the present proposal for payment of poundage. If the Local Government Department could see their way to agree to the Council's proposal in the present instance, the Finance Committee believe it would have a very beneficial effect on the Collection and would help considerably towards having collectible arrears lodged before the 31st March.

#### BONDS OF RATE COLLECTORS

Under date 5th March, 1930, the following letter No.G.125 38/1930. Fa. Loch Garman. was read from the Local Government Department:-

"Adverting to the entry in the minutes of Proceedings of the Wexford County Council on the 10th ultimo, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he agrees to the proposal of the Council to contribute £3 for the present year towards the costs of the Fidelity Bonds of the Rate Collectors with poundage fees of 5d. in the £. or whose poundage fees calculated on total warrants amount to less than £150 per annum."

#### APPLICATION REMISSION OF RATES, NEW BUILDINGS ORDER, 1925.

Application from John Doyle, Castlewhite to have his holding at Castlewhite, valuation of which was increased from £2 to £11 included on New Buildings Lists, was considered.

Mr Doyle submitted certificate from Messrs David Brennan



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& Son, Contractors, that a sum of £200 had been expended on the premises.

It was decided, on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr O'Byrne, that the application be agreed to.

APPLICATION REMISSION OF RATES. HOUSING ACT.

Application from Mr. Joseph J. Stafford, Mayfern, Gorey, for remission of rates under Housing Act, was considered.

It was decided that valuation be reduced by two-thirds for rating purposes for year 1930/31.

APPLICATION REMISSION OF RATES. VACANT PREMISES.

Under date 6th March, 1930, the following letter was read from Mr. William Harrison, regarding cottage at Walsheslough, Rosslare:-

Cottage at Walsheslough, Rosslare.

"Mr. Michael O'Brien vacated this cottage sometime in September, 1928 without having paid any rent for the previous twelve months.

'As the cottage was unfurnished and my Solicitors advised me not to let to a weekly tenant, they were not able to secure a suitable tenant at rent £27 per annum until present time 1/3/30.

'It was advertised for summer months at summer rent (partly furnished) but the two applicants went no further than applying.

'The renovating and repairing of cottage cost me a considerable amount and I have not received one penny rent for it since November, 1927. I trust Finance Committee will allow me remission of rates."

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

"That, as the premises are only valued at £5, we consider that Mr. Harrison has not submitted proof that he is endeavouring to set the premises at a reasonable rent and, in consequence, we recommend that his application for remission of rates be refused.

VACANT RATE COLLECTORSHIPS, DISTRICTS NOS. 4, 5, AND 7.



The meeting having considered the question of vacancies for Rate Collectors in Districts Nos. 4, 5, and 7, the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Culleton, seconded by Mr. Hall:-

"That the County Council be recommended to continue the present temporary arrangements for the collection in these three districts by Collectors Quirke, J. Doyle, and J. Deegan respectively, for the warrant for year 1930/31. That, if it is considered advisable, ~~that~~ Collection Districts be re-arranged, report setting out proposed alterations in Collection<sup>to</sup> Districts be submitted to next meeting of Finance Committee."

#### DEATH OF CARETAKER COUNTY COUNCIL OFFICES.

The County Surveyor reported that, since last meeting of the County Council, Mr John Roche, Caretaker of County Council Offices, had died.

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

"That Mr Nicholas Roche be appointed caretaker of County Council Offices, on the same terms as obtained in the case of the late caretaker, wages being £1;10: 0 per week. That Mr N. Roche be re-~~trained~~ as caretaker during the period the County Council will be in occupation of their present offices at Fortview."

#### INSURANCES- EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY AND PUBLIC LIABILITY.

Under date 1st March, 1930, the following letter was read from Messrs MacDonagh and Boland, Ltd., Insurance Brokers, 51 Dame Street, Dublin:-

"The above Insurance will fall due for renewal on the 31st inst.

The Hibernian Company have intimated to us that they will require a rate of 3/- % on the total wages roll for the renewal of the Public Liability Insurance (with the same Indemnities) which will produce a premium of £71: 0: 0: on last year's wages roll of £47534, as against the present premium of £36: 9: 0:

We could place this insurance with the Ocean Accident and



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and Guarantee Corporation at a rate of 2/-% which would yield a premium of £47: 10: 0: on last year's wage roll but this rate is conditional on their being given the Workmens' Compensation Risk in addition, which they would accept at the same rate as that which the Hibernian fix for renewal, for the reasons mentioned below.

Regarding the Workmens' Compensation Risk- The Hibernian Company are unable to invite renewal on the existing terms which are 29/9 % on the total wages and salaries, as they have intimated that their claims experience has not been satisfactory over the past few years and they have a substantial claim outstanding at the present time which they think may cost up to £500. They have also mentioned that a substantial portion of the wages relate to quarrying which carries a much greater normal rate than the special rate charged your Council in the past for all employees.

In these circumstances they propose increasing the rate to 33/-% all over. The Hibernian Company will recommend this new rate to the Rating Committee who fix all special rates and whatever rate is fixed by this Committee must be quoted by all other Tariff Companies desiring to undertake the Insurance. This suggested rate is not a very great increase on your present rating and we might mention that there are many County Councils paying a much higher rate, in some cases over 50/- %

The only other market therefore, would be a non-tariff Insurance Company but in view of the extensive quarry work and our experience of non-tariff companies in respect of Workmens' Compensation Insurance we think there would be a considerable difficulty in getting them to entertain this risk.

When your Council has had an opportunity of considering the matter we shall be glad of your instructions.

The Assistant Secretary pointed out that the premiums required by the Hibernian Co. for renewal of their policies for next year were:- E.L., £783: 15: 0: ; P.L., £71: 0: 0: ; total £854: 15: 0: The premiums last year were :-E.L., £707:0: 0: ;



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P.L. £36: 9: 0: total, £743: 9: 0: increase, £111: 6: 0: The quotation submitted by Messrs McDonagh and Boland, on behalf of the Ocean Accident and Guarantee Corporation would amount to the following:- E.L. £783: 15: 0:; P.L. £47: 10: 0: total, £831: 5: 0: or an increase over the amount paid last year for the policies of £87: 16: 0:

The meeting considered the quotations too high and it was decided that Messrs. McDonagh and Boland be notified to this effect and also that Messrs. Coyle and Co., Insurance Brokers, and Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd., as well as Messrs. McDonagh and Boland, be requested to submit quotations from other Companies, replies to be considered by Finance Committee at next meeting.

#### WEIGHTS AND MEASURES OFFICES, ENNISCORTHY.

The Assistant Secretary reported that Sergeant Keenan, Garda Síochána, Inspector under Weights and Measures Acts had requested him to make application to the Council for an office for his use when engaged in Enniscorthy area, as there was no suitable accommodation in the Garda Barrack at Enniscorthy.

It was pointed out that the office at present occupied by the District Court Clerk in Enniscorthy Courthouse was not suitable as a District Court office but would meet the requirements of the Weights and Measures Inspector .

It was decided on the motion of Mr. Culleton, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne that the County Surveyor arrange, at a cost not exceeding £10, for transfer of present District Court office to vacant room in Enniscorthy Courthouse, Inspector of Weights and Measures to be given the use of the room at present used as a District Court office.

#### PRINTING OF RATE COLLECTORS' RECEIPT AND DEMAND NOTES.

For the printing of Rate Collectors' Receipt and Demand Notes, the following tenders were received :-

	£	s.	d.
The People Newspapers Ltd., Wexford.	33	10	6



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	£	:	s	:	d
The Free Press	31	:	0	:	0
John English & Co., Wexford.	29	:	0	:	0.

It was decided that the lowest tender, that of Messrs J. English & Co., at £29, be accepted.

#### INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL APPLICATION

Under date 11th March, 1930, Mr. John Leacy, Inspector, National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, wrote that it was his intention to apply at Enniscorthy District Court on 20th March, 1930, for the committal of William and Ellen Blackburn, Tomsallagh, Ferns, to Industrial Schools.

Referred to Mr. Elgee, Solicitor.

#### POUND AT ARTHURSTOWN

It was decided that no action be taken for provision of pound at Arthurstown, and that the Chief Superintendent, Garda Siochana, be communicated in the matter as the Council have agreed to Pound at Saltmills, which is within convenient distance of former place.

#### ILLNESS OF SECRETARY

Medical Certificate, as follows, under date 11th March, 1930, from Dr. S. A. Furlong, was read:-

"This is to certify that N. Frizelle Esq., is suffering from influenzal bronchitis and will require a month's sick leave to recover."

It was decided, on the motion of the Chairman, that the Secretary be allowed leave of absence for the period of one month in accordance with Medical Certificate.

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The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Roche, seconded by Mr. McCarthy:- "That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 13th March, 1930, be received and considered".

Vacant Rate Collectorships

The following resolution was moved by Colonel Gibbon, seconded by Mr. Cummins:- "That we dissent from the resolution of the Finance Committee as regards continuance of employment of temporary Rate Collectors for Collection Districts No 4 and 5. That new Collectors be appointed (after advertisement) at next meeting of County Council on 26th May. Remuneration 5d in the £ on all monies collected and lodged with statutory fees under Electoral Act. Appointment will be made on a probationary basis, is subject to the approval of the Minister for Local Government and to the successful candidate making declaration under section 71 of Local Government Act 1925. Candidates for the position must pass usual qualifying examination. That recommendation of Finance Committee, re No.7 Collection District, stand.

Mr. Roche proposed the confirmation of the minute of Finance Committee in respect of Vacant Rate Collectorships and Mr. McCarthy seconded.

A poll was taken with the following result:-  
For carrying out appointments in No 4 and 5 districts:- Messrs **Armstrong**, Brennan, Clince, Cooney, Corish, Cummins, D'Arcy, Gaul, Gibbon, Hall, Keegan and the Chairman.....12.  
Against:- Messrs Colfer, Meyler, McCarthy, Murphy, O'Byrne and Roche.....6

Messrs Hayes and Shannon were not present when poll was taken.

The Chairman declared the motion to appoint Rate Collectors for Districts No 4 and 5 carried.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Roche, seconded by Mr. McCarthy:- "That the Minutes of Finance



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Committee in respect of meeting held on 13th March, 1930, be  
and are hereby confirmed except in so far as same have been  
altered by resolution adopted at this meeting."

Minutes of meeting of Finance Committee held on 27th  
March, 1930 were submitted as follows:-



The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, Wexford, on 27th March, 1930.

Present:- Messrs T. McCarthy, J. J. Colloton, Sean O'Byrne, James Hall and James Shannon.

The Assistant Secretary and Mr. J. Elgee, Solicitor, were also in attendance.

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Hall, the chair was taken by Mr. McCarthy.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

THE LATE MRS RYAN, TOOMCOOLE.

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

"That we offer our heartfelt sympathy to Dr. J. Ryan, T.D. and Miss O'Ryan, M.C.C., and the other members of the family in their bereavement caused by the death of their Mother, Mrs Ryan, Comcoole."

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £1733: 13: 1d was examined and signed.

RATE COLLECTION

The state of the Rate Collection was submitted, showing the following percentages of current rate lodged:-

	E. J. Murphy	88
	J. Cummins	84
	J. Curtis	84
(No.19)	J. Doyle	83
	T. Rowe	81
	T. Bolger	80
(No.4 )	J. Quirke	80
	S. Gannon	80
	J. J. O'Reilly	78
	M. Deegan	78
(No.1 )	J. Quirke	78
	P. Doyle	77
	P. Carty	77
	A. Dunne	76
	J. J. Sinnott	76
	W. Cummins	75
	M.M.Kelly	75
	P. O'Byrne	74
	P. Donohoe	67
	T. Sutton	63
(No. 5 )	J. Doyle	57



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The amount outstanding on 1930-31 Rate was £27631: 5 : 2.

The collectible arrears outstanding amounted to £137: 11: 5 for 1928 Rate and to £795: 19: 8d for 1929 Rate: Total £933:11: 1.

Temporary Uncollectible Rate in respect of period to 31st March, 1929, amounted to £3077: 19 : 5d.

In connection with recommendation passed at last meeting, the Assistant Secretary stated that Collector Quirke would prefer that District No.4 was not altered for 1930-31 Collection. He was prepared to carry out the Collection for the Electoral Divisions comprised in both Nos 1 and 4 Districts. Mr. O'Kennedy, Rate Inspector, was also in favour of the continuance of the present arrangements regarding these districts.

It was decided on the motion of the Chairman not to make any alteration in District No.4.

Under date 26th March, 1930, the following letter, No.G.19628/30, Loch Garman, (Fa), was read from the Local Government Department:-

With reference to your letter of the 19th instant, relative to the proposal of the Finance Committee not to include the arrears of rates in the Collectors 1930/31 warrant, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he does not approve of the course suggested. There should be no further delay in bringing the Rate Collection in County Wexford up to date and ratepayers in arrear should be warned by public notice that they will be called upon to pay all arrears outstanding together with the first moiety of next years rates immediately on the service of the demand notes."

It was decided, on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Hall, to recommend that extension for collection of current rate and arrears be granted to Collectors to 30th April by which date Rate Collectors should return lists of all outstanding amounts so that temporarily uncollectible and irrecoverable items would be decided on with a view to having Irrecoverable sums struck off and temporarily uncollectible amounts being carried to warrants for 1930/31 Rate. In order to allow of this being carried out by the



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the date of meeting at which Rate will be struck it was decided to recommend that the meeting for the striking of the Rate be held on 26th May, 1930.

APPLICATION FOR PAYMENT OF POUNDAGE

Under date 26th March, 1930, the following letter was read from Mr. John Doyle, Rate Collector:-

"Having got no poundage since last December I hereby make application for same. Considering I have been working two districts since last December and while in No.5 I must pay for lodgings etc., I find it very hard to keep going and I am now practically without a penny.

'Unless your Council grant me some poundage I shall be compelled to give up No.5 District for want of money to pay my way.

'Hoping the County Council will see their way to meet me in this matter.'"

It was decided to inform Mr. Doyle that payment of poundage cannot issue until sanction has been received.

APPLICATION - REMISSION OF RATES

The following letter under date 18th March, 1930 (3003169) was read from the Valuation Department relative to the application of Mr. John Doyle, Castlewhite, for remission of rates:-

"I am directed by the Commissioner of Valuation to inform you in reply to your communication of the 14th instant, that any enlargement or improvement of the buildings on the above-described holding, and which resulted in an increase of the Valuation of the buildings from £2 to £11 as from the 1st March, 1929, was not made subsequent to the 1st April, 1920. Consequently the Valuation in question is not entitled to the benefits provided under Section 69 of the Local Government Act 1925."

In view of this letter it was decided to take no action regarding remission of rates claimed by Mr. Doyle.



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EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY AND PUBLIC LIABILITY INSURANCES

The following letter, under date 24th March, 1930, was read from Mr. Joseph Brennan, General Manager, Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd.:—

"Referring to your favour of the 15th instant we beg to advise that we have searched the market thoroughly in an effort to meet the Council's views in this matter.

'As a result of our endeavours we now have pleasure in advising that although from the information given to us the claims' experience has been very heavy we are in a position to arrange for the renewal of both risks at the existing rates and there will, therefore, be no increase in the premiums hitherto paid to cover these risks.

'We are particularly pleased that we have been instrumental in effecting such a substantial saving to the Council in this matter.

'Immediate cover will be issued on receipt of your kind instructions.'"

Messrs MacDonagh & Boland, Ltd., Insurance Brokers, wrote, under date 24th March, 1930, as follows:—

"With further reference to yours of the 15th instant we have now approached the various non-tariff offices and beg to advise as follows:—

(IRISH OFFICES)

Irish Life & General Assurance Co. -	Do not wish to quote
New Ireland Assurance Co.Ltd.	Do not accept risks themselves.

(FOREIGN OFFICES)

General Accident Assurance Corpn.Ltd.	Do not wish to quote
Zurich General Accident Corpn.Ltd.	" " " " "
National Employers' Mutual Co.Ltd.	Quotation not yet advised
Co-operative Insurance Society Ltd.,	" " " "

You will see, therefore, that the best rate we have so far is that of  $29\frac{s}{d}{9}\%$  on behalf of Ocean Accident & Guarantee Corpn.Ltd.,



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which gives a nett premium of £674: 7 : 9d based on total estimated wage roll of £47,534. If any improvement is shown by either the Co-Operative Society or the National Employers' Mutual we will immediately write you again.

'Regarding the Public Liability Insurance, our net rate of 2/-<sup>4</sup> giving a premium of £47: 10: 9d is the best we have been able to secure also'".

Messrs Coyle & Co., Insurance Brokers wrote that they would not quote for the Insurances.

Mr. Murphy of Messrs MacDonagh & Boland, Ltd., appeared before the meeting and stated his firm had carried out this business for the Council for a number of years past.

The Chairman pointed out to Mr. Murphy that the rate quoted on a wages roll of £47534 for Employers' Liability Insurance would give a premium of £707 while the actual amount mentioned in letter from the Firm gave the premium as £674:7:9d.

Mr. Murphy stated the difference was a special rebate which his Company were allowing to the Council and would show a reduction on the gross premiums paid last year.

It was decided on the motion of Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. Colloton, that the Employers' Liability and Public Liability Insurances, up to 31st March, 1931, be arranged with the Ocean Accident and Guarantee Corporation Ltd., through Messrs MacDonagh & Boland, Ltd., on the premiums set out in letter from the latter Firm, under date 24th March, 1930.

#### SUBSTITUTES FOR VETERINARY INSPECTORS

Under date 21st March, 1930, the following circular letter No.L.3240/29, was read from the Department of Agriculture:-

"Adverting to the Department's circular letter (copy enclosed) of the 15th April last relative to the necessity for making appropriate arrangements in respect of deputies for Local Authority Veterinary Inspectors temporarily unable to perform their duties under the Diseases of Animals Acts, I have to state, that it has come to the knowledge of the Department that in some instances



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temporary arrangements have been made by Inspectors without the knowledge of the Local Authority, or the Department.

"As pointed out in the circular letter, the duties of a Local Authority Veterinary Inspector under the Diseases of Animals Acts can properly be discharged only by an Officer whose appointment has been made by the Local Authority and approved by the Department. The nomination, therefore, of a deputy by a Veterinary Inspector would have no legal validity, and the acting Inspector would not be in a position duly to exercise the powers conferred by the Diseases of Animals Acts and the Orders thereunder on a Veterinary Inspector appointed under these Acts.

'The Department request, therefore, that the Local Authority will direct the attention of their Veterinary Inspectors under the Diseases of Animals Acts to the terms of the circular of last April, and remind them of the necessity of so acting that the Local Authority and the Department are afforded an opportunity of making the necessary temporary provision in the appropriate manner.

'The Department will be glad to be informed as soon as practicable as to the action taken in the matter.'

The following is copy of Circular letter, dated 15th April, 1929, No.L.72/29, referred to in foregoing:-

"The Department desire to draw the attention of Local Authorities to the necessity for making proper arrangements in respect of substitutes for Local Authority Veterinary Inspectors temporarily unable to perform their usual duties under the Diseases of Animals Acts.

'The Acts, and the Department's Orders thereunder, confer on an Inspector definite powers which can be exercised and impose on him definite duties which can be properly discharged only by an officer whose appointment has been made by the Local Authority and approved by the Department. For example, a person other than an Inspector as defined by the Act of 1924, has no legal powers



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of entry to premises where disease is suspected; restriction notices served by him are not valid, and his written certificate of disease is not sufficient for the purpose of evidence in legal proceedings under the Act. It is, obviously, important, therefore, that when an Inspector is unable to fulfil the duties of his appointment, a competent substitute should be appointed temporarily to act until the Inspector resumes duty.

'As, save in very exceptional circumstances, a substitute must be paid by the Inspector for whom he acts, it will usually be found convenient, when an Inspector notified his unfitness (as he should always do when he is likely to be incapacitated for more than a few days) to accept the substitute nominated by him. But whether the Inspector's nominee be accepted, or whether the Local Authority themselves select a substitute, a formal temporary appointment should be made in every case and submitted for the Department's approval.

'If your Local Authority have not a Committee, or Sub Committee, capable of making such temporary appointment immediately occasion arises, it is suggested that they should authorise you to act for them in an emergency.'"

It was decided that copy of each of the communications from the Department of Agriculture be forwarded to each Veterinary Inspector for his information.

APPOINTMENT OF SUBSTITUTE FOR MR. T. A. MERNAGH: V.S.

Mr. T. A. Mernagh, M.R.C.V.S., Veterinary Inspector, Gorey, wrote, under date 24th March, 1930, asking for approval to appointment of Mr. P. T. Flynn, M.R.C.V.S., 17, Main Street, Gorey, as his substitute during his absence in Dublin from 1st to 14th April while attending a course of lectures.

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Colloton, it was decided to approve of Mr. Flynn acting as substitute during the absence of Mr. T. A. Mernagh, Veterinary Inspector Gorey, during the latter's absence from 1st to 14th April subject to



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to the sanction of the Department of Agriculture.

#### TENDERS FOR PRINTING

For the printing required in County Secretary's and County Surveyor's Offices during year 1930-31 the following tenders were received:-

J. English & Co., Wexford.	£ 78: 1 : 6d
The Free Press, Wexford	82:15 : 6d
The People Newspapers Ltd., Wexford.	111:17 : 3d

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Hall, the tender of Messrs J. English & Co., Wexford, at £78: 1: 6d, being the lowest, was accepted.

#### PLANTING OF HEDGE

Under date 27th March, 1930, the following letter was read from Mr. T. D. Sinnott, Secretary, County Board of Health, Wexford:-

"With reference to telephone conversation yesterday in the matter of Mr. Galvin's application, would you please put the matter before your Finance meeting to-day. Mr. Galvin is anxious to complete a hedge by the road from the Cottage at Park to Farnogue Terrace and for that purpose wants permission to sow trees inside the fence on the marsh attached to Dr. O'Brien's residence.

'My Board of Health considered that this permission might be given as the planting of trees there will strengthen the resistance of flooding and erosion.'"

It was decided, on the motion of Mr. Colloton, seconded by Mr. Shannon, that the application of Messrs Galvin be acceded to, subject to the approval of the County Surveyor.

#### POUND AT ARTHURSTOWN

Under date 25th March, 1930, the following letter was read from the Chief Superintendent, Garda Síochána, Wexford:-



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"With further reference to your minute of 14th instant in the above matter, I beg to point out that the pound at Saltmills is approximately eight miles from the proposed pound at Arthurstown. Both pounds were in existence under the old regime and I consider that the necessity for them is now greater in view of the daily increase in motor and vehicular traffic generally.

'I am informed that in the past the County Council paid Mr. Townsend, Lord Templemore's agent, a rent of £1 per annum in respect of the pound at Arthurstown. If this information is correct you will, no doubt, be aware of it.

'Regarding the probable cost of effecting the necessary repairs I beg to suggest that your Assistant Surveyor, Mr. O'Neill, who visited the pound on the 19th December, 1929, would best be in position to furnish this information and in this connection I refer to your communication dated 17th January, 1930!

The meeting considered the Pound at Saltmills met the requirements of the district and it was decided, on the motion of Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. Colloton, that the Chief Superintendent, Garda Sióchana, be notified accordingly.

#### USE OF ROOMS IN TECHNICAL INSTITUTE WEXFORD.

It was decided, on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Hall, that application be made to Principal, Technical Institute, Wexford, for the use of vacant rooms in that building for the accommodation of the temporary Rate Staff of the County Council as the accommodation in Old Jail premises was not now available.

#### INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL APPLICATION

Under date 25th March, 1930, Mr. P. J. Gregory, District Court Clerk, Wexford, wrote, stating that an application would be made at Wexford District Juvenile Court on 26th March, 1930, for the committal of a child named Ellen Connors of Lough, Dunbormack, to an Industrial School.



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Referred to Mr. Elgee.

MAIN ROAD UPKEEP GRANT

Under date 14th March, 1930, memo was read from the Local Government Department stating that a grant of £10156 had been provisionally allocated for the upkeep of Main Roads in County Wexford for the year 1930-31 and that all tars and bitumens for use on roads in 1930-31, whether such roads were grant-aided or not, were to be obtained from the official contractors appointed for the coming financial year.

No Order.

SANCTION TO INCREMENTS OF  
SALARIES

Under date 13th March, 1930, the following letter, (No. G.12534/1930, SeLoch Garman) was read from the Local Government Department:-

"With reference to the Minute of the Wexford County Council on the 10th ultimo, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he sanctions the placing of Messrs T. Moore, S. Hayes, D. Radford and J. Moloney on the incremental scales proposed subject to the annual increment in each case being conditional on a written certificate signed by the County Secretary or County Surveyor, as the case may require, that the services of the officer in question have been in all respects satisfactory.

'Declaration Forms which should be subscribed to by the above-mentioned officers are enclosed.'

DEFAULTING LAND PURCHASE ANNUITANTS

The Land Commission, under date 22nd March, 1930, forwarded list of defaulting Land Purchase Annuitants. The Land Commission in their letter pointed out that arrears may have been paid in a number of cases since the lists were made out as instalments were in course of collection through State Solicitor.

The members present examined the lists which totalled £19218.



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### OVERLINE BRIDGES

The Great Southern Railways Company forwarded Accounts for £38: 7: 6d in each case, representing difference in cost between renewing bridges at Palace East and Chapel as they formerly existed and the renewing of them fit for the present day heavy axle loads.

It was decided, on the motion of Mr. Colloton, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne, to recommend that these amounts be paid on certificate of County Surveyor that work was completed.

### SHEEP DIPPING

The Department of Agriculture wrote, under date 25th March, 1930, asking for particulars of the action taken by the County Council as regards Sheep Dipping arrangements for the coming Summer and Autumn Dipping Periods.

The following recommendation was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Hall:-

"That the following be appointed lay Sheep Dipping Inspectors for Summer and Autumn Periods 1930, remuneration to be £1 per week during the dipping periods with actual amount spent for postage:-

#### ENNISCORTHY DISTRICT:-

James Murphy, Coolbawn, Ferns, for the Electoral Divisions of Ballycarney, Ballymore, Castledockrell, Ferns, Kilbora, Kilcormack, Kilrush, Marshalstown, Moyacomb, Newtownbarry, St. Mary's, The Harrow, Tinnacross, Tombrack and Rossard.

Myles Roban, The Moyne, Enniscorthy, ~~the~~ for the Electoral Divisions of Ballindaggin, Ballyhogue, Ballyhuskard, Ballyvaldon, Bolaboy, Bree, Castleboro, Castle Ellis, Castle Talbot, Clonroche, Edermine, Enniscorthy Rural, Killanne, Killoughrim, Kilmallock, Kiltaly and The Leap.

#### GOREY DISTRICT :-

Morgan Flaherty, Ballyellis, Carnew, for the Electoral Divisions of Ballylarkin, Ballynestragh, Coolgreany, Courtown, Gorey Rural,



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Gorey Urban, Kilgorman, Kilnahun, Limerick, Monaseed and Wingfield.

Thomas Prendergast, Knockskimolin, Oulart, the Electoral Divisions of Ardamine, Ballybeg, Ballycanew, Ballyellis, Ballygarrett, Ballyoughter, Cahore, Ford, Huntingtown, Kilcomb, Killenagh, Killincooley, Monamolin, Rossmínogue and Wells.

NEW ROSS DISTRICT:-

M. J. Hennessy, Monamolin, Rathnure, Enniscorthy.

WEXFORD DISTRICT:-

James Hayden, Corlican, Killurin.



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The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 27th March, 1930, be received and considered."

Rate Collection

The Secretary explained that the following showed the amount outstanding on Rate for 1929-30 financial year at 12th April, 1930. (Temporarily uncollectible and irrecoverable amounts had not been deducted):-

Collector	District	Number of Collection District	% outstanding at 12/4/30.
E. J. Murphy	New Ross	17	2%
John Curtis	do	20	4%
Thady Bolger	Gorey	14	6%
J. J. O'Reilly	Gorey	13	8%
Joseph Cummins	Enniscorthy	8	8%
John Doyle	New Ross	19	8%
John Deegan	Enniscorthy	7	10%
Art Dunne	Gorey	15	10%
Thomas Rowe	New Ross	18	11%
Sean Gannon	Enniscorthy	10	12%
James Quirke	Wexford	1	13%
James Quirke	Wexford	4	13%
Philip Doyle	Wexford	3	13%
W. Cummins	Enniscorthy	11	14%
J. J. Sinnott	Gorey	16	14%
Patrick O'Byrne	Enniscorthy	9	15%
Patrick Carty	New Ross	21	15%
M. M. Kelly	Enniscorthy	6	18%
Patrick Donohoe	do	12	26%
Thomas Sutton	Wexford	2	24%
John Doyle	do	5	37%

Under date 10th April, 1930, the following letter (G.24213/1930 Loch Garman) was read from the Department of Local Government:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to acknowledge the receipt of Form 61 for the month of March, and to state that the Rate Return to the 31st ultimo shows a sum of over £23,400 outstanding. None of the Collectors of rates in County Wexford had closed his warrant at the end of the financial year. It would consequently appear that the Collectors have not taken seriously the warnings repeatedly issued by the County Council and from this Department, as to the consequences which would follow failure to discharge their obligations under

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their bonds. The Minister has received a further report from his Inspector on the position from which it appears that during the few days that the Inspector was present in Wexford the collection of rates was expedited to such an extent that an amount of money was obtained out of all proportion to the previous returns of the Collectors.

"It is clear that in this period the Collectors attended to their duties energetically and it is equally clear that had a corresponding thoroughness been shown earlier the present regrettable arrear would not exist.

"The Minister considers that the time has come to take definite action to bring the Rate Collection in County Wexford back to normal. Under the terms of Article 102 of the Public Bodies Order, 1929, the particulars required for columns (17) and (18) of Form 61 as set out in the Schedule to that Order now fall to be ascertained. The Minister is not prepared to agree that this procedure should be deferred beyond the end of the present month.

"All Rate Collectors should be required to have their warrants fully accounted for by the 23rd instant. A warning should be issued to the Collectors that the Council will dispense with the services of any Collector who on that date has failed to account for his warrant."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne<sup>Mr</sup> seconded by Mr. Hall:-

"That it be pointed out to the Local Government Department that the County Council do not believe that the improvement in the Rate Collection was due to the presence in the County of Mr. Delany, Local Government Inspector, during the last days of March. The improvement referred to was only the normal state of affairs as existing at the close of the financial year"

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That Collectors be notified



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the County Council will not grant any extension of time for closing their collections beyond the 5th May, 1930, the extension to this date beyond the period recommended by the Finance Committee being on account of a number of important fairs to be held early in May!

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

"That Collector Sutton be given up to 5th May, 1930, to close his warrant and that the recommendation of the Finance Committee as regards this Collection ~~be~~ be varied accordingly."

#### Next meeting of Co. Council

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Clince:- "That next meeting of County Council be held on Monday, 26th May, 1930, and that Rates for financial year 1930-31 be struck at said meeting."

#### Arthurstown Pound

In reply to resolution of Finance Committee the Chief Superintendent, Garda Siochana, wrote under date 12th April, 1930, that he had gone fully into the matter of the establishment of a Pound at Arthurstown with the local District Superintendent and with the <sup>g</sup>uards and, as a consequence, he was satisfied that the establishment of a Pound in Arthurstown was an absolute necessity. It was approximately eight miles from the recently established Pound at ~~Sal~~mills to the proposed Pound in Arthurstown and he considered it entirely out of the question to expect the <sup>g</sup>uards to travel this distance with animals found wandering. In the district in and round Arthurstown there were 40 prosecutions last year in respect of wandering animals. Where the <sup>g</sup>uards cannot trace the owners of animals they were compelled to impound the latter at the barracks until owners were located. The resultant inconvenience considerably restricted the activities of the <sup>g</sup>uards. In these days of increased motor traffic the Council would appreciate the necessity for keeping the roads clear of a rather dangerous



type of nuisance and assist in safeguarding and protecting the public by establishing the Pound at Arthurstown.

Mr. Cummins proposed, and Mr. Colfer seconded, the following resolution:- "That we dissent from recommendation of Finance Committee in respect of establishment of Pound at Arthurstown and that we agree to the establishment of said Pound."

Mr. McCarthy said the Pound at Arthurstown was only eight miles from that at Saltmills. If they were to have a Pound at each eight miles they would have a very large number and which they did not think were necessary. In the north of the County there was no Pound between Gorey and Enniscorthy - a distance of eighteen miles.

A show of hands was then taken with the result that six voted in favour of the establishment of the Pound and nine against.

The Chairman declared the motion lost.

#### Land Commission Defaulting Annuitants

Mr. Cummins referred to the cases of Michael Fortune and Patrick Moran of Slade, Fethard, who were unable to get into their holdings owing to coast erosion. Through the courtesy of a neighbour whose land they had to cross they were able to manage their holdings but this facility was no longer available. He wondered if anything could be done with the Land Commission to help these men.

Chairman - Not a bit. I know of cases in Rosslare in which eight or nine acres were washed away by coast erosion and everything possible was done to get a reduction of the annuities but there was none given and the full annuities are still being paid.

Mr. Keegan held it was the business of the Council to look into such cases and try if help could be given to the persons concerned.

The Chairman suggested that the people interested could



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write to Mr. Roddy, Parliamentary Secretary to Lands and Fisheries. The County Council were not responsible for coast erosion and he thought this was more a matter for the T.D.'s than for the Council.

Mr. Keegan said they should put the facts of the two cases referred to by Mr. Cummins before the proper authorities and point out that it was impossible for them to pay their annuities as they could not till their land.

Mr. Corish said that Mr. Cummins approached him and the other T.D's on the matter, and he (Mr. Corish) approached the Land Commission and the Board of Works, and he thought the result of their combined efforts was that inspectors were sent down. He raised the question on three occasions in the Dail and got very little satisfaction, and it was said that they would not touch the question of coast erosion until the Commission had deliberated. At the same time he did not think it would be any harm to draw the attention of the Land Commission to the fact that the men could not get into their land. He thought all the pressure they could bring to bear on the Land Commission and the Board of Works to speed on the matter the better. While he thought it was the primary duty of the T.D's to do something with regard to the question, the T.D.'s liked to be helped by a body like the County Council.

Chairman - I can't see what good the County Council are going to do in this case which is not their job at all.

Mr. Corish proposed the following resolution :- "That we draw the attention of the Land Commission to the serious state of affairs at Slade, where people are unable to enter their land owing to coast erosion, and we also point out that these people have been proceeded against by the Land Commission for non-payment of their annuities."

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Cummins and adopted.



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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 27th March, 1930, be and are hereby confirmed except in so far as same have been amended by resolution adopted at this meeting."

The following Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 10th April, 1930, were submitted:-

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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL.

The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee was held in the County Council Chamber, Wexford, on 10th April, 1930,

Mr M. Doyle (Chairman) presided, and there were also present—Messrs Sean O'Byrne, James Hall, Thomas McCarthy, and James Shannon.

The Secretary, Assistant Secretary, County Surveyor, Mr Elgee Solicitor, and the Rate Inspector, were also in attendance.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

Payments.

Treasurer's Advice Note for £3,638: 13: 8: was examined and signed .

Rate Collection.

It was decided that consideration of the Irrecoverable and Temporarily uncollectible lists of rates be adjourned for consideration to Finance Committee meeting of 24th April.

Poundage.

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

"That payment of full poundage on lodgments to 31st March, 1930, be made to Collectors who the Rate Inspector certifies have lodged to date 95% of Recoverable rate. That the other Collectors be paid 50% of poundage on their lodgments to 31st March, 1930."

Rate Inspector reported he was not satisfied that Collector Sutton was making satisfactory progress with his collection.

The following resolution was adopted:—

"That Collector Sutton be informed that if he does not close his warrant for all Recoverable rate by the 30th April, his services must be dispensed with definitely."

Under date 7th April, 1930, John McDonnell, Castletown, Bridgetown, wrote stating that he had forwarded £10 on account



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of his rates to Mr Elgee, Solicitor, and hoped to pay balance before 1st May. He apologised for being so much behind time, but this was on account of the serious illness of two of his children, which had since died. The expenses in connection with this matter amounted to £60 not including hospital fees. He asked that the County Council would give him time for payment.

Referred to Rate Collector for district.

Under date 4th April, 1930, Mr S.A. Earle, Cathedral Street, Enniscorthy, wrote that Mr M. Kelly, Collector for No.6 District, had collected from him £1: 6: 8:, rates, in respect of a holding at Lymington, which Mr Earle denied he held.

It was decided to refer this communication to the Rate Collector for his observations.

In connection with the purchase of holding of Edward Brophy, Ballybrennan, Bree, by the National Bank and on which rates amounting to £67: 14: 5: were due, the manager of the National Bank, Enniscorthy, wrote he had been advised that as purchasers of this holding, the Bank were only liable for the two years' Rates due at the time of sale. The Directors were prepared to pay this amount, in addition to any sum due since then on foot of rates.

Referred to Mr Elgee, Solicitor, for his advice.

As regards Paying Orders for haulage work to Denis Corrigan, Knocknasilloge, Enniscorthy, who owed a substantial amount for Rates, Mr Donohoe, (Collector No.12 District) wrote that Mr Corrigan had refused to sign the Pay Orders, in order that the amount should be applied to the reduction of sum due for rates.

It was decided that Collector Donohoe should take steps to have seizure made to recover amount of rate due by Mr Corrigan.

Destroyed Insurance Cards and Stamps.

The following report dated 10th April, 1930, was read from the County Surveyor:-

"I have to report that the Deputation appointed by the County Council to meet the Minister of Industry and Commerce in



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regard to this matter attended at Leinster House by appointment at 4.p.m., on Thursday, 27th March last. The Minister was personally unable to attend, but he was represented by Mr Dolan, Parliamentary Secretary, who was accompanied by an official from the Office. Messrs Corish, Esmonde and Allen T.D's for the County were present, as also the County Surveyor, and Mr Radford, Clerk in County Surveyor's Office who had charge of the stamp department.

I explained the origin of the fire, and destruction of the cards and stamps, and there was a lengthened discussion in regard to the details and method of checking cards and stamps and so forth. The Deputation was informed that the Ministry of Industry and Commerce could only deal with stamps actually attached to Unemployment Cards, and that compensation for loose stamps would have to be sought from the Postal Authorities, and for the National Health Stamps from the National Health Insurance Commissioners.

Mr Dolan stated that if possible proof of purchase should be obtained from the Postal Authorities for all stamps purchased from October, 1928, or, otherwise, substantial evidence of purchase. It was stated by Mr Radford that receipts given by him to the County Secretary's Clerk for the stamps were handed to the Inspector on his visit to Wexford, but the Department appeared to be unaware of this. It was also asked that evidence should be submitted as to the number of men on the Pay Sheets each fortnight whose cards were to be stamped, and that proof should be given that the stamps were put on the Cards. In regard to remains of burnt cards stress was laid on the fact that these were unstamped. Mr Radford explained that all unstamped cards, which were comparatively few in number, were together in one box, and consequently that the remains would be, of course, all of one type, that is, either stamped or unstamped. The Official from the Ministry's Office stated that there were about a hundred cards un-stamped, but on my taking note of this, he modified his state-



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ment. There were in all about a dozen cards attached to the file which had no stamps on them, and I take it that this is the sum total of the unstamped cards.

Mr Dolan stated that if further evidence was submitted to the Department that the matter would be reopened. I therefore suggest that I be authorised to interview the Postmaster here in regard to the purchase of stamps, and also that formal application for compensation be made to the Postal Authorities, and to the National Health Insurance Commissioners. In regard to the number of burnt loose stamps I am satisfied that the claim we put in is substantially correct, though the Official from the Ministry stated that there were only half the number. The charred remains of the stamps were handed to the Inspector, and steel box containing them was produced and offered to him with the remains, but he removed the charred stamps and took them away in an envelope. Consequently the counting of the stamps from the debris would be rendered almost impossible after this.

Mr Radford is making out a detailed report on the whole matter as far as his part of the work is concerned."

It was decided that the County Surveyor should interview the Post Master, Wexford, in regard to the purchase of Insurance Stamps, and also make formal application for compensation to the Postal Authorities and to the National Health Insurance Commissioners as suggested by him.

Scholarships in Secondary and Vocational Schools:

The following under date 26th March, 1930, was read from the Office of National Education:-

"With reference to your communication of the 11th instant and previous correspondence regarding the Draft Scheme of Scholarships submitted by your Council for 1930, and to the proposed inclusion therein of a clause debarring Scholarship holders from retaining the Scholarships when they enter Preparatory Colleges or are appointed pupil teachers, I am directed to point out that



the fact that a candidate secures admission to a Preparatory College or is appointed a pupil teacher does not confer on such candidate any right to a free Secondary education or to financial assistance from the State in respect of such education and, in the circumstances, it would not appear that your Council has power to deprive a candidate of a Scholarship to which he /she is other wise entitled. In this connection, it is to be noted also that pupil teachers or Preparatory College students who may not complete their course of training for the teaching profession are required to refund the amount of any grants from State sources , a stipulation that would not apply in the case of County Council Scholarships, and such candidates are, therefore, placed at a disadvantage.

I have, accordingly, to request that you will be good enough to bring the matter before your Council for re-consideration with a view to the omission of the Clause in question from the proposed Scheme."

The Secretary stated that in reply to this letter it had been pointed out that next meeting of the County Council would not be held until 14th April, and as it had been decided that application forms should be received by that date, it was regretted that if the circulation of the Scheme was deferred until after next meeting of the Council, it would be too late to be of any value to prospective applicants.

In reply to the Secretary's letter the following under date 3rd April, 1930, was read from the Office of National Education:-

"With reference to previous correspondence regarding the above, I am directed to inform you that in the circumstances as set forth in your letter of the 28th ultimo, the Scheme is approved for the current year. It is assumed that the amendments indicated in our letter of the 1st February last have been adopted with the exception of that relating to Pupil Teachers and Preparatory College students. Should any case arise under this clause it will be open to consideration by this Department."

Application was received from Mr William McDonald, Kilmuck-



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ridge, Gorey, for Secondary School Scholarship. His father and mother were both National Teachers engaged at Kilmuckridge School. Mr McDonald, senior, wrote he believed that he was in need of assistance owing to the fact that he was obliged to keep his father, and that Mrs McDonald had both her mother and her sister on her pension list. The expense of this, taken together with the upkeep of a family of seven, all under fifteen, left in his opinion, the case a clear one for need of help.

The Committee decided that it should be pointed out to Mr McDonald that <sup>a former</sup> ~~former~~ application on behalf of one of his children had been refused and the Committee saw no reason why it should alter the decision thus arrived at, as to his eligibility to participate in the Scheme.

Gorey-Courtown and Wexford-Rosslare Roads.

Under date 28th March, 1930, the Manager, National Bank, Wexford, wrote that his directors had sanctioned the loans of £6,000 and £2,000 for the repairs of Gorey-Courtown and Wexford-Rosslare Roads respectively. He was directed, however, to point out that the present liabilities of the Council were at such a high figure that it was with considerable hesitation the Board found themselves able to authorise these additional loans and they were doing so only on the distinct understanding that the instalments of interest on all Loan accounts were regularly and punctually provided for.

It was decided that the County Surveyor issue advertisements in connection with repair of Courtown Road, tenders to be considered by the Roads Committee on 28th April.

Road Improvement Grant.

Under date 1st March, 1930, the Local Government Department (Roads) wrote (SGG/201) that £9,729 had been provisionally allocated to the Council under the Road Improvement Grant. The main road improvements were as follows:-

Gorey-Arklow Road, T.7, Index No.1 between	
Inch Creamery and Ballylarkin, rolling and	£.
spraying.....	1,600



Gorey-Enniscorthy, T.7, Index Nos. 6 and 7	£
streets of Ferns, bitumen grout.....	2,300
Wexford-New Ross, T.12, Index No.20 between Knockeen and Tomcoole Cross Roads, rolling and spraying.....	3,300
Wexford-New Ross Road, T.12, Index No.22 between Ballinaboola and Cushinstown (Roll and Tar).....	2,529
Total	£9, 729

The conditions governing the purchase of tar, bitumen and payments of grant etc were set out in detail in the Local Government Department's communication.

#### Increments of Officers.

Under date 31st March, 1930, (G.18360/1930 Se. Loch Garman) the Local Government Department wrote sanctioning the placing of Mr Cadogan and Misses Frizelle and Norton on the incremental scales proposed by the Council, subject to the annual increment in each case being conditional on a written certificate signed by County Secretary or County Surveyor as the case might require that the services of the officers have been in all respects satisfactory.

#### Harbour House, Courtown Harbour.

The following letter under date 25th March, 1930, was read from Messrs Huggard, Brennan and Godfrey, Solicitors:-

"Mrs Sarah F. Williams, Harbour House, Courtown Harbour, has consulted us with reference to the notice served on her, calling upon her to remove the structure, which she has built at Courtown Harbour.

The Notice is apparently served under 14 & 15 Vic., Cap 92, Sub-Section 2. We do not wish to raise any controversy at the moment as to whether the structure erected comes within this Section or not.

The Wall was formerly ~~an~~ part of the public road and this wall has been taken down and a galvanized shed erected in the yard for the purpose of a garage for motor cars.



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The Galvanized shed is a lighter structure, as a matter of fact lighter than the wall was, and under no conceivable circumstances could it do any damage to the road.

The two half doors at present open out, but if this is thought to be an objection, the doors will be made to open in.

At the time Mrs Williams was erecting this Garage, she had no idea that she was offending against any regulations, although building in where she did. Had she known that the Consent of the County Council was necessary, she would not have attempted to build before applying for same.

Mrs Williams keeps a lodging house in Courtown Harbour and with the development of the times it is absolutely necessary that a person in this business, if they are to maintain their business, must have a Garage for the purpose of keeping the cars of their guests.

Under all the circumstances connected with the case, we shall be much obliged if the Council would reconsider their decision in this matter and allow Mrs Williams to retain the present structure."

After discussion the following resolution was adopted :

"The Finance Committee see no reason why they should recommend the Council to reconsider the decision in connection with removal of garage of Mrs Williams at Courtown Harbour."

Food and Drugs Act.

It was decided to issue authorisation to Sgt. C. O'Driscoll, ex officio Food and Drugs Act Inspector, for the purchase of two gross of Butter jars at £1: 6: 0: per gross, to be used in connection with the submission of samples to the County Analyst.

Substitute to Veterinary Inspector.

Under date 31st March, 1930, the Department of Agriculture wrote (L.1112/30) approving of the appointment of Mr P.T. Flynn M.R.C.V.S. as substitute for Mr Mernagh M.R.C.V.S. Gorey, during the absence of the latter from the 1st to the 14th April.



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Proposed by Mr. Corish, seconded by Mr. Cummins and adopted:-

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 10th April, 1930, be received and considered."

Road Improvement Grant.:-

Mr. D'Arcy mentioned that in his opinion £1600 was an extravagant sum to spend on the half mile of road between Inch Creamery and Ballylarkin. This road had been bottomed some time ago.

It was decided that the matter be referred to the next meeting of Roads' Committee.

Garage at Courtown

Mr. Keegan proposed that:- "We disagree with the recommendation of Finance Committee as regards the removal of garage of Mrs Williams, Courtown Harbour, and inform her that if she be prepared to alter the doors of the garage to the satisfaction of the County Surveyor, the County Council will raise no further objection in <sup>the</sup> matter. "

Mr. Clince seconded.

Mr. O'Byrne pointed out that he did not agree with the statement that Mrs Williams did not know she was offending against regulations when she erected the garage as it stood at present, because it was not the first time these people erected structures to which the County Council were compelled to raise objections.

After further discussion a show of hands was taken on Mr. Keegan's proposal with the result that six voted in favour and two against. The other members present did not vote.

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed, and Mr. Clince seconded, the following resolution:-

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 10th April except in so far as same have been altered by



resolution adopted at this meeting be and are hereby confirmed!"

Roads Committee Minutes:-

The Minutes of Roads' Committee in respect of meeting held on 24th March, 1930, were submitted as follows:-

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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL.

The monthly meeting of the Roads' Committee was held in County Council Chamber, Wexford, on 24th March, 1930.

Present:- Mr. Michael Doyle (Chairman) presiding; also- Colonel Quin, Colonel Gibbon, Messrs Sean O'Byrne, Myles Smyth, James Hall, W.P. Keegan, James Shannon, John J. Colloton, Patrick Hayes, Patrick Colfer, T.F. D'Arcy, R. Corish, and T. McCarthy.

The Assistant Secretary, the County Surveyor, the six Assistant Surveyors and Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, were also in attendance.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF VOTE OF CONDOLENCE.

It was decided that the following letter from Lady Fitzgerald, Johnstown Castle, Wexford, under date 5th March, 1930, be inserted in the minutes of the day's meeting:-

"Major Lakin and myself feel very grateful to the Members of the Roads' Committee, and to those of the County Committee of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for the kind votes of condolence they have passed with us in our great bereavement. We also greatly appreciate and are much touched by the tributes paid to Mrs Lakin's memory. We feel we can never forget all the sympathy that has been shown to us, in our hour of trial. I wish to thank you for your sympathy too."

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

The following report from the County Surveyor was read:-

"The matter of haulage agreements was under discussion at Gorey Tenders Committee meeting, and will be fully dealt with under item three of Agenda.

"In connection with haulage I beg to state that I have invited Tenders for the haulage of material for the Grant Work on the Rosslare Road, and I also have got offers for haulage of screenings from Ballybrennan Quarry to the Camblin Road job. I have accepted offer for Rosslare Road, but await your instructions regarding the other job.



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I have arranged for Tandem Rollers, and for purchase of mixer for the Rosslare Road work. During the week I had a big blast at Kerlogue Quarry after having the Compressor plant working there for some time, and will now at once arrange to start breaking, and hauling out the material.

In connection with item four on Agenda (Coast Erosion) I beg to state that I have furnished reports as required to the Secretary of the County Council.

I have examined Plans and Estimates submitted by the Railway Company in regard to the extra cost of the Overline Bridges, and am satisfied that the amount asked for is proportionate to the increased strengths of the bridges.

At the Finance Meeting on the 13th instant I certified payment on account to the Contractor for the Ferrycarrig-Wexford Road reconstruction. In making out my certificate I took note of the Penalty Clause, and held back a sum to cover the full time between the specified date of completion, and the date of the Finance meeting, and I have notified the Contractor as to how my figures were arrived at. The slab is now completed the whole way from Auburn Terrace, Wexford, to the Railway Bridge at Newtown, and half the slab between Newtown Bridge and Ferrycarrig is also complete. There must be some delay before traffic can be put on this half slab. The laying of the other half of the slab will be deferred. The carrying out of the side work is now also nearly completed so that we may look forward to having this job finished within a few weeks from now. There is a question which comes up on item five of the Agenda in regard to the time limit for expenditure.

I understand that the Local Government has sanctioned the borrowing of the money for the Gorey-Courtown Road, and if the work is to be put in hands this year it will be necessary to acquire by hire agreement, purchase, or otherwise, a tandem roller and Concrete mixer. I have been in communication with a couple



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of firms in regard to these, and shall submit particulars to the meeting.

Mr McNeill, Board of Works Engineer, has arranged to visit Kilmore Harbour with me on Friday next, 28th instant, and I have notified the local Committee.

Mr Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, reports to me that the work promised by the local residents on Copper Lane, Ballyeden, has been carried out. The County Council may now finally approve of this work going on, but it will not be possible to put the work in hands for some time, as arrangements for material and finances must be settled beforehand. The work, however, can certainly be completed by next Winter.

As directed by the County Council I have had formal notice served on the owner of the garage at Courtown Harbour to remove same, and in default I shall put the matter in the hands of the Solicitor.

As directed by the Council I furnished complete memo regarding the destruction of Insurance stamps and cards in my Office to the five T.D.'s for the County, and asked them to arrange for deputation to be received by the Ministry of Industry and Commerce. I have now heard from the Mayor that an appointment has been made for Thursday next, 27th instant, and shall attend with Mr Radford.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman:-

"That the report of the County Surveyor submitted to this meeting be received and considered."

Tenders for Haulage.

In connection with the reference in County Surveyor's Report to Haulage agreements, the following extract from Minutes of Gorey Tenders Committee was considered:-

"Mr Keegan stated he wished to protest against tenders for haulage not being brought before the Tenders Committee Meeting the same as last year. Owing to the small number of roads up for ten-



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der the tenders for haulage could easily have been dealt with at the present meeting. The Council decided last year by resolution that such tenders should be accepted by the Tenders Committee meeting, and as this resolution had not been rescinded he could not understand why haulage work had been given away without meeting being consulted.

Mr Smyth stated there was "War" in his district through haulage tenders being accepted by road officials and a number of haulers in his area knew nothing whatever about the tenders until too late.

The Chairman stated that the functions of the Tenders Committee at their meeting were limited to the acceptance of tenders for ordinary road maintenance. He directed that a note be taken of the point raised by Messrs Keegan and Smyth and that the matter be brought before the County Council.

The County Surveyor stated he understood that last year's procedure regarding the acceptance of haulage tenders referred only to that particular year, after which they were to revert to the old procedure. He did not believe that the resolution of the Council rendered it necessary to have the haulage tenders submitted each year to meeting of Tenders Committee.

It was decided that the matter be referred to the County Council."

Report as follows from Mr Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, to the County Surveyor, was also read:-

"Yours of 10th instant re above which would have been replied to sooner but for delay in locating where haulage notices posted in my area.

The system adopted was same as in previous years, namely, posting up in prominent places notices inviting proposals for hauling. Copies of such notices enclosed herewith.

I received applications for the work up to 22nd February being a fortnight from date when notices posted. Offers were gone into by me 25th February and those who gave lowest rate notified 27th February.



Notices were posted up in places as follows:-

Sect 1. Wicklow Gap Cross Roads. Ballyfad Church Gate, Kilanerin Church Gate.

" 2. Castletown Church and Tarahill School.

" 3. Monaseed Church, Loggan Cross Roads, Wicklow Gap and Hollyfort Forge.

" 4. Tubberduff Railway Bridge, Kilmurry Cross Roads, Kilanerin, Gorey Town, hauliers personally informed by Ganger.

" 7. Ballyduff Chapel, Camolin Church and Monasootha.

" 8. Ballycanew Church, Riverchapel and Ballyoughter.

" 15. Killenagh Cross Roads, Kilmuckridge, Ballinaganny Cross Roads, Riverchapel Church Wall.

A number have signed agreements for the work, about 49, leaving 12 yet to be signed.

As instructed by you in your letter of 14th instant I have to-day noticed all hauliers whose offers were accepted not to proceed with work until after 24th instant. I may, however, point out that I am aware that at least four hauliers were at work since 1st March when agreements signed."

Mr Smyth said there was great dissatisfaction in Gorey over the haulage having been arranged and owing to the fact that a number of carters were not aware that tenders for the work were being sought.

Mr Keegan stated he had no complaint to make about the persons selected for carting, his objection being that, as long as the resolution remained on the books that tenders for cartage were to be considered by the Councillors for each Electoral Area, such procedure should have been adopted. He further considered that an advertisement should have been inserted in the local papers asking for tenders. He would like to know the annual amount paid for cartage in Gorey Area.

Mr Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, stated that the approximate amount paid for cartage for fourth-class roads was £200.

The resolution adopted by the County Council regarding accept-



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ance of haulage tenders having been referred to, the County Surveyor stated he was under the impression that the resolution referred to applied only to one year.

Mr O'Byrne considered that attention should be called to the fact that a mistake had been made and instructions should be given that in future the resolution on the books of the Council should be carried into effect regarding haulage tenders. It would be advisable that those provisionally accepted by the Assistant Surveyor should be confirmed.

Messrs Colloton and McCarthy agreed.

Colonel Quin then proposed:-

"That tenders for haulage provisionally accepted by Assistant Surveyor, be confirmed, and that, in future, the Council insist on such tenders being brought before the meeting of the Councillors for the Electoral Area. That the County Surveyor be instructed to exercise more care in dealing with such matters in future."

Mr O'Byrne seconded.

Mr Hall said he entirely disagreed with such a resolution. Two wrongs would not make a right. He considered that the tenders provisionally accepted by the road officials should not be confirmed, and that advertisement for new tenders should issue.

In reply to a query the County Surveyor stated he did not sign any of the agreements. Four of the hauliers, however, had already started work.

The Chairman having asked Mr Elgee, Solicitor, for his opinion, the latter stated that the fact that hauliers had already started work under the agreements was tantamount to acceptance of their tenders. In the other cases, as the agreements had not been signed by the County Surveyor he did not consider them binding on the Council. The resolution on the books rendered it necessary that haulage tenders should be approved by the Councillors for each Electoral Area.

Mr Hall asked who were the four men who had started work.

Mr Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, said that the two who resided



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in Gorey town were Kinsella and Walker. He believed the names of the two men in the rural area to be Dwyer and Doyle. As he was speaking from memory he would not be certain that these were the names of the two men.

Mr Treanor having mentioned that Ganger had notified carters to submit tenders, Mr Hall said he disapproved of this altogether.

On a show of hands Colonel Quin's motion was defeated, five being in favour of the motion and six against.

The Chairman proposed and Colonel Gibbon seconded:-

"That the further consideration of the question be adjourned to the meeting of the County Council and that, in the meantime, haulage work be suspended."

The County Surveyor stated that Mr Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, called his attention to the fact that it would be necessary to begin getting out screenings for spring work immediately. Such work could not be held up. He (County Surveyor) would further point out that this was the period when sea gravel was most readily available for carting.

Mr Hall proposed and Mr D'Arcy seconded:-

"That carters, whose tenders were provisionally accepted, be notified that these tenders had not been confirmed. That a report of the matter be submitted to next meeting of the County Council, with a recommendation from this Committee that the work be re-advertised."

This proposal on being put to the meeting was defeated on a show of hands, five voting in favour and seven against.

A suggestion was also considered as to the advisability of submitting for approval to a meeting of the Councillors for the Gorey Electoral Area the tenders which had been provisionally accepted.

Mr Hall stated he strongly objected to such a course being taken.

After a lengthened discussion, the remaining motion not *being* dealt with it was decided to advertise for tenders for haulage,



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tenders to be considered by Councillors for Gorey Electoral Area at meeting on 3rd April, 1930, in Gorey Courthouse at 10 a.m.

The County Surveyor stated that, in view of the point having been raised about Haulage Tenders at Gorey Tenders Meeting, he notified the Assistant Surveyors for the other areas to cancel any arrangements they had made regarding acceptance of haulage tenders, and it would consequently be necessary to fix dates for meetings of Tenders Committees for three areas.

The following dates were decided on:-

Enniscorthy- Tuesday, 1st April, 1930.

Wexford- Thursday, 3rd April, 1930.

New Ross- Friday, 4th April, 1930.

Mr Hayes stated he disapproved entirely of the present method of dealing with haulage work. He considered that, by accepting the lowest tenders for this work, the most deserving carters were very often not employed. He thought the Council should fix a rate per yard mile for cartage so that the Council would be in a position to give work to the most deserving cases.

Mr Shannon stated he intended to give notice of motion for consideration at next meeting of the County Council that resolution of the Council, deciding that haulage of road material by horse (per yard mile) be done by tender be rescinded, and that the Council fix a rate for haulage per yard mile. That the haulage be allocated to the hauliers most in need of employment.

#### Opening of Ferrycarrig-Wexford Road.

The County Surveyor, in reply to queries, stated that section of road recently concreted between New Bridge and Farnogue could be opened for traffic on 31st March, and the section between Park Cross and Ferrycarrig Railway Bridge by the middle of April. By that date the half-width of concrete between Ferrycarrig Bridge and Ferrycarrig Railway Bridge would be ready for traffic.



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In reply to Colonel Quin, the County Surveyor stated the contract did not cover the concreting of stretch of road on Enniscorthy side of Ferrycarrig Bridge to join up with the end of the concreted stretch of road immediately beyond Ferrycarrig Castle.

Haulage of screenings from Ballybrennan Quarry.

It was decided that the County Surveyor advertise for offers for this work.

Coast Erosion.

In connection with reference in County Surveyor's Report to correspondence re Coast Erosion the following letter, under date 12th March, 1930, was read from the Secretary, Coast Erosion Committee:-

"I am directed by the Committee on Coast Erosion to refer to the erosion which has recently taken place at Rosslare and at Courtown, both in the County Wexford.

(1) Rosslare. The enclosed copy of a letter which has been sent to the Rosslare Tourist Development Association is forwarded for your Council's information, My Committee are desirous of obtaining the fullest evidence as to this case, which appears to be one of importance; and they would be very glad to be informed whether your Council accepts the views put forward in Mr. Delap's report of 20th January as to the cause of the damage to the County road and the remedial measures which should be taken, and whether the Council proposes to carry out those or other remedial measures.

(2) Courtown. My Committee understand that Courtown Harbour is vested in and maintained by the County Council, but they have no exact knowledge as to the persons responsible for the coast protection works which have been carried out to the north of the harbour, nor as to the recent damage which has taken place, the further damage to be apprehended, or the remedial measures which



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are suggested. If the matter is one for your Council, my Committee would be glad to have from you an accurate statement of the facts together with a copy of the report of any engineer who has advised your Council upon the case. If your Council is not the authority, perhaps you can inform me who is."

The following is copy of letter, referred to in foregoing communication, sent by the Coast Erosion Committee to the Rosslare Tourist Development Association:-

"The Coast Erosion Committee has considered the report dated the 20th January, which was furnished to your Association by Mr A.D. Delap, M.Inst., C.E., regarding the extent of the erosion at Rosslare caused by recent gales and the measures which in his opinion are necessary to counteract the danger of further erosion, and with a view to the further consideration of the case the Committee would be glad to have some additional evidence which it may be within the power of your Association to supply.

(a) Mr Delap's report makes it clear that the County road has been injured, and his opinion is that the road must be either abandoned or shifted to a position further inland; he points out that this is a matter which concerns the County Council, and my Committee are writing to ask the County Council what measures they propose to take.

(b) The report also describes the washing away of Rosslare Point and of the northern  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles of the long spit of sand which formerly terminated in the Point, and expresses the opinion that nothing can be done at present to restore this spit.

(c) But in the third place, the report describes the lowering of the beach at Rosslare and suggests the construction of groynes to restore and protect it. The rough preliminary estimate given for this work is £1,500 to start with, followed by an annual expenditure of £500.

My Committee would be glad to be informed what the property is which these works are intended to protect, with some rough estimate of its value; who its owners are; whether they or most of them are convinced that these works are necessary; and whether



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they are ready to pay for them, supposing a suitable authority exists or can be established which will undertake the work.

A Copy of this letter is being sent to the Wexford County Council."

Under date 13th March, 1930, the Secretary, Rosslare Tourist and Development Association forwarded the following copy of letter under date 3rd March, 1930, received by Senator Kathleen A. Browne, from the Coast Erosion Committee:-

"I am directed by the Committee on Coast Erosion to refer to the letter to the President of the Executive Council, dated 20th February, and signed by yourself and Deputies Michael Jordan and Grattan Esmonde on the subject of the Coast erosion at Rosslare and at Courtown Harbour, Co. Wexford. The letter was referred by the President to the Coast Erosion Committee. In that letter you request that an inspection should be made of Rosslare and of Courtown Harbour by the Committee.

The Committee were not appointed for the purpose of making on their own account engineering investigations; their function is to take evidence as to cases of coast erosion and to report upon the facts. Accordingly, they have decided that they will only inspect where an inspection may enable them to understand more fully and clearly engineering evidence which has been laid before them.

In the case of Courtown Harbour no engineering evidence has been put before the Committee by the Wexford County Council as to the extent and nature of the erosion proceeding or as to the measures which should be taken to counteract it. In the case of Rosslare the Committee have been favoured by the Rosslare Tourist and Development Association with a copy of Mr Delap's report of the 20th January. In both cases, however, the Committee require further evidence before they can come to any conclusion, and they are about to ask the Wexford County Council and the Rosslare Association to give such evidence."

The following reports submitted by the County Surveyor to



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the Coast Erosion Committee were read:-

"As directed by the County Council I have made further inspection of the Coast Road at Rosslare, and submit report.

I find that the breaches in the road are extending, and now there is a continuous length of roadway fallen. I have had to put back the post and wire fence with consequent narrowing of the travelling surface. At any time there may be a breach which will carry the road away entirely, and prevent thro' traffic. It is therefore absolutely necessary that immediate steps be taken unless the County Council decide to abandon the road. In the meanwhile, pending the complete destruction of the road, which we are not allowed to close, the Public has a right-of-way over it, and the County Council may be held liable under Third Party Claims. This point should be referred to the County Solicitor for his opinion.

To the Southward of the road the coast is now being eroded, and the marl banks are slipping. This will tend to further endanger the road.

Years ago the slope between the road and the shore was fairly even, and covered with vegetation, and its toe was protected by the raised beach. Surface drainage from the road, which is of small area, had little, or no injurious action. The normal rainfall on the bank itself was also negligible at this time, but circumstances have altered considerably during recent years. The raised beach protecting the toe of slope has been eroded, with the result that the marl bank has been undercut, allowing the bottom to fall away. Lack of support at the foot has been followed by the slip of sections of the bank above, and step by step this slide has worked from bottom to top. Now, under these circumstances, road drainage and surface rainfall have had most injurious effect. The water has penetrated the slope through numerous cracks, and making its way down has disintegrated the whole bank.

The beach at this place, in my opinion, was very little affected by the annual removal of gravel, and sand for use on roads, farm lanes and new buildings. The materials carted away would in



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the ordinary course of tidal action have passed northward, being replaced by stuff from the South. One thousand cubic yards of materials removed from a stable beach equal in area to that opposite the road would not lower the surface by one inch. The travel of shingle is usually from South to North, and such material if allowed to travel would be spread over an enormously greater area, and its distribution could not be measured. This removal of material at one place is merely a reduction by an unappreciable quantity in the amount carried northwards, and spread over a wide area. There is a constant change in the substance of the beach - what comes in today passes northward to-morrow. Of course, if the supply from the South is not maintained, and the local stuff passes on Northwards then there must be a gradual wasting. This, in my view, is what has happened at Rosslare. At the land end of the approach viaduct to Rosslare Pier there has been, within my own knowledge, a very large deposit of shingle, and the wastage at Rosslare Strand is not made good by that amount. The long continued Southerly gales this Winter have eaten away the beach at the Strand to an alarming degree. There has been no temporary southerly movement of shingle, and an insufficient replacement of material from the South - the result is obvious. At present there is no reserve bank of shingle for the tide to work on.

A couple of years ago I suggested putting in a few trial groynes to hold the shingle, and make up the beach. Now, after full consideration, I am of the opinion that the erection of a number of concrete groynes on a length of about 550 Lineal Yards of beach will prevent further erosion. These groynes are simple in construction and easily erected. The groynes must be very carefully laid out in line and level, and altered as observation shall indicate. The whole process must be tentative. It must be understood that if the beach is to be made up every cubic yard of material counts, and removal of shingle at the groynes, or in their immediate neighbourhood must be stopped. As I expect the groynes to stop the northward travel of shingle it is of vital importance to note their influence on the beach at the Strand, and not cause increased damage there.



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The making up of the beach at an isolated section will no doubt temporarily starve the sections to the northward, but once this section is restored the future travel of shingle will be restored to normal.

When a proper beach has been made up below the road it will then be necessary to make good the slope, and set back the road. Heavy concrete retaining walls might no doubt hold the bank, but this method would be very expensive, and altogether unsatisfactory, and probably very costly to maintain. Protection to toe of slope, either by a new raised beach or by concrete retaining wall is essential before any other work should be undertaken. I estimate further cost of making good the bank and road, when a sufficient beach is formed, at £450.

I must point out that Coast Protection Work is such that no Engineer can give any guarantee of its stability. Moreover interference with tidal action in one place may have far-reaching results miles away. Taking the entire foreshore of Rosslare Bay as a whole I believe protective and restorative works should be undertaken simultaneously, and should be a National charge and responsibility. "

EXTRACT FROM MINUTES OF COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 9TH  
DECEMBER, 1929.

COURTOWN HARBOUR DAMAGE.

"The following, under date 7th December, 1929, was read from the County Surveyor:-

'On Thursday last, 5th December, 1929, it was reported to me that there was a large breach in the protection works, carried out some time ago at Courtown Harbour between inner basin and the open sea. On Thursday afternoon, in company with Mr Treanor and the Harbour-master I made as full an inspection as possible in view of the high tide and the waves at the time. A length of the concreting retaining wall and bank behind has been carried away, but owing to the protective effect of the heavy concrete blocks on the shore, the damage is not as considerable as would



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otherwise have taken place. The portion of the fallen wall, which is in large slabs and blocks, is such as to ~~assist~~ in protecting the bank temporarily, but it will be necessary, when the weather permits, to carry out extensive repairs. I observed the action of the large blocks myself in protecting the shore, and I am thoroughly satisfied that this system is effective. In some places which are endangered, I recommend that some further blocks be placed later on, and at the beach itself a wall must be built and some extra heavy blocks placed on the foreshore in front. The north end of the protected shore beyond the stone bridge over the river has not been in any way injured, and the concrete blocks here have been quite sufficient. I estimate for restoring the wall and bank and placing a number of extra large blocks on the foreshore the cost will be in or about £450, and I shall bring forward this item when dealing with the Public Works' estimate."

'In reply to a query, the County Surveyor said the original work at the place cost £3,000, of which the Department put up £2,000 and the Council £1,000. He thought they should try to get a portion of the money now required or all if possible. They would have to expend the money as soon as possible to guard against further damage. He had been afraid that with the high tide on Thursday night of last week, if there had been a high sea, the damage might have gone further, but he had not heard that there had been further damage.

'Colonel Quin proposed that they should apply to the Department of Fisheries for the full amount required for the work.

'Mr O'Byrne seconded the resolution which was adopted without dissent."

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EXTRACT FROM COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT TO ROADS COMMITTEE AT MEETING HELD ON 24TH FEBRUARY, 1930.

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"On the 20th instant I made an inspection of Courtown Harbour, I had already reported on the damage done by the Autumn and Winter Storms, and I now beg to report further that the large concrete blocks which at that time were completely stripped are now being recovered with sand. The concrete breast wall to the



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slope has fallen away for a considerable length, but as it was never intended to withstand the full force of the sea it is not at all surprising that it has given way. I am quite satisfied that the system of concrete blocks is the correct method of dealing with Courtown Harbour, and you have already provided for carrying out some further work of this sort at the breast wall, but in doing this work I shall make some alteration in the design so that it may be better resisting in future storms. The work formerly carried out no doubt saved Courtown serious injury."

Colonel Gibbon stated he did not consider the reports of the County Surveyor were what the Coast Erosion Committee required. He considered the County Surveyor did not give sufficient technical details to the Committee, to enable them to deal with the matter. The County Surveyor should prepare definite plans with charts and sections so that the Erosion Committee could clearly understand the exact position at Rosslare. He should also state how many groynes he proposed to erect and submit as many details as possible.

Mr Corish said he entirely disagreed with Colonel Gibbon. He thought the County Surveyor's report was a splendid one and did him credit. He (Mr Corish) did not think it was the County Surveyor's duty to prepare these maps and charts, and to expect him to do this in addition to his ordinary work as County Surveyor was he (Mr Corish) submitted, unreasonable.

Colonel Gibbon stated that his suggestion could be carried out by the County Surveyor in a few days and he did not require that the County Surveyor should be dead accurate in the preparation of the plans and charts, so long as he prepared them in sufficient detail to enable the Erosion Committee to understand the exact position.

Colonel Quin concurred.

The County Surveyor stated he would not submit inaccurate plans or charts to the Erosion Committee.

Mr Corish agreed that it would be unfair to expect the County Surveyor to



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Surveyor to fall in with the suggestion of Colonel Gibbon as, if any particulars he furnished were found to be inaccurate, it would place the County Surveyor in the position of not having any of his evidence believed.

The Chairman pointed out that he considered they were discussing to a great extent a matter which did not affect the County Council at all. The prevention of erosion at Rosslare was not a matter for the County Council. The only duty they had to deal with was the protection of the road which was being injured from erosion. He thought they should deal only with this point. The County Surveyor's report had already been furnished to the Coast Erosion Committee and, until that Committee notified the Council that they wanted further technical details, he was of opinion that the Council should approve of the County Surveyor's report regarding the proposals for the protection of the road.

Colonel Gibbon proposed:-

"That the County Surveyor prepare map showing present state of the road as compared with its previous position; also, section showing the number of groynes and position thereof duly marked."

This proposal was seconded by Colonel Quin and adopted.

Mr Corish stated that, with Mr Allen, T.D., he interviewed the Minister for Fisheries regarding grant for protection work at Courtown. He had <sup>been</sup> unable to secure the promise of a Government Grant.

As regards Coast Protection work at Courtown the County Surveyor, in reply to Mr Keegan, stated he proposed putting in a further number of heavy concrete blocks. As regards the concrete wall which had collapsed the parts of this in its present position acted in support of the large blocks as a breakwater and he proposed making good the wall also. This latter work, however, would be carried out in a different manner to the former wall. It should be remembered that the wall had not been put there with the idea of withstanding the full force of storms. He proposed putting in heavy sloping blocks which if undermined would not



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overturn, but would simply slip down, to a deeper foundation and repair would merely entail raising parapet on top.

In reply to Mr Keegan, the County Surveyor stated it was his intention to proceed with work of restoring wall before next winter.

#### Overline Bridges.

In reference to County Surveyor's approval of amount charged for extra cost of Overline bridges, it was decided to agree to the amount applied for by Great Southern Railways Company in respect of Chapel and Palace East Bridges, viz, £38: 7: 6: in each case.

#### Gorey-Courtown Road.

In connection, with reference in report of County Surveyor, to re-construction of Gorey-Courtown Road, the following letter, under date 15th March, 1930, (No.S.12606/30, Loch Garman, (pg) ) was read from the Local Government Department:-

"With reference to previous correspondence regarding the improvement of the Gorey-Courtown road, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he has sanctioned the proposal of the Wexford County Council to raise a loan of £6,000 for the carrying out of the work; the loan to be obtained from the National Bank, Ltd., and to be repayable within a period of ten years with interest at the rate of one half per cent under Irish Banks Discount Rate (varying) subject to a minimum of four per cent.

A signed duplicate of sanction is enclosed for the information of the Council's Treasurer."

The Assistant Secretary stated that notification had not yet been received from the Bank that the <sup>loan</sup> applied for would be granted.

It was decided that on reply being received from the Bank agreeing to loan, preliminary arrangements for the work be left in the hands of the County Surveyor.

#### Kilmore Harbour.

The County Surveyor stated he had notified the local Coun-



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cillors of the proposed inspection at Kilmore Harbour by Mr McNeill, Board of Works Engineer, on 28th March, 1930.

Garage at Courtown.

County Surveyor's action regarding notification to owner re removal of garage at Courtown was approved.

Insurance Stamps.

Mr Shannon stated that Mr Matthew Ryan, Ballycourcy beg did not get back either his National Health or his Unemployment Insurance Card. These cards had been destroyed but he understood that new cards were to be stamped.

The County Surveyor stated he would look into the matter and notify Mr Shannon.

Road Fences.

Colonel Gibbon inquired who was responsible for the iron fences when erected for the easing of dangerous corners as he noticed that fence at Rathaspeck was rusting away.

The County Surveyor stated the County Council were responsible and he would have the matter attended to.

Mr D'Arcy asked the County Surveyor whether he considered iron or concrete fences the better.

The County Surveyor stated that undoubtedly concrete fences were better, but the iron fences were erected from old iron which he had in stock.

Dangerous Corners.

Members drew attention to dangerous corners in the following places:- Kilnamanagh, Craanford, Borleagh.

Mr Hayes mentioned the necessity for having danger posts erected on the Duncannon Line.

It was pointed out that the work of lowering corner and erecting standard and wire fence at Borleagh could not be carried out until after 1st April, 1930, as it was included in Road Works Scheme which did not come into operation until that date.

The County Surveyor stated he would attend to the other cases



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and have danger posts erected where necessary.

TENDERS COMMITTEE MEETINGS.

The following Minutes in respect of meeting of New Ross Tenders Committee, held on 7th March, 1930, were submitted and approved on the motion of Colonel Quin, seconded by Mr McCarthy:-

"A meeting of the Tenders Committee for New Ross Area was held in New Ross on Friday 7th March, 1930.

Present- Messrs John Cummins (presiding), and Thomas Cooney.

The County Surveyor, Mr Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor, and the Assistant Secretary were also in attendance.

The following tenders were accepted:-

Road No. 463 Amount allowed £13 per annum. Denis Connors, Tomanine, Rathnure, Enniscorthy, at £13 per annum.

Road No. 464 Amount allowed £14 per annum. John O'Brien, Ballygiben, Rathnure, at £14 per annum.

Road No. 465 Amount allowed £10 per annum. John Hayden, Monamolin, Rathnure, at £10 per annum.

Road No. PT 471 Amount allowed £24 per annum. Daniel Moore, Killegney, Clonroche, at £23: 9: 6: per annum.

Road No. 577 Amount allowed £12 per annum. Richard McGrath, Knockroe, Palace East, at £12 per annum.

Road No. 579 Amount allowed £26 per annum. John Doran, Gobbinstown, Ballywilliam, at £24: 17: 6: per annum.

Road No. 598 Amount allowed £13 per annum. Patrick Nolan, Templenacrow, at £12: 9: 6: per annum.

Road No. 600 Amount allowed £35 per annum. William Rochford, Templenacrow, at £33: 14: 0: per annum.

Road No. 601 Amount allowed £9 per annum. William Rochford, Templenacrow, at £8: 15: 0: per annum.

Road No. 665 Amount allowed £13 per annum. John Brennan, Camblin, New Ross, at £11: 15: 0: per annum.

Road No. 667 Amount allowed £7 per annum. Michael Hanlon, Ballyverogue, Campile, at £6: 14: 0: per annum.



Road No. 687 Amount allowed £26 per annum. Thomas Cooney, Ballykelly, New Ross at £24: 9: 0: per annum.

Road No. 694 Amount allowed £18 per annum. Michael Hanlon, Ballyverogue, Campile, at £18 per annum.

Road No. 695 Amount allowed £11 per annum. William Power, Ballybrazil, Campile, at £11 per annum.

Road No. 696 Amount allowed £7 per annum. James McGrath, Dunbrody, Campile, at £7 per annum.

Road No. 699 Amount allowed £14 per annum. William Power, Ballybrazil, Campile, at £14 per annum.

Road No. 700 Amount allowed £10 per annum. Moses Brown, Garryduff, at £9 per annum.

Road No. 701 Amount allowed ~~£27~~ £27 per annum. William Power, Ballybrazil, Campile, at £27 per annum.

Road No. 720 Amount allowed £7 per annum. James Fortune, Tinacarrig, Foulksmills, at £6: 10: 0: per annum.

Road No. 726 Amount allowed £18 per annum. James Kinsella, Loughnageer, Foulksmills, at £16 per annum.

Road No. 745 Amount allowed £36 per annum. Patrick Kennedy, Ballyvergin, Foulksmills, at £36 per annum.

Road No. 799 Amount allowed £7 per annum. James McGrath, Dunbrody, Campile, at £7 per annum. (Old Contractor).

Road No. 802 Amount allowed £9 per annum. Patrick Power, Nook, Arthurstown, at £9 per annum.

Road No. 803 Amount allowed £19 per annum. Patrick Power, Nook, Arthurstown, at £19 per annum.

Road No. 806 Amount allowed £11 per annum. Patrick Keating, Nook, Arthurstown, at £11 per annum.

Road No. 807 Amount allowed £4 per annum. Patrick Keating, Nook, Arthurstown, at £4 per annum.

Road No. 808 Amount allowed £16 per annum. Patrick Keating, Nook, Arthurstown, at £16 per annum.

Road No. 826 Amount allowed £16 per annum. Joseph Hanlon, Loughnageer, Foulksmills, at £15 per annum.



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Road No. 827 Amount allowed £9 per annum. Joseph Hanlon, Loughnageer, Foulksmills, at £8 per annum.

Road No. 832 Amount allowed £15 per annum. Thomas Walsh, Clonmines, Wellington Bridge, at £14: 15: 0: per annum.

Road No. 833 Amount allowed £15 per annum. Thomas Walsh, Clonmines, Wellington Bridge, at £14: 15: 0: per annum.

Road No. 848 Amount allowed £5 per annum. John Murphy, Tallaught, Ballycullane, at £5 per annum.

Road No. 853 Amount allowed £17 per annum. Edward Mallon, Aldridge, at £15: 17: 6: per annum.

Road No. 873 Amount allowed £5 per annum. Thomas Orange, Conna, at £5 per annum.

The rejected tenders were as follows:-

Road No. 665 Amount allowed £13 per annum. Patrick Whitty, Camblin, New Ross, at £12: 14: 0: per annum.

Road No. 687 Amount allowed £26 per annum. James Cleary, Killowen, New Ross, at £24: 15: 0: per annum.

Road No. 720 Amount allowed £7 per annum. James Kinsella, Loughnageer, Foulksmills at £6: 5: 0: per annum.

Road No. 799 Amount allowed £7 per annum. Matthew Power, Horeswood, Campile, at £7 per annum.

Road No. 826 Amount allowed £16 per annum. Patrick Murphy, Ballybrack, Foulksmills, at £15: 14: 0: per annum.

Road No. 827 Amount allowed £9 per annum. Patrick Murphy, Ballybrack, Foulksmills at £8: 18: 0: per annum.

The following roads were untendered for:

Nos. 466, 473, 573, 574, 580, 661, 697, 725, 800, 801, and 875.

It was recommended that roads in these cases be given in charge of the County Surveyor for one year."

The following Minutes in respect of meeting of Gorey Tenders Committee, held on 8th March, 1930, were submitted and approved on the motion of Colonel Quin, seconded by Mr O'Byrne :

A meeting of the Tenders Committee for Gorey Area was held in Gorey on Saturday, 8th March, 1930.

Present- Colonel Quin, and Messrs W.P. Keegan, Timothy D'Arcy,



Sean O'Byrne, Myles Smyth, and James Hall.

The County Surveyor, Mr Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, and the Assistant Secretary were also in attendance.

On the motion of Mr D'Arcy, seconded by Mr Keegan the chair was taken by Colonel Quin.

Tenders for Haulage- Mr Keegan stated he wished to protest against tenders for haulage not being brought before the Tenders Committee meeting the same as last year. Owing to the small number of roads up for tender the tenders for haulage could easily have been dealt with at the present meeting. The Council decided last year by resolution that such tenders should be accepted by the Tenders Committee meeting, and, as this resolution had not been rescinded he could not understand why haulage work had been given away without meeting being consulted.

Mr Smyth stated there was "War" in his district through haulage tenders being accepted by road officials and a number of hauliers in his area knew nothing whatever about the tenders until too late.

The Chairman stated that the functions of the Tenders Committee at their meeting were limited to the acceptance of tenders for ordinary road maintenance. He directed that a note be taken of the point raised by Messrs Keegan and Smyth, and that the matter be brought before the County Council.

The County Surveyor stated he understood that last year's procedure regarding the acceptance of haulage tenders referred only to that particular year, after which they were to revert to the old procedure. He did not believe that the resolution of the Council rendered it necessary to have the haulage tenders submitted each year to meeting of Tenders Committee.

It was decided that the matter be referred to the County Council.

The following tenders for road maintenance were accepted:-

Road No.101 Amount allowed £36 per annum. Thomas Jackson, Ballyellen, Inch, at £35 per annum.

Road No.125 Amount allowed £20 per annum. Philip Wadden,



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Ballinacoola, Gorey, at £20 per annum.

Road No.126 Amount allowed £22 per annum. John Ebbs, Ballin-  
garry, Gorey, at £21 per annum.

Road No.127 Amount allowed £33 per annum. Patrick Kinsella,  
Market Square, Gorey, at £31: 10: 0: per annum.

The rejected tenders were as follows:-

Road No.101 Amount allowed £36 per annum. Morgan McDonald,  
Scarnagh, Inch, at £36 per annum.

Road No.126 Amount allowed £22 per annum. Philip Wadden,  
Ballinacoola, at £22 per annum.

In reference to tender for Road No.101 Mr Morgan McDonald  
who tendered for this road at a higher figure than Mr Jackson  
stated he objected to Thomas Kinch, Gorey, as a surety for Mr Jack-  
son, as he believed he was not a sufficient surety for the amount  
of the bond viz., £70.

The meeting considered Mr Kinch a satisfactory surety for the  
amount.

Subsequently, however, Mr T. Kinch, senior, Ballyellen, Gorey,  
attended and stated as there was an objection raised to his son  
been accepted as surety he was prepared to sign the bond as sur-  
ety to Mr Jackson subject to the Committee's approval.

The meeting unanimously decided to accept Mr T. Kinch, senior,  
Ballyellen, as surety.

Mr McDonald objected on the grounds that the Committee had  
no power to agree to accept any surety but the person mentioned  
in the tender.

The Committee ruled against Mr McDonald.

With reference to the roads untendered for, it was agreed  
that they should be given in charge of the County Surveyor for one  
year. They were as follows:-

Nos.103, 108, 142, 1015, 1016.

Flooding at Ballywilliam.

The following report was received from Mr P. O'Neill,  
Assistant Surveyor, regarding complaint made at New Ross Tenders  
Committee meeting by Mr A. Ryan as to flooding at Ballywilliam.



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"As arranged at Tenders Committee meeting I met Mr Ryan on the evening of the 7th instant. The road complained of is not a County Road, but is a lane leading to a number of farmers' places. I pointed out to Mr Ryan that the County Council could not do anything with this lane unless taken over and that there was not much prospect of the like happening at the present time."

It was decided that Mr Ryan be informed that the County Council cannot incur any expenditure on the lane as it was not a County road.

Expenditure on Roads.

Under date 7th March, 1930, the following letter (No. SGF/201) was read from the Local Government Department (Roads):-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to refer to Circular Letter SGF/201 of May 1929 notifying the Improvement Grant for the year 1929/30 and to state that in view of the approaching end of the financial year, the special attention of the Council is called to paragraph No.5 of the conditions laid down therein fixing a time limit for the expenditure of the Grant."

Under date 12th March, 1930, the following letter was read from the County Surveyor; *Copy having been forwarded Local Government Department:-*

"I am in receipt of your letter of the 11th instant enclosing copy of letter from Local Government Department. In the first place I wish to point out that under the terms of the Specification approved by the Local Government (see Clause 11 General Conditions) it is provided that 30% of the value of the Contract should be held back for a period of three months from date of completion. Of course, if the work had been completed by the 1st December last a portion of this 30% could now be paid, but the Specification provides for the holding back of 10% for a period of one year from date of completion (see Clause 16), consequently, under no circumstances could the entire expenditure have been made within the current Financial Year.

The Local Government Department is fully conversant with all the circumstances of this Contract, and the delay, and I see nothing



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for it but to obtain an extension of time for making payment. Parts one and two, that is, from Wexford Urban Boundary to Newtown Railway Bridge are practically completed. The slab along the whole of these sections is finished, and now Contractor is finishing up the sides. On part three he has started work, and is now laying down the screeds, and doing other work in connection with same, and the job should be finished in a few weeks more.

Generally speaking as regards the actual work itself it is satisfactory though there are a few minor points to be made good.

#### Shoeing of horses for Traffic on Modern Roads.

Under date 12th March, 1930, the following letter (IR/124) was read from the Local Government Department:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to refer to the complaints which have been made from time to time, regarding the unsuitability of the modern road surface for horse traffic. It is unfortunately true that modern road surfaces do not afford as good a foothold for horses as did the old type macadam roads. Various expedients have been adopted by Road Engineers to diminish the danger to horse traffic while at the same time securing a road suitable for modern mechanically propelled vehicles. The polishing effect of motor traffic is well known.

The question has engaged the attention of this Department and the Department of Education (Technical Instruction Branch) with a view of seeing whether an improvement could not be effected in regard to the shoeing of horses. The method of shoeing horses generally in use at present is unsuited to modern conditions of road construction, and the solution of the problem of "slippery roads" for horse traffic, lies in the adoption of an improved method of shoeing. The method of shoeing which is recommended is explained in the accompanying memorandum. The Memorandum sets out the position fully and, as stated in the memorandum, those wishing further information should apply to the Secretary to the Local Technical Instruction Committee. If there is a sufficient demand demonstrations and lectures by a Farriery expert may be organised in the locality concerned.



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The Minister will supply further copies of the leaflet on request. Copies may also be procured from the Department of Education (Technical Instruction Branch), 64/65 Merrion Sq., S. Dublin, C.17."

On the motion of Mr Colloton seconded by Mr McCarthy, it was decided that memorandum referred to in foregoing letter from Local Government Department be forwarded to the County Committee of Agriculture.

Wexford-Rosslare Road.

The following letter, under date 6th March, 1930, (IR/107/1.) which accompanied Order authorising the closing of Wexford-Rosslare Road from 10th March, 1930, to 1st July, 1930, was read from the Local Government Department (Roads):-

"With reference to correspondence in the matter I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to enclose Order under section 29 of the Local Government Act, 1925, authorising the Wexford County Council to close to public traffic the Wexford-Rosslare Road for the period 10th instant to 1st July next. As some objection was made to the Council's application the Minister trusts that local traffic will be facilitated as far as possible, at users' risk of course, during the period of the Order."

The County Surveyor stated he would facilitate local traffic as much as possible.

Under date 15th March, 1930, the following letter (S.12606/30) Loch Garman (Pg) ) was read from the Local Government Department:

"With reference to previous correspondence regarding the improvement of the Wexford-Rosslare road, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he has sanctioned the proposal of the Wexford County Council to raise a loan of £2,000 for the carrying out of the work; the loan to be obtained from the Treasurer of the Council, the National Bank, Ltd., and to be repaid within a period of ten years with interest at the rate of one half per cent under Irish Banks Discount Rate



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(varying) subject to a minimum of four per cent.

A signed duplicate of sanction is enclosed for the information of the Council's Treasurer."

Enniscorthy Courthouse.

Notification was received from the Electricity Supply Board of the intention of the Board to attach small lines and fittings to Enniscorthy Courthouse.

The County Surveyor stated he had no objection.

Caretaking of New Ross Bridge.

The County Surveyor stated he had not received any tender for the caretaking of New Ross Bridge for the period from 1st April, 1930, to 31st March, 1931.

It was decided that arrangements for caretaking be placed in the hands of the County Surveyor, amount to be expended to be at a rate not exceeding £50 per annum.

Mr Corish stated he intended handing in notice of motion for consideration at next meeting of County Council that a permanent caretaker be appointed for New Ross Bridge.

Flooding of Lane at Baldwinstown.

The following letter under date 18th March, 1930, relative to flooding of lane, was read from Mr James Keating, Baldwinstown:

" I was compelled to make a complaint to you in November, 1928 about the state of my lane and entrance to lane being torn up and left in a very <sup>aw</sup>sorry condition owing to floods of water being turned by your men off the County roads and directed to flow over my lane which is not its course in any case. This flow of water has done very much damage since we are compelled to wade through water and mud to and from ~~my~~ farm; this is unbearable. I understand my letter of complaint came before your Council at that time with the result that one of your deputies Mr J. Kehoe, was sent to inspect the place complained of and also to interview me in connection with same. He, of course, saw what was required to have the place made right again; only a few pipes. However, he pointed out the bad financial position of the County Council at the time which I took into consideration and allowed



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it to stand until the following March which was March, 1929, when it was to be visited by a Committee and attended to and made right. Nothing has yet been come to stop this flooding and damage to my lane. If this matter does not receive immediate attention I will be compelled to take proceedings against your Council."

Mr Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor, said he would not recommend the County Council to do anything in the matter as they were not responsible.

It was decided to take no action in the matter.

Extension of Building adjoining Road at Ballyoughter.

The following application of Mr Peter Carter, Ballyoughter, Ballycanew, under date 18th March, 1930, was submitted:-

"I am thinking of putting a room to my dwelling house here at Ballyoughter and I consulted Mr Treanor, Gorey, about same, and he visited here last week, as it is on a straight stretch of road and will stand when finished inside the old fence, and it will be only 7ft high to Eaves, so he thinks it may be all right and told me to send on a sketch of the place, so I enclose a sketch herewith of the old dwellinghouse, with the room at end. The room is 15 ft wide at this place inside the grass margins, and the front wall of the dwelling house stands 37 feet from the centre of the road and the new room when built will be 17 feet from centre, but still will be inside of the old fence there and it is between 5 and 6 feet high, so the house being low won't obstruct the view when built as it will be only seven feet high to Eave and a round roof of iron. I shall be very grateful if you will put the matter through for me as soon as possible as I would like to start at it soon when I get your permission. Please let me know as soon as possible and oblige.

It was decided on the motion of Mr Keegan seconded by Mr O'Byrne, to make no order.

Colonel Quin dissented. He stated County Council could not allow extension of building required.



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Supply of Material- New Ross Urban Council.

The following letter, under date 21st March, 1930, was read from the Town Surveyor, New Ross :-

"My Council is about to carry out a Scheme of reconstruction of the New Ross Quay in reinforced concrete estimated to cost about £2,000, and I am directed to inquire if your County Council would undertake to supply a sufficient quantity of suitable aggregate, (i.e.,  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inch, 1 inch, &  $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch macadam) from your Quarries in this vicinity for this purpose and if so the price per ton ex quarry for same.

It is expected that about 500 tons of similar materials will also be required for the maintenance of Urban and Main roads (within the Urban District) during the current year as supplies are not now available from the Parnell Quarries which heretofore have supplied my Council with road materials."

The County Surveyor stated he would be able to supply the material.

It was decided on the motion of Mr Shannon, seconded by Mr O'Byrne, that the matter be left in the hands of the County Surveyor.

Wicklow Gap Quarry.

Mr D'Arcy raised the question of the advisability of working Wicklow Gap Quarry. He considered this quarry was worked out.

Mr Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, said he considered there was plenty of material to be got there yet; and in reply to Mr O'Byrne he stated the cost of obtaining such material was 3/- per cubic yard.

Reports of Sub-Committees.

Mr Hall inquired if there was any report from the Committee which inspected the crossings in Gorey.

The County Surveyor stated he understood Colonel Quin had notes of the recommendations of the Committee.

It was decided that report be submitted to next meeting.

It was also decided that Committee which inspected flooding at Killincooley report to next meeting.



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

"That the Minutes of Roads' Committee submitted in respect of meeting of 24th March, 1930, as submitted to this meeting be received and considered".

#### Improvement of Courtown Harbour

In reply to Mr. Keegan, the County Surveyor stated he thought he would be able to start the work of improvement in Courtown Harbour in May or June, but it was not possible to be more definite.

#### Overline Railway Bridges

Letter was read from the Great Southern Railways asking for a reply to their communication as to the decision of the Council on the general question of contributing to the additional cost of reconstruction of overline Bridges to meet conditions of modern traffic.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That as regards reconstruction of overline Railway Bridges the Great Southern Railways Company be informed the Council will consider each case as brought to their notice."

#### Kilmore Harbour

The following report was submitted by the County Surveyor:-

"On 28th March, 1930, Mr. McNeill, Board of Works Engineer, attended in my Office, Wexford, by appointment. We discussed my report on dredging work and examined Plan of Harbour with my soundings taken on 14th February. Mr. McNeill also had chart of Coast showing shoals and currents which was examined.

'We then went to Kilmore, where were present Colonel Gibbon and Messrs Culleton and Roche, M.C.C.'s, also Mr. Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor, Mr. Kehoe, Harbour Master and Mr. Furlong. The defects of the work were pointed out to Mr. McNeill who did not dispute the position of shoals or depths of soundings. He stated, in reply to Colonel Gibbon, that the Department gave no undertaking



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to carry out and complete any specific quantity of work; that such was never done. He said that the Department was informed that the material to be dredged consisted of fine sand and gravel, whereas, it was mainly of stones. The Co. Surveyor said the County Council was relying on previous work and reports by the Department. It was pointed out to Mr. McNeill that a second berth was to have been provided, whereas, a hard edge was left about halfway along which was dangerous to vessels. Mr. McNeill stated the money was exhausted, and no further work could be done. He stands over the log returns by the Captain of Dredger, and stated he has complete confidence in him, and always found him reliable. Regarding the quantity of stuff removed, he says that this cannot be calculated from the depth dredged as stuff is constantly running into the hole left by the bucket; that in Kilmore the sand worked down from the upper harbour, and of course entailed dredging of a much greater quantity than represented by depth only. This may apply as regards sand but the return states 6,600 tons of stones were removed which would represent a depth of about 4 feet over the whole area. There were 28 discharges of the hopper during the work, and taking the total quantity at 7,335 tons this represents an average of 269 tons. We were informed that the average was only 250 tons to allow a margin as the hopper is of 300 tons capacity.

'Mr. Furlong was of opinion that the stones in the harbour were worked in in front of the buckets. Mr. McNeill disputed this, and said that the apparent accumulation of stones along the face dredged was due to the sand covering the stones, which were already there, being washed down into the hole, and leaving the stones exposed.

'Mr. Roche drew attention to a shoal<sup>st</sup> stone close into the angle of Pier at outer berth. Mr. McNeill contends that from the nature of the currents, and bottom outside, that stone will



always come in in heavy weather, and that without heavy expense the Harbour cannot be made safe and free from shoaling.

'Mr. McNeill, Mr. Culleton and the County Surveyor examined the shore to West of breakwater on "Forlorn" Point, and observed that there was no accumulation of sand there bearing out Mr. McNeill's statement regarding the travel of sand being to the Westward from this point.

'Mr. McNeill contends that there were great difficulties in this work owing to exposure and nature of bottom; that the County Council is not charged for time in lifting the mooring chain, or other delays, and that the work was the best that could be done under the circumstances.

'It should be noted that the Department agreed to put up 50% of cost only on condition that they carried out the work themselves, and had full control. It appears now that though the work is admittedly unsatisfactory the Department holds the County Council liable for 50% of the cost.'

Colonel Gibbon - The main question I asked Mr. McNeill was when we discussed with him the question of putting up that extra £100 to finish the berth for the schooner, didn't they undertake to finish it, and he said he never undertook to finish it. I am convinced that he told us if we put up the £100 we would get that berth finished.

County Surveyor - I certainly thought so, too.

Colonel Gibbon - And that was not done.

Chairman - What's the condition of the harbour at present ?. Is it much improved as compared with before the expenditure of the money.

Mr. Roche said he asked Mr. McNeill's opinion, and he replied that he thought the harbour was about the same, or if anything probably a little worse. £590 was the expenditure. Mr. McNeill told him there was a lot of sand and stuff coming in, and when



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and when asked if there was any means of finding that out before they started he said there was not, as there was no provision for experimental work.

In reply to Mr. Roche, the County Surveyor said that the shoal at the mouth of the harbour undoubtedly was washed in.

Mr. Roche - But there is one inside that.

Chairman - Has that come in, or was it left there ?.

Mr. Roche - I am certain the second one could not have come in.

Mr. Corish - I don't think we ought to pay that money yet. I think we ought to have something more satisfactory from the Ministry before we pay because Mr. Roche says that Mr. McNeill admitted the place was not any better, if not worse, than before the dredger came there.

In the course of further discussion the County Surveyor said he considered he had no authority to order the Captain of the dredger to do anything. He had only what might be called a watching brief to a certain extent. The Board of Works distinctly said they would do the dredging only if they had full control.

Chairman - It seems to me to put an end to dredging in this county if a place is something worse after spending £500 or £600 on it, and I don't see that there is any use in the County Council of any other Council bringing a dredger to any of the harbours around.

It was decided that the Council make no order regarding payment of amount claimed by Office of Public Works.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Brennan seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

" That the Minutes of Roads' Committee in respect of meeting held on 24th March, 1930, be and are hereby confirmed. "

REPORT SPECIAL SUB COMMITTEE ROAD MAINTENANCE

It was decided that this report be further adjourned to next



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meeting when it is to be disposed of finally.

FLOODING AT KILLINCOOLEY

The following report of Sub-Committee was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Hall:-

"County Council Committee inspected 11th March, 1930.

Present:- Messrs Keegan and Smyth, M.C.C.'s; County and Assistant Surveyors, and representatives of local people.

Road 434

It was recommended to lay 12" pipe gullet across road 20 L.yds., to take surface water from adjoining land, and to raise roadway above flood level of river.

Mr. Kehoe, Killincooley, farmer living on road, gave permission for filling to be obtained from sand and gravel bank on his land, convenient to job, free of charge, provided field be properly fenced after removal of filling. Removal of this bank will greatly improve corner at bottom of steep hill.

The estimated cost is as follows:-

Materials required:-

250 cubic yards filling @ 2/-.....	£25: 0: 0
50 cubic yards sea Gravel @ 4/6d.....	£11: 5: 0
20 lineal yards 12" pipe @ 10/-.....	£10: 0: 0
Fencing Field.....	£3:15: 0
TOTAL ...	£50: 0: 0

Local people pointed out that this short length of road was made only a few years ago. Previously the road ran thro' the river and it was for this reason they had not moved before the R. D. Council to have further work done. The new roadway was a great improvement though not raised sufficiently to be above flood level.

The Committee is of opinion the work should be undertaken and asks the County Council to allocate the required sum from Contingencies Fund."



GOREY STREET CROSSINGS SUB-COMMITTEE

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The following report of Sub-Committee<sup>re</sup>/Gorey Street Crossings was submitted:-

"The Committee appointed to deal with this matter met on 8th March, 1930.

There were present:- Colonel Quin, Messrs J. O'Byrne, Hall, Keegan, D'Arcy and Smyth. The County Surveyor and Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, were also present.

Inspection was made commencing at the Courthouse, immediately opposite which a crossing had been removed. The road has been rolled and surface dressed at this place. There is no crossing now at North Parade, and it is questioned if there ever was one.

At Thomas Street and Market Square the crossings have been removed. The Assistant Surveyor pointed out the necessity for this as the streets were being rolled. The Committee recommends that the crossing over the rolled surface be made good with tarred chips.

At McDermott Street and John Street the crossings have not been removed.

At Church Street, Rafter Street and Lane below the crossings have been removed. At Church Street the road was rolled and at Rafter Street there was a bump.

At Michael Street the crossing has been partly removed. While work was proceeding Mr. Keegan, M.C.C., noted this and complained and the Assistant Surveyor then stopped the work. At the following meeting of County Council Mr. Keegan raised the whole matter and later this Committee was appointed to inquire into it.

Col. Quin was of opinion that the local Town Authority should have been notified before removal. The County Surveyor pointed out that the County Council was the authority responsible for the Streets. Mr. Hall considered the removal of the crossings unnecessary and waste."



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Mr. Hall said he could not understand the idea of removing these crossings. Two of them certainly should be replaced.

The County Surveyor said the crossings were removed when rolling work was carried out.

Mr. Keegan - after further discussion - proposed:-

"That the County Surveyor obtain and submit to next meeting of the County Council information as to what became of the flags which had been removed from the Gorey Street crossings. That consideration of report of Sub Committee be adjourned until this information be forthcoming."

Mr. Hall seconded.

Passed.

NOTICES OF MOTION - APPOINTMENT CO. MEDICAL  
OFFICER OF HEALTH.

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The following motion of which he had given previous notice was proposed by Mr. D'Arcy:-

"That resolution of County Council at their meeting on the 3rd March stating that the Council was in agreement with the Local Government Department as to the necessity for the appointment of a County Medical Officer of Health etc., be rescinded."

Mr. D'Arcy said if they agreed to this appointment they were opening up a new field for appointments and in all probability they would have in the near future this officer asking the County Council to erect a new hospital for children etc., and he suggested further that they might saddle the County with an unlimited rate in respect of this one particular job. He looked upon the appointment as simply jobbery; nothing more and nothing less. Very few of the 26 Counties had adopted the scheme and he did not see how they could be compelled to take it. Why was it not compulsory on the other Counties. When the previous vote was taken he really believed that some Councillors did not know what they were voting for. They certainly understood it was on condition that the Council should fix the salary. But they (Council) would have no say in the fixing of the salary. Their



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present medical staff were capable of dealing with the needs of the County and if the Council agreed to saddle the County with this new job it was a gross injustice to the ratepayers. Things were not looking too rosy for farmers. Taking all things into consideration they should be very careful before departing from existing procedure by creating a new job.

Colonel Gibbon in seconding, said he did not agree with Mr. D'Arcy on the question of the necessity for a County Medical Officer but he did agree with Mr. D'Arcy that they could not pay the prodigious salary put down.

Mr. Corish said he was unequivocally in favour of the appointment and had advocated it for a very considerable time. If only to look after school children the appointment was absolutely necessary. He was in favour of the County Council fixing the salary if it could be done.

In the course of further discussion the Chairman said it had been argued that the appointment of a County medical officer would be a cure for all the maladies in the county. If they wanted a surplus of doctors in the county they should appoint four county medical officers for the county - one to be allocated to each of the four areas, and be given the supervision of schools and a dispensary. If that were done they certainly would get better service and results than if one were appointed for the entire county. He maintained that it was a slur on the present medical officers in the county to say that there would be greater supervision by the appointment of a County medical officer. By appointing a doctor for each of the four areas they would be able to give him a salary of £300, which many doctors would be glad to accept. It was absurd to say that one doctor/<sup>who</sup>would cost the county from £1,200 to £1,400 would do the entire county. Mr. Corish, in his statement, said he had consulted all classes of ratepayers. He certainly did not consult the small farmers. He (Chairman) had consulted as many ratepayers as ever



Mr. Corish had done, and he never found a farmer to say that this appointment was necessary. They all considered they had plenty of medical officers already. That was the reason he opposed the appointment, and would continue to oppose it.

Mr. Corish repudiated the statement that he or any member of the Labour Party intended by their attitude on the matter to cast any slur on the medical officers in the county.

Mr. D'Arcy contended that it would be impossible for the County Medical Officer to examine all the school children in the County. What he believed was going to happen was that they would have four or five Assistant doctors and the Chief Medical Officer would be going round in his Rolls-Royce supervising them.

Chairman - We all must remember that you are going to saddle the County with £1,200 or more a year. If you are going to spend that I would advise you to get four doctors - one for each district.

Mr. Keegan proposed that the matter be adjourned for 12 months and the County Council ask the Board of Health to enforce all medical powers they had at present.

Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, said that this motion could not be accepted. The County Council could not in any way bind the Board of Health.

A poll was then taken on Mr. D'Arcy's motion with the following result:-

- For:- Messrs Brennan, D'Arcy, Gibbon, Hall, Keegan, Mayler, Murphy, Roche and the Chairman .....9.
- Against:- Messrs Armstrong, Cline, Colfer, Cooney, Corish, Gaul, Hayes, McCarthy, O'Byrne and Shannon.....10.

Mr. Cummins was not present when poll was taken

The motion was declared lost.

Mr. J. Murphy asked if there would be any hope of appointing a doctor for each of the four districts. Everyone would agree that one man could not do the work of the whole county.



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Mr. Cooney expressed the opinion that with the salary which would be paid to a doctor in each district it would be necessary for him to get private practice, or the duties would not be carried out properly.

The Chairman stated that the County Medical officer would cost up to £1,400 a year. For that amount they would be able to pay four officers. He, however was afraid that such a suggestion would not be adopted in the existing state of the law. The County Health Board would have something to say to the matter. ~~Thaxx~~. He wished, through the medium of the Press to let the ratepayers know what the appointment would cost them.

Mr. Corish - I object to being placed in a false position.

Chairman - I am not placing anyone in a false position.

Mr. Corish - You are trying to, and I will not allow you.

#### CARETAKER NEW ROSS BRIDGE

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

"That a permanent caretaker be appointed for New Ross Bridge and that salary for said position be fixed. This proposal to be subject to the approval of Kilkenny County Council."

Mr. Shannon seconded.

The motion was adopted.

In connection with the question of salary the County Surveyor mentioned that the last figure was £30 for the year's contract and he had been unable to obtain renewal at this amount.

Mr. Hall proposed and Mr. D'Arcy seconded the following resolution:-

"That, subject to the consent of Kilkenny County Council, this County Council advertise for permanent caretaker for New Ross Bridge at a salary of £40."

The Chairman proposed that the amount of salary for permanent caretaker for New Ross Bridge be fixed at £30.

Mr. Brennan seconded.



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A poll was taken with the following result:-  
For Mr. Doyle's amendment:- Messrs Brennan, Gibbon, Roche  
and the Chairman (4).

Against:- Messrs Armstrong, Clince, Colfer, Cooney, Corish,  
D'Arcy, Gaul, Hall, Hayes, Keegan, McCarthy, Murphy, O'Byrne,  
Shannon (14).

Mr. Meyler did not vote and Mr. Cummins was not present when  
vote was taken.

The Chairman declared the amendment lost.

The resolution was then put and passed nem.con.

It was decided that in the event of Kilkenny County  
Council agreeing the appointment be made at the County  
Council meeting on 26th May.

#### HAULAGE OF MATERIAL

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

"That the resolution of the County Council deciding that  
haulage of road material by horse (per yard mile) be carried  
out by tender be rescinded and that the Council fix a rate  
for haulage per yard mile. That haulage be allocated to  
hauliers most in need of employment."

Mr. Shannon contended that the old system of following  
allowing the District Surveyor to arrange for haulage was more  
economical than taking tenders. Gorey was the only district in  
which a comparison could be made between the two systems for ~~this~~  
this year, and an examination would prove that the quotations  
obtained by the Assistant Surveyor were lower than the tenders  
submitted to the Tenders Committee.

Mr. Hayes seconded the resolution and pointed out that men  
who had been in the habit of working for the County Council and  
who had obtained horses to deal with haulage now found themselves  
deprived of their means of livelihood.



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Colonel Gibbon said that tendering for haulage was the fairest way to arrange the matter and it would be a great mistake to go back of this system.

The Chairman said that Mr. Shannon's motion was to take the power out of the hands of the County Council and give it back to the District Surveyors and Gangers and the Council should not agree to this.

Mr. Cooney pointed out that so far as he could learn the average cost of haulage under the old system was 11d per mile, but by tendering this had increased to <sup>15, 2d</sup> ~~10~~ per mile.

The Chairman said he believed taking it all round there was some economy in the figures.

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

For Mr. Shannon's motion:- Messrs Armstrong, Cline, Colfer, Cooney, Corish, Gaul, Hayes, McCarthy, O'Byrne and Shannon (10).

Against:- Messrs Brennan, D'Arcy, Gibbon, Hall, Keegan, Meyler, Murphy, Roche and the Chairman (9).

Mr. Cummins was not present when the vote was taken. The Chairman declared the resolution carried.

Old Courthouse Ground Rents - Loan of £3649.

The following motion which was issued to Councillors on the 28th February, 1930, and of which previous notice was given by Mr. O'Byrne was moved by him:- "That the Council, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government & Public Health, make application to the Treasurer of the County Council for a loan of £3649 for the purpose of extinguishing the ground rents of the Wexford Courthouse, the number of years to be fixed by the County Council at said meeting and Interest to be at half per cent under current Irish Bank Rate."

Mr. Murphy seconded.

Passed.

CARETAKER ENNISCORTHY COURTHOUSE

In connection with this matter letter under date 24th March, 1930, (g.19858/30 Fa Loch Garman) was read from the Department



of Local Government pointing out that it should be made clear that the position was not pensionable.

Applications for the position were read from the following:-



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Byrne Peter, Ballinapark, Bunclody, recommended by D. Bolger & Sons, Milltown Mills, Ferns; R.W. Hall-Dare, Bunclody; N. Tackaberry do.; Rev J. O'Brien C.C. do. and Erskine Booth.  
Fenlon Edward, 4 Lower Shannon, Enniscorthy.

Gannon Sean, Rate Collector, Kilcarberry, Enniscorthy.

Hearne Mrs T. 21 Church Street, Didsbury, near Manchester, formerly of 15 Ross Road, Enniscorthy.

Lacey Mrs 13 St. John Street, Enniscorthy (former caretaker)

Mahon Daniel c/o P. Crean, Macken Street, Wexford.

Walsh Ellen Rectory Road, Enniscorthy.

Whelan Richard Church Street, Enniscorthy, recommended by Fr. Cummins and Station Master, Enniscorthy.

A vote was taken with the following result:-

For Byrne- Mr Armstrong-1.

Fenlon- Col. Gibbon -1.

Lacey- Messrs D'Arcy, Hall and Roche-3.

Walsh- Messrs Corish, Gaul, Hayes, Keegan, Meyler, and Shannon- 6.

Whelan- Messrs Brennan, Cline, Colfer, Cooney, McCarthy, Murphy and O'Byrne-7.

The Chairman did not vote. Mr Cummins was not present when vote was taken.

Gannon, Hearne and Mahon received no vote.

The second poll resulted as follows:-

For Lacey- Messrs D'Arcy, Hall and Roche-3.

Walsh- Messrs Corish, Gaul, Gibbon, Hayes, Keegan, Meyler, Shannon and the Chairman-8.

Whelan- Messrs Armstrong, Brennan, Cline, Colfer, Cooney, McCarthy, Murphy, and O'Byrne-8.

Mrs Lacey then dropped out, and the final poll was taken between Whelan and Walsh with the following result:-

For Whelan- Messrs Armstrong, Brennan, Cline, Colfer, Cooney, D'Arcy, Hall, McCarthy, Murphy, O'Byrne and Roche-11.



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For Walsh- Messrs Corish, Gaul, Gibbon, Hayes, Keegan, Meyler, Shannon and the Chairman- 8.

Mr Cummins was not present when vote was taken.

The Chairman declared Whelan elected.

The following resolution was then moved by Mr O'Byrne, seconded by Mr Cline and adopted:-

"That Richard Whelan, Church Street, Enniscorthy, be appointed caretaker of Enniscorthy Courthouse subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, and also to the conditions appearing in advertisement governing the appointment, and further to the successful candidate making Declaration under Section 71 of the Local Government Act, 1925."

CORRESPONDENCE LOCAL GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT.

Wexford-Ferrycarrig Road.

Sealed Order of Minister for Local Government and Public Health, ~~sent~~ dated 5th February, 1930, (1R/107/1/1930) agreeing to the closing of this road for the purpose of improvement up to the 1st May next was read.

Wexford-Rosslare Road.

Under date 28th February, 1930, the Department of Local Government wrote (R/RG/32) stating that the Minister for Finance had authorised a grant, not exceeding £6,000 for the improvement of Wexford-Rosslare Road, on condition that the balance required to complete the work (£2,000) was provided by the Council. The conditions as regards ~~men~~ to be employed notified in respect of previous grants governed this grant also.

Under date 4th March, 1930, Sealed Order (1.R/107/1/1930) from the Minister of Local Government and Public Health authorising the closing of Roads Nos. 994-995 from Ashfield to Etchingham's, Rosslare, for the purposes of improvement from the 10th March, 1930, to the 1st July, 1930, both days inclusive, was read.

Road Grants.

Under date 29th March, 1930, the Local Government Depart-



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ment (Roads) wrote RG/32 stating that £1,500 in respect of Grant to Rosslare Road had been forwarded to the County Treasurer.

Water Supply at Ballybought, Bridgetown.

Under date 4th March, 1930, the Department of Local Government forwarded Sealed Order of the Minister (P.H.7466/1930) declaring that Bridgetown Dispensary District would be the area of charge for providing and maintaining water supply at Ballybought.

Approval of Appointment, Clerical Assistant.

Under date 26th February, 1930, the Department of Local Government wrote (G.12608/1930. Loch Garman S.) sanctioning the appointment of Mr Patrick M. Donohoe as Clerical Assistant in County Council Offices.

Control of Dogs Order.

Under date 25th January, 1930, the Department of Agriculture (L.176/30) wrote acknowledging receipt of letter embodying copy of Resolution adopted by the County Council with regard to the control of Dogs regulations. It was pointed out that from Article 2 of the empowering Order (The County Wexford (Control of Dogs) Order) that regulations made under that Order were ineffective until they had been submitted to and confirmed by the Department and that the Order provided for public notice to be given before confirmation is applied for. Enclosed draft Regulations were for consideration of Council.

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

"That we adopt the following Regulations for preventing Dogs from straying during the hours between sunset and sunrise:"

"Notice is hereby given that at a meeting held on the 14th April, 1930, the Council of the Administrative County of Wexford, being the Local Authority under the Diseases of Animals Act, 1894 to 1903, for the Administrative County of Wexford, in exercise of the powers conferred upon them by the aforesaid Acts, the Dogs Act, 1906, the County Wexford (Control of Dogs) Order, of 1926, and of every other power thereto enabling them, made the follow-



ing Regulations to take effect and come into operation on the date on which they have been approved and confirmed by the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland.

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Prevention of Dogs from Straying between Sunset and Sunrise with a View to the Prevention of Worring Cattle (including Sheep).

1. No dog, during any of the hours between sunset and sunrise, shall be allowed outside the bounds of the premises occupied by the owner of such dog, unless such dog shall be under the control and in the company of its owner, or of some person authorised by such owner to accompany and control such dog.

2. If a dog, during any of the hours between sunset and sunrise, is allowed outside the bounds of the premises occupied by the owner of such dog, and such dog is not under the control and in the company of its owner or some person authorised by such owner to accompany and control such dog, the owner of the dog and the person (if any), for the time being in charge thereof, and any person causing, directing or permitting the dog to be outside the premises occupied by the owner of such dog, shall each in respect of his own acts and defaults be deemed guilty of an offence against the Diseases of Animals Act, 1894.

Seizure of Dogs where Order and Regulations Contravened.

3. Any Dog, in respect of which an offence is being committed against such Order and these Regulations, may be seized and treated as a stray dog under the powers conferred by Section 3 of the Dogs Act, 1906.

4. These Regulations shall apply to the whole of the Administrative County of Wexford, and shall be in operation throughout the entire year.

5. These Regulations shall take effect and come into operation on the date on which they have been approved and confirmed by the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland.

It was decided that these Regulations be submitted to the



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Department of Agriculture in accordance with the letter of 25th January last, and if agreed to by them that they be published in accordance with Order.

Loans for Improvement of Wexford-Rosslare and Gorey-Courtown Roads.

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

"That pursuant to Letters of Sanction of the Local Government Minister dated 15th March, 1930, the sums of £6000 and £2000 be borrowed from the National Bank Ltd. Wexford, for the purposes therein mentioned- to be repaid within 10 years with interest at the rate of a half per cent under Irish Banks' rate varying subject to a minimum of 4% per annum as in said letters of Sanction provided AND it is further resolved that the Seal of the Council be affixed to the necessary Mortgage over the rates to secure said Loans."

In connection with the work to be carried out on Gorey-Courtown Road the following resolution, adopted at public meetings held in Gorey and Tara Hill, was submitted:

"That for the two-fold purpose of relieving unemployment and avoiding abnormal damage to the roads leading from the two quarries of Tara Hill and Gorey Hill to the Courtown Road, we ask the County Council to insert in their advertisement inviting contracts for the improvement of the Courtown Road, a condition limiting the transport of all material from the above two quarries to horse haulage."

It was decided to submit this resolution to the Roads' Committee at their next meeting for their consideration.

Cahore Drainage System.

This matter was further adjourned owing to the absence of Mr Smyth.

Rate Collectors and Irrecoverable Rates.

Proposed by Mr Murphy and seconded by Mr Hall:

"That the Finance Committee be empowered to deal with lists of Rate Collectors' Irrecoverable Rates and Temporarily Uncollect-



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able Rates in respect of all periods ended 31st March, 1930."  
Scholarships Scheme for University and Secondary Scholarships.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of  
Col. Gibbon seconded by Mr McCarthy:

"That the Finance Committee be empowered to deal with all  
applications for Scholarships and that the time for receipt of  
applications under Secondary Scholarships Scheme be extended  
to 19th April, 1930.

Charges for Machinery and Road Material.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Col.  
Gibbon seconded by Mr Murphy:

"That the following charges for Machinery and Road Material  
obtain for the six months ending 30th September, 1930."

Steam Drill.....£3 per day.  
Engine and Granulator.....£4 per day for 16" x 9".  
Engine and Granulator.....£3 per day for 12" x 8".  
Engine and Stonebreaker.....£3 per day.  
Compressor Drill Plant.....£4 per day.  
Roller.....45/- per day.  
Lorry.....50/- per day.  
Tar Boiler or Sprayer.....£1 per week each.  
For Road material a flat rate as under:-  
Rubble Stone.....4/- per cubic yard.  
Broken Stone.....7/- per cubic yard.  
Chippings, screened from B.S. 7/- per cubic yard.  
Granulated chippings.....10/- per cubic yard.

The Rate charged to Contractors shall be set out in the  
Specification.

Renewal Licence, Poisons and Pharmacy Act.

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

"That renewal of licence under Poisons and Pharmacy Act  
be issued to Michael Cullen, Merchant, Taghmon."

Representative Tourist Association.



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

"That Mr Richard Corish, County Councillor, be appointed our representative on the Committee of the Irish Tourist Association."

Wild Birds Protection Act.

It was decided that in order to protect wild birds on Salt-ees and Keeragh Islands, the Council would take advantage of the provisions of New Wild Birds' Protection Act when adopted by the Oireachtas.

Analysts Report.

The Report of County Analyst for quarter ended 31st December, 1929, was submitted. From this it appeared that the total number of samples analysed during the quarter was ; Food, 79; Drugs, 47; Waters, 4; Sheep Dips, 4; Total, 134. Number Adulterated:- New Milks, 3; Buttermilks, 2; Cheese, 1; Margarine, 1; Drugs, 2; Pound at Saltmills.

Under date 20th January, 1930, the District Court Clerk, New Ross, forwarded appointment by Mr J.V. Fahy, Justice of the District Court, of William Costelloe, Pound Keeper at Saltmills.

RESOLUTIONS.

Ex-Insurance Officials.

In connection with resolution from the National Association of Insurance Committees asking that preference should be given to the displaced officials of Insurance Committees in the event of Co. Boards of Health finding it necessary to increase their staffs, the Chairman said there was only one official affected in the County Wexford and she was not eligible for appointment as officer at the moment.

No order was made.

Admixture of Home-Grown Grain with Maize.

Resolution from Wicklow County Council advocating above was adopted on the motion of Mr Corish, seconded by the Chairman.

Local Loans Fund.



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Resolution from Wicklow County Council Calling upon the Executive Council to extend the Local Loans Fund to Boards of Health, to enable houses under the Housing of the Working Classes Acts to be erected in the rural areas, was submitted.

No order was made as Mr Corish contended that the annual charge being £6: 13:4: on a labourer's cottage costing £250, it would be necessary to let houses at 6/- per week in order to clear off the loan and this would be prohibitive in Rural Districts. A greement between Coal Owners of Great Britain and Importers in Ireland.

Resolution from Wicklow County Council protesting against the agreement recently drawn up between the coal owners of Great Britain and coal Importers in Ireland was received. The resolution pointed out this agreement would place all users of coal in the Free State at the absolute mercy of the Combine, which would have an unrestricted, unrestrained monopoly and could raise prices to such an extent as to seriously handicap existing industries, to discourage the starting of new industries, and to impose a heavy burden on every householder in the Country.

On the motion of Mr Corish, seconded by Mr McCarthy the resolution was adopted.

Roscommon County Council forwarded a resolution asking that, in view of the great hardship existing under the present Acts relative to the repair of by-roads, representations be made to the Local Government Department to have the law altered, so that a Declaration made by a majority of the Council, that a road was of public utility, would be a valid reason for declaring such road entitled to have public money spent on its reconstruction or upkeep.

It was decided that no order be made regarding the resolution. Electricity Supply Board.

The following resolution was proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Mr Corish:

"That the Wexford County Council protest against the intention of the Government of replacing the business men in charge of



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Electricity Supply Board by the appointment of Civil Servants."  
Trunk and Main Roads a National Charge.

Resolution from Mayo County Council calling the attention of the Government to the pressing necessity for making the cost of maintenance of all Trunk and Main Roads a National charge was read.

No order was made as it was believed such a change might injuriously affect the financial interests of County Wexford.  
Irish Flour Mills.

The following resolution submitted from Kilkenny County Council was adopted on the motion of Mr Corish seconded by Mr Murphy:

"That we, the Members of the Kilkenny County Council, desire to give our emphatic support to those who are endeavouring to prevent our Irish Flour Mills from being acquired and controlled by British Millers."

"That copies of this resolution be forwarded to each of the County Councils in An Saorstát."

The "Irish World" Newspaper.

No order was made as regards resolution received from Tuam Town Commissioners protesting against the action of the ~~Six~~ County Government in prohibiting entry into its area of the Irish American newspaper, "The Irish World".

Teaching through the Medium of Irish.

The following resolution was submitted from the Executive Committee of the Gaelic League:

"That the Executive Committee of the Gaelic League are of the opinion that the time has come when the Universities of the Saorstát should be made suitable for the Irish-speaking Undergraduates coming from the Secondary Schools and Training Colleges so that they may be enabled to continue their studies through the medium of the Irish Language and, for that purpose, we request the Government to set up A Committee to inquire into the matter."

It was decided to take no action in the matter.



Republican Commemoration.

Mr James Rossiter wrote that he was instructed by the Co. Wexford Commemoration Committee to invite the Council to take part in the procession which was to be held on Easter Sunday to honour the men who gave their lives for Ireland.

The Chairman said any member who wished could attend the Commemoration.

Republican Political Prisoners' Committee and Womens Prisoners' Defence League.

Letters were received from the Republican Prisoners Committee and also from the Womens Prisoners' Defence League and Cumann na mBan relative to alleged illtreatment of prisoners in Mountjoy etc.

No action was taken.

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