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A meeting of Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 9th April, 1934.

Present:- Mr. M. Doyle (Chairman) presiding; also Messrs. James Armstrong, John Brennan, James Cline, Patrick Colfer, Thomas Cooney, Richard Corish, John Culleton, John Cummins, T.F. D'Arcy, Col. C.M. Gibbon, James Hall, Patrick Hayes, Michael Hickey, Michael Jordan, W.P. Keegan, John P. Kelly, Thomas Maylor, Thomas McCarthy, Sean O'Byrne, Miss Nellie O'Ryan, Col. R.P. Wemyss Quin, Myles Smyth and James E. Walsh.

The Secretary, Assistant Secretary, County Surveyor, County Solicitor, Rates Inspector and the five Assistant Surveyors were also in attendance.

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

#### PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Notes for the following were examined and signed:- Loans A/c £2000 - Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts: Salaries £352:16:8d: Miscellaneous Payments - General A/c £9541:17:7d; and Transfers to Public Bodies £32,242.

#### VOTES OF SYMPATHY

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Col. Quin:- "That reply to vote of condolence to Mr. Jordan in the death of his uncle be recorded on this day's Minutes."

The following is the reply:-

"Will you please convey my sincere thanks to your Council for their kind Vote of sympathy. I desire also to thank you personally and through you the staff for their kind sympathy."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That a vote of sympathy be adopted to Mr. James Gaul, County Councillor,



"in the death of his uncle the late Mr. Frank Wadding, who was for a number of years Caretaker of County Hall and premises and who performed his duties efficiently and with general satisfaction."

AGREEMENT TO RATES FOR  
GENERAL & SEPARATE CHARGES FOR  
FINANCIAL YEAR 1934-35

The following statement was issued by the Secretary to County Councillors on 4th April, 1934:-

"I enclose Forms 42 & 43 with explanatory Table giving particulars of the Rates for General and Separate Charges recommended by the Finance Committee for the year 1934/35.

"The Health Board Demands show a net decrease of £1096 and the Mental Hospital Demand a decrease of £880.

"The Estimate of the Vocational Education Committee is increased by £410. In addition the sum of £68 must be provided towards the Superannuation allowance of Ex Manual Instructor.

"The allocation for Public Works is increased by £1539.

"The General Rate recommended by the Finance Committee is  $8/7\frac{1}{2}$ d in the £. the same as last year. (The occupiers of Agricultural Land will not be assessed on Land Valuations at this rate, which applies only to Buildings.)

"The Finance Committee did not make any provision for reduction in Bank Overdraft, the sanctioned limit of which is £40,000. I recommended the inclusion of £10,000 under this head but the Finance Committee rejected the proposal.

"The sum deducted from the Agricultural Grant for year ended 31st March, 1934, in respect of arrears of Land Purchase Annuities is £12543. The Finance Committee decided not to raise this sum in the current year. I would point out, however that if the amount of the deficiency is not included in the Estimates the financial position of the Council will be jeopardised. On the recommendation of the Finance Committee



"the sum to be raised off Agricultural Land will be £12,500 less than for last financial year.

"There is, in addition, an extra Agricultural Grant to be allocated for 1934/35 the amount of which has not yet been fixed. It is anticipated, however, that it will be approximately £8000. If this allocation reaches the anticipated amount the County Budget for 1934/35 will, on the figures recommended by the Finance Committee, show a reduction of approximately £20,500 as compared with 1933/34, this reduction being applicable to land only.

"As explained at last meeting the Agricultural Grant is being applied on a new basis for current year.

"In accordance with instructions from Local Government Department, Forms have now been despatched to Ratepayers (whose land Valuations exceed £20) on which to make returns of Male Farm Workers etc."

The following Extract from Minutes of Finance Committee Meeting of 15th March, 1934, was read:-

"The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That the County Council be recommended to approve of estimate for County Services in respect of financial year 1934/35 as submitted to this meeting."

"The Secretary strongly recommended the Committee in view of the instruction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health as to a substantial reduction in the limit of overdraft viz. £40,000, to allocate a sum of £10,000 in reduction of amount of overdraft seeing that assessment on Agricultural Land for 1934/35 would be £21,000 less than for financial year 1933/34. From a business point of view it was most desirable there should be a reduction in amount of overdraft. The Council were unable at present to meet in advance the quarterly instalments of Demands of Subsidiary



"Bodies as required by Statute.

"The meeting, while recognising that it would be advisable to reduce the overdraft, could not see their way to accept the recommendation of the Secretary owing to the poor financial position of the ratepayers.

"A resolution was then unanimously adopted recommending the Council to agree to the same general rate for year 1934/35 as obtained for 1933/34 viz. 8/7½d in the £. as this rate was sufficient to meet the County Council's requirements for the year with the exception of the item of £10,000 for reduction of overdraft.

"The Secretary's Estimate for Separate Charges was approved.

"The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. Culleton:- "That in view of satisfactory reports from Co. Secretary and Co. Surveyor the usual increments of salary be recommended to the following members of Co. Council Staff, viz:-

"J.H. Cadogan £10; J. Maloney £7:10s; S. Hayes £7:10s; P.M. Donohoe £5, and Miss D.B. Killeen £5. (Co. Council Offices), and T. Moore £10; D. Radford £7:10s., and Miss E. Norton £5. (Co. Surveyor's Office)."

"The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That annual estimates of Rates for General and Separate Charges in respect of financial year 1934/35 be dealt with at meeting of County Council on 9th April, 1934.

"That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to extend the time for agreeing to the rate estimate for year 1934/35 to 9th April, 1934." "

Under date 5th April, 1934, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (G.Loach Garman Fa) that the Minister sanctioned pursuant to Article 3 of the Public



Bodies Order, 1925, such departure from the terms of that Order as would enable the Co. Council to adopt the Rate for the service of the year 1934/35 by a date not later than 9th April, 1934.

The following extract from Minutes of Finance Committee meeting held on 29th March, 1934, was read:-

"The Department of Local Government and Public Health forwarded Pay Order for £5,450 in respect of Agricultural Grant and stated all particulars of the deductions in respect of defaulting land annuitants would be forwarded later. The Secretary stated it appeared that a sum of £12,543 was being retained in respect of arrears of land annuities and it would be necessary to provide this amount by rate. It could be brought into the Estimates as a debit balance.

"Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Kelly seconded the following resolution:- "That as regards the notification from the Department of Local Government and Public Health that a deduction of £12,543 was being made in the Agricultural Grant for 1933/34 to meet arrears of land Purchase Annuities no change be made in the recommendation of the Finance Committee, as regards the General Rate of 8/7½d in the £. for financial year 1934/35, and no order be made as regards the deduction in the Agricultural Grant. That the full Agricultural Grant allocated for year 1934/35 be applied in relief of Rates on Agricultural land." "

The Secretary in reply to the Chairman said that the £12,543 would mean an extra rate of 7¾d on the entire County including Urban districts.

Mr. O'Byrne said he could not see any reason why this extra burden should be put upon the Ratepayers. They had something over 60 per cent of the Rate Collectors' Warrants collected and everything possible had been done to secure payment of all rates.

The Chairman said that the people who went on paying



the rates were paying the land annuities for the defaulters. That was a most unfair proposition. The rates were high enough without tacking 7 $\frac{3}{4}$ d in the £. on to them. The people paying every year were saddled with all the arrears of the annuities.

The following resolution was proposed by Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That the recommendation of the Finance Committee to agree to a General Rate of 8/7 $\frac{1}{2}$  in the £. for financial year 1934/35 be confirmed and that no provision be made for the deduction of £12,543 from Agricultural Grant."

The Secretary said he was bound to warn the Council they are bound to make full provision for their entire commitments.

Col. Gibbon - As far as I can gather we are being asked to strike an additional rate of 7 $\frac{3}{4}$ d in the £. and the people being asked to pay that are the people who are already paying - to pay for the men who will not pay. I think it is the most unjust thing we have been asked to do.

Chairman - It is a thing in operation for all time.

Mr. McCarthy considered the deduction wholly unjustifiable. Whatever arguments might have been justified in the past for the deduction, he did not think they held good to-day. The holding of Co. Councils responsible for defaulting annuitants was put in the Land Acts because there was objection at the time by the Government in England - by leading members of the Government - to the Land Acts going through. It was argued that the Irish farmer would not pay his annuities, and the Irish representatives in Westminster at the time, in order to appease the other side and ensure that the British Exchequer would not suffer, agreed that Co. Councils became guarantors for the payment. Now that annuities were not being paid to England there was no loss to the British Exchequer, and he held that it was unfair for the Government to take advantage of the clauses in the Land Purchase Acts. The Co. Councils were being held liable for



a debt they had no power to collect. The Government had the power in their hands to collect the annuities, and the Council were being made to accept a liability that they had no power to collect.

Miss O'Ryan - You would like to see the Council held responsible for payment to the British. You would like to see it made easy so long as the money was going out of the country, but so long as the money is kept in the country to help the Irish farmer you object to it.

Mr. McCarthy - You are only twisting it, Miss O'Ryan.

Miss O'Ryan said she held it was in the beginning the mistake was made, when it was said that the people of Ireland should guarantee the annuities to England. There was as good a right now as in the past to follow the procedure adopted in regard to the land annuity arrears. She thought it showed the slave mind to suggest that the Irish people should guarantee payment to another country, but do nothing at all with regard to collecting for their own.

Col. Quin proposed "That the agreement to Rate for current financial year be adjourned for one month to enable the Council to secure full information as to the deduction from the agricultural Grant."

This was not seconded.

In reply to Mr. Corish the Assistant Secretary stated that the Secretary of the Health Board had explained that his estimate for the year ended 31st March, 1934, for home assistance was £24,000 while the actual expenditure for that year was £29,000, so that there was a deficit on the home assistance account for the year ended 31st March, 1934, of £5,000. That deficit had to be made up in the estimate for the year ended 31st March, 1935. The secretary of the Board further pointed out that his estimate for next year would be a reduction of approximately £4,500 as compared with the expenditure for the year 1933/34, so that only for the



operation of the Unemployment Assistance Act the estimate would be increased by £9,500.

Miss O'Ryan - The outdoor relief went up and consequently we had to overspend.

After further discussion the Chairman put Mr. O'Byrne's resolution to confirm the recommendation of the Finance Committee and declared it carried with one dissentient (Col. Quin).

The following resolution was then adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That Rate for General Charges for financial year 1934/35 (in conformity with figures appearing on Form 42) be and is hereby agreed to at 8/7½d in the £. That rebate on Agricultural Land (in respect of Agricultural Grant) be allowed in accordance with allocation of said Grant as fixed by Minister for Local Government and Public Health the allowance for Primary Grant to be at rate of 6/0¼d in the £. That rates for Separate Charges for financial year 1934/35 (in conformity with particulars appearing on Form 43) and as presented to this meeting be also agreed to.

"That the following amounts be fixed as the sums to be demanded from the three Urban Districts of the County:-

Enniscorthy.....£3224:12:8d

New Ross.....£3056: 7:1d

Wexford.....£6423: 0:0d

"That the following amounts be raised for drainage rates for Kilmannock and Sow Drainage Areas:-

KILMANNOCK:- Amount assessed on various proprietors as per Charging Order of Commissioners of Public Works dated 19th January, 1927, amount £83:7:10d.

SOW:- Amount assessed on the various proprietors or reputed proprietors in accordance with letter from Office of Public Works, No.25807/32, amount £551:2:6d. This amount to be charged to the various occupiers in the proportions set out in Charging Order of the Commissioners of Public Works dated



"16th January, 1929. In addition we agree that a sum of £120 be raised for maintenance of Sow Drainage Area said amount to be levied on the persons named in the above mentioned Charging Order or their Successors in Title in the same proportions as the amounts leviable under Charging Order."

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETINGS  
CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

MEETING 15th MARCH, 1934:- The Minutes of this meeting were submitted as follows:-



The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 15th March, 1934.

Present:- Messrs. John J. Colloton, James Hall, John P. Kelly, Thomas McCarthy and Sean O'Byrne.

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

Mr. McCarthy was moved to the chair on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Kelly.

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

#### PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £2569:15:4d was examined and signed.

#### ESTIMATE OF RATE FOR 1934/35

The following estimate under the head of County Services A/c (and which had been circulated to the Members of the Committee) was considered:-



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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

ESTIMATE COUNTY SERVICES ACCOUNT FOR YEAR 1934-35

TO BE CONSIDERED BY FINANCE COMMITTEE ON

15th MARCH, 1934

	1934-35	1933-34	Increase	Decrease
	£	£	£	£
C Co. Medical Officer of Health (part of)	500	500		
S Salaries: Secretary's Office	2004	1920	84	
S Salaries: other Co. Officers - Analyst Lamplighters etc. )	461	402	59	
F Retiring allowances and Gratuities	306	231	75	
C Cost of Rate Collection, Refunds of ) Irrecoverable Rates and cost of ) Applotting Rates )	5542	5553		11
F Franchise and Jurors Lists	1587	1529	58	
F Printing in connection with ) Registration Act )	412	388	24	
V Valuation	208	208		
M Members' Travelling Expenses	230	240		10
U University Scholarships	910	840	70	
F Primary Scholarships	945	815	130	
I Legal Expenses	343	329	14	
( Coroners and Inquests	350	401		51
F Postage and Office Requisites	324	200	124	
F Printing and Stationery	259	164	95	
A Advertising Pleasure Resorts	414	414		
C Other Advertisements	340	340		
C Contribution Co. Councils' General ) Council )	20	20		
C Conveyance of Prisoners	100	34	66	
W Weights and Measures	108	129		21
F Food and Drugs	86	95		9
S Salaries: Court Officials etc.	156	156		
R Rents and Expenses of Courthouses	577	453	124	
<u>FORWARD</u>	16182	15361	923	102



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	1934-35	1933-34	Increase	Decrease
	£	£	£	£
FORWARD	16182	15361	923	102
Library Scheme	924	922	2	
Reformatories and Industrial Schools	3761	3994		233
Courtown Harbour	80	80		
Rent Old Jail	207	207		
Courthouse Loan	400	400		
Refund to Wexford Urban adjustment Financial Relations	45	27	18	
Diseases of Animals Acts: Salaries Veterinary & Sheep Dipping Inspectors	622	622		
Diseases of Animals Acts: Other Expenses	1030	1052		22
Audit Fee	85	85		
Debit Interest	1000	1000		
Superannuation Allowances Ex Union Officers	1080	1080		
Superannuation Allowances Ex R.D.C. Officers	217	217		
Local Authorities (Officers and Employees) Act	138	135	3	
Local Authorities (Combined Purchasing) Act	154	167		13
Contingencies	350	750		400
Money supplied to Mental Hospital	19120	20000		880
Money supplied to Co. Committee of Agriculture	2973	2970	3	
Money supplied to Co. Vocational Education Committee	3528	3118	410	
Superannuation allowance Ex Manual Instructor	68		68	
Total	51964	52187	1427	1650
Public Works (already agreed to by the Co. Council)	2364	825	1539	
TOTAL COUNTY SERVICES	54328	53012	2966	1650
			Increase	£1316.



The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That the County Council be recommended to approve of estimate for County Services in respect of financial year 1934/35 as submitted to this meeting."

The Secretary strongly recommended the Committee in view of the instruction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health as to a substantial reduction in the limit of overdraft viz. £40,000 to allocate a sum of £10,000 in reduction of amount of overdraft seeing that assessment on Agricultural Land for 1934/35 would be £21,000 less than for financial year 1933/34. From a business point of view it was most desirable there should be a reduction in amount of overdraft. The Council were unable at present to meet in advance the quarterly instalments of Demands of Subsidiary Bodies as required by Statute.

The meeting, while recognising that it would be advisable to reduce the overdraft, could not see their way to accept the recommendation of the Secretary owing to the poor financial position of the ratepayers.

A resolution was then unanimously adopted recommending the Council to agree to the same general rate for year 1934/35 as obtained for 1933/34 viz.  $8\frac{1}{2}$ d in the £. as this rate was sufficient to meet the County Council's requirements for the year with the exception of the item of £10,000 for reduction of overdraft.

The Secretary's Estimate for Separate Charges was approved.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. Culleton:- "That in view of satisfactory reports from Co. Secretary and Co. Surveyor the usual increments of salary be recommended to the following members of Co. Council Staff, viz:-



"J.H. Cadogan £10; J. Maloney £7:10s; S. Hayes £7:10s; P.M. Donohoe £5, and Miss D.B. Killeen £5. (Co.Council Offices), and T. Moore £10; D. Radford £7:10s., and Miss E. Norton £5. (Co. Surveyor's Office)."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That annual estimates of Rates for General and Separate Charges in respect of financial year 1934/35 be dealt with at meeting of County Council on 9th April, 1934.

"That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to extend the time for agreeing to the rate estimate for year 1934/35 to 9th April, 1934."

#### RATE COLLECTION

STATE OF:- Rate Collection to date was submitted as follows:-

<u>Name of Rate Collector.</u>	<u>Percentage Lodgments and Discount 15/3/34.</u>
E.J. Murphy	64.9
J. Curtis	62.8
S. Gannon (No. 6)	62.0
P. Nolan	60.3
M. Kehoe	59.7
A. Dunne	57.8
J.J. O'Reilly	56.8
S. Gannon (No.10)	56.3
D. Kenny	56.0
J. Cummins	55.7
J. Deegan	54.7
W. Cummins	54.2
P. Carty	54.2
M. McCarthy	53.3
J. Quirke	52.5
W. Doyle	52.4
J.J. Sinnott	51.9
P. Doyle	51.1
M. Murphy	50.3
J. Flood.	49.3
	<u>Average.....55.8</u>

The meeting approved of Circular letter which the Secretary stated he was about issuing to Rate Collectors, informing them that it would be necessary to take drastic action against Collectors whose Collections would not show a substantial improvement by the next meeting of the Committee. It was also pointed out to Collectors that if,



after examination of the Rate Books the Finance Committee found sums outstanding which could have been collected the Rate Collectors would be called upon to lodge the amounts. Their failure to collect such sums would also be reported to the Local Government Department.

Collector Sinnott (No.16 District) wrote that the ratepayers in his area were entirely dependant on the sale of cattle to pay their rates and they were unable to dispose of their animals. The fair in Kilmuckridge on the 12th March was a failure as only twelve cattle were sold there. In the circumstances it was not possible for him to make the improvement to the Rate Collection which the Finance Committee wished. Every ratepayer in his district was doing his best to pay and no person was wilfully trying to escape.

RATES INSPECTORSHIP:- The meeting considered letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health under date 10th March, 1934, (G.19482/1934 Loch Garman) declining to agree to the transfer of Mr. Moore from the County Surveyor's Office to Rate Inspectorship as his duties could not be regarded as similar to those of Rate Inspector. It was stated by the Department that the Council should proceed under Section 6 of the Local Authorities (Officers and Employees) Act 1926, and request the Local Appointments Commissioners to recommend a person for appointment as Rates Inspector.

This letter was referred to the Finance Committee from the meeting of the Council on the 12th March, 1934.

The following resolution was, after discussion, adopted on the motion of Mr. Hall seconded by Mr. Kelly:-

"That the County Council be recommended to apply to the Local Appointments Commission to recommend a person for appointment as Rates Inspector, age limits 25 to 30;



"duties to be as prescribed by the Public Bodies Order and to include the same clerical work in connection with the Rate Collection as was required in the case of the last appointment to the office, and also the collection of Instalments of Loans under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts. Salary, £200 per annum, rising by annual increments of £10 to £250, a sum of £100 to be allocated for travelling expenses. A competent knowledge of Irish to be essential for the position."

DRAINAGE RATES:- The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That Collectors be directed to take immediate steps to recover outstanding items of Drainage Rates due in Sow and Kilmannock Drainage Districts."

BALLYMOTLEY LANE:- In connection with the refusal of William Murphy, Ballymoteymore, E.D. Ballyhuskard, to give the necessary land in order to have this lane widened, although all the other occupiers had consented, the Secretary stated that this man owed seven years' rates, and three years' of these had been struck off as irrecoverable.

It was stated that this man's farm had been absolutely derelict for years. Four years' rates were carried forward amounting to £8:11s.

SANCTION TO OVERDRAFT

Under date 3rd March, 1934, (G.25223/1934, Loch Garman Fa) the Department of Local Government and Public Health, wrote sanctioning the continuance of overdraft accommodation not exceeding £40,000 on the accounts of the Council to 31st March, 1934, Interest thereon to be paid at the agreed rate.

Under date 3rd March, 1934, (G.25191/1934 Loch Garman) the Department of Local Government and Public Health, wrote that the Minister expected there would, after 31st March, 1934,



be a substantial reduction in the limit of overdraft now sanctioned.

INSURANCES OF COUNTY COUNCIL

Three quotations were received for the Insurances of the Council under Employer's Liability and Public Liability.

EMPLOYER'S LIABILITY:- Messrs. Coyle & Co., 7, Anglesea St., Dublin, (for the Federated Employers Insurance Association) (Non Tariff) wrote under date 7th March, 1934, offering to renew the Policy on the same terms as were agreed to last year, viz. 1/6 % Common Law and 25/- % all others.

Messrs. McDonagh & Boland, 51, Dame Street, Dublin, quoted for the Ocean Accident and Guarantee Corporation Ltd., at 1/6 % Common Law and 27/6d all others. The Ocean and Accident Guarantee Corporation Ltd., were satisfied to refund a sum of £55 from the first premium, on account of having charged for period ended 31st March, 1933, for Sub-Contractors on full amount paid to these Sub-Contractors as representing wages, while the Company with which the Council were at present insured calculated the premium on 60% of sums paid as representing wages.

The National Employers Mutual General Insurance Association, 12-14 College Green, Dublin, tendered at 50/-% for all employees.

PUBLIC LIABILITY:- Messrs. Coyle & Co., tendered at same figure as obtained in 1933, viz. 2/- %, and Messrs. McDonagh & Boland also quoted at 2/- %.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Culleton, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That we recommend the County Council to accept the quotation of Messrs. Coyle and Company, 7, Anglesea Street, Dublin, for insurances of the County Council as follows:-

Employer's Liability - 1/6d % Common Law and 25/- % all others, Sub-Contractors to be renewed on the basis of 60% of payments to sub Contractors to represent wages.



"That the quotation of Messrs. Coyle & Co., for Public Liability Insurances at 2/- % on total annual earnings of employees, as obtained in 1933, be accepted."

#### CASTLEBRIDGE ROAD WORKERS

James Walsh, Edward Brennan and Patrick Morris, all of Castlebridge, came before the Committee and stated that their wages, while working at Curraclloe Road had been 8½d an hour for a fifty hour week, but they received no notification when this was cut down to 5/- a day. They had been employed on two separate occasions, at 8½d an hour on the first occasion, and at 5/- a day on the second.

The County Surveyor stated that these men had been employed on a relief job at Curraclloe Road under Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor. They were then put at tar work which was largely controlled by the weather, and in respect of which it might happen that a man was turned away at a moment's notice. For that reason the wage payment was at the hourly rate of 8½d.

In the second term of employment the men were engaged under Mr. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, in connection with water-bound macadam, when they received the ordinary 30/- per week, paid to all Co. Council employees for such work. If there had been any broken time in this second spell of employment the men would have been paid for it. They were under no hardship because even if they were receiving less than 8½d an hour, all the money under the relief Grant was spent in relieving unemployment, so that the same money went to the workers though they might have to work a little longer for it.

James Walsh complained that they should have been notified as to the change in wage rate because when they went to work the second time they fully expected to be paid at 8½d an hour, as on the first occasion.



The Chairman considered that the three men had no grievance.

The deputation then withdrew.

#### SHEEP DIPPING ORDER

Sergeant Austin Kenny reported existence of Sheep Scab on the premises of Thomas Byrne, Craan, Bunclody. The existence of the disease had not been reported and the Sergeant recommended a prosecution.

The Co. Solicitor stated he had informed Sergeant Kenny there was nothing to prevent him taking proceedings.

#### COUNTY COUNCILS ELECTIONS EXPENDITURE

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Culleton seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That a sum of £11:10s. for repairs of Ballot Boxes and compartments carried out by Messrs. John Sinnott & Co., Building Contractors, St. Peter's Square, Wexford, previous to postponement of Local Elections, be paid."

#### SECONDARY AND VOCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME. 1934

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. Kelly:- "That as Moses Murphy, Johnstown, Castlebridge, has failed to provide a Medical Certificate in connection with the application of his daughter, Eileen, to sit for examination for award of Secondary and Vocational Scholarship, her application be cancelled."

#### FORD OF LYNG

Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor submitted letter from Messrs. Meldon & Co., relative to the case of Wexford Co. Council v Meldon and others in connection with flooding at the Ford of Lyng. Messrs. Meldon pointed out if they knew the terms the Council were prepared to put forward as a basis of settlement, they could advise their clients. but



if these terms were, in their opinion, not acceptable, of  
there would be no use in wasting time in going to Wexford.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of  
Mr. Culleton, seconded by Mr. Kelly:- "That as regards the  
recent correspondence of Messrs. Meldon & Co., concerning  
Ford of Lyng, the Council understood that Messrs. Meldon  
were prepared to make a new offer to them as regards a  
settlement. As the Council are anxious - if possible - to  
avoid legal proceedings they would be glad to have  
particulars of any new offers which Messrs. Meldon might  
have to make in this connection."

#### ILLNESS OF MACHINERY OVERSEER

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of  
Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That sick leave be  
granted to Wm. Murphy, Machinery Overseer, in accordance  
with Medical Certificate from Dr. P.D. Murphy, Enniscorthy,  
during the period Mr. Murphy was suffering from tonsillitis,  
viz., from 5th to 12th March, 1934."



The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That the Minutes of Finance Committee meeting for 15th March, 1934, be received and considered."

INSURANCES OF COUNTY COUNCIL:- Messrs. McDonagh & Boland, Insurance Brokers, wrote under date 4th April, 1934, that their tender, taking into consideration the £55 rebate on A/c of Sub-Contractors, was the lower quotation.

The Co. Surveyor disputed this and held that Coyle and Company's tender was lower by £2:16:0d. For the purposes of calculation Mr. Boyd, the Representative of the Ocean and Accident Co., had taken 60% of sum given in quotation figures for Sub-Contractors whereas the figure set out under this head represented only 60%.

Mr. Corish said that the Ocean Accident Company employed forty people whereas the Company represented by Coyle & Co., employed no one.

Mr. Cummins proposed and Mr. Corish seconded the following resolution:- "That we dissent from the recommendation of the Finance Committee to accept the quotation for Federated Employers Insurance Association (Non Tariff) for Insurances of County Council for financial year 1934/35 for Public Liability and Employers Liability and place this business for the financial year with the Ocean and Accident Guarantee Corporation Ltd."

A poll was taken with the following result:-

FOR THE MOTION:- Messrs. Armstrong, Brennan, Clince, Colfer, Corish, Culleton, Cummins, D'Arcy, Gibbon, Hall, Hayes, Hickey, Jordan, Keegan, Kelly, McCarthy, Meyler, O'Byrne, O'Ryan, Smyth and the Chairman. (21)

AGAINST:- Col. Quin (1)

Messrs. Cooney and Walsh (2) were not present when poll was taken.

The Chairman declared the resolution carried.



SHEEP DIPPING ORDER:- Under date 7th March, 1934, the Department of Agriculture wrote (L.482/34) that the Garda Siochana would give the same assistance in regard to the administration of Sheep Dipping Order 1915 as they did in previous years.

The Secretary stated that practically all Garda Stations had supplied up to date the names and addresses of the Sheep-Owners of their districts.

Under date 5th April, 1934, the Department of Agriculture wrote that the Co. Council should without delay make arrangements with a view to securing that the sheep in the County would be properly dipped under supervision during the dipping periods of the current year. The Council was empowered to make Regulations requiring the dipping of sheep to be carried out under such conditions and at such times and places as they might direct. Where such Regulations had been adopted a decided improvement in the position with regard to Sheep Dipping and Sheep Scab had been secured. To make the Regulations effective a sufficient number of Inspectors should be appointed.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Col. Quin:- "That the following be appointed Lay Sheep Dipping Inspectors for Sheep Dipping Periods of 1934, remuneration £1 per week each with refund of actual amount spent in postage:-

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

Myles Roban, St. John's Villas, Enniscorthy; for the Electoral Divisions of Ballindaggin, Ballyhogue, Ballyhuskard, Ballyvaldon, Bolaboy, Bree, Castleboro, Castle Ellis, Castle Talbot, Clonroche, Edermine, Enniscorthy Rural, Killaheen, Killooghlin, Kilmallock, Kiltaly and The Leap.



"GOREY DISTRICT:- Patrick Ormonde, Ballyellis, Carnew; for the Electoral Divisions of Ballylarkin, Ballynestragh, Coolgreany, Courtown, Gorey Rural, Gorey Urban, Kilgorman, Kilnahue, Limerick, Monaseed and Wingfield.

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

NEW ROSS DISTRICT:- M.J. Hennessy, Monamolin, Rathmure, Enniscorthy.

WEXFORD DISTRICT:- James Hayden, Corlican, Killurin."

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 15th March, 1934, as submitted to this meeting be and are hereby confirmed, except in so far as same have been rejected or amended by resolutions adopted at this meeting."

MEETING OF 29th MARCH, 1934:- Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 29th March, 1934, were submitted as follows:-



The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 29th March, 1934.

Present Mr. M. Doyle (Chairman Co. Council) presided, also Messrs. James Hall, John P. Kelly, Thomas McCarthy and Sean O'Byrne.

The Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Co. Surveyor County Solicitor and Rates Inspector were also in attendance.

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £4031:1:0d was examined and signed.

ANNUAL PRINTING CONTRACT

Tenders were received for the annual printing of County Council for financial year 1934/35 as follows:-

"The Echo" , Enniscorthy,.....£119:15s.  
Redmond Bros., Rafter Street, Enniscorthy..£122: 8s.  
Messrs. English & Co., Wexford.....£127:17s.  
"Free Press" , Wexford.....£140:13s.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That the tender of "The Echo" Newspaper Office, at £119:15s. for the annual printing of Wexford County Council for financial year 1934/35 being the lowest - be recommended to the County Council for acceptance."

RATE COLLECTION

STATE OF: The following is the state of Rate Collection to date:-



<u>Name of Collector</u>	<u>Percentage collected</u> <u>29/3/1934</u>
E.J. Murphy	74.2
J.M. Curtis	66.8
M. Kehoe	66.7
S. Gannon (No. 6)	66.6
P. Nolan	65.3
A. Dunne	60.7
S. Gannon (No.10)	59.5
J. Deegan	59.2
J. Cummins	58.8
W. Cummins	58.3
J.J. O'Reilly	58.3
D. Kenny	58.2
P. Carty	57.1
W. Doyle	56.5
M. McCarthy	56.0
J. Quirke	55.3
J.J. Sinnott	54.1
P. Doyle	51.5
M. Murphy	51.1
<u>J. Flood.</u>	<u>50.2</u>

The Secretary stated that the percentage of warrant collected (excluding arrears) was 59.2 while at the corresponding period last year the percentage was 79.8 showing a decrease of 20.6 per cent.

It was decided that the following notice be advertised in the three local papers:-

WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

NOTICE TO DEFAULTING RATEPAYERS

The above Co. Council wish to remind Ratepayers who are in default of their obligations to meet their liabilities promptly; otherwise it will not be possible to maintain local services.

It is inequitable to Ratepayers who have paid their Rates that others are allowed to remain in default.

Rate Collectors have been warned they must take all possible steps to proceed more diligently with their Collections, and to ensure that outstanding Rates are paid without delay.

Collectors have no option but to exercise their legal



"powers which will mean increased costs to the Ratepayers concerned.

N.J. FRIZELLE,  
Secretary, Wexford County Council.

County Hall,  
WEXFORD.

Letter under date 20th March, 1934, was read from Rate Collector McCarthy in which he pointed out that it was very difficult to know who could and who could not pay rates now. To carry on their warrant to the fullest extent got the Collectors nowhere as they had unexecuted decrees in the hands of the Sheriff for over a year. Rate Collectors were in a desperate position because they found it impossible to get in the Rates and were paid every six months with a cut in poundage.

Mr. McCarthy suggested that a public notice should be issued that in order to finance the public services, rates should be paid, as some people were under the impression it was only the Collectors who were anxious to obtain payment. The latter required the co-operation of everybody to endeavour to get back to normal as regards the collection.

It was decided that Mr. McCarthy be asked to attend next meeting of the Finance Committee.

APPLICATION FOR TIME FOR PAYMENT:- Application was received from Statia Erien, Raheenaskagh, Oulart, to hold over payment of £8:5:7d arrears of rates due to 31st March, 1934, and in respect of which legal proceedings had been instituted against her, as she was unable to find any means of making the amount at the present time.

It was decided to inform Mrs. O'Brien that the Finance Committee could not interfere with the discretion



of the Rate Collector in this matter.

PAYMENT OF POUNDAGE:- Mr. Hall proposed and Mr. Kelly

seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That, subject to sanction of Minister for Local Government and Public Health, Poundage fees less 10% reduction be paid to Collectors M. Murphy, Collection District No. 12, and J. Flood, Collection District No. 9, as these Collectors have now lodged 50% of their warrants for 1933/34, excluding arrears."

DRAINAGE RATE:- Under date 15th March, 1934, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote No.F.23262 Loch Garman (Pd) sanctioning on a temporary basis the appointment of Collectors Maurice Kehoe, Walter Cummins, Matthew Murphy and Wm. Doyle, to collect drainage rates in Kilmannock and Sow Drainage Districts at poundage rates applying to their Collections of Poor Rate.

#### AGRICULTURAL GRANT

The Department of Local Government and Public Health forwarded Pay Order for £5,450 in respect of Agricultural Grant and stated all particulars of the deductions in respect of defaulting land annuitants would be forwarded later. The Secretary stated it appeared that a sum of £12,543 was being retained in respect of arrears of land annuities and it would be necessary to provide this amount by rate. It could be brought into the Estimates as a debit balance.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Kelly seconded the following resolution:- "That as regards the notification from the Department of Local Government and Public Health that a deduction of £12,543 was being made in the Agricultural Grant for 1933/34 to meet arrears of land Purchase Annuities no change be made in the recommendation of the Finance Committee, as regards the General Rate of 8/7½d in the £. for financial year 1934/35, and no order be made as



"regards the deduction in the Agricultural Grant. That the full Agricultural Grant allocated for year 1934/35 be applied in relief of rates on Agricultural Land.

#### OVERDRAFT

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

"That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to sanction Overdraft Accommodation for the County Council up to a limit of £40,000 to 30th April, 1934."

#### COMPLAINT AGAINST COLLECTOR

Under date 17th March, 1934, Mr. Martin Kelly, Castle Ellis, Enniscorthy, wrote complaining that Collector Matthew Murphy, Collection District No.12, had, without the slightest provocation been most insulting to him as regards the collection of his rates. If the Council would not take any action in this matter he (Mr. Kelly) would deal with it in another Court.

The Secretary mentioned that Mr. Murphy had been furnished with a copy of the complaint in question on 22nd March, 1934, but no answer had been received from him up to the present.

It was decided to postpone consideration of the matter until Mr. Murphy's observations were at hand.

#### SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Kelly:- "That in view of the Certificates of Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor, that the Titles are in order, the County Council be recommended to advance the following Loans under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts:-



John Murphy, Irish Street, Enniscorthy. £140 (House £200)  
 Edward Dunne, Irish Street, Enniscorthy. £130. (House £200)  
 James Walsh, Irish Street, Enniscorthy. £130. (House £200)  
 Walter Sutton, Clonhaston, Enniscorthy. £150. (House £200)  
 Daniel Neill, Blackstoops, Enniscorthy. £85. (House £200)  
 Mary J. Whelan, Ratholm, Killinick. £200 (House £400)

Under date 26th March, 1934, Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor, submitted correspondence from Messrs. M.J. O'Connor, and Co., Solicitors, New Road, Gorey, on behalf of Edward Dwyer, Ballyaughna, asking for additional loan of £100 already agreed to.

The Committee decided that as they had already refused similar applications, that of Mr. Dwyer should not be agreed to.

#### RATES ON AGRICULTURAL LAND

##### CLAIM FOR ABATEMENT

Circular letter No.24/3/34 under date 22nd March, 1934, was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to transmit, herewith, a model form of claim for abatement of rates for use by occupiers of agricultural land exceeding £20 a year rateable valuation.

"The form as now issued incorporates all the changes in the draft form suggested by the Committee nominated by the Conference of the 28th ultimo together with some other amendments which it has since been decided to make.

Provision is made for the signature of the occupier being witnessed by some person of standing (e.g., Minister of Religion, Peace Commissioner, Medical Doctor, Bank Manager or Cashier) and a warning is to be printed on the form in distinctive type that a person making a false claim with a view to obtaining relief will render himself liable to



"prosecution.

"To keep the form of convenient size the certificate of the Rate Collector and the memorandum for use in the County Council Offices of the portions of the valuation that will get relief out of the Primary, Secondary and Supplementary Grant respectively have been transferred to the back of the form where a space has also been provided for use by the Garda Siochana in reporting on such cases as may be referred to them. This space has been provided in anticipation of permission being obtained from the Minister for Justice to allow the Garda to check at least ten per cent of the claims, but no forms should be referred to the Garda pending further instructions.

"The form can now be sent for printing, but before doing so the name of the County Council and the address of the County Council Offices should be filled in on the back.

"When ready the form should be issued to every occupier whose land valuation exceeds £20 whether in a single holding or several holdings. The forms need not be issued by registered post. When the issue has been completed a notice should be put in the local Press that persons whose land valuation (or aggregate valuations) exceeds £20 who have not received forms should apply to you and that unless claims are made on the form provided no abatement of rates in respect of male persons at work on holdings will be allowed. The notice should also state that every occupier who makes a claim should see that he gets a printed acknowledgment of its receipt from you and the warning on the form with regard to false returns might be repeated in the Press notice.

"It will probably be found convenient if some indication (a serial number or the initials of the Rate Collector in whose district the holding is) is put on the forms before issue to enable them to be filed rapidly in



"order on return. When each form is received back its receipt should be acknowledged by a printed postcard and the date of the issue of the acknowledgment noted on the form.

"Four weeks after the publication of the notice in the Press a reminder should be sent by registered post (or by any other method by which delivery can be proved) to every occupier who has not returned his form notifying him that his claim has not been received and that if it is not made he will forfeit his right to relief in respect of male persons at work on his holding. A final notice should then be given in the Press.

"It is intended to fix a final date for the acceptance of form of claim which will apply everywhere, but until the Department has information as to the date of the issue of forms everywhere this date cannot be fixed. Please notify the Department in due course of the date when the general issue of forms has been completed.

"The claims relating to each rate Collector's district should be delivered to him either personally or by registered post with instructions to examine them and if they are in order to complete the certificate on the form. The collector should be instructed to return the forms with the least possible delay.

"When claims are received back from the rate collector it is intended, subject to arrangements being approved by the Minister for Justice, to send not less than ten per cent (including all cases in which the rate collector has not been able to certify and any doubtful cases) to the Garda Síochána for report. When these are received back the appropriate allowances should be filled in on the form and signed by you or the accountant. The completed forms should be submitted to the County Council for confirmation of your proposals as recorded on the forms.

"You will, then, be in a position to calculate the amount



"required to meet the Primary and Secondary Grants. This information should be immediately communicated to the Department on a form which will be sent to you in due course. Until this information is received no indication can be given of the amount of the additional Grant which will be allocated to each County in the forthcoming financial year. The rate applotment should, therefore, proceed on the basis of charging the full rate on the part of the valuation that is not covered by the Primary and Secondary Grants, such supplementary relief as it may be found possible to give being distributed subsequently by means of credit notes.

"The Minister has given general sanction to expenditure on such clerical assistance as may be reasonably required in connection with the scheme being incurred."

Tenders for the supply of 5,300 Abatement Forms were received as follows:-

"The People", Wexford.....	£3: 4: 6d
Redmond Bros., Enniscorthy.....	£3:10: 0d
English & Co., Custom House, Quay, Wexford.....	£4:10: 0d
"The Echo", Enniscorthy.....	£5:17: 6d

Mr. McCarthy proposed and Mr. O'Byrne seconded the following:-

"That the tender of the "People" Newspapers be accepted, being the lowest."      Passed.

Quotation from the "People" Newspapers Ltd., for the supply of 5,300 printed Post Cards acknowledging claims for abatement at £2:2:6d was also accepted on the motion of Mr. McCarthy seconded by Mr. O'Byrne.

#### SECONDARY & VOCATIONAL Scholarship Scheme

Application was received from Margaret Ronan, Drinagh, Broadway, for payment of £1:0:3d expenses incurred in attending Secondary School Examination in April, 1933.

It was decided to allow travelling expenses of 8/- if Voucher be forthcoming and also 6/- for subsistence allowance



at 3/- per day during which the examination was held. The other items in the Account were disallowed as they were not regarded as necessary expenses incurred in attending examination.

James A. Forde, Delta Cottage, Gorey, applied for payment of £5.

The Committee agreed to payment of the following:-  
Fees for Term £1; Books £1:1:3d and Drawing Outfit 11/- ,  
total £2:12:3d.

The other items were disallowed.

#### APPLICATION BY COUNTY REGISTRAR

Under date 22nd March, 1934, the following was read from the County Registrar:-

"The accommodation of offices provided for the Circuit Court has become inadequate and I have to apply for further room. As the Council are providing a new Council Chamber, I suggest as a means of meeting my requirements that the old Council Chamber be divided in two and the section on this side be assigned to me.

"I shall be glad to hear from you on the matter."

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne it was decided that consideration of this application be postponed until the Co. Council had taken over their new Council Chamber and also for information from the County Registrar as to the purpose for which the further accommodation is required by him.

#### UNDIPPED SHEEP - BUNCLODY

In connection with correspondence submitted from Mr. Ringwood, M.R.C.V.S., and County Solicitor as to failure of Thomas Byrne, Craan, Bunclody, to dip diseased sheep, Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor, stated that the Sergeant of the Garda Siochana, in the District, was proceeding against



Mr. Byrne for this offence.

WEST WING OF COUNTY HALL

In connection with the reconstruction of West Wing of the County Hall, the County Surveyor submitted the following letter from Messrs. J. Sinnott & Co., St. Peter's Square, Wexford, under date 26th March, 1934:-

"In explanation as to the reason we have not yet completed our contract on laying of lino in new wing at County Hall we submit the following facts:-

"The solution for fixing lino was sent out from Glasgow on February 9th, and arrived here about February 13th, it was held by the Customs as they were doubtful as to whether it was dutiable or not. We made several applications since for its release, but were unsuccessful until last Tuesday 20th March, when we were informed that there was a heavy duty on same, and also that we were to be fined either a Pound or twenty-one Shillings for trying to get same into Free State. On enquiry as to whether it would be released on paying both duty and fine we were informed it would not, as the Shipping Company were to make application to Customs House for amount of duty and Official Form to fill in and return which would be forwarded to Dublin to be again returned, and then we may be able to obtain goods.

"The cost of solution is £11:5s. and the duty is £7:0:0d which we consider excessive, and not knowing it was dutiable when we were tendering we would respectfully ask you to bring this matter before your Council for their consideration as to whether they will allow the amount of duty, otherwise we will meet a bit of a loss."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. McCarthy seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That the Co. Surveyor call upon Messrs. J. Sinnott & Co., to complete their



"contract in connection with floor of West Wing of County Hall."

Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Kelly seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That we protest against the delay in releasing the lino fixing solution from Customs. This material arrived in Wexford on 13th February, 1934, and although Messrs. Sinnott & Co., were anxious to pay the duty at all times they found it impossible to secure the release of the solution although offering to pay the value of the material to represent any duty which might be imposed. "The County Council, County Library Committee and Co. Vocational Education Committee have been greatly inconvenienced by this action of the Customs and Excise and consider that the matter could have been dealt with, with much greater expedition."

#### USE OF GOREY COURTHOUSE

The Secretary submitted letter from Mr. P. Connolly, Thomas Street, Gorey, under date 24th March, 1934, asking for use of Gorey Courthouse for the 26th March, 1934, to hold a meeting as to the formation of a Sluagh Committee in connection with Volunteer Force.

The Secretary stated he informed Mr. Connolly he was not in a position to grant the request as permission for the use of the Courthouse could only be given by the County Council or the Finance Committee.

Mr. John Whitty, 91, Main Street, Gorey, applied for use of the Courthouse in Gorey for meetings in connection with the Gorey Agricultural Society Show.

This was agreed to on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. McCarthy, the Show Committee to be responsible for the building, furniture etc., while in their custody.

The following resolution was also adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Kelly:- "That the Gorey



"Branch of the Gaelic League be given permission to hold their Annual Ceilidhe on Easter Sunday night in the Court-house, the Committee of the Gaelic League to be responsible for the building and furniture while in their custody and to see that the premises are left in a clean and orderly condition."

#### TRANSFER OF ROAD MONEY

Mr. Hall proposed and Mr. Kelly seconded the following transfers:-

£5 from A/c 20C Ballywilliam to A/c 35C Arthurstown.

£5 from A/c 26C Adamstown to A/c 27C Killurin.

#### EASTER COMMEMORATION PROCESSION

Notification was received from the Committee of the P.H. Pearse Memorial Hall, Wexford, as to the Co. Council taking part in Annual Commemoration Procession to Crosstown Cemetery on Easter Sunday.

No order.

#### ILLNESS OF MR. MOORE

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Hall seconded by Mr. Kelly:- "That in accordance with Medical Certificate from Dr. S.A. Furlong, Infirmary House, Wexford, Mr. T. Moore, Co. Surveyor's Department, be granted a week's sick leave owing to debility and influenza"

#### BORODALE BRIDGE

Mr. Hall stated complaints had reached him as to the parapets of this bridge being pulled down and thrown into the river. The damage could not have been done by children as some of the stones were very large. There was an impression that people from Enniscorthy town were responsible. He thought, Mr. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor for the District, should have informed the Co. Surveyor of this matter, before now, as the first complaint was made over a month ago. This was a very serious matter as the



damage to the bridge was placing it in a dangerous position for traffic.

The Chairman proposed and Mr. Hall seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That the attention of the Co. Surveyor be drawn to the damage to Borodale Bridge, reported to this meeting, and that he obtain explanation from Mr. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, as to why the matter had not been reported before this."



The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Clince seconded by Mr. Brennan:- "That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 29th March, 1934, be received and considered."

RATE COLLECTION:- The State of the Rate Collection, excluding arrears up to 7th April, 1934, was submitted as follows:-

<u>Rate Collector's</u> <u>Name</u>	<u>Percentage collected</u> <u>7/4/1934.</u>
E.J. Murphy	82.8
M. Kehoe	73.1
J. Curtis	72.3
P. Nolan	69.8
S. Gannon (No. 6)	69.8
P. Carty	64.9
S. Gannon (No. 10)	64.1
J. Cummins	64.0
D. Kenny	63.7
A. Dunne	63.4
W. Cummins	62.0
J. Deegan	61.1
M. McCarthy	61.0
W. Doyle	59.2
J.J. O'Reilly	59.2
J. Quirke	58.3
J.J. Sinnott	56.4
J. Flood	56.0
P. Doyle	54.0
<u>M. Murphy.</u>	<u>52.8</u>

The Secretary mentioned that the average of the Collection was 63.3% of the amount of the Warrants, (excluding arrears) while at the 31st of March last year, (seven days earlier than the return now submitted) the percentage was 86.

In connection with the suggested advertisement to defaulting ratepayers recommended by the Finance Committee Mr. D'Arcy pointed out that seizures made under the Rate Collectors' Warrants had been abortive.

Mr. O'Reilly, Rates Inspector, stated that six stalled cattle seized recently at Ballycarney were put up for auction on the premises but no bid was received and the owner had to be allowed to retain them.



Mr. Cummins stated he was informed at the Co.Registrar's Office that they had received a list of 438 defaulters for Land Annuities. He asked at this office what was going to be done in the matter and was told nothing with regard to seizures as no one desired to purchase seized cattle.

The Chairman said something should be done to relieve the present situation. It would not be possible for the County to carry on.

Mr. Cummins said that plenty of people were willing to pay their rates but could not sell their cattle. The Council appeared to be up against a stone wall. The ratepayers were also, unfortunately, unable to secure credit. At Ballycullane Fair that day a number of cattle had to be brought back by farmers although they would have been sold for anything that could be secured.

Chairman - In the Rate Collection we are 23% behind last year and although 37% of the warrants has to be collected, we are a month over the specified time for lodging the full amount.

Mr. Cummins stated if the Rate Collectors seized on their own warrants, they were responsible for expenses, which might run up to £5 or £6. As the seizures up to the present were abortive it was unreasonable to expect Rate Collectors to continue this procedure. They could not be expected to seize and be at a loss of the costs.

Mr. D'Arcy said that the situation was becoming worse instead of better.

Mr. Cummins stated that one man in his district told the Rate Collector to take his cattle and sell them for the Rates.

Mr. McCarthy suggested that they should call the attention of the Department of Local Government to the impossibility of Collectors obtaining rates, as farmers who had cattle were unable to sell them. The Co. Council



and its Finance Committee were doing their best and it was unfair that they should be blamed for the present position.

Mr. Keegan held that there appeared to be one law for the townsman and another for the farmer. The poor townsman who owed rates was brought into Court and in the case of failure to settle up for his rent, was evicted. The farmer with fat cattle would pay nothing. If they examined the Rate Books they would find that it was the poor men who had paid the highest percentage of the rates.

Mr. D'Arcy - You should remember that the little man is not an employer.

Mr. Kelly - If he can employ labour he can pay.

Chairman - Will he sack his men to pay? How can you expect to pay when you get a permit once a month to sell one or two beasts out of thirty or forty cattle.

Miss O'Ryan pointed out that the farmers had agricultural produce and pigs as well as cattle and they should be able to pay their rates with these.

After further discussion Mr. Hall proposed and Mr. O'Byrne seconded the following resolution:- "That the advertisement drafted by the Finance Committee be published in the three local papers."

Mr. Jordan objected. He said it was a direct inducement to the Rate Collectors to seize ratepayers' stock and it would put the Collectors in a false position. If seizures were made nothing would be realised. There was no doubt if the people could sell their stock they would pay their rates. He proposed that the advertisement recommended by the Finance Committee should not be issued.

Mr. Culleton seconded.

Mr. Hickey said the onus should be put on the people who put the country into its present position. Their pound now was not worth 12/-.

Chairman - You would be lucky if you got that.



Mr. Kelly - How do you propose to carry on if you do not take steps to collect the rates?

Messrs. O'Byrne and Hall withdrew their resolution in favour of Mr. Jordan's proposal which was passed without dissent.

After discussion the following resolution was moved by Mr. McCarthy and seconded by Col. Gibbon:-

"That we beg to draw the attention of the Department of Local Government & Public Health to the present state of the Rate Collection. Notwithstanding every effort made by the Co. Council and its officials, there is a drop of 23% in this year's collection as compared with the corresponding period last year. We desire to point out that the farmers, owing to the state of the markets, are at present not in a position to meet their demands, and this is responsible for the state of the collection."

A poll was taken with the following result:-

FOR THE MOTION:- Messrs. Brennan, Culleton, Cummins, D'Arcy, Gibbon, Hall, Hickey, Jordan, Meyler, McCarthy, O'Byrne, Smyth and the Chairman. (13)

AGAINST:- Messrs. Armstrong, Clince, Colfer, Corish, Hayes, Keegan, Kelly, O'Ryan and Quin. (9).

Messrs. Cooney and Walsh (2) were not present when poll was taken.

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

ILLNESS OF MR. MOORE:- The Co. Surveyor reported that Mr. T. Moore of his department was not yet fit for duty.

It was decided on the motion of Mr. Hall seconded by Mr. O'Byrne that subject to the production of medical certificate Mr. T. Moore, Co. Surveyor's Department, be granted a further week's sick leave from 9th April, 1934, to 14th April, 1934.



BORODALE BRIDGE:- Mr. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, reported that four dressed stone copings had been removed, and efforts were made to dislodge a fifth. The stones were presumably thrown into the river and smashed on the rocks below. He inspected the road on February 1st, and did not notice any damage. No ganger had been employed in the section for the past three months, and no funds were available in the appropriate account to carry out repair work. He reported the damage to the Civic Guards.

Miss O'Ryan - We have a lot of complaints of that kind.

Mr. Hall - My information was that they were heavy stones that were removed from the bridge. That would not be done by children.

Mr. Cullen - The stones were surely 3 cwt. each.

Mr. Armstrong stated that the damaging of bridges seemed to be general. When the Council were doing repairs he suggested that a cement layer be laid.

The matter of repairs was referred to the Co. Surveyor.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Brennan seconded by Col. Quin:- "That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 29th March, 1934, be and are hereby confirmed except in so far as same have been altered or amended by resolutions at this meeting."

OLD AGE PENSIONS ACT  
NO. 7 SUB COMMITTEE

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Col. Quin seconded by Mr. Brennan:- "That as recommended by Old Age Pensions Act, No. 7 Sub Committee, Rev. T. Talbot, Rector, New Ross, be appointed a Member of said Committee vice Ven. Archdeacon Gibson deceased.



### APPOINTMENT OF RATE CLERKS

The Committee empowered to select temporary Rate Staff met on 29th March, 1934.

Present Mr. M. Doyle, (Chairman, County Council) presiding:- also Messrs. T. McCarthy, John P. Kelly, R. Corish and Sean O'Byrne.

The following were selected:-

Enniscorthy District:- five applications Rural and nine applications Urban. The following were selected:-

Wm. Roche, 15, The Shannon, Enniscorthy;  
Wm. Askins, 24, Wafer Street, Enniscorthy;  
Ml. Jordan, The Square, Enniscorthy;  
Thomas O'Rourke, 16, John Street, Enniscorthy, and  
Laurence Doyle, 14, Templeshannon, Enniscorthy.

The two last named were employed at similar work last year.

Gorey District:- Eighteen applications; three from the Rural portion of Gorey and Fifteen from Town of Gorey. The following were selected:-

Michael J. Grennell, The Avenue, Gorey;  
Edward Mooney, 1, Garden City, Gorey;  
Ml. Doyle, Bruce, Clonevan, Gorey;  
Patrick Dempsey, 19, Garden City, Gorey, and  
Charles Kavanagh, Clonattin Road, Gorey.

The two last named were employed at similar work last year.

New Ross District:- Two applications from Rural District and four from Urban District. The following were selected:-

John Flanagan, Templenacrow, Palace East, New Ross;  
Thomas O'Neill, William Street, New Ross;  
James Whelan, Nunnery Lane, New Ross;  
James Brennan, Chapel Lane, New Ross; and  
Michael Ffrench, Kilhile, Arthurstown. (The two last named were engaged on the work last year.)



Wexford District:- Applications - Twenty-seven Rural and Seventy-five Urban. The following were selected:-  
Andrew Hamilton, Killurin; Timothy McCarthy, Killinick;  
John O'Reilly, Ballysheen, Killinick;  
Charles Delaney, 2, Francis Street, Wexford, and  
John J. O'Leary, 1, St. Enda's Terrace, Wexford.

The last named was employed at this work in 1933.

It was decided that Wm. H. Ebbitt, High Street, Wexford, and Desmond F. Horan, 2, Upper Rowe Street, Wexford, who were employed last year and on former occasions be selected for proving Books.

The following were employed at issuing forms under Agricultural Grant ratings and are to be continued at ordinary Rate Book Work:- Patrick Beary, 16, Abbey Street, Wexford, (Charge Hand); Sean O'Kennedy, William Street, Wexford, and T.M. O'Leary, Lr., John Street, Wexford.

Mr. Hayes protested against the non-employment of John Doyle, Sleadagh, Murrintown, who was employed at this work last year, ~~and~~ who gave satisfaction and who was a married man with five children. He proposed that Doyle be employed this year.

The Chairman said the Committee which selected the temporary staff were empowered so to do. He ruled that their decisions could not be questioned and declined to accept the proposal of Mr. Hayes.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Cooney seconded by Mr. Walsh:- "That Thomas Aspel, 4, Wexford Street, New Ross, be appointed temporary Rate Clerk vice Thomas O'Neill, William Street, New Ross, who is unable to take up the post owing to illness."

#### ROAD GRANT

Notification was received from the Department of Local Government & Public Health (RU.32 - 6th April, 1934) that the



following payments had been made to the Treasurer for Unemployment Grants:- U.851 £30. U.852 £400.

#### FILLING OF VACANT OFFICES FOR OFFICIALS

Under date 19th March, 1934, the Department of Local Government & Public Health wrote (Circ.S.25/34) that the procedure to be followed in the filling of vacancies in the offices mentioned in list accompanying their letter had received very careful reconsideration. The Minister had been at pains to examine the general field of eligibility to secure that qualified officers should not be deprived of the opportunity to be transferred to more desirable positions and on the other hand those recruited to the vacancies will hold the high standard of qualification indispensable to the satisfactory discharge of the duties. On the information before the Minister the appropriate course should normally be referred to the Local Appointments Commissioners.

#### CURRACLOE STRAND ROADS

The Co. Surveyor submitted the following letter received from the Department of Local Government & Public Health (Roads) under date 29th March, 1934:-

"With reference to your letter of 27th instant I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that ordinarily special grants are not given for the improvement of County Roads, and, in any case, not unless on a contributory basis."

Under date 3rd April, 1934, the Tourist Association, O'Connell Street, Dublin, wrote that the Curracloe Road was included in the representations recently made by them to the Department of Local Government & Public Health regarding Tourist conditions generally. In view of the wishes of the Council the matter would be again taken up with the Department. The Association had not a great deal of influence in matters of this kind but what they had would be



placed at the disposal of the County Council.

Mr. Corish said that no money in respect of the present financial year was yet available for roads but money would be allocated later for Unemployment Relief and he would take up the matter with the Minister when this money would be available. He proposed the following resolution which was seconded by Mr. Culleton and adopted:- "That in view of the importance and popularity of Curracloe as a tourist resort we request the Department of Local Government and Public Health when money under Relief of Unemployment is available to allocate an amount sufficient to improve the Strand Road, Curracloe (No.638) so as to meet tourist requirements.

APPOINTMENT OF RATES INSPECTOR

The following resolution was submitted from meeting of Finance Committee of 15th March, 1934:-

"That the Co. Council be recommended to apply to the Local Appointments Commission to recommend a person for appointment as Rates Inspector, age limits 25 to 30; duties to be as prescribed by the Public Bodies Order and to include the same clerical work in connection with the Rate Collection as was required in the case of the last appointment to the office, and also the collection of instalments of loans under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts. Salary, £200 per annum, rising by annual increments of £10 to £250, a sum of £100 to be allocated for travelling expenses. A competent knowledge of Irish to be essential for the position."

The following under date 29th March, 1934, (G.35652/1934 Loch Garman) was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 22nd instant relative to the proposal of the Council to apply to the Local Appointments Commissioners to recommend a person for appointment as Rates Inspector, and to state



"that the Minister considers that the age-limits proposed would unduly restrict the field of choice by debarring candidates who might otherwise be eligible for appointment. The Minister would accordingly suggest age limits of 25 to 40 years with an extension in the case of existing pensionable or pensioned officers of local authorities who might be allowed to deduct any time which they have served.

"I am to add that the Minister approves of the scale of salary and allowance for travelling proposed for the position!"

Col. Quin suggested that the meeting should agree to fix age limits at from 25 to 35 years.

Mr. Culleton proposed and Mr. Corish seconded the following resolution which was adopted nem. con.:-

"That the recommendation of the Finance Committee fixing age limits for the position of Rates Inspector at from 25 to 30 years be confirmed and that the Minister be requested to sanction this proposal."

RATE COLLECTORSHIP - No.7 DISTRICT

The following under date 23rd March, 1934, (G.32946-1934 Loch Garman) was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 15th instant with resolution adopted by the Council on the 12th instant in regard to the proposed permanent appointment of Mr. J. Deegan as Rate Collector in District No.7, and to state that as clearly intimated the Minister is not prepared to reconsider his decision in this matter. The vacancy should accordingly be advertised in the usual manner."

Mr. D'Arcy proposed and the Chairman seconded the following resolution which was adopted without dissent:-

"That advertisement for appointment of Rate Collector



"for No.7 Collection District be issued and that Finance Committee be empowered to draft and issue same and also to make the necessary arrangements as to holding of examination etc."

MAIN ROAD UPKEEP GRANT

The following Memo. (RGM/201/34) under date 22nd March, 1934, was read from Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads):-

"A Grant of £11,605 has been provisionally allocated for the upkeep of main roads in the above-mentioned County for the year 1934/35. A formal letter notifying the Grant and the conditions attaching thereto will be issued in due course. One of the conditions is that all tars and bitumens for use on roads in 1934/35, whether such roads are grant-aided or not, are to be obtained from the Official Contractor appointed for the coming financial year. The sum of £11,605 represents 40 per cent of £29,014, the amount which appears to have been passed by the Council for the upkeep of Main Roads."

MINOR RELIEF SCHEMES

The following letter under date 24th February, 1934, from Office of Public Works - adjourned from last meeting for consideration - was read:-

"I am to refer to your letter of the 16th instant in which you inform us of two resolutions recently adopted by your Council on the subject of the selection of Minor Relief Works in County Wexford, and in reply I am to say there appears to be a misapprehension on the part of the Council inasmuch as:-

(1) The Minor Relief Schemes for the County were chosen from a large number of applications and proposals with a view to affording relief to the poorest Electoral Divisions in the County and to other areas where



"unemployment relief was most necessary. In this respect it should be borne in mind that the relief grants which have been made through the Department of Local Government and Public Health for road works in County Wexford are complementary to the Minor Relief Schemes.

"(2) We are not aware of having made any promise to the Council that a specific sum would be expended on Minor Relief Schemes in the County; nor can we accept the suggestion that the individual works were selected in a haphazard way, but have to say that, on the contrary, they were decided upon after due consideration of all the relevant factors."

Under date 6th April, 1934, the Office of Public Works forwarded confirmation of expenditure of £100 for Mongarrow Lane and £40 for Knockbrandon and Millquarter Lane from Minor Relief Schemes Vote.

The Co. Surveyor said these lanes had been already dealt with, the amounts mentioned had been spent.

Mr. Hayes said that as regards Fardystown Lane the portion repaired under the Relief Grant was not at all as important as the Ablintown Section on which several rate-payers lived and on which there was a great deal of tillage. There was no one living on the Fardystown portion. The people of Ablintown were perturbed as they were afraid nothing further would be done. He (Mr. Hayes) suggested that if any money was left over after the work at Fardystown it should go to Ablintown.

Col. Gibbon supported Mr. Hayes.

The Co. Surveyor said that the original Grant had been given for Fardystown Lane but when he found the other section was more important he asked that the money should be transferred to it. The Board of Works did not agree but did consent that any money over from Fardystown would be spent on Ablintown and they gave practically what was an undertaking that further money would be available later.



SOW DRAINAGE DISTRICT

The following under date 17th February, 1934, (2660-34) was read from the Office of Public Works:-

"We have considered the terms of the resolution passed by your Council at their meeting on the 11th December last and of that passed at a meeting of Drainage Ratepayers on the 14th ultimo - copy of which you forwarded with your letter of the 26th January last - and we regret that we cannot extend the period for the repayment of the loan and arrears as requested. In this connection we would refer you to the last paragraph of our letter dated 17th January, 1934, in which we stated that "we have laid before the Minister for Finance your Council's request that the repayment of arrears due upon the Charging Order of 16th January, 1929, should be spread over as long a period as possible, and he has agreed that the payment of arrears due to us may be extended over a period of four years. This is the maximum concession he is prepared to make"."

The Chairman said that the Co. Council had been the means of securing a Grant of £5000 for the improvement of the Sow area and he did not see why the Drainage Ratepayers would not now pay the amount of their Rates under the Charging Order.

COURTOWN HARBOUR  
DREDGING OF BASIN

The following letter from Office of Public Works under date 13th February, 1934, (adjourned from last meeting) was read:-

"In reply to your letter of 9th January asking for an extension of time for the execution of the work of dredging the basin at Courtown Harbour, I am desired by the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance to say that before consideration is given to the matter he wishes to know the period of time for which an extension is requested!"



Letter of explanation from County Surveyor to the Office of Public Works under date 27th February, 1934, was read. In this it was pointed out that P. Donovan, the original Contractor had failed to carry out the work and the Council found it impossible to secure anyone else to complete it at a reasonable figure. The Co. Council had decided to purchase a Crane and Grab for use at the Harbour but these would not be available for some time. This Crane and Grab would provide a proper entrance channel which would allow the Board of Works dredger "Fag - an - Bealach" to enter the harbour and complete the dredging of the basin. He (Co. Surveyor) in the circumstances did not consider a lesser period of extension than up to 30th September, 1934, should be asked for.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Keegan:- "That the Minister for Finance be requested to extend the period for carrying out the dredging work at Courtown Harbour to 30th September, 1934, in accordance with explanation sent by Co. Surveyor to Office of Public Works under date 27th February, 1934."

DUNCANNON HARBOUR

Attention was directed to the following question in the Dail:-

Mr. Corish asked the Minister for Lands and Fisheries if in view of the fact that the Wexford Co. Council, through lack of funds, are unable to undertake the dredging of Duncannon Harbour, Co. Wexford, which is silting up very rapidly, he will recommend the Minister for Finance to advance monies from the Unemployment Relief Fund for that purpose and thereby remedy the complaints contained in the memorial sent to his Department recently by the fishermen from that area.

Dr. Ryan - I understand that the Wexford Co. Council is responsible for the maintenance of Duncannon Harbour.



My Department has no funds for such purposes, and it is, therefore, unable to contribute towards the cost.

Mr. Corish said it was a peculiar situation that Waterford Harbour Commissioners were collecting the dues at this Harbour while the Wexford Co. Council were obliged to carry out the repairs. He then proposed the following resolution which was seconded by Mr. Colfer and adopted:- "That, in view of the answer of Minister for Agriculture as to Duncannon Harbour we desire to point out that legislation should be introduced to relieve Wexford Co. Council of the cost of maintaining the harbour of Duncannon in view of the fact that the dues at this Harbour are collected by Waterford Harbour Commissioners."

#### EMPLOYMENT OF ROAD WORKERS

The following resolution was moved by Mr. Cooney and seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That the Co. Surveyor be instructed to discontinue the employment of men for Road and quarry work including Gangers who have an accumulation of Insurance Stamps and employ men who have no such accumulation of stamps.

Mr. Corish appealed to Mr. Cooney to withdraw his motion but Mr. Cooney refused.

Messrs. Cline and Armstrong held that this question had been already dealt with by the Council some months back.

After discussion Mr. Cooney agreed to postpone further consideration of his motion to next meeting when the decision of the Council as referred to by Messrs. Cline and Armstrong can be made available.

#### FORD OF LYNG

It was decided that this matter should be considered in Committee.

The following resolution was adopted at the last meeting of Co. Council on 12th March, 1934:- "That the County Councillors of Wexford County Electoral Area be



"appointed a Committee to discuss with Mr. Meldon and any other representatives of the owners of South Wexford Sloblands the question of the Ford of Lyng with a view to arriving at a satisfactory settlement."

The Conference was held on 23rd March in Co. Courthouse Wexford, the Co. Council being represented by the Chairman, Col. Gibbon and Mr. Colleton, and the Commissioners by Messrs. Pilkington & Goulding (Solicitors) and Mr. Leonard (Engineer). The Secretary, Co. Surveyor and Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor, were also in attendance.

After considerable discussion the following recommendation was agreed to unanimously:-

"We recommend the Wexford County Council to approach the Departments of Land Commission and Office of Public Works to endeavour to procure a sum of at least £200 as State Grant for the purpose of obviating the flooding at the Ford of Lyng and Ballybro District, the Slob Commissioners to provide a similar sum or whatever balance not exceeding £200 as may be necessary to complete the work.

"If this Government Grant can be secured, the Slob Commissioners are prepared to undertake the future maintenance of the improved channel."

Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Col. Quin seconded the following resolution:- "That we approve of the report of Conference re Ford of Lyng and return our best thanks to the Members of the Co. Council who acted thereat for their efforts to secure a settlement of this difficult matter."

Col. Gibbon said what was proposed was only a palliative and would not remedy the flooding.

The Chairman said that the Engineers of the Slob Company were very confident that the proposal would remedy the flooding but if it failed the hands of the Co. Council were not tied in any way.



The Co. Surveyor said it would be advisable to wait and see the effect of the work which was now suggested before making any further move.

The resolution was then put and passed.

Mr. Hall proposed and Mr. Culleton seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That the following Members be appointed as a deputation to wait on the Office of Public Works and endeavour to secure a Grant of £200 for repair of Ford of Lyng. That they point out that portion of a stream which enters the Ford has been repaired under Relief Grant and that this has actually had the effect of increasing the volume of water in the Ford;"

"The Chairman (Mr. M. Doyle) and Col. Gibbon with the County Surveyor; Mr. Corish, T.D., was asked to accompany the Deputation.

#### SALE OF FOOD AND DRUGS ACTS

The following under date 6th April, 1934 (L.1239-34) was read from the Department of Agriculture:-

"The Department understand that wholesale transactions in margarine are no longer conducted by Messrs. Battle Bros. & Co., Ltd., at the premises 12, 13 and 16, Templeshannon Quay, Enniscorthy, which were registered for such dealings on the 4th April, 1908.

"The Department will be glad to be informed in due course as to such action as may be taken by your Local Authority in regard to the question of cancelling the registration in this case."

Mr. McCarthy said the premises in question had been closed for years.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Col. Quin:- "That the Certificate of Registration of the premises at 12, 13 and 16 Templeshannon Quay, Enniscorthy, for wholesale transactions in Margarine be and is hereby cancelled."



ROAD RAMSGRANGE - CAMPILE

Messrs. M. Cloney, Dungulph Castle, Templetown and John Murphy, Ballykerogue, Campile, ex-Co. Councillors attended as a deputation in connection with the road from Ramsgrange to Campile.

Mr. Murphy having thanked the Council for their reception said that this road ran from the Church of Horeswood to the other link road at Kilbride. Two years ago the Council had adopted a resolution that it be moved into the link road class on account of the tremendous traffic which it carried. It had been going to the bad here and there all the time for the past two years and there was not sufficient money allocated to keep it in good order. If it was in the link road class and a little money spent on it every year it would never get into a bad condition. It was used constantly by a number of lorries. The Co-operative Society which had three lorries on it with a tax of £9 each found that the springs of their vehicles were breaking every other day.

Mr. Cloney said that no one unless acquainted with the district would have any idea as to the large amount of traffic which the road had to bear. Formerly the traffic was slight as there was a steamer service to and from Waterford. That had been discontinued for some years and since then everyone used the train at Campile. As Mr. Murphy pointed out the Co-operative Society had three lorries on the road and the creamery lorries were also constantly passing over it. To give them some idea of the traffic he would point out that 40,000 to 50,000 barrels of corn were delivered at Campile this year, outside of a large amount of Beet and a considerable quantity of potatoes and artificial manures. The road was unable to sustain the traffic which was wearing away the crust. He was sure if the Co. Surveyor



had the power he would ask to have it put into the link road class. There were quarries convenient in which first class material was obtainable and the repair could be done comparatively cheaply.

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

"That the Government be requested to allow the road from Campile to Ramsgrange to be moved into the link-road class."

The Co. Surveyor said that from the amount of traffic with which it had to deal this should certainly be regarded as a link road.

Mr. Cloney thanked the meeting for the manner in which the deputation had been received.

#### CAHORE PIER

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Smyth seconded by Mr. Brennan:- "That the Department of Lands and Forestry be requested to inform this Co. Council when it is expected action will be taken on Memorial, in connection with extension of Cahore Pier and acknowledgment of which was received on 9th March, 1933.

"We also desire to point out that this query was again addressed to the Department on 26th January, 1934."

#### TINABAN LANE

Mr. W. Levingston, Tinaban, Ballyfadd, asked that something more should be done at Tinaban Lane. To leave it in its present state would mean so much money wasted. The "passway" would be impassable in rain and the lane required resurfacing.

The Co. Surveyor denied that the money had been wasted. They were only waiting for another grant to finish the work.

It was decided on the motion of Mr. Hall seconded by Mr. O'Byrne that the application to finish the work on Tinaban Lane be favourably considered when Grants under



Minor Relief Schemes Vote are available.

#### AUGHNAMAULMEEN LANE

A Memorial signed by eleven ratepayers as to repairs to above lane was read. It had been approved by the Co. Council and the Co. Surveyor. The residents, the Memorial stated, were no longer able to maintain it and it was in a deplorable condition.

Mr. Keegan said that some representative of the Government inspected the place and turned down the proposal, why he did not know.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Keegan seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That the application for repair of Aughnamaulmeen lane receive favourable consideration when money will be available under Minor Relief Schemes Vote."

#### TOMONA LANE

Mr. A. Ryan, Tomona, Ballindaggin, applied to have above lane put under Contract. There were six families concerned with houses and land and the seventh with land. There is a great deal of traffic over it. The repair of the lane would relieve local unemployment.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by the Chairman:- "This Council cannot see its way to take over the lane at Tomona, Ballindaggin, but schedule it for consideration for repair under Minor Relief Schemes Vote when money under same becomes available.

#### CAMOLIN PARK ROAD

James Hendrick, Camolin Park, Camolin, forwarded Memorial signed by himself and thirty-two other ratepayers as to repair of Camolin Park Road which led to their land. It was a mile long and was at present in a bad condition. It was an endless road leading into the Park at Kilcloran.



The Co. Surveyor said that the Land Commission had offered to provide £500 to reconstruct this road on condition that the Co. Council put up a similar amount. The Council would not agree.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Hall seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That the attention of the Land Commission be called to the deplorable condition of the road in Camolin Park. The Commission are responsible for the very heavy traffic passing over it and should be prepared to put it into the condition that will allow of its use by the ratepayers concerned."

#### ROSSLARE CLIFF ROAD

The following under date 28th March, 1934, was read from Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor:-

"I am in receipt of your letter of to-day's date, and note that the Co. Surveyor considers this road to be dangerous to traffic. This being so, I am of opinion that, pending the receipt of Formal sanction from the Minister of Local Government & Public Health to the closing of the road it would be advisable to have a substantial barrier placed at each end of the road so as to prevent the Public from using it. There should be lights on this at night time. Further a Notice should be put at either end stating that the Road was dangerous and had been closed.

"If there was no such barrier there and an accident occurred the Council would be responsible for damages."

The Co. Surveyor said it was necessary that this road should be closed and this could only be done through an Inquiry by the Department of Local Government & Public Health. The matter was before this Department some time ago and was turned down, but he (Co. Surveyor) went over the road lately with Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor for the District, and found it really dangerous to take a



motor-car along it now. It would be quite easy for a bad accident to happen. They had done their best to warn the public. They had a barricade at the end leaving a small gap to enable the people living on the road to get in and out and on top of the barricade they had fixed two red triangles though the latter were not lit at night. Every motorist could see the protection which had been erected if they tried to get through the narrow gap. It was quite safe at one side for foot passengers but the side nearest the sea was not safe. The narrowest part was ten feet. It was falling away at the edge of that ten feet and a piece might go out of it any moment.

The Chairman said there would be no danger so far as the local people were concerned but the danger might occur in Summer time with visitors who would not be aware of the condition of the road.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Hall seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That the Department of Local Government and Public Health be requested to make arrangements for the holding of an Inquiry to enable the Co. Council to close Rosslare Cliff Road as it has become dangerous for public traffic."

#### BALLYDANIEL BRIDGE

The following report was read from Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor for the District, as regards damage to wall at Ballydaniel Bridge (Road 4M):-

"Part of above was badly damaged recently by a motor lorry or car. I estimate the cost of restoring wall to be in or about £20. I enquired at Gardai Station, Camolin, to know if they had any knowledge as to who was responsible for this damage, but though the matter had been investigated I was informed it had not yet been found out who owned the vehicle."



The Co. Surveyor stated that if the vehicle was ever identified he would see that a prosecution was instituted.

KILLINICK DISPENSARY  
EXTENSION OF

The following under date 8th March, 1934, (adjourned from last meeting) was read from Mr. John O'Connor, Killinick:

"I am about building an extension to dispensary house at Killinick, about fourteen feet, with the approval of the Co. Council.

"It will be used as a consulting room by the Dispensary Doctor.

"Mr. Barry, Co. Surveyor, inspected it here to-day, 7th March.

"Trusting the Council will allow me to get on with the work now at once. Thanking you in anticipation."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. D'Arcy seconded by Mr. Brennan:- "That no action be taken as regards application of Mr. John O'Connor relative to extension of dispensary at Killinick."

POISONS & PHARMACY ACT  
LICENCES

Renewal of licence under Poisons and Pharmacy Act 1908 was granted to Mr. Denis Lennon, Merchant, Bunclody, on the motion of Mr. D'Arcy seconded by Mr. Brennan.



"ANTI JAZZ" RESOLUTION

The Hon. Secretary of Wexford Branch of the Gaelic League, wrote that at a general meeting of the branch a resolution of appreciation was adopted as to the attitude of Wexford County Council in adopting the "Anti Jazz" resolution from Headquarters of the Gaelic League.

OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION

The following resolution from Leitrim County Council was adopted on the motion of Mr. D'Arcy seconded by Mr. Brennan:-

"We suggest to the Executive Council that the time has come when the arrangement by which County Councils seek relief from pressing financial calls by recourse to Joint Stock Banks for Overdraft accommodation should be replaced by a State administered system financed by monies raised by the issue to the public of blocks of County Council stock at such periods as average requirements show to be necessary."

AGRICULTURAL GRANT  
FEMALE LABOUR ETC.

The following resolution from Roscommon County Council was adopted on the motion of Mr. Hall seconded by Mr. O'Byrne the word "daughters" in line 4 being changed to "adult female labour":-

"That in relation to the new method of allocating the Agricultural Grant, we call the attention of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to the cases of farmers who have daughters over the age of 17 years, in full occupation on their farms helping to produce the real wealth of this country through pig feeding, poultry rearing, calf rearing, butter-making &c.

"Many of those farmers have no whole-time males through whom relief from the Grant can be obtained and have to depend for help on daughters in carrying on their industry, and on



"the question of whole-time employment the Council desires to know if occasional road work or other work will disqualify.

"Again many farmers have large families of children under the age of seventeen - a class which in the case of income-tax payers entitle them to considerable abatements - and we urge the Minister to give favourable consideration to such cases when giving relief to farmers from the Agricultural Grant under the new legislation."

#### RATES AND ANNUITIES

The following resolution submitted from Co. Dublin Committee of Agriculture was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall:-

"That in view of the public statement of Mr. Thomas in the British House of Commons, in answer to a question, that by the 31st March next the default of the Free State will be £7,063,000 and that on the 13th January last the proceeds of the British tariffs on Free State produce imported into England during the relevant period amounted to £6,243,000, and as the tariff on our cattle Quota of 104,000 beasts from the 13th January to 31st March will be about £600,000, it is quite clear that by the latter date the Free State will have paid England's entire claim on this country, and as our Agriculture will in fact have paid this debt, this Committee of Agriculture feel that the equity of the whole position demands that during the continuance of the Economic War there should be no rates or Annuities on Agricultural Land."

#### POLICY OF JOINT STOCK BANKS

The following resolution from Co. Kerry Board of Health was marked "read" on the motion of Col. Gibbon seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:-

"That we call on the Government to cause a Commission of Inquiry to be held into the retention and distribution of money, together with the present policy of the Banks



"operating in this country as, in our opinion, their present policy is antagonistic to the best interests of the people and the Government, and is causing greater hardship than the Economic War as pursued by England. That copies of this resolution be sent to the Executive Council and all local authorities."

#### TOWN TENANTS PURCHASE BILL

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That we call on the Government to introduce forthwith the long delayed Town Tenants Purchase Bill and its speedy passage into law, the standard rent to be taken as the basis of purchase of new lease and other Tenancies."

#### RELIEF RATES AGRICULTURAL LAND

The following resolution from Kildare Co. Council was, on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall, marked "Read":-

"That the County Council of Kildare having considered the proposed Scheme for relief of rates on Agricultural Land for the year 1934/35, protest against its adoption on many grounds of which the following are but a few:-

- (1) It will raise the rate levy on many farms where a large percentage is tilled and much labour employed.
- (2) No cognizance is taken of casual labour and as casual labour is unavoidable on tillage farms the Scheme will operate against tillage farmers.
- (3) No cognizance is taken of female labour so largely employed on land, nor of boy labour.
- (4) On many farms, under present conditions, all the work is being done by families, many of them still only children and to deny such rated occupiers relief of rates which they are entitled to would be unjust.
- (5) The Scheme will be difficult and costly to administer, and an equitable administration will be utterly impossible.
- (6) There will be a great temptation



"to people to render inaccurate Returns, which will be difficult to verify and many injustices will result. (7) The relief of rates upon the first £20 of a Poor Law Valuation will be so small a portion of a year's wages for a workman that it will be no incentive to a rated occupier to employ labour and the Scheme therefore, will fail in its first objective. (8) The Scheme discriminates unfairly against Holdings above £20 Poor Law Valuation, where mainly agricultural labourers are employed, It therefore strikes unjustly at wage-earning farmers and against the large body of citizens whose sole dependence is employment on the land and who get no benefit whatever from the Scheme. (9) Under the Scheme the maximum relief will go in many cases to people who are not depending solely on land for their means of livelihood.

"We request the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to abandon the proposal."

Michael Doyle

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