

WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL.

MINUTES OF MEETING

HELD ON 1ST AUGUST 1928.

N. J. FRIZWILLE

FORTVIEW

SECRETARY

WEXFORD.

The monthly meeting of the Wexford County Council was held in the County Council Chamber, Portview, Wexford on 1st August 1928.

Mr M. Doyle (Chairman) presided and the other members present were;- Miss O'RYAN, Col Gibbon, Col Quin, Messrs J. Armstrong, John Brennan, James Cline, P. Colfer, Thomas Cooney, R. Corish, John Culleton, John Cummins, Timothy F. D'Arcy, John Doran, James Gaul, James Hall, P. Hayes, Ml. Jordan, W.P. Keegan, Thomas Mayler, Thomas McCarthy, John Murphy, John O'Byrne, M.M. Roche, James Shannon, Myles Smyth, and James E. Walsh.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

County Committee of Agriculture and

Technical Instruction.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr O'Byrne seconded by Mr Hayes;-

"That the name of Mr James Shannon, Vice-Chairman of the County Council, be added to the County Committee of Agriculture and Technical Instruction."

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF COMMITTEES.

Finance.

The following Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 19th July 1928, were submitted;-

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The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee was held on the 19th July, 1928 at the County Council Chamber, Wexford.

Mr. Michael Doyle, Chairman, presided. Also present:- Messrs John Culliteon, James Hall, Thomas McCarthy, Sean O'Byrne, M.M. Roche and James Shannon.

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

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and signed.

Apology for Absence from Meeting.

Col. Gibbon wrote that he was unavoidably prevented from attending the meeting as he had to be in Dublin in connection with a Law case.

Next Meeting of Committee and of Co. Council.

It was decided that the next meeting of the County Council and Finance Committee be held on the Wednesday, 1st August, 1928 the latter in the forenoon, and the Finance Committee meeting in the afternoon.

Damage to Property (Compensation) Act, 1923.

Under date 11th July, 1928, the Department of Local Government wrote (R/DB/32) stating that the Minister for ~~Exchequer~~ Finance had called attention to the great delay on the part of the Wexford County Council in remitting to the Exchequer £24,705-15-8. due under the above act. The special attention of the Council should be called to the foregoing with a view to having a substantial contribution forwarded to the Exchequer without further delay.

It was decided to point out to the Department of Local Government that the Council had already informed the Department of Finance that the Co. Council would pay an instalment of the amount due as soon as they were in a position to do so, also pointing out that the Rate Collection for the County had been held up practically for months owing to outbreak of Foot and Mouth Disease.

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The meeting decided to inform the Department of Local Government that they expected to be able to forward some instalments by September. The new Collecting books were only now being handed to the Rate Collectors owing to the fact that the collection for the Financial Year ended March last had not yet been closed.

Rate Collector J.J. Kelly.

In connection with the Fidelity Guarantee Bond for above Collector who appeared before the meeting and stated that he had sent amount for renewal of Bond of 16th June last to the Local Agent of the Insurance Company who had neglected to forward the amount to the Company. The Secretary said that the New Ireland Insurance Company had written stating that they were making further inquiries in the matter before issuing Bond.

The Chairman explained to Mr. Kelly that he should take all possible steps to obtain his Bond and furnish same to County Council, also that he should carry out his duties with more care and attention than he has displayed recently.

Mr. Kelly mentioned that he had been very much handicapped in his work owing to the illness of three of his children and that of his Wife.

Close of Collection for Financial Year

Ended March 1928.

A special resolution was adopted directing the Collectors to lodge all collectable rate by 31st July.

Service of Demand Notes.

The Secretary was instructed to call the special attention of all Rate Collectors to their duties as regards the personal

service of Demand Notes on Ratepayers, it was stated that at the meeting by some Councillors that some of the Rate Collectors were forwarding Demand Notes under ~~1d.~~ stamped envelopes.

Withdrawal of Securityship for Rate Collector.

Under date 13th July, 1928, Mr. Aidan O'Leary, Clonee, Comolin, one of the securities for Mr. J.J. Kelly, Rate Collector for 14 collection District, wrote asking that he be relieved of his Securityship.

A resolution was adopted directing the Secretary to inform Mr. O'Leary that he cannot be relieved of his responsibility as security for Mr. Kelly until the latter has closed his collection in respect of the year ended March 1928. Mr. J.J. Kelly was instructed to furnish the names of surety to replace that of Mr. O'Leary.

Checking Rate Collector's Accounts.

Under date 30th June (G. 45994/1928 Loch Garman Fa.) the Department of Local Government wrote that there was no objection to the assignment of the duties of Rate Checker to Mr. T.A. Frizelle provided the work would not unduly interfere with his services at Headquarters. As regards remuneration it was pointed out that Mr. Frizelle is a whole time official and as such liable to perform such reasonable duties as might be given to him. It was not considered that the centralization of the work under one official should necessarily involve the maintenance of remuneration hitherto allowed. The duties of checking Rate Collector's Accounts might be met by way of a reasonable addition to Mr. Frizelle's salary as Assistant Secretary.

The Council should further consider this matter with

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the object of deciding the amount of such allowance, which would of course include travelling expenses.

After discussion the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. McCarthy seconded by Mr. Hall:-

" That we recommend the Co. Council to adhere to the resolution fixing the amount for the checking of Rate Collector's accounts in Gorey district at £27 per annum in view of the fact that this amount is to cover travelling expenses and subsistence allowances.

We believe this arrangement to be the most equitable for the Council."

Ex-Rate Collector Fitzpatrick- Claim for Witnesses
Expenses.

Under date 2nd July, Mr. Robert Spencer, 24 Main St., Gorey a witness at the sworn inquiry as a result of which Collector Fitzpatrick was dismissed from office, applied for travelling expenses.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. McCarthy seconded by Mr. Sean O'Byrne.

"That Mr. Robert Spencer, 24 Main Street, Gorey, be allowed the sum of £1 to cover all his expenses in connection with his attendance at sworn inquiry into the conduct of Ex-Collector Fitzpatrick.

County Library Service.

The following deputation from the Library Committee appeared before the meeting.

Rev. R. Fitzhenry, P.P. Lady's Island. Miss Nellie O'Ryan, M.C.C. Rev. Brother Carew, New Ross, and E.P. Foley,

Mr. Foley acted as spokesman for the deputation.

Having heard the views of the deputation the following

resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Shannon seconded by Mr. McCarthy.

" We recommend the Co. Council to approve of the Library Committee being composed of 20 members with the provision that if it should be found that it would be advisable to add the names of persons interested in literature and in the circulation of interesting and instructing books the Council would be prepared to increase the number of the Committee.

We recommend the appointment of the following representatives of the Co. Council.

Gorey District;- Messrs. Hall and O'Byrne.

Enniscorthy District;- Messrs. Culleton and McCarthy.

New Ross District;- Messrs. John Murphy and Thos. Maylor.

Wexford District;- Col. Gibbon. Mr. Corish and the Chairman.

Also the following outside the County Council:-

Rev. R. Fitzhenry, Lady's Island, Broadway.

E. P. Foley, Crossabeg.

J. F. Heffernan, Free Press Office, Wexford.

Wm. Thorpe, Knockroe House, New Ross.

Rev. J. Butler, The Presbytery, Wexford.

Rev. T. Talbot, The Rectory, Horetown.

Miss Eileen Hore, Georges St., Wexford.

Miss A. Fennell, High Street, Wexford.

Rev. Bro. Carew, Christian Bros. Schools, New Ross.

J. Kelly, Esq., Taghmon.

Very Rev. W.F. Murphy, President, St. Peter's College
Wexford.

Proposed Superannuation- Mr. B.J. O'Flaherty,
Solicitor.

Under date 27th May, 1928 the Department of Local Government wrote (G. 42685/1928 Loch Garman Sd) that as regards the claim of Mr. B.J. O'Flaherty for Superannuation in respect of his services as Solicitor to the late Gorey Rural District Council. A careful examination of his claim had been made by the Department. Mr. O'Flaherty submitted bills of costs, totaling approximately £396 in support of his claim. On investigation it was found that only £105-10 of this sum was in respect of personal services rendered during the last three years of his office and £75-3-4 the yearly average. The appropriate Superannuation allowance for Mr. O'Flaherty's services of 27 completed years would be £15-16-6. If the Council proposed passed a resolution granting Mr. O'Flaherty this sum the Minister for Local Government would be prepared to assent thereto.

Proposed by Mr. O'Byrne and seconded by Mr. McCarthy and adopted;-

"That in view of provisions of Section 42 (2) of the Local Government Act, 1925 we recommend the Co. Council to fix a Superannuation allowance to Mr. B.J. O'Flaherty, late Solicitor Gorey Rural District Council at £15-16-6.

Combined Purchasing Act, 1925.

Under date 10th July, (S, 34,883/1928) a demand was received from the Department of Local Government for payment of £140-13-7 assessed upon Wexford Co. Council in accordance with the provisions of Section 10 of above Act;

Proposed by Mr. McCarthy, seconded by Mr. Shannon and passed:-

"That the Co. Council be recommended to pay £140-13-7

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amount apportioned on the County undersection 10 of the Local Authorities (Combined Purchasing) Act, 1928.

University Scholarship Scheme.

Miss Honor Bolger, Vistoria Place, New Ross applied for renewal of University Scholarship for year 1928-29 in order to obtain the higher Diploma in Education.

Proposed by Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Shannon and passed:-

" That the Co. Council be recommended to extend the University Scholarship of Miss Honor Bolger, New Ross for a further year in order to allow her to obtain the higher Diploma in Education, such extention being provided for by University Scholarship Scheme of the Co. Council.

Childrens Act 1908.

Reports of Mr. Elgee, Solicitor relative to applications for Committal of Children named Cahill, Distillery Road, Wexford to Industrial School were read and approved.

Bovine Tuberculosis Order.

Letters from the Department of Agriculture under date 20th June, 1928 (L. 1050-26) suggesting that in view of the number of cases dealt with in the year by Veterinary Inspectors in each of the five areas in the County during the 6 months ended 31st March, 1928 the amount of work alone during these six months should be the basis of an experimental distribution of the allowance for the various areas. From the number of cases dealt with it would appear that the remuneration of Mr. R. Malone for the period represented an average of £6-13-4 per case and that of Mr. Lynch an average of £3-15 per case, whereas Mr. Taylor received only 8/- 4d per case. Messrs Malone and Hayes

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in whose areas no cases were dealt with were paid £20 and £25 respectively for the period.

After some discussion it was decided that the Secretary communicate with the Veterinary Inspectors concerned and ascertain from them if a mistake had been made as regards the number of cases dealt with. Some members present expressed the opinion that, whereas, the Veterinary Inspectors might have visited cases of Tuberculosis they failed or neglected to furnish the customary reports.

The matter will be further considered at the next meeting of the Finance Committee.

Rates- New Buildings Order 1925.

Application of Mr. Patrick Lennon, Forrestalstown, Clonroche to be rated at a reduced valuation in respect of new building erected by him was agreed to on the report of Mr. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor to the effect that Mr. Lennon had built his new dwelling house on the old foundation. Mr. Cullen estimated the value of the new building at £250.

State of Rate Collection and Irrecoverable Rates.

The state of the Collection of Rate for 1927-28 collection second moiety submitted as follows.

E.J. Murphy 98 per cent; J.J. O'Reilly (No. 13 collection district). 97; J. Curtis 97; T. Rowe, 96; J. Quirke (No. 1) 95; John Doyle 94; M. Deegan 93; S Gannon 92; J. Quirke, (No. 3). 91; P. O'Byrne 91; J.J. Sinnott 90. J. Cummins 90; P. Donohue 89; W. Cummins 88; B. Gleary 88; P. Furlong 87; T. Sutton 85; M.M. Kelly 83. J.J. O'reilly (No. 15) 79. J.J. Kelly 75. M. McCarthy 70.

The Secretary stated that the total of all outstanding collectable rates was £9,000 odd

Payments.

Treasurer's Advice Note for £6072-4-9 was examined and signed.

Proposed by Mr O'Byrne, seconded by Mr Cummins, and passed;-

"That the Minutes of the Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on the 19th July 1928, be received and considered."

County Library Committee.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Miss O'Ryan seconded by MR O'Byrne;-

"That the resolution of the County Council limiting the number of members of the County Library Committee to sixteen, be and is hereby rescinded."

Miss O'Ryan proposed and Mr Keegan seconded the following;-

"That we dissent from the recommendation of the Finance Committee as regards the appointment of additional members of the County Library Committee, and that new members of the Committee be appointed on the recommendation of the Library Committee."

Col Gibbon held that the position, as regards the outside members of the Library Committee, should be exactly the same as obtained for the other Committees of the County Council, the procedure being that the Committee concerned nominated a member to fill the vacancy and the nomination was considered by the County Council, but with a free hand.

As an amendment, Mr Corish proposed;-

"That when the County Council are filling any vacancy on, or appointing additional members to the Library Committee, the latter be consulted regarding the appointment."

Mr Cummins seconded.

Miss O'Ryan withdrew her proposal in favour of that of Mr Corish which was then agreed to unanimously.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Col. Quin seconded by Mr Brennan;-

"That the Library Committee be consulted as to the proposal to add the name of Miss Kathleen Browne, Rathronan Castle, Bridgetown, to the Committee."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr

O'Byrne, seconded by Mr Cummins;-

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 19th July, 1928, be and are hereby confirmed, except in so far as same have been amended by resolution or order made at this meeting."

Roads.

The following Minutes of Roads Committee in respect of meeting held on 23rd July 1928 were submitted;-

The monthly meeting of the Roads' Committee was held in the Co. Council Chamber, Wexford, on the 23rd July, 1928.

Present. Col. Gibbon, Col. Quin, Messrs. Sean O'Byrne Jas. Hall, Patrick Hayes, T. F. D'Arcy, M. Smyth. Thos. J. Maylor, W. P. Keegan, John J. Culleton, M.M. Roche, R. Corish, James Shannon, Thos. McCarthy and Patrick Colfer.

The Secretary, the Co. Surveyor and the six Assistant Surveyors were also in attendance.

The Chair was taken by Col. Gibbon on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Col. Quin

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

Mr. Doyle, Chairman, then attended and presided during the remainder of the business.

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COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT TO THE ROADS COMMITTEE MEETING
On 23rd July, 1928, at 10.30 a.m.

Mr Chairman and Gentlemen,

I beg to report that I have made arrangements with the Assistant Surveyors for carrying out the improvement works for which proposals are on the books at Aughtiguemore, Whitehouse and Kilmuckridge. At each of these places there is a watersplash, and it is proposed to build a bridge. I am constructing a bridge with flat top, and consisting of Jack arches of concrete between Railway Rails. I have the rails to hand, and am getting the materials on the ground to have the work commenced at once.

I have notified Mr. Michael Furlong, Spawell Road, that the County Council is willing to consider offer for the purchase of the premises which he holds of us, and I shall submit to the meeting any reply I receive from him.

I have been in communication with the Assistant Architect Waterford, with reference to laying drainage pipes at the Civic Guards Barracks, Killanne, and I have agreed to the work proceeding ~~provided~~ provided that no sewerage be discharged into ~~road~~ road drains, and that the road drains be properly restored. I believe your formal sanction should be given to this.

I have to report that an Attendant on one of our rollers was the cause of trouble with the Driver, and I have suspended him pending your decision. I submit report from Mr. Treanor regarding the matter.

I have made arrangements with the New Ross Urban Surveyor in regard to the repair and maintenance of New Ross Bridge, and Chilcomb Railway Bridge, and I now have from him notification that the carriageway and footpaths on New Ross Bridge and its approaches have been sprayed and gouted. Mr. O'Neill has

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seen the work, and I, myself, shall inspect it shortly.

I have to report that the Diving Suit and pumping plant for same has arrived at Courtown. As soon as possible I shall arrange for a trial of the apparatus.

There has been a dangerous bulging of the Sea Wall supporting the road at the Old Coastguard Station in Arthurstown. I have made several inspections of the place, and on the 3rd instant met Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor, and gave him directions and arranged for its strengthening by an outside buttress. We are getting materials on the ground.

On No. 11W, between Ardcanrisk and Larkins Cross, there was a bad slip some time ago which I reported to the County Council and obtained instructions to make good. I have now carried out some extensive works in draining the upper side of the road, and am constructing or repairing gulleys across the road. This work, when ^{completed} ~~completed~~, will I believe obviate any further slip for many years to come. At a couple of other places there are side slips on the same road, and I shall take steps to have these made good.

Some time ago I reported to the Council regarding the side slip of the sea embankment retaining the road beyond the Coastguard station at Rosslare. I had hoped with comparatively small expenditure I would have been able to maintain the roadway, but now after frequent inspections and thorough examination I am satisfied that we cannot maintain the road without very elaborate and extensive works; probably running into £3,000 or £4,000. At the present time I am protecting the public as well as maybe, and have danger notices up. I consider it would be advisable for the Council to close this section of roadway completely.

I have made arrangements for repairs at Slade Harbour as recommended by the Roads Inspection Committee. I have got

old Railway rails for core of new concrete bollards, and I have had new mooring rings made in our own workshop Enniscorthy. This will be in hands at once.

In the last "Road Work's Scheme" the expenditure proposed by me on the Main Road from Ballyanne to Poulmounty ~~was~~ allowed by the County Council, and accordingly I am carrying out special work on this important road. I have provided an extra quantity of material, and am rolling this in patch work. I expect when the job is completed the road will be very much strengthened and improved.

In the allocation of Grants by the Local Government Department for surface dressing this year there was a reserve fund of £250 for the bitumen dressing of a section of the Wexford-Rosslare Road. It was expected that there would have been further Grant for the strengthening and surfacing of this road preparatory to the dressing. However, no further Grants are available this year, but I have stock of stone and tar provided for this road under a former proposal of the County Council, and with your approval, I propose using this in conjunction with the Grant to improve the road, commencing at the Urban Boundary. I have provisionally arranged with Mr. Raftery, Local Government Inspector, in regard to this, and shall forward particulars to the Local Government Department for sanction on getting your approval.

At a former meeting of the Co. Council the question of a loan for the improvement of Gorey-Wexford Road, for the New Ross Camblin Road was under discussion. Recently, under ordinary maintenance proposals, I have carried out a good deal of tar dressing work in patches, also in filling pot holes, and these roads are now much improved. From recent communication from the Local Government Department it would appear that the Council must take their chance in getting a subsidy to repay any loan instalments as the Local Government Department

will not bind themselves to cover instalments for a period of years. I think, under the circumstances, that it would be more advisable for the County Council to allow a higher expenditure on these roads next year and permit me to distribute increased work where necessary. This will enable the Council to gradually bring up the roads without tying themselves to heavy expenditure. Of course, from my point of view, and ~~from~~ from a road user's point of view, this is not the best system, but a loan will tie up the finances for a number of years "

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Col Quin seconded by Mr Hall :-

" That the report of the County Surveyor be received and considered "

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Premises at Spawell Road, Wexford. In connection with this matter a letter was read from Messrs. M. Furlong and Sons offering £100 for the premises on the understanding that they are held in freehold and that they ~~would~~ be indemnified against the ~~pay~~ment of any head rent. Messrs. Furlong pointed out that it would be necessary for the Council to spend a further £100 to put the place in ~~proper~~ repair, as roofs, endwall, Sanitary arrangements and sewers would have to be seen to in the near future.

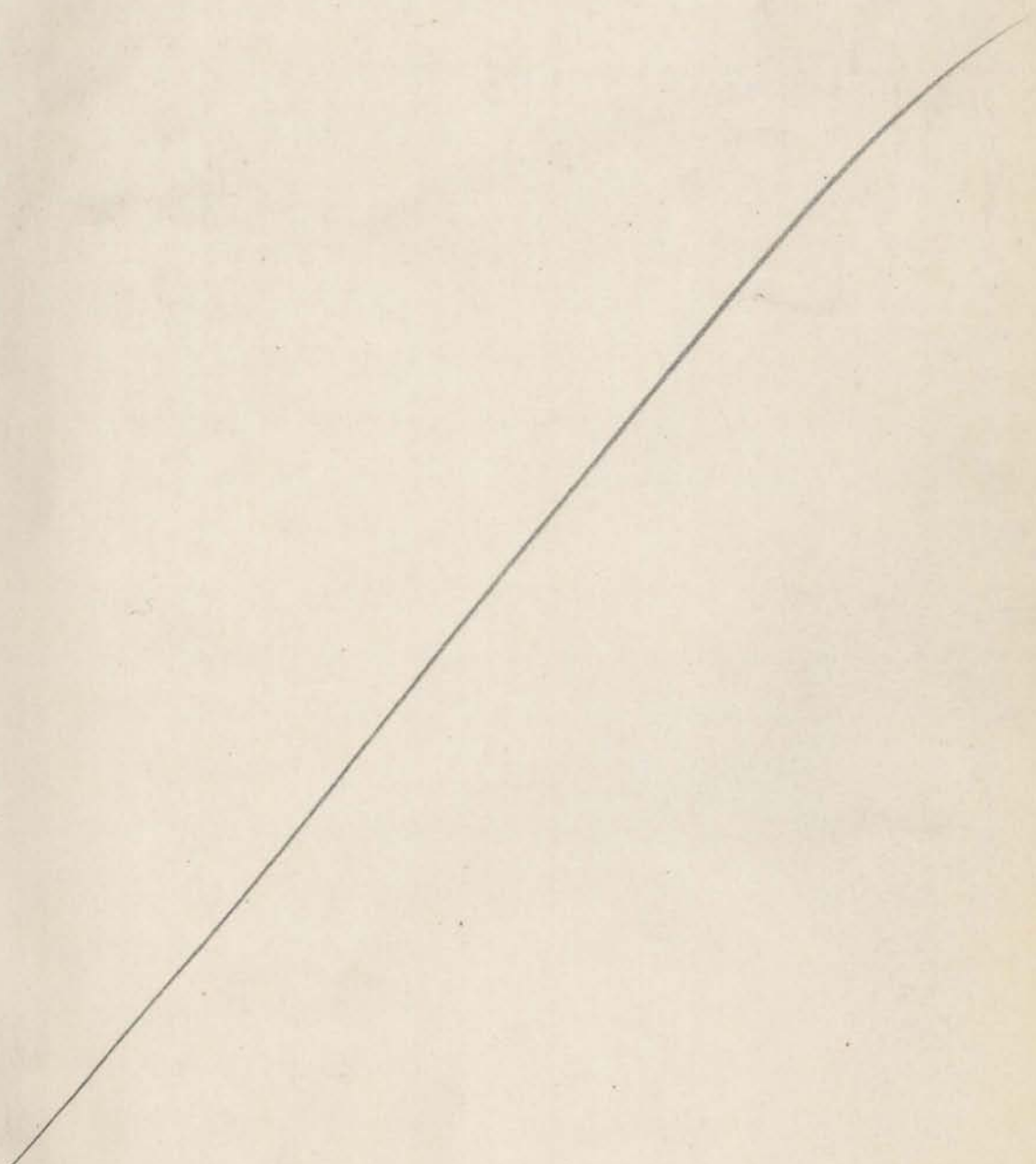
The Secretary stated the rent of the premises was £25 a year, the Council paying rates.

It was decided to inform Messrs. Furlong that the Roads' Committee considered their offer entirely inadequate.

Drainage Pipes. Civic Guard Barracks, Killanne.

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

"We recommend the Council to agree to the laying of drainage pipes at the Civic Guard Barracks, Killanne, by Department of Public Works provided ~~and~~ the work be carried out to the satisfaction of the Co. Surveyor.



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Engine Driver's Assistant.

Under date 10th July, 1928 a letter from the Co. Surveyor to Mr. Treanor, Assistant ^{Surveyor} was read. This pointed out that James Quinn, Camolin Park, who was an Engine Driver's assistant had been with him complaining that he had been discharged from his position. Quinn produced a Medical Certificate to show that he was suffering from a broken rib and from his statement it would appear that he sustained this injury in a fight or wrestling match with the Engine Driver. Mr. Treanor was asked to supply a fully detailed report of the whole circumstances and to let the Co. Surveyor know exactly how the man was injured.

Under date 10th July, 1928 Mr. Treanor wrote that on the 7th July Ganger John Byrne and Driver Hanrahan had complained to him that ~~the~~ James Quinn, the Driver's assistant, had attacked the driver in the living van, afterwards he went in to Gorey and did not return for over an hour and a half. When asked by Mr. Treanor for explanation of his attack he became abusive and there was no alternative but to suspend him. The ganger was instructed to supply a temporary assistant to the driver and the machinery overseer had since appointed an assistant to replace Quinn.

Under date 13th July, Mr. Treanor further reported that he had made further inquiries since learning that Quinn was suffering from a broken rib. Ganger Byrne and Driver Hanrahan could give no explanation for this. Both stated that no violence was used towards Quinn and that their trouble was to get him out of the van and to desist from his attempts on Hanrahan. When he was spoken to afterwards Quinn made no reference to the broken rib although at that time he had just come back from Gorey.

Col. Gibbon proposed:-

"That three members of the Roads' Committee, representing Gorey Electoral area, with the County Surveyor, be appointed a Sub-Committee to inquire into the case of James Quinn, Engine Driver's Assistant, and make a recommendation to the next meeting of the Co. Council.

Mr. Hayes seconded.

Mr. D'Arcy proposed- "That we confirm the suspension of James Quinn, Engine Driver's Assistant, and discontinue his services.

Mr. Roche Seconded.

A show of hands was taken on Col. Gibbon's motion which was regarded as the amendment when it was found that four were in favour and seven against.

The Chairman declared the amendment lost.

The motion of Mr. D'Arcy was then put on a show of hands and carried by eight to two.

Quinn came before the meeting subsequently and stated that the row between himself and Hanrahan originated in his refusing to carry out an order of Hanrahan to sweep out the tubes of the engine which he could not do as he had no room to do the work as an Engine belonging to Mr. Kavanagh was pulled up too closely to the Co. Council Engine. He was attacked by Hanrahan who caught him by the throat. He then held on to Hanrahan's jaw. Two or three fellows including Jack Byrne, the ganger, came into the van and threw themselves on top of him. With their weight on him he heard his rib snap. He then did a kind of faint. He denied he was abusive to Mr. Treanor.

It was with some difficulty that Quinn was induced to retire from the meeting.

Mr. Hall said that if he had realised the condition in which Quinn was he would not have asked the meeting to have reopened the matter.

The meeting decided to adhere to their decision of confirming the suspension of Quinn and discontinuing his services.

Diving Suit. In connection with diving suit which had been obtained principally for Courtown Harbour, Col. Quin asked if fishing boats could get in and out of the Harbour at the moment.

The Co. Surveyor said the Bar was all right at present, Conditions varied from time to time; they depended on the wind.

In reply to Mr. Keegan, the Co. Surveyor said that they spent £150 recently on Courtown Harbour. The work had not been advertised as he considered it would lead to economy to make an arrangement with a local man. It was not carried out by direct labour as expensive plant would have had to be purchased.

Mr. Keegan said he did not consider it fair that everyone should not get a chance.

It was decided that in future, works entailing substantial expenditure as in this case should be advertised.

Road at Coastguard Station, Rosslare. Col Gibbon proposed;-

"That the recommendation of Co. Surveyor relative to road beyond the Coastguard Station at Rosslare be adopted and that the road be closed as it is dangerous to the public. That application be made to the Minister for Local Government sanctioning this proposal.

Mr. Culleton seconded the resolution which was adopted.

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Wexford-Gorey Road. With regard to the reference to this road in the report of the Co. Surveyor Col Gibbon proposed the following:-

"That consideration of this matter be adjourned for a month and during intervening period the Co. Surveyor ascertain the volume of motor traffic passing over this road on certain dates. That the Roads Inspection Committee be asked to visit and inspect this road in as much detail as possible in conjunction with the Co. Surveyor.

Mr. D'Arcy seconded the resolution which was adopted.

Mr. McCarthy said he did not consider the application for the £8,000 was made with the condition that a Grant should be received from the Government. He was surprised at the attitude taken by Col. Gibbon as two months ago the latter had led the Council to believe that this road was dangerous to traffic.

Col. Gibbon said he would vote against the £8,000 so long as the Council had no authority or order to prevent heavy lorry traffic on this road. It was not built to stand traffic of lorries of 15 tons. The expenditure of £8,000 would have to be repeated in a very short time unless heavy lorry traffic could be prevented from passing over the road.

Proposed by Mr. O'Byrne and seconded by Mr. Culleton; and adopted;-

"That the Local Government Department be requested to inform the Council if in the event of the Council obtaining a loan of £8,000 and spending that amount this year on Gorey Wexford road, will the Department agree that this expenditure of £8,000 be reckoned as expenditure under Main Road Grant and will the Department be prepared to recoup the amount to the extent of 30% as provided for by ordinary Main Road maintenance grant.

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

"That the report of the Co. Surveyor be and is hereby adopted subject to any amendments made by resolution at this meeting.

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Roads' Inspection Committee.

The following were appointed Roads' Inspection Committee
on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Culleton:-

Messrs. O'Byrne, Hall, Hayes, Maylor, Col. Gibbon,
Col. Quin, Chairman and Vice-Chairman.

Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, mentioned that the Committee would
be entitled to recoupment of actual amount spent for travelling
expences but nothing would be allowed for subsistence
allowance.

Report of Mr. Raftery , Local Government Engineer.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Col. Quin.

"That we request the Department of Local Government to furnish the Wexford Co. Council with copy of report of Mr. Raftery, Engineering Inspector, as to Main Road Maintenance and which was promised by him at a recent meeting of Roads' Committee.

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KILMORE HARBOUR

The following was submitted by the Co. Surveyor:-

On the 12th instant I visited Kilmore with Mr. Hassard, Fishery Department's Engineer, and examined into the matter of Harbour Entrance.

Mr. Doyle, Chairman, and also, Messrs Hayes, ~~Gale~~ and Roche, M.M.C's met us by appointment. There were present, also, Mr. Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor, Messrs Furlong, Rochford and ~~and~~ many others, including the Cox of the lifeboat.

At the time of our visit (8.p.m.) the water level was $14\frac{1}{2}$ feet under cope level or $1\frac{1}{2}$ feet over the low water level shown on plans.

We took some rough soundings and found the depth in the entrance (reduced to L.W.) at about $3\frac{1}{2}$ feet. There were two suggestions put forward regarding the entrance:-

(1) To close existing entrance and open a new one at the shore end of the solid portion of breakwater.

(2) To extend pier to cover or overlap the breakwater end.

As regards these proposals I may state that I do not believe either alteration will have much influence in keeping the Harbour freer from sand: dredging will always be necessary. Regarding No. (1) there is a gradual shallowing from the sea end of breakwater towards the shore and opposite the proposed new entrance there is about 18 inches less depth of water than at the old entrance. Further, vessels coming in this way will be embayed-with St. Patrick's Bridge on the lee at less than half a mile distance. We have no data regarding depths of the area between breakwater and bridge. Personally I would not favour this alteration.

Regarding No (2) it would appear to give more shelter inside the Harbour from southerly and southeasterly winds and

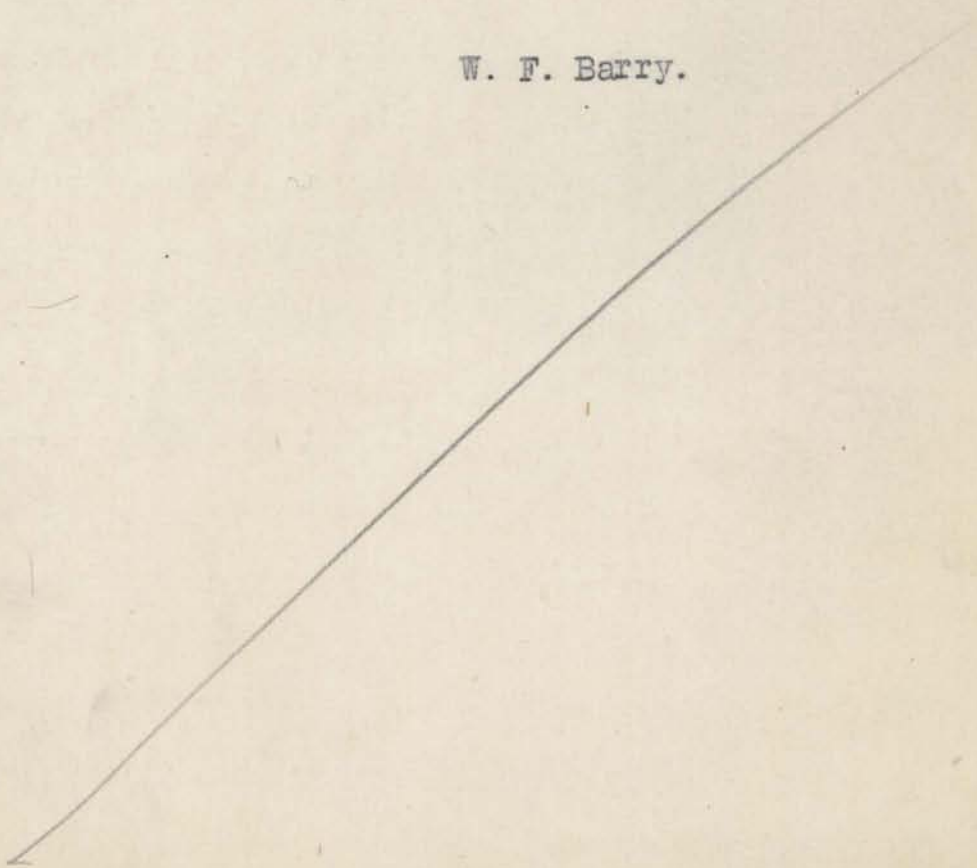
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probably give extra berthage near the entrance. I fear, however, that it would make the entrance more difficult in southerly gales. In discussing the matter with Mr. Hassard he suggested that, if the County Council contemplate any change of entrance, a small sum of say £25 or 30 be allocated to ^{buy}~~buy~~ a rope in the position of the suggested pier extension. The considered opinion of skippers of steamers, schooners and fishing boats should then be obtained. Certainly this must be done and a full survey made before any extensive alterations are put in hands. The ~~cost~~ cost of any alteration will amount to £6,000 or £7,000.

The dredging of the Harbour should be put in hands at once, and the Department should be asked to send a dredger. If possible to obtain suitable plant the Harbour should be cleared by local labour of course having in view comparative costs. This is the view of the local people.

I purpose taking further measurements and compass bearings and shall report further if the Council considers taking up any proposal.

W. F. Barry.



Col. Quin proposed and Mr. D'Arcy seconded the following resolution *which was adopted*:—

"That arrangements be made as soon as possible to have the ^{*Dredging*} ~~Drainage~~ Work at Kilmore carried out. That the Co. Surveyor be empowered to ~~make~~ whatever arrangements he considers most suitable for carrying out dredging work viz., by local labour or by the Board of Works Drédger. That the work be carried out as soon as possible and while the weather is favourable."

Proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Mr. Culleton and adopted.—

^ That the suggestion of the Co. Surveyor relative to Buoying of rope in the position of the suggested pier extension to agreed to, expenditure to be incurred not to exceed £30. That other recommendations relative to this Pier be deferred for the present ^

SOW DRAINAGE.

The Co. Surveyor submitted the following report:-

On the 17th instant, by appointment, I met Mr. Olley, Board of Works Engineer, and made an inspection of these works. Mr. Olley was accompanied by Mr. Le Famu, another Board of Works Engineer, and Mr. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, was with me. We met in the Ballagh, and there were present also Messrs P. Murphy, Walter Mernagh, Charles Mernagh, John Doyle, Peter Cullen and John Mernagh. Later at Ballinkelle Bridge we met Mr. Jn. Mernagh of Clonmore.

We inspected the main drain at several places and there several land owners pointed out defects -from their point of view-inthe recent works. All owners were emphatic in stating that the work was not carried out with proper economy, and no one is satisfied that his land is improved by the recent work to an extent commensurate with the charge. Unfortunately there are no original sections available showing widths and levels of the main drain as first made. Mr. Olley produced a section prepared before recent work was undertaken, and marked on this are the levels to which the drain was recently sunk. I must take these as correct, and from the section I find that the controlling point of all the upper drain was the rock at Killmallock. At this point the bed of the river has been deepened and the channel graded above. I must go more fully into this, and ask the Council to apply to the Board of Works for a copy of the section. Pending receipt of this I shall not go further into the matter except to state that , whatever the reason may be, large areas are not properly relieved from flood.

The Board of Works, I understand, proposes to issue a "Charging Order" immediately, and in view of the extreme local dissatisfaction I consider the County Council should protest

against this being done, I am informed that no "original
award" has been for⁽warded to the County Council: this should
be to hand before the Council *a*cccepts responsibility.

W.F.M. Barry.

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In reply to Col. Gibbon the Co. Surveyor said he did not notify any member of the Co. Council to be present at the inspection in view of the fact that the Council had decided they would not entertain any ~~proposals~~ as regards this drainage scheme until they have been supplied with the original award.

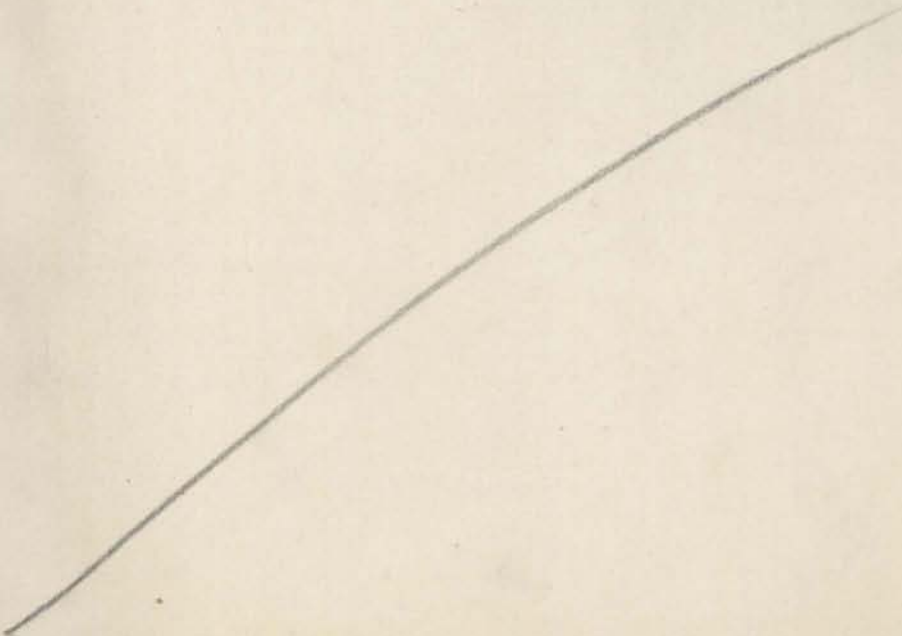
Proposed by Mr. O'Byrne and seconded By Mr, Hall:→

"That we protest against the issue of charging ^{Order} as regards Sow Drainage until we are furnished with the original award in connection with this ~~system~~ for which the Council applied so far back as December last. We request the Department of Public Works to supply the Co. Surveyor with the "Section" which was ~~prepared~~ prepared before the recent work on the Drainage system was undertaken and on which are marked the levels to which the drain was recently sunk."

This resolution was adopted unanimously.

Col. Gibbon proposed and Mr. Hall seconded the following resolution which was adopted nem. con.:—

"That our Secretary request the Office of Public Works to furnish the list of Ratepayers concerned in the Sow Drainage Scheme with their decimal proportions showing the extent of drainage rate on their property."



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Drainage Schemes Generally.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. D'Arcy seconded by Mr. Cullteon:-

"That a Sub-Committee of Roads' Committee be appointed to deal with all drainage matters in the County. The following were appointed on this Sub-Committee.

Enniscorthy District. Mr. Culleton (proposed by Mr. D'Arcy seconded by the Chairman) Mr. Jordan (proposed by Col. Gibbon seconded by Mr. Culleton).

Gorey District. Mr. Smyth (proposed by Mr. D'Arcy seconded by Mr. Culleton) Mr. Sean O'Byrne (proposed by Col. Quin seconded by Mr. Hayes).

New Ross District. Mr. Maylor (proposed by Mr. Culleton seconded by Mr. D'Arcy) Mr. Colfer (proposed by Mr. Maylor seconded by Mr. Hall).

Wexford District. Col. Gibbon (proposed by Mr. Culleton seconded by Mr. Hall) Mr. Corish (proposed by Col. Quin seconded by Mr. Hall). The Chairman and Vice-Chairman are to be ex-officio members of this Sub-Committee.

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Rosslare Water Supply.

The Co. Surveyor submitted ~~the~~ correspondence from Mr. John Browne, Contractor for Rosslare Water Supply. He pointed out to Mr. Browne ~~that~~ his application for permission to open the road for the laying of Water pipes was agreed to subject to Mr. Browne maintaining the traffic and also being responsible for the proper restoration of the Road surface.

Under date 13th June, Mr. Browne wrote that he was prepared to comply with conditions laid down by the Co. Surveyor.

The Chairman mentioned that the surface of the road between Rosslare and Tagoat was open for a very long time and he would like to know if anything was being done to expedite the work.

The Co. Surveyor was instructed to communicate with Mr. Browne and call his attention to the fact that in the opinion of the Roads' Committee the work of laying the water pipes on the road between Tagoat and Rosslare should have been completed ^{long} since. It was a very great inconvenience to the Public to have the road torn up for such a length of time.

Rosslare Sewerage.

The Co. Surveyor, submitting correspondence with Mr. John Browne, Contractor, stated he had pointed out to Mr. Browne that the pipe trench which he had filled in beyond the Coast-guard Station at Rosslare was not a proper job. On the 8th June a lorry was embedded to the axle and the road was then so badly gulfed that it was positively dangerous. Mr. Browne was directed to at once restore the surface with well packed gravel and informed that he would be held responsible for any damage that might happen to the public.

In reply to this Mr. Browne stated that the pipe trench was defective for the reason that it was on marly ground and was impossible to ram. The surface had been levelled four times since it was finished. Under the circumstances he thought that the Co. Surveyor would agree that the trench could not be expected to stand ~~under~~ the weight of a lorry. He would be responsible for any damage that might occur and would have the trench attended to again that evening.

Explosive Magazine.

The Co. Surveyor under date 21th June submitted report from Mr. Elgee, Solicitor re the erection of Explosive magazine. Mr. Elgee pointed out that it would appear from the plans that the specified 75 yards radius from the magazine provided by Regulations would embrace the grounds of the Wexford Lawn Tennis Club and that the only question then would appear to be ~~■~~ would the Tennis Club premises come under the description of a Promenade or open place of resort by the public. He was unable to find any decided cases upon the point, but, it was his opinion, that the grounds would come under the definition and that it would be advisable to obtain in writing the consent of the Club before the magazine was erected. end

The Co. Surveyor said he would see about erecting the magazine at Kerlogue as the quarry there was more than 75 yards away from any premises.

The Co. Surveyor's suggestion was agreed to.

Warping Buoys, New Ross Bridge.

The Co. Surveyor submitted letter from Mr. W.J. Farrell, Harbour Master, Waterford, as to examination of ground moorings of above. The letter stated the Waterford Harbour Commissioners do not make any specific price for any work they under took. The Wexford Co. Council would be charged ~~for~~ only the men's wages and a small sum for the use of the plant. He considered the cost in the present case would be about £19.

It was decided to take no action in the matter until next year.

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Cleaning of Wexford Courthouse.

The Co. Surveyor wrote under date 12th July, 1928 that the caretaker of the jail premises had drawn his attention to the very indifferent cleaning that is done in connection with the Court premises at the old Jail. Any sweeping that was done was not thorough and the dirt was left in other parts of the buildings and not taken away. The steps going to the court were left in a very filthy condition and had not been cleaned for weeks. He (Co. Surveyor) understood that the Court caretaker ^{was} ~~was~~ responsible for the cleaning of all parts of the building that were used for Court purposes.

In reply to this Mrs. McNally, Courthouse Keeper, wrote under date 13th July denying emphatically the complaint which had been made. The parts of the building used in connection with the court are cleaned every week in preparation for the District Court, and she was not responsible after that. The cleaning of the District Court Clerk's office was never part of her duty,

The Co. Surveyor said that in his opinion the District Court Clerk's office was part ~~of~~ and parcel of the Court. Undoubtedly Mrs. McNally had not to maintain this office when the court was held in the old premises but she then had to look after the offices of the County Secretary and the Co. Surveyor. If she cleaned the District Court Clerk's office now it would be very much to her advantage as compared to what she had to do in the past.

It was decided that the following Sub-Committee investigate the matter and report to next meeting of the Roads' Committee:- Messrs. Corish, Culleton, Cummins and D'Arcy.

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Railing at Church St. Bunclody.

Under date 5th July, 1928 the Co. Surveyor forwarded a letter from Patrick Mullins asking for permission to erect a railing in front of his house in Church St. Bunclody, as he needed a protection for his children who were subject to grave danger from passing motorists, etc. He would therefore feel very grateful if he were given permission to erect some protection at two and a half or three feet from his house.

Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, reported that he could not see any objection to allowing Mr. Mullins putting up a railing not more than three feet in front of his house. The roadway was 25 feet wide, and, moreover was masked by a curved boundary wall immediately above it.

Col. Gibbon said he would object to the matter being discussed until a proper scaled drawing had been furnished as provided by an existing order of the Council.

Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, said the Council had no power to give the permission sought for and it was, on his advice, decided to mark the application refused.

Flooding at Ballinastraw Crossroads.

Mr. Shannon gave notice of motion to move that the resolution of the Co. Council declining to interfere in a dispute between men named Keating and Heffernan in connection with the flooding of the residence of the former be ^{be}reconsidered, and that a Sub-Committee be appointed to visit the place and report as to the most suitable action to be taken by the Co. Council in the matter.

Assistant Surveyor's Remuneration.

Under date 25th June, 1928, the Department of Local Government (Roads) wrote (R/RS/32) forwarding letter from Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, asking to be exempted from the terms of the Council's resolution of 10th April last concerning travelling expenses and asking that the Minister should be favoured with the observations of the Council in the matter. Sanction to the Council's proposal in this case was given on the understanding that Mr. Treanor had accepted the Council's proposal.

Correspondence from Mr. Treanor pointed out that his reason for claiming exemption was that in order to give the necessary supervision to the work in this area his average mileage over the past three years was 11,000 miles per year and at a fixed rate of five pence per mile he would be at a loss in accepting £170 per annum to cover his travelling expenses. The Co. Council had admitted this by increasing the salaries of the other Assistant Surveyors as a set off against the loss in mileage but no such consideration was given in his case. It was for this reason that he asked the resolution should not apply in his case.

Col. Gibbon proposed:-

"That, as Mr. Shannon's proposal to pay Assistant Surveyors certain sums to cover salary and travelling expenses has not been accepted in accordance with the terms of the resolution of the Council, ~~that~~ the old rate of payment to Assistant Surveyors for salary and travelling expenses remain in force.

Mr. Treanor said he would withdraw his letter in order that the resolution of the Council would not be allowed to fall through.

Petrol Pump Licences.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Sean O'Byrne seconded by Col. Quin:- "That licence for petrol pump be issued to Herbert C. Cooke, 83-84 Main St. Gorey as tank is on his own premises."

Application for renewal of petrol pump licence was received from Mr. Finn, Main St. Gorey.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Sean O'Byrne seconded by Col. Quin:- "That renewal of petrol ~~petrol~~ pump licence be issued to Mr. Finn, Main St. Gorey, for the coming year but ~~that~~ he be informed that licence will not be renewed next year unless the tank be placed in a position which is not under the footpath or under the public road. This concession was made to Mr. Finn because, when licence to him was issued in the first instance, the Co. Council had not adopted the resolution that they would not grant petrol pump licences in cases where tanks were placed under footpaths or under public roads."

Applications for petrol pump licences were received from Messrs. Bates and Sons, Gorey, In the first case the tank was under the footpath and in the second case it was inside the Applicants' premises.

The following resolution was proposed by Col Quin seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That licence for petrol pump the tank of which is on their own premises be issued to Messrs Bates & Sons, Gorey. "That we refuse to issue licence for petrol pump to Messrs. Bates & Sons Gorey in respect of which the tank is under the footpath."

Mr. Keegan proposed and Mr. D'Arcy seconded the following ~~resolution~~ amendment:- "That licence for petrol pumps applied for by Messrs Bates & Sons Gorey be issued from this meeting."

A poll was taken with the following result:-

For the amendment:- Messrs. D'Arcy, Culleton, Keegan, Roche, Smyth-5

Against:- Col. Gibbon, Col. Quin, Messrs. O'Byrne, Hayes, Hall, Maylor and the Chairman-7.

Messrs. Cori~~on~~, McCarthy, and Shannon were not present when the vote was taken.

The Chairman declared the amendment lost.

The original motion was then put and passed nem. com.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Col Gibbon seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That licences for Petrol pumps issue to Martin Maher, South St. New Ross and to Frank J. Doyle, Priory St. Garage, ^{New Ross} as tanks in these instances are not placed under the footpath or public road."

Proposed by MMr. Culleton seconded by Mr. Hayes:-

"That licence for petrol pump issue to J. Carroll, Taghmon, as tank in this case is not under public road or footpath."

Carne Pier

A long correspondence as to repair of Carne Pier was submitted from the Department of Fisheries and Mr. M.J. O'Connor, Solicitor, Wexford, relative to repair of Carne Pier. Mr. O'Connor pointed out that £150 had been spent on the Pier up to the present and that another £200 would be necessary to complete the work which it was very necessary to carry out while suitable weather prevailed.

Under date 20th July, the Department of Fisheries wrote (D/7/11) that following consultations with the Department's concerned it was thought that the obvious course for the Co. Council appeared to be to seek the sanction of the Minister for Local Government to obtaining the necessary accommodation from its Treasurer under section 3(1) and section 9(2) of the Local Authorities (Financial Provisions) Act 1921.

Col. Gibbon mentioned that the Council had been informed by the local people who went to the Department of Fisheries that the latter would contribute half the cost of repair. Later the Department of Fisheries stated they had not been able to obtain any contribution from the Department of Finance and the local people were threatening they would move to compel the Council to carry out their statutory duties as regards the repairs. Mr. O'Connor, Solicitor, Wexford, who had taken a great interest in the matter, had informed the Co. Council Committee on behalf of the residents of Carne Pier that they would undertake-if the expense of putting the Pier in order amounted to more than £350 in all-they would be responsible for anything beyond this amount provided the work was done immediately.

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Col. Quin proposed, Mr. Culleton seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That £200 be withdrawn from the Public Works account to allow of the completion of the work at Carne Pier. That application be made to the Department of Local Government for sanction to the borrowing of £200 from the Treasurer of the Council and which sum is on receipt to be repaid to the Public Works account by way of recoupment. That in the event of the repair costing more than £350 in all viz. £150 already spent and the £200 now voted, the excess expenditure to be made good by the local people concerned and on whose behalf Mr. M.J. O'Connor, Solicitor has given a guarantee to that effect.

Gorey Workers versus County Council.

Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, reported under date 12th July, 1928, that claim made by one of workers who had been employed by Mr. Treanor Assistant Surveyor, Gorey District on behalf of Messrs. Tarvia Bristowes Ltd was heard by the District Justice on the 11th July, when the case was dismissed without prejudice, the Justice holding that the case was barred by the 52nd Section of Local Government Act of 1898.

In a further letter under date 19th July, 1928, Mr. Elgee wrote that Mr. James J. O'Connor, Solicitor on behalf of workers, was applying to the Local Government Department for an extension of time for payment of the amount sued for. Mr. O'Connor had issued a fresh batch of Processes in respect of claimants, and these would be heard at Gorey on the 27th July.

Oldtown (Rathduff) Crossroads.

Under date 19th July, 1928, letter was read from Messrs. Charles and Thomas Redmond, Rathduff, Killanne, calling attention to the dangerous and unsatisfactory condition of the Crossroads at Oldtown caused by the dumping there of hundreds of tons of stones for road maintainance. They were thrown on the bank by the cross for the purpose of breaking. The work, if proceeded

with, would cause hardship, and endanger lives and property as well as entailing risk and danger to the public traffic as well as to houses owned by Messrs. Redmond, as the stones would be broken within a couple of yards of their corn haggard, and residence, while a stream of pure water would ~~be~~ rendered unfit for human use as it would become polluted with stone-dust, debris, etc. It was unreasonable and unfair to the residents in the locality that that particular crossroads should be used as a depot for road material. Last year, the residents sent a petition to the Co. Surveyor protesting against work being carried out at this particular place.

Under date 21st July, 1928, seven contractors who had been preparing material at the crossroads in question wrote that owing to the complaint of Messrs. Redmond, the work of breaking had ceased. During the years in ~~the~~ which the stones had been broken there the people using the road never made any complaint and they contended that Messrs. Redmond had no grievance. As regards the water pollution, the stream ran through a manure pit, and the water was never used for domestic purposes at any time. They hoped the Co. Council would pay no attention to the complaint of Messrs. Redmond which seemed a matter of "grudge".

The Co. Surveyor stated that he did not consider the ^wbaking of stones at ~~the~~ ^{the} crossroads was a nuisance to anybody.

Mr. Shannon said he believed Messrs. Redmond had worked up signatures to a petition ~~of~~ last year protesting against the use of the crossroads as a depot, but they had been unable to get anyone to make a protest this year. He considered there was no hardship caused to Messrs. Redmond in the matter.

A report was submitted from Mr. T. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, stating that stones had been broken at these crossroads in 1915, 1916, 1918, 1924, 1928, and 1927. It was the only place available for the purpose in the Rathduff district. Stones

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for the ~~present~~ year's breaking were being hauled to the place when the complaint was made, and over 100 cubic yards of stone had ~~already~~ been dumped there when the work was stopped. It was difficult to see how Redmonds' property could be damaged as their residence was 40 yards from the depot. The water supply mentioned flows beside the road, then through a cattle shed and covered sewer, passing farther on through more cattle sheds in a partially covered gullet. Cattle were standing and lying around this stream on the day of inspection. A very strong wind in the exact direction would be necessary to carry any of the stone dust into Redmond's house.

It was decided on the motion of Mr. Hall seconded by Col. Quin that the letter of Messrs. Redmond be marked "read".

Danger Signs in Towns.

Under date 7th July, 1928 a resolution was received from the New Ross Urban Council asking the Co. Council to make representations to the Automobile Association to have Danger Signs erected on the main roads ~~to towns~~ in New Ross town

The Co. Surveyor stated there ~~was~~ no necessity to have Danger Signs erected as suggested by the New Ross Urban Council. He proposed to put a red triangle at all ~~the~~ leading roads into the town which he considered sufficient to meet the case.

The Co. Surveyor's suggestion was approved.

Huts at Courtown Harbour.

Mr. Thomas Kehoe, 10 Main Street, Gorey, applied for permission to erect a temporary hut on Courtown strand for the purpose of selling Ice-cream.

Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, mentioned that the Council were not owners of the property on which Kehoe had proposed to erect hut, and it was decided that he be informed ~~accordingly~~.

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A report was read from Mr. Denis Murphy, Harbour Master, Courtown, stating that Mrs. Furlong was putting an extension of 6 feet in length and 6 feet 3 inches in breadth to her hut.

The Secretary mentioned that this matter was previously before the Council on application of Mrs. Furlong to alter the site of hut, and which was agreed to on the understanding that the size of building ~~and~~ would not be enlarged. This information had been conveyed to Mrs. Furlong who wrote under date 14th July, 1928 stating that she was sorry if she had outstepped the permission of the Co. Council. When she made the application, she should have stated that the hut was in two sections and these were the only two which had been erected.

Col. Quin proposed "That the order of Co. Council that this hut should not be extended in size be adhered to. Mr. Hall seconded.

Mr. Sean O'Byrne proposed "That Mrs. Furlong be allowed to retain hut at Courtown Harbour as it stands as he believed that she had made a mistake when making her application by not stating that the hut was in two sections.

Mr. T. D'Arcy seconded.

A vote was taken on this proposal which was regared as the amendment with the following result:-

For- Messrs Keegan, Smith, D'Arcy, Culleton, Shannon, Hayes, Colfer and O'Byrne-8

Against- Col. Gibbon, Col. Quin, Messrs. Hall, Maylor, Corish, Roche, and the Chairman-7

The Chairman declared the amendment carried.

When put as the Substantive motion the amendment passed nem. con.

Application for Extention of Footpath North Parade,
Gorey.

Letter was read from Dr. E. G. Connolly, Mayfield, Gorey, asking

the Co. Council to have the footpath from Kehoe's corner in North Parade, Gorey extended to the Gorey Dispensary Residence, a distance of 200 yards approximately. The number of residents who would make use of this path was considerable, whilst it would prove a great protection to children from motor cars, the traffic of which on this road was heavy.

The Co. Surveyor suggested that this application should be put before the Co. Council at their Proposals meeting in November next when all new works would be under consideration.

This suggestion was agreed to.

Wexford Courthouse.

Under date 13th July, 1928, Mr. Michael Horan, Commercial Quay, Wexford wrote on behalf of, and at the request of a number of citizens of Wexford (who sent the memorial to the Co. Council to have the County Courthouse reconstructed on the Quay site) and submitted that when carrying out the resolution of the Co. Council in obtaining full details as to the cost of reconstruction of Courthouse on old site, and at Jail premises the Government should be asked to send down an architect to carry out this work, failing which an independent competent Architect should be employed. It was proposed by Col. Quin seconded by Mr. Hall and adopted:-

"That letter of Mr. Horan relative to reconstruction of Wexford Courthouse be marked "read".

Bridge at Edenvale.

Under date 11th July, 1928, letter was read from Mrs. Lennon Edenvale, Wexford complaining that when the Bridge at Murphy's house at Edenvale was being repaired the stones of the broken arches were left in the river bed, choking the eyes of the bridge and preventing the passage of boats up the river through the vale. In Summer she entertained a large number of visitors who came there by boat to her Restaurant. As the boats could not come

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up the river at present, she suffered great loss as a result of the blocking of the bridge. She requested the Council to remedy this defect and thus ~~restore~~ the river to its former usefulness.

The Co. Surveyor stated that the necessary work of removing the stones from the bed of the river at Edenvale was being carried out.

Irish Tourist Association.

Letter was read from the Secretary of Irish Tourist Association requesting the Co. Council to nominate a representative to act on the Board of Association for the current year.

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

"That Mr. Thomas McCarthy, M.C., 11 Rafter Street, Ennis-corthy be appointed as Representative of the Co. Council on the Board of Irish Tourist Association.

Gullet at Mount Elliott.

Under date 19th July, 1928, ~~Mr. D.H. J. Williams~~ Mr. D.H. J. Williams, Mount Elliott, New Ross wrote that he agreed to have the gullet at the entrance to his premises extended by three feet and to have the size of the opening reduced and the sides rounded. This is in accordance with the recommendation of the Sub-Committee of the Co. Council which inspected the place.

Opening of Roadways for Post Office

Purpose.

The Co. Surveyor submitted letter from Mr. F.W. Robinson, Sectional Engineer, Department of Posts and Telegraphs, Waterford District giving notice of the intention of the Minister ~~for~~ to open and break up the roadway at the following points:-

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Ballywilliam, Ballinabole, Killutin, Macmine, Ferns and Gory,
for the purpose of placing telegraph wires underground at the
points where the electric Power wires crossed the telegraph
lines.

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

"That permission to open ~~the road~~ the roadways as set out
in letter of Sectional Engineer, of Department of Posts and
Telegraphs, Water, ^{ford} under date 13th July, 1928, be acceded to on
the understanding that the road surface in all cases will be
restored to the satisfaction of the Co. Surveyor."

Telegraph Poles- Spawell Road Wexford.

Under date 11th July, 1928 (S. 20) the Chief Engineer,
Department of Posts and Telegraphs, wrote that the four tele-
graph poles in the footway on Spawell Road, Wexford between
the Loreto Convent and the County Hospital would be lagged
and painted as soon as possible.

Ford of Lyng.

Under date 13th June, 1928, the Commissioners of Public
Works wrote that official reports of their officers were con-
fidential, and it was not in accordance with their practice
to supply copies of same as had been requested by the Wexford
County Council in connection with the Ford of Lyng. The
general effect of the report of the Valuer who inspected this
district was ~~estimated that~~ that if suitable work were carried
out the benefit to the occupiers might be worth £60 or £70 per
year.

No action was taken.

Maintenance Main Roads Wexford Urban District.

Under date 19th June, 1928 letter was read from the Town

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Clerk, Wexford, stating that Wexford Corporation on the 16th April, 1928, had agreed to undertake the upkeep of the Main roads in the Urban District of Wexford in the current financial year for the sum allowed by the Wexford County Council viz., £855.

Accommodation for Stamping Bottles at New Ross.

It was decided to approve of payment of 10/- per week as rent to Mr. Thomas J. Costello, Trinity ~~Street~~ ^{Place}, New Ross, for premises for use for the stamping of bottles under the Weights and Measures Regulations, as it was found that it was objectionable to carry out such work in the Courthouse premises. ~~Therefore~~ The place would be used for a very limited period, and it would not be necessary to rent these premises at any future time.

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

"That the Minutes of Roads Committee in respect of meeting held on 23rd July 1928, be received and considered."
County Surveyor's Report- Courtown Harbour.

Mr Keegan mentioned that the County Surveyor should at once consider the position of Courtown Harbour with a view to improving the place, so that the fishermen would be able to get in and out of the harbour.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr D'Arcy, seconded by Col Quin;-

"That an inspection of Courtown Harbour be made by a sub-committee of the County Council immediately, and that this sub-committee report to the Council what, in their opinion, are the best steps to be taken as regards improvements."

It was decided that the following be appointed on the sub-committee;- Messrs Sean O'Byrne, ^{Col Quin, J.F. D'Arcy} ~~James Hall~~ and Wm P. Keegan with the County Surveyor, to meet on Friday 3rd August, 1928, the County Surveyor to arrange the hour.

Rosslare Sea Road.

It was decided that no steps be taken for the closing of this road until after 1st September when the seaside season will have terminated.

Gorey-Wexford Road.

In connection with this matter, the following report of the sub-committee was read;-

"The Inspection Committee met at County Council Offices, Wexford on 28th July 1928.

There were present;- Col. Gibbon, Messrs Hayes, Hall and O'Byrne.

Accompanied by the County Surveyor and Assistant Surveyor, Birthistle, the Committee proceeded via ^{Wexford Bridge} ~~Wexford~~

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and carefully inspected the road as far as Curratubbin Cross Roads seven miles from Gorey. At Castle Ellis Cross Roads, the party was joined by Assistant Surveyors, Cullen and Ennis, whose districts are to the north of this point. Assistant Surveyor Treanor was on the road at Ballycanew, but did not meet the Committee who returned without going into his district.

The County Surveyor accompanied Col Gibbon, and the Assistant Surveyor was with the other members. Each pointed out the places requiring more particular improvement, and frequent stoppages had to be made to examine the road.

Between Wexford new bridge and Castlebridge, the road is sound, but the surface is rough and uneven. In places the sides are high and interfere with the drainage. The Co. Surveyor recommended that these sides should be lightly scarified and levelled down, and the surface treated with a coating of tarred stones. Owing to the limitation by Wexford Bridge, there can be no heavy lorry traffic over this section, and the Committee considers there should be no heavy expenditure on it. However, if the sides can be lowered at a cost of less than £100, as the County Surveyor estimates, the Committee recommends doing so.

The application of tarred stones and screenings is gradually levelling up and improving the surface, and the Committee recommends that this work be continued as far as the maintenance proposals permit.

The complete surfacing of this section will cost about £1600.

Beyond Castlebridge a stop was made to examine the "flooded hollow." Mr J. Nunn, Castlebridge, met the Committee here and gave a good deal of useful information. The flooding is only occasional—two or three times a year—and dependent on the concurrence of high spring tides, south easterly wind and flood in the river. The period of flooding is between six and nine A.M., and six and nine P.M., and the greatest depth a foot or thereabouts. Pedestrians can get across to the upper parallel road without much difficulty, and only a few people on the lane running off to the eastward are temporarily inconvenienced, and even these

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people can get around. Under these circumstances, the Committee does not recommend the proposed expenditure of £500.

From Castlebridge to Garrylough, there is a length of about three-quarters of a mile, the foundation of which is weak and should be strengthened, and the surface in places is rough and uneven.

The recent tarred stone and screening work is of great advantage and should be continued, but at the present time, lack of funds prevents the Committee recommending the expenditure on strengthening foundations at £550 and surfacing this three-quarters of a mile at £450.

At Garrylough Mill, the Committee inspected the site of a proposed building extension to the Mill premises. This is on a bye road, and though it comes within thirty feet of the road centre, it would not cause obstruction to the view or otherwise.

On the Main Road a timber shed projects and is a decided obstruction, and if this be removed as a "set off," no action should be taken in regard to the proposed building.

Between Ballyfarnogue and Castle Ellis the road is narrow in places—not more than 15 feet. In all about 500 perches would require widening. Some members of the Committee, however, did not consider this essential. In places the road has been widened and the surface better shaped and the road is improving. Again as regards this section, lack of funds prevents the recommendation of expenditure on widening amounting to £470.

From Castle Ellis to the old Gorey Rural District bounds at Kilnamanagh, a distance of 775 perches is very weak. Sections of this were patch-rolled last year but now the foundations show signs of giving way. In all about $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles of this section should be strengthened and properly surfaced and will cost in or about £2,300.

From old Rural District bounds to Kilnamanagh only requires surfacing and haunching at a cost of £400. Continuing on to the School Cross should be strengthened and surfaced, and this will cost about £1,900. To Ballyedmond is mostly sound, but a small section

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of about ten perches requires widening~~ing~~ and all should be surfaced - cost £2,600.

These three sections may wait over till funds are available.

From Ballyedmond to Court turn is very weak and bad. It must be thoroughly strengthened and surfaced. The cost will be £1,500, and the Committee recommend the work.

The next section to the turn near Ballinastraw is fairly sound but narrow for most of the length, and the Committee does not recommend the expenditure of £1000 which would be required to widen and surface. The widening on this section was not considered essential by some of the members. The section to Curratubbin is weak and nearly all of it requires strengthening and resurfacing at a cost of £1,840. The Committee recommends this work.

There is a proposal on the books for improving a double corner at Ballinastraw, and the Committee inspected the place.

It is a bad and dangerous corner and the proper way to deal with it would be by diverting the road. The cost of this, however, is prohibitive at present and it must wait until the entire line is made good. In the meantime, the County Surveyor should be directed to lower and round off the fences and erect a wire paling as he had already arranged.

The Committee did not travel the section from Curratubbin to Gorey. The Co. Surveyor reports that none of the section between Curratubbin and Gorey requires strengthening. There are a few short lengths that require widening, and some further lengths require special surface treatment.

In all, the County Surveyor estimates the cost at £700.

The recommendations of the Committees are as follows;-

To strengthen and surface and tar spray the three sections as under;- (1) About $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles between Castle Ellis and the District bounds at a cost of £2300. (2) About $\frac{3}{4}$ mile north of Ballyedmond Cross at a cost of £1500. (3) About $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles to south of Curra-

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tubbin at a cost of £1840. (4) Lowering sides to Castlebridge £100.
Total £5,740.

A long discussion took place as to the flooding at Castlebridge and it was decided that the following Notice of Motion, given by Mr Corish in connection with the matter, should be dealt with in conjunction with the report of the Sub-Committee;-

"That we take advantage of the offer of our Treasurer to carry out the improvement work at Castlebridge to obviate flooding, and that a sum of £500 be borrowed for this purpose."

Mr Corish having proposed his motion, it was seconded by Mr Shannon.

Several members including the Chairman, Mr Jordan and Mr D'Arcy pointed out that, in their opinion, there were other parts of the County much more affected by flooding than the portion of the ~~the~~ road at Castlebridge, and there was no proposal for the Council to deal with them.

After discussion, a vote was taken on Mr Corish's motion with the following result;-

For;- Messrs Armstrong, Clince, Colfer, Cooney, Corish, Cummins, Gaul, Hayes, Keegan, McCarthy, O'Byrne and Shannon.----- 12

Against;- Miss O'Ryan, Col Gibbon, Col Quin, Messrs Brennan, Culleton, D'Arcy, Doran, Hall, Jordan, Maylor, Murphy, Roche, Smyth, Walsh and the Chairman.-----15.

The Chairman declared the motion lost.

The meeting then resumed the discussion on the report of the Sub-Committee.

Mr D'Arcy proposed;-

"That the consideration of the matter be adjourned until a reply has been received from the Department of Local Government as to subsidy of 30 per cent from Main Roads Maintenance Grant."

The Chairman seconded.

As an amendment, Mr O'Byrne proposed and Mr Gaul seconded;-

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"That the report of the Sub-Committee in connection with Gorey-Wexford Road be approved and adopted on the understanding (1)that the Government are prepared to give the usual 30% Maintenance Grant on Main Roads; (2)that the Treasurer is prepared to advance the necessary loan."

After considerable discussion, Mr D'Arcy and the Chairman withdrew their motion, and the proposal of Mr O'Byrne was adopted.

Roads Inspection Committee.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Cummins seconded by Mr Colfer;-

"That the Roads Inspection^{Committee}/arrange for an inspection of the roads in New Ross district including the piers and harbours therein."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Hall seconded by Mr Gaul;-

"That the Roads Inspection Committee be requested, when inspecting the roads, etc., in New Ross district, to invite the members ~~representing~~ representing New Ross County Electoral Area to accompany them."

Kilmore Harbour.

Under date 27th. July 1928, the following letter^{No D/73/1} was read from the Department of Fisheries;-

"With reference to previous correspondence on the subject of certain proposed alterations to the harbour at Kilmore; I am directed by the Minister for Fisheries to state that he has received the report of the Department's Engineer who estimates that it would cost between £6,000 and £10,000 to carry out the suggested work."

The Minister is not prepared to recommend the payment of a grant from State funds towards the cost of any project, beyond the contribution of one moiety of the cost of the proposed dredging, ~~or of any project, beyond the contribution of one moiety of the cost of the proposed dredging,~~ or of £200, whichever is the less, on the ~~conditions~~ conditions referred ^{to} in this Department's communication of 9th of December last. Arrangements will be made with the Commissioners of

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"of Public Works to make a dredger available for this work at as early a date as possible, on receipt of an intimation that the County Council wish the dredging to proceed and is still willing to pay a moiety of the cost of these operations."

Sow Drainage.

The following letter, received from the Chairman, Secretary and Trustees of the Sow Drainage System was read:-

"We beg to bring under your notice that Engineers from the Board of Works visited the Sow Drainage area on July 17th 1928.

Of course, we are unaware of the nature of their report, if any, which may be supplied to the County Council, but we wish to emphasise the fact that we received very little satisfaction.

Our complaints were met with the reply that 'if we wish to put our hands down in our own pockets, a complete job could be done on the Sow Drainage area.' We can only describe such a reply as this as a piece of officialism, in view of the fact that the Board of Works' Engineer, Mr Olley, distinctly stated at his first inspection, that the Sow Drainage area (Rivers and Drains) was to be restored to its original state, and that anything else would be a waste of money in the circumstances. It was under this condition that we accepted and agreed to repayment of the Loan.

We claim that this restoration work has not been carried out and we demand the production of the original depths and levels for verification by the County Council's Surveyor to disprove our contention.

The depths and levels are set forth in the original award 1853, not the depths and levels set up for the purpose of the restoration work.

We may observe that the Engineer who visited the Sow Drainage area on July 17th 1928 was the same who certified the job as complete. Now, it is not in accordance with human nature, as we know it nowadays, to condemn one's own handiwork. We have already supplied the Secretary of the County Council with a copy of our correspondence with the Board of Works, as also other details bearing on the matter.

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"We respectfully request to have same read at next meeting of the County Council, so that each member may understand our position, as also the reasons for our protests.

We may add that the interest on the Loan will be roughly 2/6 per acre. In the present condition of the River Sow, the maintenance rate must be necessarily high, so that with rent and poor rate, we are convinced that the land will be valueless.

Please let it be distinctly understood that we are not endeavouring to shirk our obligations re payment of Loan and Maintenance Rate, according to the Agreement- that the Sow Drainage area (River and Drains) was to be restored to its original state.
Drainage Schemes.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Colonel Gibbon seconded by Col. Quin;-

"That application be made to the Board of Public Works for copies of the reports of their Engineers in connection with Drainage Schemes in the County."

Rosslare Water Supply.

The County Surveyor explained that he had had an interview with the contractor as to the length of time for which the road from Rosslare to Tagoat had remained open. It had been caused owing to the testing of the pipes. One section had failed and this entailed considerable delay.
Wexford Courthouse.

It was decided that the following letter from Mr Elgee, and also letter from Messrs O'Keefe & Lynch to Mr Elgee, be discussed in committee.:-

"I enclose copy of a letter received this morning from Messrs O'Keefe & Lynch, Solicitors for Capt. Redmond, from which you will see that all the parties concerned in Capt Redmond's Estate are now prepared to agree to a sale to the County Council at 20 years' purchase of the profit rent received by them out of the Courthouse premises

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provided Capt Redmond's costs, which are estimate at about £40, be paid.

They estimate the nett profit rent at £64-18-0, and 20 years' purchase on this would be £1258, and the costs of showing title would be £40 as above mentioned, so that the price would be just £1300.

Before proceeding further with the purchasing out of Capt. Redmond's interest, I think it would be well, having got so far with him, to approach the other parties who also receive rents out of the premises to see if they would be prepared to sell on the same terms as Capt. Redmond."

The following is copy of the letter from Messrs O'Keeffe & K Lynch to ~~Capt~~ Mr Elgee;-

"Referring to your letter of 22nd May last further, we have to express our regret for the delay in letting you hear definitely in reply thereto, but we have only just now been able to obtain the views of one of Capt Redmond's co-owners, and we are glad to be able to inform you that all the parties concerned are now prepared to concur in a sale to your clients at 20 years' purchase of the profit rent, provided their costs of carrying out the transaction are paid in addition. We expect this will only mean the addition of a little more than a half year's purchase, and we therefore feel that your clients will not be inclined to raise any objection. Assuming that the sale is to be subject to the small tithe payable out of the property, we calculate the net profit rent as £64-18-0, twenty years' purchase of which would be £1258, and the costs of showing title will be a little under £40.

We will be glad to hear from you at your early convenience that your clients are agreeable to purchase on above terms, so that we may prepare and send you draft Agreement for approval."

After discussion, the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Col Quin seconded by Mr Shannon;-

"That the correspondence in connection with Wexford Court-house, read at this meeting, be fully considered at next meeting of Roads Committee, and that the particulars of rents paid to each of the

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head landlords, be brought before this meeting with a view to making an offer on the same terms as those which Capt Redmond's Solicitors stated they were prepared to accept."

Petrol Pumps.

Mr Keegan intimated his intention to have the following Notice of Motion considered at next meeting of the Council;-

"That the recommendation of the Roads Committee, confirmed by the County Council, refusing to grant licence for petrol pump to Messrs Bates & Sons, Gorey, and in respect of which tank was under the footpath, be rescinded and that licence issue for same."

Carne Pier.

The meeting discussed at some length the advisability of furnishing the £200 necessary to complete the repairs at Carne Pier from Contingencies Fund, instead of borrowing the amount, as interest and law charges would entail a total payment of £240 for a £200 Loan.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Col Quin seconded by Mr O'Byrne;-

"That the £200 proposed to be spent on completing the repairs at Carne Pier, be taken from Public Works Account, and that the County Surveyor exercise sufficient economy to allow of this money being spent from the Public Works Account to avoid borrowing."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Col. Gibbon seconded by Mr D'Arcy;-

"That Mr M. J. O'Connor, Solicitor, Wexford, be requested to confirm in writing the guarantee made by him on behalf of the local people that, in the event of the repairs to Carne Pier costing more than £350, any excess expenditure would be provided under that guarantee."

Gorey Workers versus County Council.

Under date 23rd July 1928, the Department of Local Government (Roads) wrote (R/RM/32), forwarding copy of letter and Order made by the Minister for Local Government which had been sent to Mr J.J. O'Connor, Solicitor, 79 Main Street, Gorey, in the case of Doyle and Others v

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The Order extended the time within which the Council might pay any sums due to any of the ten persons whose names were set out in the Order to a time not more than two years from the time at which the sums became due.

Under date, 27th July 1928, Mr Elgee, Solicitor to the Council, wrote that the Civil Bills by the Gorey Workers against the County Council in respect of their alleged claim for three days' pay in the month of August 1926, were before the District Justice at Gorey on that date, but as none of the Plaintiffs appeared in Court, he applied to the District Justice who dismissed all the Civil Bills.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr O'Byrne seconded by Col. Quin;-

"That the Minutes of Roads Committee in respect of meeting held on 23rd July 1928, be and are hereby confirmed, except in so far as same have been altered by resolution or order made at this meeting."

NEW ROSS -CAMBLIN ROAD.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Cooney seconded by Mr Murphy;-

"That Messrs Jordan and Corish T.D's. be requested to interview the Minister for Local Government as to obtaining the usual 30% Grant for the repair of the New Ross-Camblin-Duncannon Road, which is at present in a most dangerous and unsafe condition."

DISMISSAL OF MEN FROM CLONHASTON QUARRY.

Mr Hall raised the question of the dismissal of four men who were married and had families, from Clonhaston Quarry, because they were not members of a Trades Union, while single men were retained. He was informed that other men who were retained were not members. Carty who is timekeeper, was stated to be a non-member. He wished to know was it because these were four countrymen that they were dismissed and the townsmen retained.

The County Surveyor pointed out that there was a resolution on

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on the Minutes of the Council that quarry and road workers were to be members of a recognised Trades Union, and he left it to the Union ~~Officials~~ Officials to notify him as to whether employees ceased their membership, in the event of which he intimated to them that they would lose their employment, in view of the resolution of the Council, unless they continued members of the Union.

Mr Elgee, Solicitor, was asked if a decision, recently given in the London Chancery Division by Mr Justice Maugham, that it was illegal to compel employees of a Corporation to be members of a Trades Union by reason of the Trade Disputes and Trade Unions Act, 1927, applied to Ireland.

In reply, Mr Elgee stated that, so far as he knew, the Oireachtas did not pass any legislation similar to the Act in question, and, in his opinion, it was quite legal for the County Council to adopt a resolution that only members of a Trades Union should be employed on roads and in quarries.

Mr Jordan gave notice of his intention to move at the next meeting of the County Council;-

"That the resolution of the County Council compelling workers to be members of a Trades Union be rescinded."

Mr Jordan Proposed;- "That the men who had been dismissed from work at Clonhaston Quarry be reinstated immediately without prejudice pending the decision of the Council on his notice of motion".

Mr D'Arcy seconded.

As an amendment, Mr McCarthy proposed and Mr Keegan seconded;-

"That the men, dismissed at Clonhaston Quarry be reinstated temporarily at once. That a Committee of Inquiry be set up consisting of the Chairman and Messrs O'Byrne and Hall with full power to terminate the men's employment or keep them on as the circumstances warranted, pending the next meeting of the County Council."

After some further discussion, Mr Jordan withdrew his motion and the proposal of Mr McCarthy was adopted.

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GOREY UNEMPLOYED.

The following resolution was received from Gorey Unemployed;-

"That the County Council be called upon to provide work either on roads or quarries to the unemployed in the town. We, the unemployed, agree to accept "to break stones by hammer" at the rate of eight shillings per yard, the present cost of stonebreaker, and so end starvation so rampant in Gorey at the present time."

The Chairman stated he had received the following resolution from Gorey Unemployed;-

"That we, the unemployed, respectfully ask the County Council to have removed from its books the rule debarring any person from seeking employment temporarily or otherwise under the County Council or Public Health Board except members of a Trades Union organisation. We believe that the above rule as long as it remains on the books is very detrimental to the large number of unemployed in Gorey at the present time; and we also ask for a fair distribution of all public work carried out by either the County Council or Public Health Board."

Mr Keegan proposed;-

"That road material in quarries in Gorey district be broken by hand."

Col Gibbon asked Mr Keegan would he agree to add the following words to his motion;- "provided the cost be not in excess of that which the Council is already paying for machine-breaking, and secondly so far as it is possible to use stones broken by hand for the work on the roads in the neighbourhood."

The County Surveyor pointed out that where heavy work was to be done on roads, they could use hand-broken stones, but for such as patchwork, which was really the majority of the work they had to do nowadays, hand-broken stones would not be suitable.

The Chairman stated there was a resolution already on the books to the effect that, where possible, the Co. Surveyor and his Assistants should have stones broken by hand, and he did not think it

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it was necessary to add a superfluous resolution to the records of the Council, which he considered Mr Keegan's motion to be.

After further discussion, Mr Keegan stated he would withdraw the motion he had made and proposed the following;-

"That hand-breaking of material be carried out at Gorey Hill and Carriganeagh Quarries"

Mr D'Arcy seconded.

The County Surveyor stated that he considered Carriganeagh would not be suitable for any experiment in hand breaking.

A lot of screenings was required from this quarry, and no ~~screen~~ screenings would be available if material was broken by hand. The fine material they had obtained at this quarry had improved the road from Gorey to Curratubbin immensely. As a matter of fact, they were unable to obtain sufficient fine stuff and almost every road had been held up for want of it.

AS an amendment to Mr Keegan's motion, Mr O'Byrne proposed;-

"That the County Surveyor be asked to make a trial of hand-breaking material in Gorey Hill Quarry."

Mr McCarthy seconded.

After further discussion, Mr Keegan withdrew his proposal and the motion of Mr O'Byrne was passed unanimously.

Mr Cooney mentioned that there were other quarries outside Gorey in which hand-breaking could be suitably carried out. Palace in the New Ross district was one of them, and he thought there would be ~~other~~ others if investigation into the matter were made.

FLOODING OF PREMISES AT CROSS OF MYE, GLENBRIEN.

Mr Shannon moved the following of which he had given previous notice;- "That the resolution of the County Council declining to interfere in a dispute between men named Keating and Heffernan in connection with flooding of the premises of the former, be rescinded, and that a sub-committee be appointed to inspect the place and report to Council."

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Mr Cline seconded.

Mr Elgee pointed out that this matter had been before the Council two years ago. He was instructed to attend at the premises with the County and Assistant Surveyors. He did so, and came to the conclusion that the whole matter arose owing to a dispute between Keating and Mr Heffernan. He recommended the Council at the time, as it was a private matter, not to take any further action. He was still of the opinion that the Council should not interfere.

A vote was taken on Mr Shannon's proposal with the following result;-

For;- Messrs Armstrong and Cline-----2.

Against;- Miss O'Ryan, Col Gibbon, Col. Quin, Messrs Corish, Culleton, Cummins, D'Arcy, Doran, Gaul, Jordan, Maylor, McCarthy, Murphy, O'Byrne Roche, Smyth, Walsh, and the Chairman-----18.

Did not vote;- Messrs Brennan, Colfer, Hall, Hayes, Shannon, Cooney and Keegan.-----7.

The Chairman declared the motion lost.

APPOINTMENT OF RATE COLLECTOR FOR NO 15 DISTRICT.

Under date 24th July 1928, the following letter (No G51626/1928, Loch Garmain Sf) was read from the Department of Local government;-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 18th inst. regarding the proposed appointment of a Rate Collector for No. 15 Collection District, and to state that the Minister approves of the proposed conditions of remuneration, the position to be temporary and non-pensionable."

It was decided that the appointment of Rate Collector for No 15 District be made at the next meeting of the County Council.

NO 3 COLLECTION DISTRICT.

Under date 19th July 1928, the following letter No G50535/1928 Loch Garmain Fa, was read from the Department of Local Government;-

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"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 12th inst. and to state that he approves of the appointment on a part-time non-pensionable basis of Mr P. Doyle as Rate Collector for the No. 3 Collection District, subject however to the condition that one penny of the remuneration of 7d in the £ should be regarded as a bonus payment contingent on the lodgment of the full amount of his warrant on or before the 31st of March in each year."

Under date 24th July 1928, Mr Philip Doyle, Junior, the recently appointed Rate Collector for No 3 Collection District, wrote that he was willing to agree to the proposal of the Department of Local Government as regards remuneration.

FINANCE OF DRAINAGE SCHEMES.

Under date 12th July 1928, circular letter (No 50168/1928 Ilgn. B.C.T.) was read from the Department of Local Government, giving instructions as to the manner in which Drainage Committees were to be financed to enable them to meet expenditure incurred in maintenance work under the Drainage Maintenance Act, 1924.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Col. Gibbon seconded by Col Quin;-

"That copies of Circular Letter of Department of Local Government, under date 12th July 1928 (No 50168/1928 Ilgn. B.C.T.) relative to finances of Drainage Schemes, be supplied to members of Drainage Committee."

TEMPORARY OFFICERS.

Under date 16th July 1928, the Department of Local Government wrote (G43823/1928 Loch Garmain Se) stating that, as extensive Road Grant Work would come to an end shortly, and as there was no guarantee that the ordinary maintenance would be carried out by Direct Labour, the Minister for Local Government saw no reason for altering his decision in regard to the permanent appointment of Messrs John Moloney and P. Hawkins, temporary clerical officers of the Council.

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PAYMENT OF POUNDAGE.

UNDER DATE 26TH JULY 1928, the Department of Local Government wrote(G52096/1928 Loch GarmainFa) stating that the Minister for Local Government raised no objection to the payment of poundage as follows;-

90 per cent of total poundage on amounts collected to date to Messrs E.J.Murphy, J.J.O'Reilly, T. Rowe, Ml Deegan, John Doyle, John Curtis, and James Quirke.

80 per cent of total poundage on amounts collected to date to Messrs P.O'Byrne, Sean Gannon, J. Cummins, J.J.Sinnott, Walter Cummins, B. Cleary and Philip Furlong.

REPRESENTATION AT CONFERENCE.

UNDER DATE 27th July 1928, letter(No 52589/1928 (Ilgn. M) was read from the Department of Local Government forwarding copy of Order entitled "The Local Conferences Order 1928" empowering local Bodies to send representatives to Conferences held under the Local Government Act, 1925, and to pay the expenses of such representatives.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT(RATES ON SMALL DWELLINGS) ACT, 1928.

Under date 31st July, 1928, letter(No G 46353/1928 Ilgn) forwarding copy of the Local Government(Rates on Small Dwellings) Act 1928 was submitted to the meeting.

COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTHPROTEST FROM ENNISCORTHY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

The following resolution was received from Enniscorthy Urban District Council;-

"That we, the Enniscorthy Urban District Council desire to express our surprise with the action of the County Council in forming the County Board of Health, in that the town of Enniscorthy has no representative on the Board. The member who represents the Enniscorthy District does not reside in the town and therefore is not in a position to attend to the matters requiring attention in the town. We demand that some representation for the town be given on the County Board of Health

It was pointed out by Messrs O'Byrne and McCarthy that South Wexford had seven members on the County Board of Health, while North

Wexford had only three, and there were no members representing the important centres of Enniscorthy and Gorey towns.

The Chairman stated that nothing could be done unless some member of the County Board of Health would withdraw, or in accordance with Article 6 or 8 of the Second Schedule of the Local Government Act, 1925.

POISONS & PHARMACY ACT.

On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr D'Arcy, renewal of licence under Poisons & Pharmacy was granted to Messrs W.H. McGuire, Quay, Wexford, Edward Redmond, The Harrow, N. Thackaberry, Bunclody, Ml Doyle 70 Main Street, Gorey, J. Roche, Camolin, H. Hill, Ballycanew, L. Harpur, North Main Street, Wexford Edward Brennan, Taghmon.

REPORT OF ANALYST.

Report of Analyst for quarter ended 30th June 1928 was submitted.

Of a total of 151 analyses made, 105 were for foods, 45 for drugs and water, one.

DEFAULTING LAND PURCHASE ANNUITANTS.

Lists of defaulting Land Purchase annuitants, showing arrears amounting to £12744-17-5 were submitted to the meeting.

CAMPAIGN FOR RENUNCIATION OF WAR AND FOR DISARMAMENT.

Synopsis of a Scheme for the renunciation of War and for disarmament initiated by Capt F. Fitzcurrie French, whose offices are at 4 Eustace Street, Dublin was submitted to the meeting.

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County Library Service.

The following which has been furnished to the Local Government Department on the 20th July by Miss Nora Connolly, Librarian and Secretary was submitted:-

"Since my appointment as Librarian to County Wexford Rural Library Service, four months ago, I find that Miss Doyle has performed all her duties in a highly capable and efficient manner, and I have the utmost confidence in recommending her permanent appointment as Assistant Librarian.

Prior to my taking up duties, she filled the Office of Librarian for two months and had complete charge of the scheme.

During this time work was promptly done, and both Committee and readers expressed their appreciation of her efficiency.

M. Doyle