

WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

MEETING 14th AUGUST, 1933

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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

MEETING 14th AUGUST, 1933

M I N U T E S

County Hall,
WEXFORD.

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

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The monthly meeting of the Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 14th August, 1933.

Present:- Messrs. James Armstrong, John Brennan, James Clince, Patrick Colfer, Richard Corish, John Culleton, John Cummins, Timothy F. D'Arcy, James Gaul, Col. C.M. Gibbon, James Hall, Patrick Hayes, Ml.T. Hickey, William P. Keegan, Thomas McCarthy, Sean O'Byrne, Miss Nellie O'Ryan, Col. R.P. Wemyss Quin, James Shannon.

The Co. Secretary, Co. Surveyor, Co. Solicitor, Rates Inspector and five Assistant Surveyors were in attendance.

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

The Minutes were then confirmed when Mr. Doyle, Chairman, attended and presided until luncheon hour after which in his absence Mr. Cummins was moved to the chair on the motion of Mr. Keegan seconded by Mr. Hall.

Mr. Cummins presided for the remainder of the business.

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Notes for £14,324. 9. 11d was examined and signed.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF

FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 20th July, 1933, were submitted as follows:-

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The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 20th July, 1933.

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

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

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

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £6,004.9.10d was examined and signed.

RATE COLLECTION

STATE OF:- The state of the Rate Collection was submitted as follows:-

	<u>Collector's Name</u>	<u>£.</u>		
1.	J. Quirke	132.	19	1
2.	W. Doyle	26	19	7
3.	P. Doyle	7	9	0
4.	M. McCarthy	277	19	4
5.	P. Nolan	101	12	9
6.	S. Gannon	-	-	-
7.	J. Deegan	-	-	-
8.	J. Cummins	65	9	5
9.	John Flood	-	-	-
10.	S. Gannon	-	-	-
11.	W. Cummins	242.	4	2
12.	M. Murphy	100	19	6
13.	J.J. O'Reilly	103	2	5
14.	Denis Kenny	-	-	-
15.	A. Dunne	212	19	2
16.	J.J. Sinnott	36	11	2
17.	E.J. Murphy	104	15	4
18.	Maurice Kehoe	-	-	-
19.	J. Curtis	-	-	-
20.	P. Carty	-	-	-
		<u>£1413</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>11</u>

It was decided, on the motion of Mr. Cummins, seconded by Mr. Shannon, that the Rate Collectors be called upon to expedite the issue of demand notes.

It was also decided that Rate Collectors when serving demand notes, should make it clear to Ratepayers that first moiety rate and

arrears are payable immediately, as a number of Ratepayers appear to be under the erroneous impression that first moiety is not payable until 30th September.

COLLECTOR P. NOLAN:- Collector Nolan came before the meeting in reference to resolution adopted at last meeting of the County Council instructing him to reside in his district.

Mr. Nolan pointed out that Members were under the impression that he lived at Ballycoursey, Enniscorthy, during the period of the collection. This was incorrect. While the collection was in progress, he lived at North Main Street, Wexford, and only went to Ballycoursey for week-ends. The misunderstanding arose as the address he had printed on his bill-heads was Ballycoursey. He was now taking steps to have his Wexford address printed on his Account Forms. Although Wexford Town was not actually in his collection district it was only about a mile from the district and it was very central for ratepayers. In addition, it was very convenient for himself and it enabled him to lodge promptly, monies received by him as Rate Collector.

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Cummins, it was decided to request the County Council to agree to Collector Nolan residing in Wexford town.

PERSONAL BOND - COLLECTOR NOLAN:- Under date 19th July, 1933, Collector Nolan wrote, submitting the name of his father, Mr. Michael Nolan, Ballycoursey, Glenbrien, as Surety vice Mr. Joseph Kearney, Clonmore, Glenbrien, his former Surety, who had been decreed for rates.

On the motion of Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. Cummins, Mr. Michael Nolan, Ballycoursey, Glenbrien, was accepted as Surety for Collector P. Nolan.

PAYMENT BALANCE OF POUNDAGE:- The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Cummins, seconded by Mr. Shannon:-

"That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to sanction payment of balance of poundage on 1932/33

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Warrants to Collectors in time for next meeting of the Finance Committee to be held on 3rd August, 1933."

DECREES FOR RATES

In reference to seizure of cattle on foot of a Decree for Rates obtained by Collector W. Cummins, the meeting considered the position created through the Sheriff having to return the seized Stock to the Ratepayer concerned as no offer was received for the Cattle at the Auction held by the Sheriff.

It was decided on the motion of the Chairman in view of the likelihood of the same difficulty being experienced in other cases that subject to the approval of the Sheriff, two other Decrees in his hands be not executed for the present.

It was also decided on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Shannon to ask the Minister for Local Government and Public Health for suggestions as to the steps the Council should take to overcome the difficulty in disposing locally of cattle seized on foot of Decrees for Rates.

A further resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. O'Byrne asking the Minister for approval to the Council paying the expenses of having seized stock forwarded to the Dublin Cattle Market for disposal; the expenditure incurred by the Council to be recouped from the proceeds of the Sale.

It was also decided on the motion of the Chairman to forward to the Secretary of the General Council of County Councils a report on the matter for discussion by the General Council at their next meeting.

COLLECTORS GANNON AND DEEGAN

Under date 14th July, 1933, (G.75440/1933, Loch Garman), the following letter was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the

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"8th instant, and to state that he concurs in the continued employment of Messrs. Gannon and Deegan as collectors in Nos. 6 and 7 Districts respectively purely as a temporary measure for the current warrants.

"The Minister will expect the Council's proposals for the permanent filling of the vacancies in these areas to be submitted prior to March next."

MR. JOHN FLOOD, TEMPORARY COLLECTOR, No. 9 DISTRICT

The following letter, under date 15th July, 1933, (G.77025/1933 Loch Garman. Fa) was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 12th instant, and to state that he sanctions the temporary appointment of Mr. John Flood to complete the warrant for 1932/33 in Collection District No. 9 subject to the written consent of the former Collector's Sureties."

Under date 17th July, 1933, the following letter was read from Mr. H.J. Frizelle, Solicitor, Enniscorthy:-

"I have now heard from my Clients Messrs. John Caulfield and Patrick O'Brien and they are satisfied that Mr. John Flood collect the outstanding rates."

PART PAYMENTS OF RATES

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Cummins, the following resolution was adopted:- "That we request the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to sanction the continuance in respect of Warrant for 1933/34^{of} the system of part payments in operation for last year's Warrant. In the opinion of this Committee, the Scheme has worked satisfactorily."

OVERDRAFT

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Cummins, it was decided that the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to extend the period of present limit of overdraft

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accommodation of £40,000 for three months from 1st August, 1933, to 31st October, 1933.

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SOW DRAINAGE DISTRICT

The following letter from Department of Local Government and Public Health, under date 15th July, 1933, (S.66843/33 Loch Garman (Pd)) was read and approved:-

"With reference to your letter of the 19th ultimo in regard to loan instalment payable by the Wexford County Council in respect of sums advanced by the Commissioners of Public Works for improvement works in the Sow Drainage District, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he could not express any opinion on the matter or give any direction in regard thereto at this stage but it seems to him that if the arrangement for the discharge of outstanding instalments of the advance in connection with the restoration of Sow Drainage District is now agreed to by the Commissioners of Public Works and the County Council it is unlikely that any exception would be taken at audit to any payments made in accordance with that arrangement."

GOREY POUND - DISTRICT JUSTICE FAHY

The question of allocating sufficient money for the repair of Pound at Gorey having been considered, it was decided to await requisition from District Justice Fahy before making any allocation for the work.

GOREY HILL QUARRY

The following letter from the Ocean Accident and Guarantee Corporation, Limited, under date 12th July, 1933, in reference to the claim of Miss H.E. Palmer was read:-

"We regret to inform you that we have not been able to settle this matter for £5 as suggested by your Finance Committee. The best we have been able to do is £10 and two Guineas costs and to avoid further correspondence and expense we have to-day sent the Solicitors a cheque for £12.2s. in full settlement. Without prejudice"

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WEIGHTS AND MEASURES OFFICE, ENNISCORTHY

The following application from Sergeant F.J. Keenan, Enniscorthy, was submitted:-

"I beg that you will again bring to the notice of your Council the following requirement of the Weights and Measures Office here:-

Water Supply: Office Chairs:

Tripod (For testing large beams)

Counter (For testing weighing machines, measures, etc.)

Walls and Window casings repainted.

"Window casings and doors of Press, fitted some time ago, have not been painted.

"The counter and Tripod are urgently required as I experience considerable difficulty in carrying out my work in present circumstances."

On the motion of the Chairman, the application was referred to the County Surveyor with authority to provide such portion of Sergeant Keenan's requirements as he considered reasonable.

COMMITTAL OF CHILDREN TO INDUSTRIAL SCHOOLS

The following circular letter under date 14th July, 1933, (Circ. P. 65/33, Ilghneitheach) was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to refer to the provisions of the Children Acts, 1908 and 1929, in regard to the committal of children to Industrial Schools, and I am to point out that by sub-section (6) of Section 74 of the Act of 1908 the local authority which by virtue of an order of the Court for the detention of a child become responsible for the reception and maintenance of the child in a school are entitled to be heard when the application for the Child's committal is before the Court.

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"The Minister considers that local authorities should avail themselves of this provision and arrange to be legally represented in every case in which they are concerned, so as to ensure that all the facts may be elicited. Otherwise there is danger that full information of the surrounding circumstances may not be placed before the Court.

"It appears to the Minister that the following cases require special attention:-

1. Children found wandering and dealt with under Section 58 (1) (b) of the Act of 1908.
2. Destitute Children dealt with under paragraph (h) inserted in Section 58 (1) of the Act of 1908 by the Act of 1929."

The Chairman pointed out that it was the custom of the Wexford County Council to be represented by their Solicitor at the hearing of applications for the committal of children to Industrial Schools.

It was decided that copy of the Department's circular be furnished to Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor.

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

LOANS OF £2,000 and £8,000:- Under date 18th July, 1933, Mr. P. Coll, Treasury Solicitor, forwarded draft mortgages regarding proposed loans of £2,000 and £8,000 for the making of advances by County Council under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.

It was decided that the expenses of £5.14.6d. and £14.5.6d. for the preparation of the mortgages, applied for by Treasury Solicitor, be paid to the Office of Public Works.

Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, was requested to expedite the completion of the mortgages by approved applicants so that portion of the advances approved could be made at the next meeting of the County Council, to be held on 14th August, 1933.

ADDITIONAL APPLICATION FOR LOAN:- The following letter, under date 18th July, 1933, was read from Miss Mary Duggan, Rocklands,

Wexford:-

"I beg to apply under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Act for a loan to enable me to erect a house at the above address. I am anxious to build a four-roomed dwelling upon a plot of ground which I hold under lease subject to a small annual rent.

"I intend to build under an amended C.L. 21 plan and the cost of the house would be about £190. I would require a loan of £120 to £140. If your County Council would be so good as to consider my application favourably I would endeavour to satisfy you in the matter of title and plan.

My anxiety to build is born of the fact that one member of my family is suffering from incipient T.B., and I am anxious to segregate her from the remainder of the family, which consists of myself, my brother, his daughter and her three children."

It was decided that, in view of the fact that the County Council had already decided not to deal with applications received later than 31st March, 1933, to inform Miss Duggan that the Finance Committee regret that they cannot agree to her application for loan.

ADVANCES ALREADY APPROVED:- The amount of the advance approved for each applicant was reviewed in the light of the value placed on the house by the Assistant Surveyor.

The meeting approved of the advances already sanctioned in each case as follows:-

Name of Borrower	Surveyor's Value	Owner's Value	Situation of House.	Amount of Advance
Michael Codde	£200	£260	Ballyscarton, Gorey.	£100
Mrs. Elizabeth Phelan	200	400	Ballintra Lr., Courtown Harbour.	150
Denis Keane	150	200	Ballinakill, Courtown Harbour, Gorey	100
Nicholas Whelan	250	200	Dunbrody,, Campile.	125
William O'Leary	260	280	Summerhill, Enniscorthy.	130

Name of Borrower	Surveyor's Value	Owner's Value	Situation of House	Amount of Advance	nt nce
Michael Ryan	220	350	Clonattin, Gorey	100	5
John Morrissey	165	200	Killallyan Nth., Milehouse, Enniscorthy.	100	0
William Orr	120	170	Raheenmore, Killenagh.	50	0
John Whelan	200	200	Templeshannon, Enniscorthy.	180	0
Daniel Tomkins	175	230	Esmonde Street, Gorey.	115	0
Thomas Roche	335	400	Kilcloran, Camolin	£167.10	0
John Webster	200	200	Templeshannon, Enniscorthy	180	
John & Annie Redmond	200	200	do do	140	
William Roche	200	200	do do	180	
John T. Sutton	165	250	Whitemill Road, Wexford	125	
Patrick Grant	180	180	Basherstown, Ballymitt	50	
John Breen	200	200	Templeshannon, Enniscorthy.	180	
Michael McGrath	200	200	do do	180	
Daniel Bolger	200	200	do do	130	
Maurice Foley	130	200	Ballyhyland, Killanne	50	
James Nolan	190	200	Templeshannon, Enniscorthy	171	
Patrick Hayes	150	190	Spencerstown	75	
William Willoughby	190	170	Barnadown, Gorey	130	
Paul Hannon	140	200	Coolbrook, Wellingtonbridge.	25	
Martin Breen	135	200	Curraun	50	
John Lawlor	160	200	Ballyhyland, Killanne.	100	
John Power	160	200	Latimerstown, Wexford	100	
Richard Hendrick	170	200	Ballyeden, Clonroche	70	
John Hackett	350	200	Clonmines, Wellingtonbridge	175	
Myles Byrne	210	200	Ballynahillen, Gorey.	105	
James Molloy	200	200	Ballykerogue, Campile	130	
James Mythen	170	200	Mountalexander, Gorey.	100	
Joseph Darcy	190	300	Railway Road, Gorey.	150	

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Name of Borrower	Surveyor's Value	Owner's Value	Situation of House	Amount of Advance
James Murphy	£. 150	£. 200	New Road, Gorey	£. 135
Miss Johanna Fortune	110	150	Ballycoughna, Killena	60
Ellen Casey	200	250	Ballinamona, Foulksmills	50
Patrick Doyle	200	200	Templeshannon, Enniscorthy.	150
Matthew Hanlon	200	200	do do	180
James Doyle	190	200	St. Michael's Road, Gorey	170

CLAIMS OF OFFICIALS - SECTION 7

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 1933

MR. DENIS RADFORD, CLERK IN CO. SURVEYOR'S OFFICE:→ The following letter, under date 17th July, 1933, (G.19629/1933, Loch Garman Se) was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that an inter-Departmental Committee was set up to inquire into the applications made to them by persons alleged to have been removed from refused office or to have sustained loss of remuneration in the service of local authorities for political reasons. The Committee have furnished a report in the case of Mr. Denis Radford affecting the Wexford County Council, a copy of which is attached.

"The Minister concurs in the report of the Committee and recommends Mr. Radford's case to the County Council for favourable consideration.

"It is requested that such action as may be taken by the Council be notified to this Department with the least possible delay."

The report of the inter-Departmental Committee is as follows:-

"Mr. Radford is at present employed in the County Surveyor's Office, according to information furnished by the Secretary of the

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"County Council Mr. Radford was absent without pay from 9th July, 1922 until 19th January, 1924, during which period his salary was at the rate of £2 per week. The Department of Defence state that he was arrested in July, 1922 on suspicion of complicity with the I.R.A. and was released on 24th December, 1923.

Recommendation

"The Committee agreed that Mr. Radford lost remuneration for Political reasons and expressed the view that his case seems to be a proper one for the application of Sections 5 and 7 of the Local Government Act, 1933."

It was pointed out that Mr. Radford's salary at rate of £2 per week for the period from 9th July, 1922 to 30th April, 1923, would amount to £84.6.9d.

MR. S. HAYES, CLERK IN CH. SECRETARY'S OFFICE :- Under date 17th July, 1933, the following letter (G.19629/1933, Loch Garman Se) was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that an inter-Departmental Committee was set up to inquire into the applications made to them by persons alleged to have been removed from or refused office or to have sustained loss of remuneration in the service of local authorities for political reasons. The Committee have furnished a report in the case of Mr. Stephen Hayes, affecting the Wexford County Council, a copy of which is attached.

"The Minister concurs in the report of the Committee, and recommends Mr. Hayes' case to the County Council for favourable consideration.

"It is requested that such action as may be taken by the Council be notified to this Department with the least possible delay."

The following is the report of the inter-Departmental Committee relating to the case of Mr. Hayes:-

"Mr. Hayes is at present employed in the Secretary's Office of the Wexford County Council. According to information furnished by the Secretary to the Wexford County Council Mr. Hayes was absent from 6th July, 1922 to 17th September, 1923, and forfeited £186 for the period in question. The Department of Defence Records indicate that Mr. Hayes was interned at Hare Camp, Curragh.

Recommendation

"The Committee agreed that Mr. Hayes suffered loss of remuneration for political reasons and expressed the view that his case seems to be a proper one for the application of Sections 5 and 7 of the Local Government Act, 1933."

It was pointed out that the salary of Mr. Hayes at the rate of £3 per week for the period from 6th July, 1922 to 30th April, 1923, would be £127.15.10d.

It was decided on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Shannon, that the letters from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, relative to claims of Messrs. D. Radford and S. Hayes, officials of County Council, under Local Government Act, 1933, be included in agenda for consideration at next meeting of the Finance Committee. The Secretary and County Surveyor to report to said meeting whether substitutes were employed during the absence of Messrs. Radford and Hayes, and if so, the remuneration paid to these substitutes.

RENEWAL OF SECONDARY SCHOLARSHIPS

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

"That Secondary Scholarships awarded to the following be renewed:-

Name	Address	Year.
Margaret D. O'Leary	Castleboro, Clonroche	2nd.
Dermot S. Fenelon	Ballycowan, Taghat	"
Bridget T. O'Donnell	The Fort, Duncannon	"
Kathleen Ennis	Drinagh, Broadway	"
James Meyler	Blackhall, Glynn	3rd.

Name	Address	Year.
Edward P. Rossiter	Rathmore, Broadway	3rd.
Ellen Sinnott	Broadway	"
Daniel F. Butler	Lambstown, Killurin	4th
James M. Druhan	Lady's Island	"
Richard R. O'Donnell	Duncannon	"
Margaret M. O'Neill	Bushville, Tagoat	"
Kathleen F. Donnelly	Hilltown, Ballymitt	"
Mary C. Daly	Coolerin, Campile	"
James A. Forde	Delta Cottage, Gorey	(Bursary) 3rd.

CONTINGENCIES FUND

The County Surveyor applied for transfers from Contingencies Fund for the executing of the following works:-

Gullet at Newtown, Cahore, Road No. 355. Amount £60.

Repair sea road Kilmichael, Road No. 105. Amount £50.

Both applications were approved on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Cummins.

DISEMPLOYMENT OF WORKMEN

NOTICE OF MOTION

Mr. O'Byrne gave notice of motion to move at next meeting of County Council the rescinding of the resolution, adopted at the last meeting of the Council directing the disemployment of Road-workers whose unemployment Insurance Cards were fully stamped for twelve months.

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The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That the Minutes of Finance Committee meeting of 20th July, 1933, as submitted to this meeting be received and considered."

DECREES FOR RATES:- The following letter under date 27th July, 1933, (G.81260/33-Loch Garman Fa) was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 24th instant forwarding an extract from the Minutes of the Finance Committee on the 20th instant in regard to Decrees for Rates and I am to state that the matter is receiving attention."

Mr. O'Byrne said that the matter was brought up at the meeting of the General Council of County Councils, and the Chairman of Wexford County Council said they should not give further powers to the sheriff than ^{those} he had. That was not the intention of the resolution which had reference to the payment of the expenses incurred. The General Council decided that each County Council should act on its own.

Chairman - I was not aware of this resolution, which never came before the Co. Council, and was the recommendation of the Finance Committee. It looked to me, from the way it appeared on the agenda, that we were seeking further powers for the Sheriff to harass the people who are harassed enough already. I proposed that the resolution be marked read and I may say now, even if the resolution did come before this Council, that it was not a matter for us to deal with, but the Minister who was in charge. I think the Sheriffs have very wide powers in this matter already owing to the Bill passed by the Cosgrave Government. They can send cattle to Australia to sell, if they chose.

Mr. McCarthy - I presided at the Finance meeting, and proposed the resolution. Mr. Cummins was also there and it was the unanimous wish of the Committee present, that the resolution

should be sent to the General Council of County Councils as there was no meeting of the general body of this Council called for in the meantime. The object of the resolution was not to request that the Sheriff be vested with further powers. We all know he has exhaustive powers in the matter at present and, if anybody took the trouble to read the resolution carefully, they would see that there was not a word mentioned in it, asking the Government to vest further powers in the Sheriff. Our object in sending the resolution to the General Council of County Councils was to call attention to the state of affairs likely to arise and which affected every county in general as well as this county, where stock were seized for rates on foot of civil bills. If stock seized for rates could not be sold, this Council and every other Council, would eventually find themselves in a serious position and would not be able to realise the rates by civil bill. It was to call attention to that state of affairs, and not vest further powers with the Sheriff, that the resolution was brought forward.

Chairman - You wrote to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health over the matter and I think it is a matter for the Government and not the County Councils.

Mr. McCarthy - It appears, at present, the whole responsibility rests with the rate collector, to put down the full amount of freight and other incidental expenses for the transference of stock to Dublin for disposal and which are seized by the Sheriff.

Chairman - We could not remedy that; you would want legislation.

Mr. McCarthy - You can guarantee the collector's costs.

Mr. D'Arcy - And supposing the sale failed in Dublin, what would be our position?

Mr. McCarthy - You would lose your costs.

Mr. Cummins - We wanted to bring the state of affairs existing down here under notice and that was the reason, as my friend Mr. McCarthy pointed out, for the adoption of the

resolution. There is a feeling created abroad to pay no rates and I have heard a certain man say "Where is the money to come from?" I replied to him "It will come from where it always came from," and he said "Didn't I know there would be no rates paid this year." It was for that reason you want to draw the attention of the people in power to the position we are in. There were several collectors who were called upon to collect rates, and had no use putting the matter in the sheriff's hands, and if that feeling is created, you are going to be in a very serious position. I hold we did what was perfectly right in drawing the attention of the General Council of County Councils and the Minister in charge, to remedy the matter. Everybody knows we can get in the rates and it is absolutely essential to do so in the interests of the institutions depending on their collection. I ask those people, who are trying to create a feeling of paying no rates, should we let out the people who are in the Co. Home? Will we go to the next meeting of the Health Board and tell them to get out? Should we go to the next meeting of the Mental Hospital and tell the five hundred or six hundred people there to clear out? That is the position, I have heard it said myself that there would be no rates paid. We know there is a bad state of affairs in the country, but, if there is itself, how can you get over reports as to the banks, and the report of the Dublin Horse Show last week? I am sorry to say the times are bad but, I do not want to get the feeling abroad that there should be no rates paid. We sent that resolution, not for further powers to the sheriff, but with powers to get the money in.

Mr. D'Arcy, who heard nothing about the No Rate propaganda referred to by Mr. Cummins said that if the Council had to depend on the sheriff to get in the necessary rates they would not carry on very long. There was similar talk last year about non-payment but the rates were got in. He looked on all these statements as injurious to the collection.

The Chairman said he had not heard anything about a No Rate Campaign in his part of the County.

Mr. Corish considered it was injudicious for the Finance Committee to have forwarded such a resolution to the General Council of Co. Councils until it was considered by the General meeting.

The Chairman agreed.

Col. Quin said if County Councillors knew of ratepayers who were able to pay and who were not making any attempt to do so their names and addresses should be forwarded to the Co. Council Office. He had been told by a Rate Collector that every time a Councillor stated at a meeting that ratepayers were unable to pay the difficulties of the Collector were increased.

The Chairman suggested that the discussion should drop.

Mr. Cummins - You may drop it, but supposing you give instructions to Rate Collectors to collect rates, and the same thing occurs, what is to be done?

Chairman - We cannot make new legislation.

Mr. D'Arcy - Hasn't the Sheriff power to do what he likes?

Chairman - He has.

Mr. D'Arcy - Then, I think we are out of order in discussing it.

Mr. McCarthy - Cattle were seized in the county in two cases and the sheriff could not sell them, and he had to return them to the owners.

Mr. Keegan - At the last fair day in Gorey, cattle could not be sold at any price, and what could the sheriff do more than that?

Chairman - The General Council of Co. Councils made rather light of it, in marking the resolution "read".

The matter ended.

GOREY HILL QUARRY: - Under date 4th August, 1933, Messrs. Huggard, Brennan & Godfrey, Solicitors, Gorey, acting for Miss H.J. Palmer, Gorey Hill, wrote that their Client had instructed them that on

2nd August, 1933, Council's workmen had cut down bushes from Miss Palmer's fences and which were needed for the protection of her lands. They asked the Council to state definitely what their attitude was, otherwise they would have no option but to commence proceedings for damages and to seek an injunction.

Under date 9th August, 1933, Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor for the District, reported that he had been informed by the Road Ganger that the Engine Driver's assistant did cut a branch from a Furze bush to start the fire in the engine, but did not think it any harm as there is a heavy Furze fence over six feet high at the place where the single branch was cut. He (Mr. Treanor) regarded the whole thing as being so trifling as to be not worth referring to.

It was decided on the motion of Col. Gibbon seconded by Col. Quin that as suggested by the Co. Surveyor the Co. Solicitor should consult with Solicitors for Miss Palmer with a view to arriving at payment through the Insurance Company of a fixed annual sum which would obviate the constantly recurring claims of Miss Palmer in connection with injury to her premises caused by blasting at Tara Hill Quarry.

COMMITTAL OF CHILDREN TO INDUSTRIAL SCHOOLS:- In connection with this matter the Secretary stated that at last County Council meeting Mr. Keegan raised the question of the committal of the Fanning children, Fairview, Gorey, to an Industrial School. He had communicated with the District Superintendent, Garda Siochana, who replied that the children were practically destitute. The father was dead and the mother could only find employment without the children. She had intimated to the Garda that she would try and contribute something towards their support but the Superintendent considered it would be a hardship if she were asked to do this at the present stage. However, later on he was sure a small contribution could be collected.

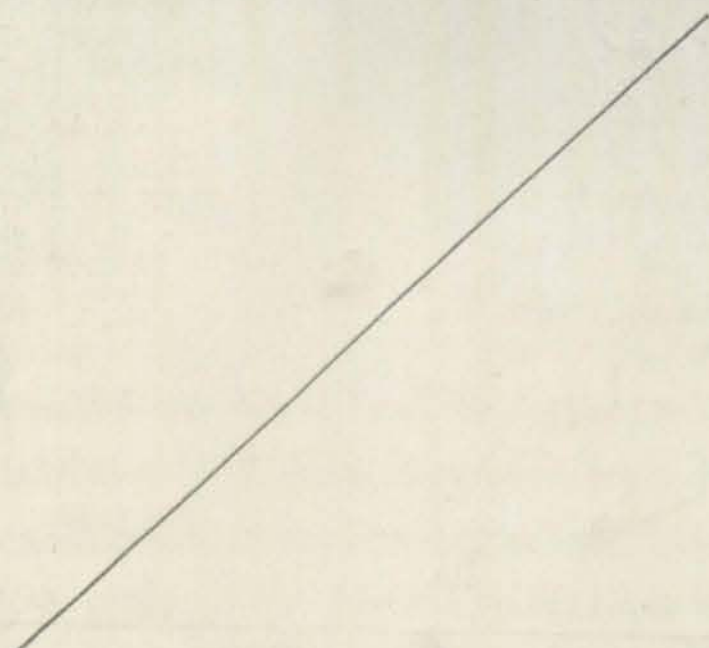
Mr. Keegan said that in November last this woman called on

him and stated that she would take her children home to her father in Co. Wicklow if she could get an extra 10/- to keep the children. She was then in receipt of 7/6d per week from the Co. Health Board. When she did not get the extra allowance she said she was going home and would have the children sent to an Industrial School. He considered that all the circumstances of this case should be inquired into more fully.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Miss O'Ryan seconded by Mr. D'Arcy:- "That the Co. Solicitor be instructed to take the necessary steps to secure a rehearing of application for the committal of the Fanning children, Fairview, Gorey, to an Industrial School."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Brennan seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That the Minutes of meeting of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 20th July, 1933, as submitted to this meeting be and are hereby confirmed."

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING - 3rd August, 1933:- The Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 3rd August, 1933, were submitted as follows:-



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The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 3rd August, 1933.

Present: Messrs. John Cummins, Thomas McCarthy, Sean O'Byrne and James Shannon.

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

The chair was taken by Mr. McCarthy, on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Shannon.

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £7048.19.3d was examined and signed.

RATE COLLECTION

STATE OF:- The state of the Rate Collection up to 3rd August, 1933, was submitted as follows:-

<u>Name of Collector</u>		<u>£</u>	<u>s.</u>	<u>d.</u>
1.	J. Quirke	272	10	0
2.	W. Doyle	153	3	8
3.	P. Doyle	167	17	10
4.	M. McCarthy	401	3	3
5.	P. Nolan	362	7	5
6.	S. Gannon	-	-	-
7.	J. Deegan	66	0	8
8.	J. Cummins	341	16	0
9.	John Flood	-	-	-
10.	S. Gannon	-	-	-
11.	W. Cummins	367	1	8
12.	M. Murphy	118	19	6
13.	J.J. O'Reilly	199	19	1
14.	D. Kenny	-	-	-
15.	A. Dunne	273	13	1
16.	J.J. Sinnott	72	6	8
17.	E.J. Murphy	164	16	10
18.	M. Kehoe	-	-	-
19.	J. Curtis	208	10	11
20.	P. Carty.	154	0	9
		<u>£3324</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>4</u>

The Secretary mentioned that in consequence of not having furnished receipt for Fidelity Guarantee Bond, Collector Gannon did not receive his Collecting Books for Collection Districts No. 6 and 10 until the 29th July, 1933. New Collectors had been appointed for Districts Nos. 9, 14 and 18, and of course the collection in these could not begin until Fidelity Guarantee and Personal Bonds had been entered into by the new Collectors.

At the corresponding period last year £8,000 had been collected. This included £1,500 received from the Health Board for Cottage Rates which would leave £6,500 from ordinary ratepayers and from which it could be seen that very little more than half had been collected in respect of current warrants.

It was decided to defer action in connection with the Rate Collection until meeting of the Finance Committee to be held on the 17th August, 1933.

RATE COLLECTOR RESIDING IN HIS DISTRICT:- P. Carty (No.20 District) wrote that with reference to the statement that he did not reside in his collecting district he wished to point out that he did reside there while collecting rates. He went there on Sunday evening or Monday morning and remained until the following Saturday. He called to every Ratepayer's house, in some cases several times, until he was paid. He had closed the 1933 warrant with a reduced amount of arrears, without a single seizure or prosecution and he always did his best to convenience ratepayers as to time and place of payment. He hoped the Council would consider the present method satisfactory. It would be very inconvenient and expensive for him to take up permanent residence in the district at present.

The following resolution was proposed by Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Shannon and adopted:- "That further consideration of letter from Collector P. Carty as to residing in his district be adjourned for three months in order to ascertain if during that time he will discharge his duties to the satisfaction of the Finance Committee."

POUNDAGE TO COLLECTORS:- The following letter under date 26th July, 1933, from the Department of Local Government and Public Health (G.80205/33 Loch Garman (Fa) was read:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to acknowledge the receipt of Form 61 showing the position of the 1932/33 warrants and to state that the proposal to pay full poundage to those Collectors who closed their collections subsequent to the end of May last has been examined. Special attention is

"drawn to the unsatisfactory manner in which Collector W. Doyle has carried out his duties. The percentage to be carried forward to the current year's collection in this case represents the highly excessive proportion of 22½% of his warrant. The position disclosed in the cases of Collectors P. Nolan, T. Bolger, S. Gannon, J. Quirke and M. Murphy also is not creditable, the amounts carried forward being also unduly large.

"After an examination of the collections in the several districts concerned, and having regard to the exceptional economic conditions prevailing during the year, the Minister sanctions payment of poundage to those collectors who closed their second moieties between the 1st June and 10th instant on the following basis:-

- (a) 90% of the poundage proposed when the Carried Forwards do not exceed one eighth of the warrant;
- (b) 85% of poundage proposed where the Carried Forwards are under 20% of the warrant;
- (c) 80% of poundage proposed when the Carried Forwards are over 20% of the warrant."

Under date 27th July, 1933, the Secretary wrote to the Department of Local Government and Public Health pointing out that the Collectors had been paid full poundage fees in respect of the sum equivalent to first moiety and arrears, and was it correct to assume that it was not the intention of the Minister to make any reduction in respect of such poundage.

Under date 31st July, 1933, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (G.83046/33 Loch Garman (Fa) that the reduced rates of poundage sanctioned in his previous letter applied only to the second moiety of the 1932/33 Warrants in each of the cases concerned.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Shannon seconded by Mr. Cummins:- "That payment of poundage in accordance with sanction of Minister for Local Government and

"Public Health (G.80205/33 Loch Garman Fa) be made to the Rate Collectors of the County."

RATES ON MOUNT ST. BENEDICT:- Under date 26th July, 1933, Collector Art Dunne, No. 15 District, wrote that all the buildings at Mount St. Benedict, Gorey, were at present used and had been, he believed, since about last August or September. Previous to that time, except portion of the main dwelling and three cottages, they were vacant and had not been occupied until last August or September also. The greater portion of the main buildings attached to the farm with a valuation of £257 were vacant, but as they were in the one rating he supposed no rebate would be applicable.

The Secretary stated that the amount of arrears due in respect of the holdings at Mount St. Benedict was £451.18.2d. The amount applicable to the vacant portion in accordance with Mr. Dunne's report would be £55.14.11d so that it appeared as if £396.3.3d was recoverable.

After discussion the following resolution was adopted:- "That Rate Collector Art Dunne (No. 15 District) be directed to exercise the powers of his Warrant to obtain payment of the amount of collectable rate due on the holdings of Mount St. Benedict which up to 31st March, 1933, would appear to be £396.3.3d."

FAILURE TO SELL SEIZED STOCK:- In connection with the failure of the Sheriff to dispose of cattle which had been seized for non-payment of rates and which were returned to the owner in consequence of no bid being received at the Auction, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote under date 27th July, 1933, (G.81260/33 Loch Garman (Fa) that the matter was receiving attention.

Mr. O'Byrne mentioned that the matter would also be discussed at the meeting of the General Council of County Councils on the 8th August, 1933.

PERSONAL SURETIES OF COLLECTOR D. KENNY:- The Manager, National Bank, (Gorey Branch) wrote that the Council were reasonably safe in accepting as joint security for £400 the Personal Sureties proposed by Denis Kenny viz:- Mrs. Anastasia Kenny, Ballyconran, Craanford, Gorey, and Owen Sheridan, Askamore, Carnew.

It was proposed by Mr. O'Byrne and seconded by Mr. Shannon and adopted:- "That in view of communication received from the Manager, National Bank (Gorey Branch) we recommend the Council to accept as personal Sureties of Collector Denis Kenny, Mrs. Anastasia Kenny, Ballyconran, Craanford, Gorey, and Owen Sheridan, Askamore, Carnew."

* COLLECTOR JOHN FLOOD(No. 9 District) In connection with the appointment of Mr. J. Flood as Rate Collector, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote under date 23rd July, 1933, (G.78844/33 Loch Garman (Fa) that as Mr. Flood's wife was engaged in retail trade he was not, having regard to Article 96 (b) of the Public Bodies Order, 1925, eligible for appointment as Rate Collector and his permanent appointment as part-time Rate Collector could not be sanctioned while this disqualification persists.

In reference to this communication Mr. Flood wrote under date 26th July, 1933, that his wife had closed the shop and sold Petrol Pump and did not intend reopening the business.

The Secretary stated that copy of Mr. Flood's letter had been furnished the Department of Local Government and Public Health on the 28th July, 1933. X He further mentioned that up to the present he had not received either Covering Note or Fidelity Guarantee Policy from an approved Guarantee Society or Insurance Company from any of the three recently appointed Collectors and of course until these came to hand and Personal Bonds had been executed it would not be possible to hand over the collecting Books.

A resolution was adopted directing the Secretary to

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communicate with the three new Collectors and remind them that the question of Sureties (Personal and Fidelity Guarantee) should be satisfactorily dealt with without further delay.

SANCTION OF MR. MAURICE KEHOE:→ Under date 22nd July, 1933, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (G.79549/33 Loch Garman (Fa) sanctioning the appointment of Mr. Maurice Kehoe as part time Rate Collector for District No. 16.

LEGAL COSTS OF RATE COLLECTOR:— Under date 22nd July, 1933, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (G.79548/33 Loch Garman (Fa):—

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 18th instant and to state that having regard to the exceptional circumstances in the case of Joseph Harman who it is noted was committed to prison in default of paying his rates, the Minister raises no objection to the payment of a sum of £4.7.6d in respect of law costs incurred by Collector McCarthy in the case.

"I am to point out that the poundage fees payable to Rate Collectors should normally cover all expenses connected with the collection of the rates. If a collector incurs legal costs such costs are a personal matter. The Minister would only agree to a Collector being indemnified as regards costs in highly exceptional cases such for example as when undetermined points of law might be involved and the prior assent of the Council had been obtained to the proceedings.

"As regards the proposal to allow expenses to Collector McCarthy in attending Court proceedings in Dublin in the case of Daniel Cagney, if the position in this case is clear the Court will presumably charge the costs to the defaulting ratepayer, but in the event of an adverse decision due to causes outside the control of the Collector the question of the Collector's expenses might then receive further consideration."

It was decided that copy of letter from Local Government Department be furnished Mr. McCarthy, Rate Collector,

(No. 14 District) for his information.

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

Under date 2nd August, 1933, the following letter was read from Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor:-

"With reference to the Mortgages in respect of Loans which are being made to Owners of lands which are registered under the Local Registration of Title Acts, I had some doubts in my mind as to the proper Form the Mortgage should take, so I took the matter up with the County Registrar, and he now writes, that the Plot on which the house is to be erected is to be marked on a Map to enable the Plot on which the Mortgage is, to be defined on the Official Maps at the Local Registration of Title Office.

"This will complicate matters as the Borrowers will have to furnish me with Ordnance Sheets with the Plot marked on them, and the marking I assume will have to be done by a Surveyor who will charge no doubt a Fee for doing so. I am writing to all the parties affected notifying them of this requirement."

Mr. Elgee stated that since writing this letter he had consulted with the County Secretary and they came to the conclusion that as it would obviate the procurement of Map if a mortgage was taken on the entire holding, he would arrange for this provided the Finance Committee were satisfied.

A resolution was adopted approving of the suggestion of Mr. Elgee in this matter as it would furnish additional security for the Council.

Under date 28th June, 1933, Mr. Elgee, reported that the Title of Robert Keegan for premises at Mucklow, Gorey, was in order.

Mr. Treenor, Assistant Surveyor for the district, reported that the value of the house was £190 and as the holding contained about 20 acres statute the entire value including the house would be £400.

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Shannon the following resolution was adopted:- "That the Co. Council be recommended to advance a loan of £150 to Robert Keegan for house

"at Mucklow, Gorey, under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts."

Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor for Gorey District, reported that the value of house which was being erected by Myles Byrne at Coolishall, Gorey, was £195 and the value of site £15. The loan required was £140 and on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Cummins it was decided to recommend the Council to advance this amount to Mr. Myles Byrne and also to furnish Certificate of Value etc. to the Department of Local Government and Public Health. In this case the Finance Committee desire to point out that Mr. Treanor's first report setting out the value at £210 was taken as applicable to house alone and not to house and site. In the circumstances therefore, the Committee are of opinion that the Council should agree to the loan of £140 applied for.

SCHOLARSHIPS UNDER SECONDARY AND
VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS

Under date 26th July, 1933, the Office of National Education furnished particulars of the results of examination of applicants for Scholarships in Secondary and Vocational Schools. The following passed the examination:-

1. Doyle, Patrick, Drimmagh, Rosslare, (683 Marks)
2. O'Neill, Eileen F., Bushville, Tagoat. (642 Marks)
3. Doran, Peter, Main Street, Gorey. (612 Marks)
4. Doran, James, Main Street, Gorey. (605 Marks)
5. Devereux, Alice M., Grange, Broadway. (577) Marks.
6. O'Regan, Catherine, Ballybro, Tagoat. (545 Marks)
7. Butler, Thomas, Mountainmuck, Glynn. (532 Marks)

Nine applicants failed and two candidates did not attend the examination.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Shannon:- "That in accordance with report of results of examination received from Office of National Education, Scholarships tenable in Secondary and Vocational Schools be awarded:-

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Patrick Doyle; Eileen F. O'Neill; Alice M. Devereux;
Catherine O'Regan and Thomas Butler; and Bursaries to
Peter Doran and James Doran, Main Street, Gorey.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1933

Correspondence in connection with application for loss of remuneration for political reasons from Department of Local Government and Public Health as regards Mr. Stephen Hayes, assistant in Co. Secretary's office and Mr. Denis Radford, Co. Surveyor's Office, (as appearing on Minutes of Finance Committee of 20th July, 1933), was submitted.

The amounts involved in these cases were:-

Hayes Mr. Radford £127.15.10d; and *Radford* Mr. Hayes £84.6.9d.

After consideration the following resolution was adopted:-

"That correspondence from Department of Local Government and Public Health relative to remuneration of Messrs. S. Hayes and D. Radford, in connection with their absence from duty in 1922 and 1923 be referred to Co. Council for consideration."

OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION

Under date 2nd August, 1933, the Department of Local Government and Public Health (G.82395/33 Loch Garman (Fa) wrote sanctioning the continuance of Overdraft accommodation to the Co. Council not exceeding £40,000 to the 30th September, 1933, interest thereon to be paid at the agreed rate.

PAYMENT OF ROAD WORKERS

Under date 20th July, 1933, the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) (RM/32) wrote as follows:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to refer to your letter of 4th May last, with enclosures, and to state that the arrangements adopted by Wexford County Council on 10th April last for payment of their road workers cannot be sanctioned. The payments must be made in accordance with Article 61 (4) of the Public Bodies Order, 1925 i.e. by properly appointed Pay Clerks or issue of a Paying

"Order to each worker. The latter method has been generally adopted by County Councils."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Shannon:- "That we protest against the action of the Department of Local Government and Public Health in refusing to recognise the system of payment to Road Workers which gave satisfaction to everyone and in respect of which no complaint has been made for years, and in imposing upon the Council a system which will be responsible for greatly increased cost of administration and of great inconvenience to the employees concerned."

After further consideration it was decided in view of the greatly increased amount of clerical work necessary to provide for the issue of Pay Orders to individual workers to recommend to the Council the appointment of a junior clerk, male or female, age limits 18 to 30 years, salary £90 to £150 by annual increments of £5. Qualifying examination in connection with the appointment to be held in Irish, English, Handwriting, Arithmetic and Typewriting.

GOREY POUND

In connection with repair of Gorey Pound report was received from Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor of the District, that it would require a sum of £8 to rebuild, repair and re-cope walls.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Shannon:- "That a sum of £8 be set aside for repair of walls etc. Gorey Pound, Co. Surveyor to arrange to have work carried out as soon as possible. That we recommend the Council to fix the rent to be paid by John Valentine, Pound Keeper, Gorey, at 1/- per year."

GOREY COURTHOUSE

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Cummins seconded by Mr. Shannon:- "That the application of Gorey Agricultural Society for the use of Gorey Courthouse on the night of 14th September, 1933, for the purpose of holding a dance,

"proceeds to be in aid of funds of Gorey Agricultural Show, be acceded to, Show Committee to be responsible for the building while in their custody and to hand over the premises in a clean and satisfactory condition."

FORD OF LYNG

The Co. Surveyor submitted the following letter under date 28th July, 1933, which he had received from the Office of Public Works:-

"Referring to the deputation which we received at this Office on 18th May last, we beg to state that an exhaustive examination of the legal position having been made with regard to the flooding from the Canal constructed by the Slob Company, we are advised that we have no jurisdiction to interfere with the Slob lands under the Wexford Harbour Embankment Act, 1852, and, as explained at the interview in question it is not practicable to deal with the situation under the Arterial Drainage Act, 1925."

It was decided that copy of this communication be sent to Mr. Doyle, Chairman of the County Council.

REQUISITION - FOOD AND DRUGS EQUIPMENT

Chief Superintendent, Garda Siochana, submitted requisition for Food and Drugs supplies for half year ending 31st December, 1933.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Cummins seconded by Mr. Shannon:- "That requisition for Food and Drugs equipment from Chief Superintendent, Garda Siochana, Wexford, as per schedule attached to his letter of 2nd August, 1933 be agreed to and that the various articles be procured in accordance with said schedule."

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL APPLICATION

Notification was received from District Court Clerk, New Ross, as to the committal to an Industrial School of Patrick Joseph Meyler, son of Elizabeth Meyler, Old Barracks, Michael Street, New Ross, 4½ years old. The mother was destitute

and unable to support him and the father was dead.

Referred to Mr. Elgee.

CRIMINAL INJURY APPLICATION

Application for compensation for the driving of six heifers and one bull calf, and damage to machinery, fences, crops, etc., on the night of 22nd July or morning of 23rd July, 1933, on the lands of Corah, Ballycarney, was received from Patrick Fortune.

The usual direction given in such cases, viz., to oppose the application, was given to Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Brennan seconded by Col. Quin:- "That the Minutes of Finance Committee meeting held on 3rd August, 1933, be received and considered."

RATE COLLECTION:- The following state of the Rate Collection to 12th August, 1933, was submitted:-

Wexford District

	£.	s.	d.
1. J. Quirke	656.	2	8
2. W. Doyle	206	5	10
3. P. Doyle	253	3	5
4. M. McCarthy	442	11	3
5. P. Nolan	392	12	5

Enniscorthy District

6. S. Gannon	141	4	6
7. J. Deegan	123	0	8
8. J. Cummins	397	19	8
9. J. Flood	-	-	-
10. S. Gannon	35	18	0
11. W. Cummins	464	1	3
12. M. Murphy	136	6	0

Gorey District

13. J.J. O'Reilly	287	3	11
14. D. Kenny	-	-	-
15. A. Dunne	365	9	2
16. J.J. Sinnott	123	7	5

New Ross District

17. E.J. Murphy	300	14	3
18. M. Kehoe	-	-	-
19. J. Curtis	346	7	8
20. P. Carty	156	-	-

Total..... £4828 8 1

It was decided to refer the question of the collection to the meeting of Finance Committee to be held on 17th August, 1933.

POUNDAGE TO RATE COLLECTORS:- Mr. Gaul argued that it was through no fault of certain collectors that they had not been able to close their warrants in due time and gave notice of motion for next Co. Council meeting to move that the Minister be requested to reconsider his decision as to penalisation of Rate Collectors who through no fault of their own were unable to close their warrants in due time.

X COLLECTOR JOHN FLOOD No.9 DISTRICT:- The following under date 4th August, 1933, (G.83598/33 Loch Garman Fa.) was read from Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 28th ultimo and to state that since the disqualification of Mr. J. Flood no longer exists, the Minister sanctions his appointment in a part-time capacity on the terms set out in the replies to queries furnished. One set of the queries is returned, herewith." X

LEGAL COSTS OF RATE COLLECTOR:- The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. D'Arcy seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:-

"That the Co. Council approve^s of Collector M. McCarthy instituting proceedings in Dublin against Daniel Cagney, Prussia Street, Dublin, in respect of rates due on farms held by ^{him} at Ballycorboys, Little Tacumshane."

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1933 -

CLAIMS OF OFFICIALS:- Miss O'Ryan said other Boards were compensating officials who were in a similar position and Wexford should fall into line. It was no wish of the officials they were absent from duty, and she proposed they should be paid the amounts to which they were entitled.

Mr. Hayes seconded.

Mr. Keegan said as no substitutes had been appointed the Council would not be at any loss by making the payments and the work had been done. It was not for any neglect of duty the officials in question were taken away.

Col. Quin said that the two officials had been taken away by the Government and the latter should be responsible for their payment.

Mr. Gaul said the Secretary had informed the Chairman that it was optional on the Co. Council to pay. While he agreed they should be paid, as they were away through no fault of their

own , he did not think it was playing the game to shift the responsibility on the County Council. He would say that, though he was in favour they should be paid.

Mr. D'Arcy - They should be paid from Dublin and not from the County Council.

Mr. O'Byrne - They recommend payment. They make out they were penalised by this Council. This Council never penalised them and their positions were left available for them at any time. When the Government of the moment is in power they certainly ought to compensate these people, but not at the expense of the rates. The County Council paid approximately £70,000 for damage done in this County and I propose that the Government be asked to make any compensation required in these cases.

Mr. D'Arcy seconded.

Miss O'Ryan said that Mr. O'Byrne's resolution was not in accordance with the letter received from the Department and was confusing the issue. They should decide fairly and squarely whether they would or would not pay the money. If the amendment - which she held was not in order - was adopted it was an admission of the justice of the claim.

Mr. Elgee held that in view of the letter from the Department the amendment of Mr. O'Byrne was in order.

Chairman - I will put the amendment, as it is in order, that the Government pay it.

Mr. Cummins - It is not an amendment. I do not agree with that if you had the opinion of the biggest counsel in Dublin. It is not an amendment to the resolution proposed.

Mr. Keegan - It will not make any difference anyway.

The Chairman put the amendment to the meeting, the result of poll being as follows:-

FOR THE AMENDMENT:- Messrs. Brennan, Colleton, D'Arcy, Gibbon, Hall, Hickey, McCarthy, O'Byrne, Quin, Shannon and the Chairman. (11)

AGAINST:- Messrs. Armstrong, Clince, Colfer, Corish, Cummins, Gaul, Hayes, Keegan and Miss O'Ryan. (9)

The Chairman declared the amendment carried.

Mr. Keegan asked if this finished the matter.

The Chairman said he was open to receive further amendments but as none were moved he put Mr. O'Byrne's as the substantive motion and declared it carried nem con

PAYMENT OF ROAD WORKERS:- The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. D'Arcy seconded by Col. Quin:- "That the recommendation of the Finance Committee protesting against the change of system of payment of road workers now advocated by Department of Local Government and Public Health be adopted, and that the proposal of the Finance Committee recommending the appointment of a junior Clerk to meet the conditions set out by Department be adjourned for the present."

FORD OF LYNG:- The Chairman said that the contents of the letter were as much as they expected judging by the interview. He did not think from the interview that the Board of Works were very much interested in the matter at all.

In reply to the Chairman, Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor, said that nothing could be done as regards law proceedings until October, and he would remind the Council that he considered they had very small chance of success in view of the opinion of Counsel who recommended a settlement. The Council would be up against a large sum for law costs.

Col. Gibbon said that on that very day the whole of the Canal was full up of rushes and there was definite proof that the action of the Slob Company was obstructing the whole waterway down to where it gets into Wexford Harbour. He believed that photographs should be taken of the present position.

The Chairman said that unless Mr. Elgee had, from the Slob Company, a more favourable offer than the one that had been made they should go on with the legal proceedings.

Mr. Corish was in favour of continuing the proceedings. Even if unsuccessful the Council would be able to expose the injustice of the matter.

Col. Gibbon said they should try and get Counsel down and convince him that the County Council's case was right. They would not have much difficulty in convincing him of this on the state of affairs existing to-day. He thought the County Surveyor should go down to the Ford of Lyng and have a look at the drain right down to its outlet.

Col. Gibbon proposed the following resolution which was seconded by Col. Quin:- "That the Co. Surveyor inspect the drain at the Ford of Lyng and if he considers the statements made by Col. Gibbon at this meeting are borne out he should inform the Co. Solicitor and County Secretary, who should arrange for the attendance of Counsel to meet a Committee as soon as possible, Mr. Elgee to procure photographs of the position of the Canal at this date."

Passed.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Brennan seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 3rd August, 1933, be and are hereby confirmed except in so far as same may have been altered or amended by resolution adopted at this meeting."

VACANCY ON OLD AGE PENSION

SUB-COMMITTEE No. 5

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Shannon, the following resolution was adopted:- "That Mr. T. McCarthy, Rafter Street, Enniscorthy, be appointed member of Old Age Pension Sub-Committee No. 5, in room of Rev. P. Cummins, a permanent invalid unable to attend."

EMPLOYMENT OF ROAD WORKERS

The following notice of motion given by Mr. Sean O'Byrne, and which was signed by four other Members of the Council, in accordance with Standing Orders was submitted:-

"I hereby give Notice of my intention to move, at meeting of above County Council to be held on 14th August, 1933, that the resolution adopted by the Council at their meeting on 10th July, 1933, to dispense with the services of Road Workers who hold fully stamped Insurance Cards for twelve months be rescinded."

Mr. O'Byrne pointed out that the effect of the resolution which it was proposed to rescind would not mean the employment of more than one dozen men to replace the present workers while it would make the latter lose interest in their work and give the impression outside that general unemployment could be relieved by the County Council. It would certainly injure applications for grants for the relief of unemployment and no constant employee would consider himself in permanent employment.

Mr. Gaul, who seconded the motion, did not believe in throwing men out of employment and the Council should remember that if they did dispense with men who had fully stamped insurance cards for twelve months, the amount of benefit would be fifty-two days only, at the expiration of which the man who had previously regarded himself as a permanent employee would have to look for relief somewhere else.

Mr. Hayes stated a wrong interpretation had been put upon the resolution, namely that the services of men were to be permanently dispensed with. That was not the case. Time and again they had under consideration the question of more equitable and fairer distribution of work, a principle to which all members subscribed. In his opinion the resolution of the last day went no further than that.

Col. Gibbon said he was under the impression that the permanent workers were to be put upon the dole and temporary men

selected for their positions. He believed that some of the men employed on the roads were the hardest workers in the County and kept the neatest cottages, and he considered it demoralising to take them out of their jobs and oblige them to go on the dole.

Col. Quin - I think no greater injustice could be done to the workers than the resolution passed at the last meeting. We all employ the best workers, and it is the best workers who are employed. He agreed with Col. Gibbon that the resolution created an alarming atmosphere for the workers, and tended towards their degradation.

Mr. Hall said when the resolution was adopted those in favour of it believed they were going to dispense for a time with the services of men with a lot of stamps to their credit to give a chance for the employment of probably better men, in their places. They should adhere to this decision.

In reply to Mr. Hall the Co. Surveyor said there were nine ordinary labourers and thirty-seven gangers affected by the resolution.

Mr. Hall asked if it was not a fact that men were employed as gangers who had fairly good farms. They were now in constant work though they had no experience of road work when they were first employed. They had probably years of stamps to their credit and yet were kept on.

Mr. Keegan said there was nothing in the resolution as to sacking the men but they were merely asked to come out and draw from the dole, the value of their stamps and nobody objected to their return to their employment when benefit was exhausted. People who moved in this matter only wanted a fair distribution of the work and have it confined to recognised road workers. It seemed as if the Co. Surveyor or his deputies had no say in the matter of employment, because if a man wanted work he went to the ganger and not to the Surveyors.

Mr. McCarthy stated he was not present when the last County Council meeting discussed the resolution, but he was convinced

that anyone who voted for it did so in good faith. In his opinion it was a resolution that would be unwise to pursue and would lead to inefficiency. At present it was confined to those who had fully stamped cards but ultimately it would lead to dispensing with the services of everybody who was entitled to benefit at the moment and in the end the Council would have people working for stamps instead for the good of the Council. A year's contribution would provide less than three weeks' benefit and they should remember that the men in permanent employment all over the country created the unemployment fund. If a system was to be set up whereby a man entitled to unemployment benefit, had his employment terminated the fund would soon become bankrupt, and it might be necessary for the Government to look to the tax-payer to make it solvent.

Miss O'Ryan asked if it was not understood that in all this discussion they were dealing with road workers only. They should make that perfectly clear so as not to raise false hopes that the Council would employ other men who wanted a day's work. If the resolution stood and men with twelve months' fully stamped cards were drawing benefit for a few weeks they should be replaced only by men who worked previously on the roads. It was better for those in agricultural work to continue on at their employment even at low wages, than to take two or three weeks' work on the roads.

The Chairman said if they were confining the resolution to road workers, he believed it was only nonsense to discuss the matter at all. He understood it was meant for people all over to get work.

Mr. Corish said he opposed the adoption of the resolution at the last meeting as he believed it was setting up a vicious principle. It would not do good to the Council or to the men concerned. The Co. Surveyor had a certain list of men who had worked on the roads from time to time and there would be no

objection to these men getting their turn when extra labour was required. There was an objection to permanent men being displaced. These men were skilled workers, and it was absolutely essential that key-men should be on any job. They should not be discharged, but, at certain times in the year, extra men were taken on, and they should be road workers, and the work should be divided amongst them. To throw out a permanent man was no incentive for him to work hard or become skilled at the particular work he was at. It was not fair to the Council or the people concerned. The passing of the resolution at the last meeting, raised false hopes in the people's minds. It was now proved, even if the Council were to dispose of the permanent men, that it would only relieve eight or nine people and it had created an altogether false impression. As far as the gangers were concerned, Mr. Hall had mentioned an important matter. There should be an investigation into the matter of the gangers and a man employed as a ganger who could make a living any other way, such as on his land, should be displaced by a person who had nothing else. There should be an investigation in that way and a committee set up. Mr. McCarthy, he continued, had pointed out an important thing when he said that the unemployment fund would become insolvent, if the principle of the resolution was carried out to its logical conclusion. The Government had not unlimited resources and there were not sufficient people contributing to the fund to make it solvent and meet the demands of unemployment. He did not know what was going to happen, if it was going to be worse than the state of affairs that existed now. It was a problem, and though they all wished and wanted to see the workers employed, he did not think the principle of the resolution would do anything, good, bad, or indifferent, to solve the unemployment problem in County Wexford. They were not going to have efficiency through it, or relieve the unemployment question, but would create confusion which they would find it

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very hard to get away from.

The Co. Surveyor welcomed the proposal to appoint a Committee to go into the efficiency and employment of road gangers, as he believed this would be as much in the interest of himself and his staff as to the advantage of the Council.

Mr. Cummins said when the matter was previously under discussion he was of opinion there were a larger number of men concerned. He thought the discussion on the resolution the last day would be an instruction to a man who had fully stamped insurance cards to come out of work and see that his fellow man would be put on in his place. Then the moment benefit was exhausted the permanent man would return to his job.

After further discussion a poll was taken on Mr. O'Byrne's proposal with the following result:-

FOR:- Messrs. Armstrong, Clince, Colfer, Corish, Culleton, Gaul, Gibbon, McCarthy, O'Byrne, O'Ryan, Quin and Shannon. (12)

AGAINST:- Messrs. Hall, Keegan and the Chairman. (3)

Declined voting - Messrs. Brennan, Cummins, D'Arcy, Hickey, Hayes. (5)

The Chairman declared Mr. O'Byrne's resolution carried.

On the motion of Mr. Hall seconded by Col. Quin the following resolution was adopted:- "That the following Committee be appointed to consider the conditions of appointment of Gangers and their efficiency in each case and report to the Council:-

Enniscorthy District:- Messrs. McCarthy and Shannon.

Gorey District:- Messrs. Hall and Keegan.

New Ross District:- Messrs. Cummins and Cooney.

Wexford District:- Messrs. Doyle and Corish.

The following business was disposed of after adjournment for lunch.

DISTRICTS OF ASSISTANT SURVEYORS

The following under date 3rd August, 1933 (R/RS/32) was read from Department of Local Government and Public Health Roads:-

"Referring to your letter of 21st ultimo, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he has sanctioned the proposal of Wexford County Council to divide the district of Mr. J. Kehoe, former Assistant County Surveyor, between Messrs. Birthistle, Ennis, Cullen and O'Neill, Assistant County Surveyors each of those officers to be remunerated at rate of £45 per annum for the additional work."

ROAD GRANTS

Under date 9th August, 1933, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (R.G.M./32) that a payment of £2370 in respect of road maintenance grant for 1933/34 had been made.

AUDIT ACCOUNTS

COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

Under date 11th August, 1933, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (82702/33 Loch Garman) enclosing copy of Auditor's report on his Audit of Accounts of Co. Wexford Board of Health and Public Assistance for two half years ended 30th September, 1932.

Referred to Co. Board of Health.

TEMPORARY CLOSING OF ROADS

Under date 3rd August, 1933, the Department of Local Government and Public Health, Roads, forwarded sealed Order (No. I.R./107/1/1933) extending the period for temporary closing of the following roads:-

Link Road L.30-39 from Enniscorthy Urban Boundary to Clonhaston Cross to the 31st day of October, 1933, and Link Road L.33-47 from Ryland Turn over Clohamon Bridge to Clohamon to the 30th September, 1933.

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS LOANS

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That our Corporate Seal be affixed to the Deed of Mortgage of this date now read, whereby security is given to the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland for the repayment of the sum of eight thousand Pounds proposed to be advanced by them to us under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts etc. That inasmuch as this Co. Council does not immediately require from the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland, the total amount of the sum mentioned in the Deed of Mortgage to them this day executed by this County Council, but prefer to receive the same by instalments as occasion may require, It is resolved that the requisition for each advance shall be intimated to said Commissioners by the Chairman of this Co. Council for time being countersigned by the Secretary of said Council and that each such requisition shall be forwarded to the Accountant of the said Commissioners and that all such advances shall be lodged to our Account in the Wexford Branch of the National Bank. That our Corporate Seal be affixed to the Deed of Mortgage of this date now read, whereby security is given to the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland for the repayment of the sum of Two Thousand Pounds proposed to be advanced by them to us under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts. That inasmuch as this Co. Council does not immediately require from the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland, the total amount of the sum mentioned in the Deed of Mortgage to them this day executed by this County Council but prefer to receive the same by instalments as occasion may require, it is resolved that the requisition for each advance shall be intimated to said Commissioners by the Chairman of this Co. Council for time being, countersigned by the Secretary of said Council and that each such requisition shall be forwarded to the Accountant of the said Commissioners and that all such advances shall be lodged to our Account in the Wexford Branch of the National Bank."

On the motion of Mr. Keegan seconded by Mr. Hall a vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Corish, County Councillor and T.D. for the trouble taken by him to expedite preparation of Mortgages etc. to cover the advances of £10,000 loans from the Board of Works for the purpose of Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.

The Chairman desired to express his own congratulations to Mr. Corish as well as those of the County Council not alone for the manner in which he helped the Council in this particular matter but for the assistance he was always willing to give the people of the County at large.

Mr. Corish expressed his acknowledgments but said he did not require any thanks for carrying out work which he regarded as a duty.

LOAN FOR CONVERSION OF WEST WING CO. HALL

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish seconded by Mr. Culleton:- "That pursuant to the letter of Sanction of the Local Government Minister dated 22nd June, 1933, (S.56, 221/33 Loch Garman Pg) the sum of ^{2,900}~~£25,000~~ be borrowed from The National Bank Limited Wexford for the purpose of the proposed conversion of portion of the County Hall, Wexford into Offices for the Vocational Education Committee and for the accommodation of the County Library, to be repaid within ten years with interest at the rate of one half per cent under the Irish Banks' rate from time to time with a minimum of £4 per cent per annum as in said Letter of sanction provided. And it is further resolved that the Seal of the Council be affixed to the necessary Mortgage over the rates to secure said loan."

FERRYCARRIG BRIDGE CONTRACT

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Brennan seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That the reports of Ferrycarrig Bridge Committee in respect of meetings held on 15th July, 1933, 29th July, 1933 and 12th August, 1933, as

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presented to this meeting be received and approved.

The following are the reports:-

"The first meeting of newly formed Ferrycarrig Bridge Committee was held at the bridge on 15th July, 1933.

"Present:- Mr. J.E. Walsh, Vice Chairman, County Council, presiding; also Col. Gibbon, Messrs. R. Corish, T. McCarthy, J.J. Culleton, Sean O'Byrne and M.T. Hickey.

The Secretary, Co. Surveyor, Co. Solicitor, Captain Harvey, (Resident Engineer) and Mr. Waller (of Delap and Waller, Consulting Engineers) were also in attendance.

The Chairman invited Mr. Waller to make a statement as to the present position in regard to the Contract.

Mr. Waller said that as regards fixing a date for the re-opening of the bridge, it was useless for anybody to mention a definite date for the completion of work when the extent of this work was unknown. One cylinder of the bridge had been satisfactorily put into position but there were two others to be dealt with and without knowing what obstructions were to be met with, it was impossible to state how long it would take to get them into position and have them concreted. Using his best judgment he anticipated these three cylinders would be completed in a fortnight's time and after that, with plain sailing, the only work that remained was the pulling back of the piles in which the opening span sits and placing them in their new position. It was not possible to be absolutely definite as to how long this would take. He (Mr. Waller) did not believe they would meet with any difficulty on this point and with reasonable luck, and by the Contractor making every effort to push on the work, the bridge should be re-opened for traffic by the end of September. He did not think it would be safe to bank on anything earlier. The date mentioned for opening was contingent on the Contractor agreeing to adopt the suggestion of Mr. Corish to put on two shifts of workmen. He (Mr. Waller) had spoken

"to the Contractor relative to this suggestion and he favoured it as it was in his own interest and would cut down his overhead expenses. The Contractor, for his own sake, was most anxious to get on with the work. He had now employed Mr. Linehan who he (Mr. Waller) knew for the past twenty years as a very capable engineer. It would be wronging the Contractor if they believed he did not put himself out over the job, but it should be realised he had met with considerable unforeseen difficulties. In the first place the borings had been made at each side of the bridge only; it would not have been possible to have taken them in the centre unless the structure was closed and it was felt such a step would cause too much inconvenience to the public. The result was that where borings had not been taken and where it was expected there was only normal depth, a pile fifteen feet longer than normal length had to be driven; in fact this was about the longest bridge pile of its kind in Ireland. They could not blame the Contractor for this and he would be legally entitled to extra time for it and for any other unforeseen matters. If the Consulting Engineers advised the contrary to the Council it would be misleading and would probably result in law proceedings in which the Council would be beaten. The employment of the second shift of workers would probably reduce the time by thirty per cent.

"Mr. O'Byrne said the Committee were not satisfied that the Contractor had done his best from the beginning to carry out the work with due diligence and he wished to know if that was the view of the Consulting Engineers?

"The Chairman said it was manifest that if the Contractor had employed a properly qualified engineer and had proper plant from the beginning, more progress would have been shown, and the Council would have been saved expense and the public saved inconvenience.

"In reply to Col. Gibbon, Mr. Waller said it was provided by the Specification that the Contractor should get extra money for extra piling.

"The Contractor (Mr. O'Rourke) said that subject to getting the three cylinders fixed without meeting unforeseen difficulties he would let traffic cross the bridge between the 16th September and 1st October. If he was in a position to say he would have these three cylinders definitely sunk he could give a guarantee he would have the bridge re-opened by the 1st October next. He was satisfied to put on the double shift of men. Up to the present the job was to find work for all the men on the bridge, but it was now opening up and he would be able to place men for two shifts. He would employ a second diver and hoped he would be able to come to terms with the diver who had been recently employed by Wexford Harbour Board.

"The Committee having discussed the various points mentioned in the conference with Mr. Waller and the Contractor desire to report as follows:-

1. The Contractor estimates that, provided unforeseen difficulties do not arise, the bridge will be re-opened by the end of September next.

2. Having discussed the position with Mr. Waller the Committee while believing the work has been slow, there have been so many difficulties of an unforeseen character met with by the Contractor, that the Council would be unable to sustain a legal claim against the Contractor for delay.

3. The Contractor has agreed to the employment of a second diver and to put on two shifts of workers. The laying of the three cylinders is the real difficulty in the completion of the contract and in order to hasten this as much as possible the Committee attach great importance to the employment of the second diver.

4. As regards the erection of a temporary bridge it

"would, in the opinion of Mr. Waller, be almost six weeks before such a structure would be erected. In view of this, coupled with the fact that the bridge will probably be re-opened by 1st October next the Committee consider they would not be justified in directing the erection of the temporary bridge.

5. That the Contractor in future "set out" the work, Captain Harvey, Clerk of Works, giving what help he finds possible. If Captain Harvey considers later he will require assistance the Committee will be prepared to consider any reasonable application in that regard.

6. The Committee further direct that application for the closing of the bridge to the first of November next should be made to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

The Committee then adjourned to Saturday, 29th July, 1933, to meet at Ferrycarrig Bridge at 10.15 a.m., Mr. Waller, Captain Harvey and Co. Surveyor to be in attendance."

"The Second meeting of Ferrycarrig Bridge Committee was held at the Bridge on 29th July, 1933.

"Present:- Messrs. Corish, T.F. D'Arcy, Col. Gibbon and S. O'Byrne.

"The Secretary, Co. Surveyor, Co. Solicitor, Mr. Waller (Delap and Waller, Consulting Engineers) and Captain Harvey, Clerk of Works, were also in attendance.

"Mr. Waller reported he was satisfied with the progress the Contractor had made during the fortnight since last meeting. As he then stated he had estimated that the three cylinders would have been in position that day if the Contractor secured the services of a second diver. This had not been found possible through no fault of the Contractor. Two of the cylinders were in place and the third was in course of being laid. In the circumstances he (Mr. Waller) was satisfied that since last meeting the Contractor had made substantial progress.

"The Committee then called in the Contractor, and Mr. Corish (who presided) pointed out to him that the Committee were satisfied he had made fairly decent progress during the fortnight, but they asked the Contractor to do his very best to have the work finished by the date he had given to them at their first meeting. It would be a very serious matter if the bridge was not finished by the time the farmers would be carting their corn into town.

"Mr. O'Rourke (Contractor) said it was evidently to his advantage to finish the work as soon as possible. He was taking every available opportunity to put on extra men, and he would spare no effort to have the work completed by the date agreed to at the first meeting of the Committee. He had tried at Rosslare and at Arklow to secure the services of a second diver but without success.

"Col. Gibbon asked what steps the Contractor had taken to put on a second shift of workmen.

"The Contractor said he had discussed this with his own Engineer and with Captain Harvey. He had a second ganger and all the machinery for two shifts but he had come to the conclusion it would be more efficient to put on extra men where they could be used and work only the one shift. It was not practicable to use two shifts on the concreting work. If it were found to be of advantage to work two shifts it would be easy to utilise the arrangements he had made for the purpose.

"After further discussion the Committee agreed to submit the following:-

1. The Committee having consulted with Mr. Waller find that two of the cylinders had been put in place while work on the third was proceeding in an expeditious manner.

2. We are satisfied that the Contractor used every endeavour to procure the services of a second diver but was not successful. We do not consider (and Mr. Waller agrees)

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"that a second diver is now necessary.

3. The Contractor has promised to put on a second shift of workmen as soon as and whenever practicable during the remainder of the work.

4. Having regard to the manner in which work has been carried out during the past fortnight we have no reason to revise our estimate as to the completion of the work and the opening of the Bridge by the end of September.

"It was decided that a further meeting of the Committee be held on 12th August, 1933, at 10.30 a.m."

"The third meeting of the above Committee was held on 12th August, 1933. Present:- Messrs. T. D'Arcy, M.T. Hickey and Sean O'Byrne.

"The Co. Secretary, Co. Surveyor, Co. Solicitor and Captain Harvey, Resident Engineer, were also in attendance.

"It was reported that since last meeting the third cylinder which was the most difficult to handle had been put into place. The South leaf of bascule had been relowered on to its bearings and the trestles put in under North leaf ready to lift to-day. Good head-way has been made with the casings for the beams.

"No extra men have been employed, but overtime has been worked up to 9 o'clock p.m. where necessary.

"Captain Harvey is satisfied that all possible progress has been made with the work since the last meeting of the Committee.

"The Committee then adjourned to Saturday, 9th September, 1933, unless in the meantime some unforeseen circumstances requires the summoning of a special meeting."

PROPOSED PERMANENT APPOINTMENT

OF RATE COLLECTORS

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. D'Arcy:- "That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be asked to sanction the employment as ordinary Rate Collectors of P. Nolan No. 5, M. McCarthy, No. 4, and M. Murphy, No. 12, as these officers have

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been for some time on a probationary basis. "

PROPOSED DISPENSARY RESIDENCE

AT BUNCLODY

The following under date 3rd August, 1933, was received from the Secretary, Co. Board of Health:-

"The Board of Health propose to erect a Dispensary Residence at Bunclody for the Medical Officer, and have selected as a site for this residence, plots of land which were purchased by the abolished Enniscorthy Rural District Council.

"Under the Act of 1925 these plots became vested in the County Council, and we have been advised by the Ministry for Local Government and Public Health that before the Board of Health can proceed further with the project of the Dispensary Residence, it will be necessary for the County Council to transfer their interest in these plots to the Board of Health, in accordance with Section 10 (3) of the Local Government Act 1925.

"I am directed by my Board to request the County Council to make the necessary transfer."

The following resolution was proposed by Mr. Gaul seconded by Mr. D'Arcy and adopted:- "That plots of land at Bunclody purchased by late Enniscorthy Rural District Council and which are now required in connection with the erection of a dispensary residence for local medical officer be and are hereby transferred to the Co. Wexford Board of Health.

SCHOLARSHIP SCHEMES

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Col. Gibbon seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That a meeting of Scholarships Committee be held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, at 10.30 a.m. on 26th August, 1933, to consider what amendments (if any) should be included in the Council's Scholarship Schemes."

Under date 12th July, 1933, the Secretary, University College, Dublin, forwarded report of the results of the Summer

Examination of eight students holding Scholarships from Wexford County Council in Session 1932/33.

This was regarded by the meeting as very satisfactory.

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

"That continuing University Scholarships be awarded the following:-

Michael Tobin, Bohreen Hill, Enniscorthy;
 Barbara Lowe, Maudlintown, Wexford;
 Elizabeth Hogan, 69 South Street, New Ross;
 Mary F. Kelly, 18, North Main Street, Wexford;
 John J. Murphy, 4, Main Street, Enniscorthy;
 Patrick Doyle, Quay Road, Duncannon;
 James Kenny, 14, George Street, Gorey;
 William Meyler, Blackhall, Glynn. "

COURTOWN HARBOUR

Under date 27th July, 1933, (No.9764/33) the following was received from Office of Public Works:-

"A report has been received by the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance that there are no arrangements in operation at Courtown Harbour for the regular opening of the sluices. If this report is correct the result of lack of such arrangements will be that the Harbour will not be kept clear of silt, and that the Grant allocated for the cleaning of the Harbour will be wasted.

"We shall be glad to receive a report from you in this matter, and to know what arrangements are being made for necessary sluicing."

To this communication the Co. Surveyor submitted the following in reply under date 1st August, 1933:-

"With reference to letter from the Office of Public Works in regard to sluicing at Courtown Harbour I beg to state that at the present time the Contractor for the dredging is bound

"to maintain channel below sluices until his work is complete. There is no occasion, therefore, to provide for the regular opening of the sluices. I am arranging with the Harbour Master that he shall, on completion of the dredging work in the basin, take over the responsibility for having proper and sufficient sluicing carried out."

Mr. Keegan said the Co. Surveyor had stated that Mr. Donovan, Contractor for the clearing of the basin at Courtown, was doing good work, but he had carried out no work there for the last ten days and the local impression was that this contract might finish in October but not of this year. The local people considered that the result of Mr. Donovan's efforts would not make a good job of the place and also that the sluice gates were working as ineffectively as previous to reconstruction. He suggested the following Committee should inspect and report as to the work of clearing the basin, and also the efficiency of the gates:-

Messrs. Gibbon, Cummins, Roche, Walsh and D'Arcy with the Co. Surveyor, to meet at Courtown at 11 a.m. (official time) on the 22nd August, 1933.

Under date 11th August, 1933, the Chairman of the Courtown Harbour Committee and the Harbour Master of Courtown wrote asking the County Council to appoint a deputation to attend a meeting at Courtown on Thursday, 17th August, 1933, at 4 p.m. to meet Earl Fitzwilliam, in conjunction with the members of the Harbour Committee, the Co. Surveyor and Harbour Master, to discuss the feasibility of opening up trade in Courtown. The signatories were of opinion that for a small sum the Harbour Mouth could be deepened to a sufficient depth to admit the type of craft required for Earl Fitzwilliam's trade.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Brennan seconded by Mr. Clince:- "That the following County Councillors represent the Council at meeting to be held at

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"Courtown Harbour on 17th August, 1933, to consult with Earl Fitzwilliam as to opening up Courtown Harbour for trade in Slate dust etc., Chairman (Mr. M. Doyle) Messrs. Corish, D'Arcy, Keegan, Hall, O'Byrne, Quin and Smyth with the Co. Surveyor."

ROAD MATTERS

ROAD CONTRACTORS PAYMENTS:- The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Culleton seconded by Mr. Brennan:-
"That the several payments to Road Contractors in respect of quarter ended 30th June, 1933, as appearing on Form 22 and as certified by Co. Surveyor be and are hereby approved subject to the modifications and other orders entered thereon and initialled by the Chairman."

WATER BOUND MACADAM ROADS:- Mr. Culleton said that portions of the road at Curracloe and Kilmore districts done in water bound macadam were ravelling fast and unless attended to at once the money spent there as a relief grant would be entirely wasted.

In reply to Mr. Culleton the Co. Surveyor said it would cost about £170 per mile to surface dress the water bound macadam portions of roads referred to by Mr. Culleton with chips and bitumen.

Mr. O'Byrne said the same observation applied to portions of roads in Gorey district done in water bound macadam. Unless something was done to hold the material in these roads the money spent would have been wasted.

Mr. Hall said that horses were sinking in tarred roads and in some instances leaving their shoes behind them.

Mr. Culleton proposed:- "That a sum of £120 be withdrawn from the appropriate Contingency Fund to surface dress with chips and bitumen the portion of Wexford Curracloe road which had been repaired under Relief Grant in water bound macadam."

Mr. Culleton pointed out that the water bound work had cost £750 and should not be allowed to go to pieces for the sake of a small expenditure.

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of a small expenditure.

The Chairman asked where was the money to come from and the Co. Surveyor pointed out that the Contingency Funds were never intended for works of this description. There was at present in the Main Road Contingency Fund £504. and in the County Contingency Fund £544. Claims would be dealt with later in the meeting which would take nearly £100 out of County Contingency Fund and £30 from Main Road Contingency Fund, and other claims would be coming in during the Autumn and Winter.

After discussion a poll was taken on Mr. Culleton's motion with the following result:-

For:- Messrs. Armstrong, Corish, Culleton, Cummins, D'Arcy, Gaul, Hall, Hayes, Hickey, Keegan, McCarthy, O'Byrne, Shannon and the Chairman. (14)

Against:- Messrs. Brennan, Clinee, Colfer, Gibbon, O'Ryan and Quin. (6)

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed the following resolution which was seconded by Mr. Shannon and adopted:- "That in order to save roads which were done in water bound macadam in various parts of the County under Relief Grants we request the Government to provide by way of grant from Road Fund a sufficient amount to surface dress such roads with chips and bitumen."

HOARDING AT GOREY RAILWAY BRIDGE:- Col. Quin complained that an unsightly hoarding erected by the Railway Company at Gorey Bridge obstructed the view and should be removed or altered. He proposed that the Co. Solicitor call the attention of the Railway Company to this complaint.

Mr. Hall seconded the motion which was passed.

DANGEROUS BRIDGES:- The County Surveyor submitted report from Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor, stating that the foundations of all three arches in Goff's Bridge were defective, and needed immediate repair. This would be a

suitable time as the water in the river was low. The cost would be about £25.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Colfer seconded by Mr. Shannon:- "That as recommended by the Co. Surveyor a sum not exceeding £25 be provided for repair of Goff's Bridge, amount to be withdrawn from County Contingency Fund."

MULLINDERRY BRIDGE:- Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor, reported that the foundation of the centre wall of Mullinderry Bridge was very defective and the breakwater was liable to collapse at any moment. The repairs should be put in hands at once. The cost would be about £15.

The following resolution was proposed by Mr. Colfer seconded by Mr. Brennan and adopted:- "That a sum of £15 be set aside for repairs to Mullinderry Bridge as recommended by the Co. Surveyor, said amount to be withdrawn from County Contingency Fund."

ROAD - FERNS TO BALLYCARNEY:- Report was read from Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, that the above road No. 286 was getting greatly increased traffic on account of the closing of the road at Clohamon and was becoming badly cut and it would be necessary to have some extra work done on it. He suggested an expenditure of £30.

Proposed by Mr. Armstrong and seconded by Mr. Hall the following resolution was adopted:- "That as recommended by the County Surveyor a sum of £30 be spent on repair of Road No. 286 (Ferns to Ballycarney)."

PROPOSED BRIDGE OVER CLODY RIVER:- The following Memorial signed by Clergy, Doctors and a very large number of Ratepayers in the Bunclody District was read, its consideration having been adjourned from last meeting:-

"We the Ratepayers of the Counties of Carlow and Wexford in the districts of Barnahask and Newtownbarry desire to bring before the respective County Councils the great need for a

"Bridge over the Clody River between the townlands of Barnahask and Ballyprecus, as there is only a foot bridge in it at present, consequently all carting must be through the river and many times during the Winter Months, owing to the floods it is impossible to get across, and it means the ratepayers have to travel $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles of lane to the road leading to Kilbranish, while it is only 200 yards from the River to the Quarry Road. The Clergy and Doctors find it very inconvenient as Motors have to be left and journey made on foot, no matter how urgent the case, or inclement the weather. The farmers are at a great disadvantage as they can only bring over such small loads in their carts.

If the County Councils will take up the matter and bring pressure on the Land Commission, the work we believe would be speedily accomplished, as it is a very necessary expenditure."

Mr. Armstrong said the Bridge was badly required. The Landlord had put up a sort of foot bridge about thirty years ago, but this was now rotten and dangerous. The Land Commission had taken the place of the landlord and he (Mr. Armstrong) considered it was the business of the Commission to facilitate the tenants. He proposed that representations be made by the County Councils of Wexford and Carlow to the Land Commission to provide a suitable bridge over the Clody river between the townlands of Barnahask and Ballyprecus. Mr. Hall seconded.

The Co. Surveyor stated if the work was to be done out of County Funds, the expenditure should be provided in equal moieties by the two Counties concerned.

In reply to Mr. Corish, the Co. Surveyor stated that the proposed bridge would cost about £400.

The resolution was adopted and it was further agreed that the Co. Surveyor and Mr. Armstrong should go into the matter and prepare all possible data for submission to the

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Land Commission and also that copy of resolution be furnished Carlow County Council.

ROAD No.13:- The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. D'Arcy seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That in view of report of Mr. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, a sum of £30 be withdrawn from appropriate Contingency Fund for repair of retaining wall opposite Breen's factory at Enniscorthy Urban Boundary, the river having cut away foundation in several places and underpinning must be carried out during present low water."

ROADS ETC. AT HORESWOOD:- The following received from Horeswood Branch of Irish Labour Party had been adjourned from last meeting of the County Council:-

"That we the members of the Horeswood Branch of the I.L.P. beg to call the attention of the County Council to memorial which was sent from this Branch in November, 1932, with regard to road from Portobello to Horeswood Church with two dangerous corners and also road from turn at Ballyvelig to Grange Cross. And also corner at Railway station where two serious accidents occurred during the past two weeks.

"We also beg to call the attention of the County Council to the appalling distress in the Shelburne district, as employers, through no fault of their own, have to dispense with their employees or otherwise lower their wages to starvation standard.

"We also beg to remind the Council of the promise of Mr. Barry, Co. Surveyor, to tar-spray the village of Campile."

Mr. Colfer said that some of the road had been repaired but nothing more could be done with it until the Council received a Government Grant.

The Co. Surveyor said that the two bad corners should be done when money was available.

Mr. Colfer proposed and Mr. Corish seconded the following resolution:- "That the two dangerous corners referred to in resolution from Horeswood Branch of Irish Labour Party be

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"removed at a cost not exceeding £40, amount to be withdrawn from the County Contingency Fund. " Passed.

The Co. Surveyor said there were hundreds of worse corners in the County.

Mr. Colfer - We want fair play for New Ross District which is not getting its just share of road expenditure.

MOUNT MISERY LANE:- An extensively signed Memorial was received from local ratepayers calling attention to the necessity of repairing Mount Misery Lane (Clongeen District) which led to their land. They were not able to make it passable without some assistance.

Mr. Colfer proposed and Mr. D'Arcy seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That Mount Misery Lane be scheduled for repair under Minor Relief Schemes Grant."

LARKIN'S LANE:- A number of ratepayers furnished requisition for repair of Larkin's Lane, near Rathimney. It was seventy perches long and connected main road from New Ross to Fethard with road to Gusserane. It led to the Church and School and was at present in a shocking condition and was flooded all Winter.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Brennan seconded by Mr. D'Arcy:- "That Larkin's Lane, Rathimney be scheduled for repair under Minor Relief Scheme."

The Co. Surveyor said he expected that some money would be provided shortly under Minor Relief Schemes Vote and so far as he had been able to ascertain the Co. Council had agreed to applications, the repair in connection with which would cost about ten times more than the amount of the anticipated grant.

It was decided that the Co. Surveyor should re-submit all applications for repair under this grant with a view that the Council make a selection to cover the amount of grant.

FLOODING AT BROWNSTOWN:- Mr. Hayes in bringing this matter forward said that the road was flooded owing to the adjacent stream being choked with weeds. The land-owner would not clear away the weeds

and he considered the Council should carry out the work in order to save the road.

Mr. Elgee said the Co. Council had no power to interfere with a natural stream and could not compel the land-owner to clean it so that beyond raising the road nothing could be done.

DANGEROUS CORNER:- Mr. Hayes brought forward the necessity of the Council to take steps to have removed dangerous corner on road leading to Bridgetown.

After discussion it was decided that a consultation in the matter should take place between Mr. Hayes, the Co. Surveyor and Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor for the district.

SLADE QUAY:- Under date 20th July, 1933, Mr. Ml. J. Fortune, Slade, wrote that he understood the Council were about getting Slade Quay pointed, which he considered a waste of money. The platform should be taken up and filled with concrete.

The Co. Surveyor said that they were only replacing a few loose stones.

THE COUNTY BUILDINGS

Mr. Cummins said there was a matter which had been on his mind for a long time and which he wanted to bring forward now. They had a lot of valuable property in the County Buildings, a fair amount of land and the finest slates and stone that could be found. They were looking at the Board of Health for slates to cover their cottages and found great difficulty in procuring them. It was a great pity no advantage was taken of the site at the County Buildings here to build houses or of the building materials which were fast deteriorating. He had been informed that the Co. Council had no legal power to erect houses but the Urban Council had and he proposed that they should endeavour to arrange with Urban District of Wexford to dispose of site materials for the erection of new houses.

It was decided after discussion that a conference should take place between the County and Urban Surveyors to ascertain if any

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feasible proposal could be presented to the Councils concerned.

POISONS AND PHARMACY ACT LICENCES

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Brennan:- "That renewals of licences under Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908, issue to the following provided that no objection to same be received from Garda Siochana Authorities:-

J. Crangle (J. Bolger & Co.) Ferns;

F. Daly, (Co-operative Agricultural Society) Enniscorthy;

John Roche, Camolin; Edward Redmond, The Harrow, Ferns, and

Michael Lacey, Monamolin."

MAINTENANCE OF APPROACHES TO

RAILWAY BRIDGES

Letter under date 11th August, 1933, was received from General Council of Co. Councils that the Committee which for sometime past had been negotiating with the Great Southern Railways relative to the basis of agreements between County Councils and the Company for the maintenance of overline bridge road approaches had reported and recommended that in the case of Wexford County the Company were prepared to agree to a period of five years of a payment calculated at .46d. per square yard, which the General Council recommended should be accepted by the County Council.

The Co. Surveyor said that Wexford County was one of the few which had existing agreements with the Railway Company for maintenance of overline bridges. The General Council wanted now to arrange agreements for Counties which had no previous arrangement with the Company. The existing agreement for Co. Wexford provided for a recoupment of .76d. per square yard while the General Council's offer was only .46d. per square yard.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Brennan seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That we adhere to our

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"existing agreement with the Great Southern Railways for maintenance of overline road bridges under which the Railways contribute .76d. per square yard towards cost of maintenance of same."

LOAN COMMITMENTS

The following resolution from General Council of County Councils was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall:-

"That this Council is definitely of opinion that the present state of the money market and the economic condition of the Country do not warrant County Councils further mortgaging the local rates for Government loans at the present high rate of interest viz., 5½% and that the time has arrived when all existing County loan commitments should be funded on a long term basis and that we request the Minister for Finance to take steps to provide money for this purpose at low interest rates."

ARREARS LAND ANNUITIES

The following resolutions from General Council of County Councils were adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Brennan:-

(1) "That this Council claims that the Government should make good to the County Councils the amount of arrears of Land Annuities which the Government now proposes to wipe out, but which have been already deducted from grants to the County Councils."

(2) "That we request the Government to include in the Land Bill now before the Oireachtas provision that the proceeds of the funding of arrears of Annuities which have been already deducted from grants to County Councils be repaid to County Councils annually as the same are received through the Funding Annuities created under the Land Bill, 1933."

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACT - COST OF

The following resolution from General Council of County Councils was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Culleton;—

"That inasmuch as difficulties in making title in compliance with the Small Dwellings Acquisition Act and the altogether disproportionate cost and expense of so doing have for all practical purposes rendered the operation of this Act in small cases impossible we request the Minister for Local Government in view of the urgency of this matter to introduce legislation simplifying the procedure and reducing the cost and we suggest that a charging declaration similar to that in use in case of Board of Works loans and creating a first charge on the lands by its registration would be sufficient and further that the requirement of separate registration of the plot on which the house stands is unnecessary and should be removed as also the requirement of redemption of land commission annuities; this altered procedure to affect only the case of loans for houses of a maximum value of £400; the Councils being desirous of helping labourers and small Holders to avail of these facilities."

UNITED FARMERS' PROTECTION ASSOCIATION

Consideration of a series of resolutions which were adopted at meeting of above Association held on 29th June, 1933, was again adjourned.

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL CAPITATION GRANTS

No order was made On a resolution from Longford County Council asking for views of Wexford County Council on a recommendation of Finance Committee of Longford County Council recommending a reduction of 1/- per week per child for maintenance in Industrial Schools.

UNEMPLOYMENT IN RURAL AREAS

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

"That we wish to specially draw the attention of the Government to the necessity of giving immediate consideration to unemployment in Rural, as distinct from Urban areas. Through no fault of their own, Rural employers are unable to meet the customary burden of wages and therefore they are reluctantly obliged to dispense with employees in many cases and to lower the rates of wages in others. We see ample evidence of the effect of the lowered purchasing power of the rural community and its unfortunate effects on Trade and business generally. We put forward this motion because we feel sufficient emphasis has not been laid on rural unemployment and that the situation is such as to warrant the setting up of a special Committee of Inquiry to find ways and means of tiding over the rural depression and thus stem the tide of emigration from rural areas to Towns and Villages. The resources of this Board are not equal to the financial strain and we cannot see how we can go to the Ratepayers for further funds. We appeal for immediate action and offer our whole-hearted co-operation."

The above resolution was received from Kildare County Council.

THE COMMUNIST PARTY

The following resolution from Limerick County Council was adopted on the motion of Mr. Culleton seconded by Mr. Brennan:-

"That we, the members of the Finance Committee of the Limerick Co. Council, call on the Executive Council to outlaw the Communistic Party in the Saorstat as being detrimental to the spiritual and material welfare of the people and a menace to ordered Government."