

WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

MINUTES

MEETING HELD ON 13th JANUARY, 1930

N. J. FRIZELLE,  
SECRETARY.

FORTVIEW,  
WEXFORD.

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The monthly meeting of Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, Wexford, on 13th January, 1930.

Present:- Mr. M. Doyle (Chairman) presiding; also Messrs James Armstrong, John Brennan, James Clince, Patrick Colfer, Thomas Cooney, Richard Corish, John Culleton, Timothy F.D'Arcy, James Gaul; James Hall, Patrick Hayes, Michael Jordan; William P. Keegan, Thomas Maylor, Thomas McCarthy, John Murphy, Sean O'Byrne, M. M. Roche, James Shannon, Myles Smyth; Colonel C. M. Gibbon, Col. R. P. Wemyss Quin and Miss Nellie O'Ryan..

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

Letter was read from Mr. John Elgee, County Solicitor, that he would not be able to attend the meeting as he wished to attend the funeral of Dr. T. J. Dowse, Wexford.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

THE LATE DR. EDMUND J. WALSH, ROSBERCON

The Chairman proposed a vote of sympathy with Mr. James E. Walsh, County Councillor, on the death of his brother, Dr. Edmund J. Walsh. The late Dr. Walsh was a brilliant young man and as his death was unexpected his loss to his relatives and friends was all the more acute. Mr. James E. Walsh was a most respected and esteemed member of the Council and he, (Chairman,) knew that every member of the Council tendered him their great sympathy in his bereavement.

Mr. Murphy, in seconding, said that he knew Dr. Walsh intimately. He was a very brilliant medical man and his loss would be very deeply felt.

Mr. O'Byrne and Mr. Hall supported the resolution.

The Secretary on his own behalf and that of the County Council staff also offered sympathy.

The resolution was passed in silence.

THE LATE MISS BARRY

Mr. O'Byrne proposed a vote of sympathy with Mr. W. F. Barry,



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County Surveyor, on the death of his sister, Miss Mary C. Barry. Mr. Barry was a valued and esteemed official of the Council and the sympathy of every member of the Council went out to him.

Miss O'Ryan seconded the resolution which was adopted in silence.

THE LATE DR. DOWSE  
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Mr. Hall proposed a vote of condolence with the widow of Dr. T. J. Dowse, Visiting Physician and Anaesthetist, County Hospital, Wexford. The deceased was a most capable and kindly doctor.

Colonel Gibbon seconded. The late Dr. Dowse was an excellent doctor and also a true friend to many of them and his death would be mourned in Wexford town and surrounding district.

The resolution was passed in silence.

THE LATE FR. CUMMINS  
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Mr. Murphy proposed a vote of condolence with their colleague, Mr. John Cummins, on the death of his brother, Fr. Cummins, in America recently. Excepting the Chairman, Mr. Cummins was the oldest public representative in the County and he was sure that every member of the Council offered their deepest sympathy to Mr. Cummins in his bereavement.

Mr. O'Byrne seconded the resolution which was passed in silence.

THE LATE REV. N. J. CODD, P.P. KILANERIN.  
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The Chairman proposed a vote of sympathy with the relatives of the late Rev. N. J. Codd, P. P. Kilanerin, whose father, the late Mr. James Codd, Mayglass, had been a member of the County Council and of various public Boards in the County.

Mr. D'Arcy, in seconding, said that he was a parishioner of the late Fr. Codd. Everyone in the parish deeply regretted the death of their pastor and more particularly the poor to whom he was a real friend.

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The vote was adopted in silence.

THE LATE MOST REV. DR. CLEARY, BISHOP OF AUCKLAND

The following letter under date 27th December, 1929, from Mr. C. Cleary, The Poplars, Bagenalstown, County Carlow, was, on the motion of Colonel Quin, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne, ordered to be inserted on the Minutes of the day.:-

"Will you kindly convey to the members of the Wexford County Council my very sincere thanks for their more than kind expressions of sympathy in the very great loss I have sustained by the death of my brother, the Bishop of Auckland. Will you also, dear Mr. Frizelle, kindly accept my grateful thanks for your personal tribute of sympathy"

CONFIRMATION - MINUTES OF COMMITTEES

The following Minutes of Finance Committee meeting of 19th December, 1929, were submitted:-



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The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, Wexford, on 19th December, 1929.

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

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

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

The Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

#### PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £3829: 4: 10d was examined and signed.

#### STATE OF RATE COLLECTION

Under date 16th December, 1929, the Local Government Department wrote (G.88398/1929 Loch Garman) that from form 61 the collection was in an unsatisfactory state only 44 per cent of the warrant for the year having been collected by the 30th ultimo and over £3000 of the recoverable old rate was still outstanding.

It was decided to point out to the Minister that the amount of outstanding recoverable old rate was being reduced gradually and that at the date of the meeting of the Finance Committee the figure stood at £1732: 7 : 5d. Of this sum £658: 4: 3d concerned No.5 District in which Collector Furlong had absconded and his successor had resigned owing to ill-health.

The following gives the percentage of collection lodged for first moiety of current rate:-

	O'Reilly	100	per	cent
	Murphy	100	"	"
	Bolger	97	"	"
	Curtis	97	"	"
(No.19)	Doyle J.	96	"	"
	Dunne	94	"	"
	Cummins J.	93	"	"
	Gannon	93	"	"
	Deegan	92	"	"
	O'Byrne	92	"	"
	Cummins W	91	"	"



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(No.1)	Quirke	91	per cent
	Sinnott	91	" "
	Doyle P.	89	" "
(No.4)	Quirke J.	89	" "
	Rowe	88	" "
	Carty	86	" "
	Donohoe	84	" "
	Sutton	72	" "
	Kelly	69	" "
(No.5)	Doyle J.	52	" "

#### EX-RATE COLLECTOR FURLONG

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The following report was read from the County Secretary:-

"Mr. J. J. Corry, Manager Fire and Accident Department of New Ireland Assurance Company, attended at County Council Offices on 12th and 13th December, 1929, and investigated the various items misappropriated by ex-Rate Collector Furlong. The total amount was found to be £433: 14: 9d for which a cheque was received from the Assurance Company on the 18th instant. This has been lodged to the credit of the Council. The amount of poundage unpaid Furlong is £161: 3: 8d and which is claimed by the Assurance Co. If this latter amount is approved for payment to the Company the net default is £272: 11: 1d."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That the amount of poundage due ex-Rate Collector P. J. Furlong, viz., £161: 3: 8d be paid over to the New Ireland Assurance Company."

The meeting spent some time considering the effect of Articles 4 (1) (2) (3) (4) (5) (6) (7) (8) and (9) and 5(4) of the Public Bodies Order 1929.

The Chairman proposed:- "That in consequence of the position of the Rate Collection in this County, and, in order not to hold up said collection, we request the Minister for Local Government to allow the work to proceed in the ordinary way so far as all items of collectable Rate are concerned and the Council be recommended to insist on all such items being lodged by 31st May, 1930, even if not then collected".

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



The following relative to Collectors' fidelity guarantee bonds, under date 18th December, 1929 (G.83844/1929 Loch Garman Fa) was read from the Department of Local Government:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to acknowledge the receipt of the Fidelity Bond entered into by the Wexford County Council with Rate Collector Sutton and to state that it is noted that similar bonds have been perfected by the other Collectors. It is presumed that each Collector has already provided guarantees with personal sureties for the due and faithful discharge of his duties in forms of Bond similar to Form 55 of the Public Bodies Order, 1904.

'With regard to the Fidelity Bond, I am to draw attention to the clause limiting responsibility to a period of three months from the date of the Collector ceasing to hold office, and, to state, that in such event, where any monies remain unlodged, the Council should arrange that active steps will be taken to ascertain that the monies outstanding are in fact due by ratepayers before the expiration of the period mentioned. The further clause making the Bond subject to compliance with the regulations contained in the Public Bodies Orders should be specially noted. Any departure from prescribed rules should be reported immediately on its coming to light to the Insurance Company with an intimation of the action taken by or on behalf of the Council and the assent of the Company requested.'"

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

"That the New Ireland Assurance Company be requested to waive article 5(4) of the Public Bodies Order 1929, regarding lodgment by Rate Collectors every 48 hours and to accept the checking of lodgments twice each month by Rate Inspector as covering the requirements of said Order."

Under date 13th December the Département for Local Government forwarded (G.88744/1929 Ilgh/S) Order made by the Minister under section 2 of the Local Authorities (Officers & Employees) Act 1926,



declaring the office of Rate Inspector to be an office to which this Act applies.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That the amounts of poundage due in Rate Collection District No.5 to Messrs G. J. McCarthy and Michael McCarthy, ex-Rate Collectors be applied, so far as same may be necessary, towards any deficiencies in lodgments made by these ex-Collectors."

Letters were read from Thomas D. Doyle, Scullabogue, Newbawn, and James L. Doyle, Carrigbyrne, Newbawn, the personal securities of Mr. John Doyle, agreeing to his undertaking the collection of outstanding Rate in No.5 District.

Letter, under date 11th December, 1929, was read from Mr. R. H. Peare, Kilmallock House, Enniscorthy, asking for time to make payment of his Rates.

Under date 16th December, 1929, Collector W. Cummins wrote that he had made an arrangement with Mr. Peare to secure payment.

#### CLAIM FOR REGISTRATION FEES

Copy of correspondence from the County Registrar as to payment of £51 fees earned for preparation of Electors Lists in Wexford Urban District by Rate Collector for 1928-29 was submitted.

The County Registrar pointed out that the Collector (Denis J. Duff) was on 16th July, 1929, convicted at the Wexford Circuit court of embezzling Corporation rates and sentenced to six months' imprisonment in the second division. He had now been released and a letter was received from him on 10th December asking for payment of the fees in question which by direction of Local Government Department had been lodged to the credit of the County Council. On the 23rd May, 1929, an application for payment of the fees had been received by County Registrar from the New Ireland Assurance Company, the Managing Director of which had pointed out that Duff's accounts had shown a deficiency of £693: 7 : 9d for which the Company had indemnified the Wexford Corporation under a



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guarantee Bond.

The following, under date 14th December, 1929, (F.89443/29 Loch Garman(c) was read from the Department of Local Government:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th instant, enclosing correspondence in regard to franchise fees claimed by ex-Collector Denis J. Duff and to state that no objection can be raised to the payment of the fees to which Mr. Duff is entitled under the Electoral Act 1923. The sum due was included in the claim furnished by the Registration Officer and was subsequently lodged to the credit of the County Council, in the circumstances endorsed on the appropriate form 3.

'I am to add that if the New Ireland Assurance Company Ltd., have a claim, arising out of the Guarantee Bond, on the fees referred to it is open to them to take such steps to secure payment as they may be advised. Before any payment is made to the Company a satisfactory indemnity should be obtained so as to protect the County Council against a further claim by Mr. Duff.'"

Under date 17th December, 1929, the New Ireland Assurance Co., wrote the County Council claiming payment of the amount. They stated the Council should be aware they were entitled to five-sixths of the amount and the personal sureties were entitled to the balance. If Pay Order for the £51 was sent them they would remit the proportionate amount to the personal sureties and at the same time give a satisfactory indemnity to the Council against any further claim by Duff or the personal sureties.

After a full discussion the following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Hall:-

"That the correspondence relative to payment of £51 fees in connection with the preparation of Voters' List in Wexford Urban District for year 1928-29 be referred to Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, for his advice. That he be requested to examine the provisions of the fidelity guarantee bond entered into by New Ireland Assurance Company with the Wexford Corporation in conjunction with the correspondence



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#### OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That the Local Government Department be requested to sanction extension of Overdraft accommodation of £40,000 for Wexford County Council with their Treasurer up to 31st March, 1930."

#### BUNCLODY COURTHOUSE

The following letter from Dr. J. Dormer, Bunclody, under date 12th December, 1929, to Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, was read:-

"When I received your letter I went up at once to the Courthouse and certainly your remarks are not too strong. I found walls, roof, windows and one broken form. My apology for such a state is that I have been seriously ill for the past ten months and I did not hear anything was wrong until I received your letter. I will get table, chairs, etc., and have all fixed up by the time Mr. Fahy wants house, and all I ask is, if when he sees it, and if it does not suit, I will be told his wishes, and I will get them attended to at once. I fear the chairs were taken by someone as I found the door not locked, and I think that has been usually the way the place has been left."

#### CIRCUIT COURT SITTINGS

In connection with the application of the Council that Circuit Court Sittings should be arranged for Courthouses in Gorey, Enniscorthy and New Ross, letter, under date 18th December, 1929, was received from the Department of Justice that the matter would receive attention.

#### PRINTING RATE BOOKS 1930

Tenders as follows were received for the printing of Rate Books for next financial year:-

"The People"	13	:	19	:	6d
Messrs English & Co.	22	:	10	:	0d
"The Free Press"	38	:	10	:	0d

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne



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seconded by Mr. Hall:-

"We recommend the County Council to accept the tender of "The People" newspaper for Printing Rate Books for 1930 at £13: 19: 6d - the cheapest quotation received for carrying out this work"

#### ADVERTISING CONTRACT FOR 1930

Tenders were received from "The People", "Free Press" and "Echo" newspapers for the insertion of the advertisements of the County Council and Committees for 1930 at £135 each.

The tender of the "Free Press" stated "All Road Contracts and Election Advertising excepted".

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

"We recommend the County Council to enter into a contract for the advertising of the County Council and its Committees with the "People" "Free Press" and "Echo" newspapers for the year 1930 for the sum of £135 in each case, on the same terms and conditions as obtained for year 1929."

#### INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

The Clerk, Bunclody District Court, wrote, under date 9th December, 1929, that application would be made at this Court on 21st December for the committal to Industrial Schools of John Roche (aged 12 $\frac{3}{4}$  years); Aidan Roche (11 years) and Margaret Roche (8 $\frac{3}{4}$  years) pursuant to section 17(4) of School Attendance Act 1926.

Referred to Mr. Elgee, Solicitor.

#### MOTOR TAXATION OFFICE ADMINISTRATION

The meeting discussed the proposal of the Department of Local Government (Roads) as to reduction of percentage allowed for expenses of administration of Motor Taxation Office to 1 $\frac{1}{2}$  per cent or £360 whichever is the lesser and its consequent effect on the salary of Mr. C. H. Richards, Local Taxation Officer.

It was decided to adjourn consideration of the matter to next meeting of the Finance Committee.



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The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That the Minutes of meeting of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 19th December, 1929, be received and considered".

Rate Collection

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to waive article 5(4) as to lodgment of rate within 48 hours, and allow the old arrangement by which Rate Collectors lodged when they had £100 in hands to continue in force. And that he be also requested to agree to the date for the lodgment of all recoverable rate being extended to 31st May!"

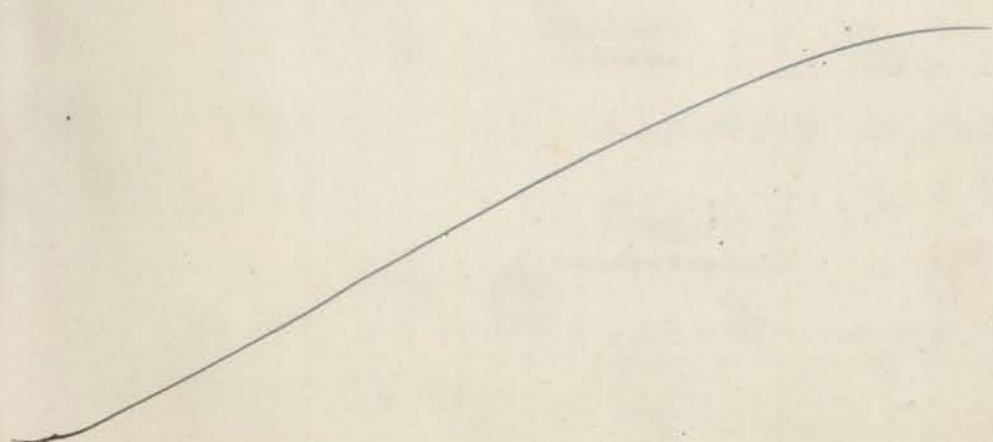
Poundage - Ex-Rate Collector Furlong

The Local Government Department wrote under date 7th January, 1930, (G.1007-1930 Loch Garman Fa) that the Minister did not see his way to consider the payment of any poundage in respect of Ex-Collector Furlong's warrants until these had been finally closed.

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

"That the Minutes of meeting of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 19th December, 1929, be and are hereby confirmed."

The Minutes of meeting of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 2nd January, 1930, were submitted as follows:-





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The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, Wexford, on 2nd January, 1930.

Present:- Mr. M. Doyle, Chairman (presiding); also Messrs Sean O'Byrne, James Hall, John J. Culleton, James Shannon, and Thomas McCarthy.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

THE LATE MISS BARRY, BELMONT, WEXFORD.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed a vote of condolence with the County Surveyor on the death of his sister, Miss Mary Barry, Belmont, Wexford. It was sad that her death occurred at the festive season and the association of the deceased with the County Surveyor for such a long period made the parting all the more acute.

The Chairman seconded the resolution. He said he was sure the Council and all its Committees and officials felt very much for Mr. Barry in his great loss. Miss Barry's death was not expected and coming as it did at a season of general rejoicing the sympathy of all went out to the County Surveyor. He (Chairman) regretted that the occasion for such a resolution arose and offered his deepest sympathy to Mr. Barry in his bereavement.

The Secretary and Mr. Elgee associated themselves with the vote which was passed in silence.

The County Surveyor returned thanks for the resolution. He deeply felt his great loss but the sympathy of his friends would help him to bear it.

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £1515: 15: 3d was examined and signed.

RATE COLLECTION

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The state of collection of/moiety of Rate Collection was submitted as follows:-



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	J. J. O'Reilly	100
	E. J. Murphy	100
	J. Curtis	97
	T. Bolger	97
(No.19)	J. Doyle	96
	A. Dunne	94
	J. Cummins	93
	S. Gannon	93
	P. O'Byrne	92
	J. Deegan	92
	J. Quirke	91
	W. Cummins	91
	J. J. Sinnott	91
(No.4)	P. Doyle	89
	J. Quirke	89
	T. Rowe	88
	P. Carty	86
	P. Donohoe	85
	T. Sutton	72
(No.5)	M. Kelly	69
	J. Doyle	54.

There was still £6801 of first moiety outstanding and only about £4000 of second moiety had been collected.

The Rate Inspector reported that no lodgment had been made by Collector Sutton (No.2) since 17th December. He had been written to and his attention called to the Public Bodies Order. It was pointed out to the Collector that unless there was a decided improvement in the collection within two weeks the special attention of the Finance Committee would be called to the matter.

The Rate Inspector came before the meeting and stated that Collector Sutton should have attended for checking on 31st ultimo but failed to do so. It was rumoured that an aunt of his residing at Ferns was dying. The books had been presented for checking through Collector Quirke when it was found that Mr. Sutton had collected £66: 13: 5d which had not been lodged. The statement that his aunt was very ill had been verified. He had been summoned that day by wire to attend the Finance Committee meeting of that day.

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

"That we call on Collector Sutton (No.2 District) to lodge within 24 hours after the receipt of this resolution the sum of £66: 13: 5d collected since 17th December and that, in the event



of failure to comply with this instruction, Collector Sutton be suspended."

(Immediately after meeting of Finance Committee receipts showing lodgments amounting to £54: 2 : 3d on behalf of Mr. Sutton were lodged in County Council offices by Collector Quirke. The balance was lodged on following day)

Mr. O'Byrne said it was distinctly laid down by the County Council that no rates should be collected in publichouses and the Rate Inspector should call the attention of the Finance Committee to cases of this description. This order should be rigidly enforced and if it was disobeyed by any Collector the Finance Committee should be informed by the Rate Inspector.

It was decided that Mr. O'Byrne's observations should be furnished the Rate Inspector and that the latter be directed to furnish a report to next meeting of the Finance Committee.

SECURITY BOND FOR RATE INSPECTOR

The following under date 23rd December, 1929 (G.83980-1929 Loch Garman) was read from the Department of Local Government:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to return, herewith, the Rate Inspector's Bond and to point out that as the Rate Inspector's duties do not involve the actual collecting and handling of public monies what the County Council require is a Bond covering them against loss by negligence and misconduct. A copy of a suitable Bond obtained by another County Council is enclosed and the Minister suggests that the Wexford County Council obtain a similar Bond."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That we approve of the conditions of guarantee bond for Rate Inspector as suggested by the Local Government Department in enclosure to their letter of 23rd December, 1929, (Loch Garman: G.83980/1929) and that Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, make such amendments in same as will cover the Bond being given by a guarantee Society.



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FIDELITY GUARANTEE BOND OF SEAN GANNON, RATE COLLECTOR,  
(No.10 District).

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The Secretary reported that he had received Fidelity Guarantee Bond for above Collector from the New Ireland Assurance Co., Ltd.

CLAIM MR. JASPER WHITTY, RATE CHECKER.

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Under date 20th December, 1929, the Department of Local Government wrote (G.90961-1929 Loch Garman Fa) that the Minister could not entertain the claim made by Mr. Jasper Whitty, late Rate Checker for Enniscorthy District which, apart from its being mainly out of date was largely covered by the terms of Mr. Whitty's remuneration. The last item of £1: 10: 0d for car to Brideswell on instructions of County Secretary to take over the Rate Collecting Books of the late M. Deegan together with any expense incurred in visiting the Council's offices during the past two years might be conceded. It was presumed that a sum of £5 would fully cover this and the Minister would not object to a settlement on this figure.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Shannon:- "That as suggested by Department of Local Government a sum of £5 be paid Mr. Jasper Whitty, Ex-Rate Collector Enniscorthy District in settlement of his claim." APPLICATION REMISSION OF RATES

Under date 23rd December, 1929, the Department of Local Government wrote (H.90165/1929 Loch Garman) forwarding copy of letter received from Mr. Forristal, Ballyvelig, Campile, pointing out that the County Council had not seen their way to grant him the remission of rates to which he was entitled for new building he appealed to the Minister to grant him the full remission under the statute.

The following extracts from Minutes of Roads Committee meetings were submitted:-



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(Meeting 27th May, 1929) House at Campile

Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor, said that the proposed building would be less than 30 feet from the centre of the road.

It was decided to inform Mr. Forrestal that in the circumstances he would erect the building at his own risk.

Meeting 1st July, 1929 - Erection of House at Campile.

Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor, reported under date 8th June, 1929, that Mr. James Forrestal, Campile, proposed to erect house beside the Ball Alley at Campile. The width of the road is 15 feet and at no point would the side wall of the house be 30 feet from the centre of the road. At nearest point wall would be only  $11\frac{1}{2}$  feet from road centre.

It was decided to inform Mr. Forrestal that the County Council cannot consent to the erection of any building which is to be erected being less than 30 feet from the centre of the public road. If Mr. Forrestal proceeds with the work he will do so at his own risk"

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The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Hall :- "That application for remission of rates for New Building erected by James Forrestal be refused as new house was erected by applicant in defiance of section 9(2) of Summary Jurisdiction (Ireland) Act, 1851. Mr. Forrestal was informed of the position while his house was in course of erection. The house is erected on road which is at present carrying a large volume of traffic. That the circumstances of this case be reported to the Local Government Department (Housing Section)"

SANCTION OF INCREASES OF SALARY

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Under date 23rd December, 1929, the Department of Local Government wrote (G.90647-1929 Loch Garman Se) sanctioning the proposed increase of 5/- per week to Mr. John Moloney, Clerk in the County Council Offices.



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Government wrote (R/RS/32) stating that the Minister concurred with the proposal of the County Council to grant increases of salary of 5/- per week each to Miss E. M. Norton and Mr. D. Radford, Clerks in the County Surveyor's Department.

ADMINISTRATION - MOTOR TAX OFFICE  
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Correspondence was considered from Local Government Department under date 9th November, 1929 (R/MT/209/32) and 23rd December, 1929 (R/MT/209/32) relative to the reduction to  $1\frac{1}{2}$  per cent on net amount collected for motor taxation etc., or £360 per annum whichever is the lesser as the Government's contribution to the cost of administration of Local Taxation office.

It was decided, on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Hall to refer the matter to the County Council.

PROPOSED APPOINTMENT CLERICAL ASSISTANT  
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Under date 19th December, 1929, the Local Government Department wrote (G.90347/1929 Loch Garman) that in connection with the proposed appointment of Clerical Assistant the Minister deprecated the proposal that the examination should not be competitive. If the test was to be a qualifying one a standard of at least 50% in each subject should be fixed. The Department could not undertake to set the papers or supervise the examination. Arrangements for this purpose should be made locally.

The Secretary stated, that, in view of this communication he had asked the Superior of the Christian Brothers if he would set and mark the papers for the exam but had not heard from him.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. McCarthy, seconded by Mr. Hall : - "That should a satisfactory reply not be received from the Superior, Christian Brothers, Wexford, as to examination papers in connection with vacancy for clerical assistant in County Council offices, we request the County Secretary to set and mark examination papers and also to provide



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for the necessary supervision at Exam. That qualifying mark in each subject be 50% and that the appointment be subject to the sanction of the Department of Local Government and Public Health and to the successful candidate executing declaration under section 71 of Local Government Act 1925.

CLAIM OF DENIS J. DUFF, REGISTRATION FEES.

The following under date 30th December, 1929, was read from Mr. John Elgee, Solicitor:-

"As directed by the Finance Committee I have now looked into this matter, and have inspected the Bond which the Wexford Corporation hold from the New Ireland Insurance Company in respect of Duff's appointment.

'The only clause in the Bond, which could at all effect the claim made by the Insurance Company is as follows:- "And the Officer doth hereby for himself his Heirs, Executors, and Administrators covenant and agree with the Company and their Successors that he, the Officer, His Heirs, Executors and Administrators shall and will from time to time and at all times, save, defend and keep harmless the Company and their Successors and the property and funds of the Company, and all and every individual member thereof from and against all loss and damage costs and expenses which the Company or the funds and property thereof shall or may or otherwise might at any time sustain or be put unto for or by reason or in consequence of the Company having entered into this Policy of guarantee for and at the request of the Officer".

'In my opinion this Clause would not protect the Council, in the event of their paying over to the Insurance Company the £51: 0: 0d which they have in hand, as it would still be open to Duff to take action against the Council for the recovery of the amount due, and it would be no defence for the Council to plead that they had paid the money over to the Insurance Company under the above mentioned clause.

'Accordingly, I am of opinion, that the proper course for



the Council to adopt is, to retain the Fund in hand, and not to pay it to either Duff, or the Insurance Company, and let them take such steps as they may be advised in the matter, and if proceedings are taken then the £51: 0: 0d can be lodged in Court, and the Judge can decide who is entitled to it - This course will fully protect the County Council.

'It might be as well to inform the Parties that they (the Council) cannot part with the money (as adverse claims have been made to it) without an Order of the Court.

P.S. "Since writing the above I have been thinking further over the matter, and it occurs to me, that one way out of the difficulty would be, to return the money to Mr. Dwyer, the Registration Officer, and let him deal with it.

'This money was paid to the County Registrar as part of other funds paid to him for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the preparation of the Register; When the payment of the expenses of the preparation of the Register was completed he had this £51: 0: 0d in hands (as there was no one available who could give him a receipt for same) and he then refunded it to the Council as "the balance he had on hands on closing his Account" and not as "fees due to Duff", The County Council not being in any way responsible for the payment of these fees beyond putting the County Registrar in funds to do so."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That Denis J. Duff and New Ireland Assurance Co., Ltd., be informed that as adverse claims have been made for payment of £51 Registration fees for Wexford Urban District for 1928-29 the County Council will be prepared to pay whatever party can establish by Court proceedings their right to the amount.

#### PREPARATION OF RATE BOOKS

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The following resolution was proposed by Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne and adopted:-

"That our Secretary be empowered to employ the usual temporary



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staff for the purpose of writing up Rate Books and Collectors' Receipt and Demand notes for year 1930.

SANCTION TO OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION

Under date 30th December, 1929, the Department of Local Government wrote (G.92498/1929 Loch Garman Fa) that the Minister had sanctioned the continuance of overdraft accommodation not exceeding £40,000 on the accounts of Wexford County Council to the 28th February next; Interest thereon to be paid at the agreed rates.

DUPLICATE PAY ORDER

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

"That duplicate for Pay Order No.147 (Subsidiary Account) issued on 10th October, 1929, to Martin Carroll, Ballyprecus, Buncloody, be issued to replace original which did not reach Payee. That payment for original order (No.147) be estopped".

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

The following, under date 31st December, 1929, was read from Miss Margaret Berney, University Scholarship Holder:-

"I wish to inform you that I intend leaving Loreto Hall after Christmas. This is not because of any disagreement with the authorities there who I am sure will be able to give you a satisfactory account of me but for a family reason. My younger sister has come to town and her position would not allow her to pay the pension in Loreto Hall, so it would be very desirable that we both stay together in some other less expensive place.

'I am sure that you will understand this and that you will have no objections.

'Thanking you for all past favours and hoping for a favourable reply'"

It was, after discussion, decided not to accede to the application.



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PUBLIC LIABILITY INSURANCE POLICY

Under date 19th December, 1929, Messrs McDonagh & Boland, Insurance Brokers, wrote (11522) that the resolution of the Council relative to above was having attention and they would write shortly.

ENNISCORTHY COURTHOUSE

The County Surveyor submitted letter under date 28th December, 1929, which he had received from Mr. Denis Doran, District Court Clerk, Enniscorthy. He pointed out that he had received a strong circular from the Department of Justice as regards the keeping of records, and as the County Surveyor knew as a result of dampness those he had were unfit for presentation to any Inspector. He asked that the ventilation of the shelves and presses should be attended to. He could see no reason why the County Council would not allow him to occupy the rooms overhead. If the matter was allowed to go on much longer he would be obliged to report on the condition of the records to his own Department in order to safeguard himself. He did not want to do this and accordingly asked the County Surveyor to treat the matter as urgent and see what could be done. Surely the cost of having the shelves and presses ventilated would almost amount to the County Surveyor's estimate for transfer to the overhead rooms and consequently he (Mr. Doran) could not understand the attitude of the Council.

It was decided that the County Surveyor inspect the rooms in Courthouse and report to next meeting.

A letter under date 23rd December, 1929, was read from Mrs Kate Lacey, the former Courthouse keeper in Enniscorthy, asking that she should be reinstated in her position.

It was decided that if information as to the decision of Minister of Justice as to proposed holding of Circuit Courts at Enniscorthy, Gorey and New Ross be not received within a week the



County Secretary again communicate in the matter with the  
Minister for Justice.

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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 2nd January, 1930, be received and considered."

Remission of Rates

Mr. Murphy said the building in question did not obstruct the view of the travelling public in the least and it was no obstruction in any way.

Mr. Cooney agreed and pointed out that the road at a point higher up was narrower than at the point at which the house in question had been erected.

Administration - Motor Tax Office.

The following, under date 11th January, 1930, was read from Mr. C. H. Richards, Local Taxation Officer:-

"In reference to reduction by Local Government Department in amount to be recouped to County Council in respect of cost of Administration and Collection of Motor Licence duties, I respectfully request that no alteration be made in the amount of my remuneration as compared with last year."

'As the number of motor cars is daily increasing there is no doubt that my work next year will be heavier than last and consequently it would be unfair if there was a reduction in my remuneration.

'I would point out that in many Counties Local Taxation Officer receives part-payment from County Council funds and if Council will kindly deal with my remuneration in the same manner I will be prepared, during slack periods at the end of each quarter, to give my services for ordinary County Council work' "

After discussion, the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Colonel Quin:- "That the Secretary ascertain particulars of the arrangements which were in existence in other Counties as regards the performance



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of this work etc.

Proposed Appointment Clerical Assistant

The following, under date 2nd January, 1930, was read from Rev. Br. E. C. Markey, Superior, Christian Brothers, Wexford:-

"Yours 31st ult to hand. I regret to say that I cannot be responsible either for the setting or the correcting of the papers for the coming clerical Assistant's examination, much, however, as I would like to assist you personally. The unjust criticism meted out at a Council meeting of the last exam I had to do with, and the totally unfair and uncalled for slur cast on those who had no opportunity of defending themselves when attacked, leave me no option but to decline.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted on the motion of Colonel Quin, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That Brother Markey be requested to reconsider his refusal to set examination papers for the forthcoming exams for appointment of Clerical Assistant County Council Offices. The County Council have every confidence in Br. Markey and regret that he should consider a slur has been cast upon the manner in which he carried out examinations for the Council in the past. We wish to record our appreciation of the kindness of Br. Markey in the past and we realise that all his actions in connection with County Council Examinations have been straightforward and just."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 2nd January, 1930, be and are hereby confirmed."

Roads Committee

The following minutes of Roads' Committee in respect of Meeting held on 23rd December, 1929, were submitted:-



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The monthly meeting of the Roads' Committee was held in County Council Chamber, Wexford, on 23rd December, 1929.

The following were in attendance:- Colonel Gibbon, V.C., Messrs Sean O'Byrne, T. McCarthy, James Hall, W. P. Keegan, P. Hayes, Patrick Colfer and James Shannon.

Colonel Gibbon presided during the reading of the Minutes and for the reading of portion of the report of the County Surveyor, after which the Chairman (Mr. M. Doyle) attended and presided for the remainder of the business.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

REPORT OF COUNTY SURVEYOR

The following monthly report was read from the County Surveyor:-

"The laying of the concrete road between Ferrycarrig and Wexford is proceeding very slowly. At present one section between Park Cross and Farnogue is open to traffic, and section between Auburn Terrace, railway station road and Wexford Bridge will be open on the 23rd instant. By arrangement with the County Council these two sections were laid with "Ferrocrete" to expedite their opening to traffic, otherwise, probably three weeks at least would have been necessary before opening. The Contractor is now at work on section between Ferrycarrig Railway Bridge and Park, but as this will be laid in Portland Cement it will be absolutely impossible to have it open for traffic by the 1st February, date at present allowed by the Local Government Department for closing road. No doubt the Contractor has been up against hardship in carrying on the work recently, but he, himself, is responsible for this having delayed the work so much at the start. So far as the actual work itself is concerned it appears to be quite satisfactory.

'Owing to the delay in opening the road the entire traffic from Gorey and Enniscorthy side, of necessity, has been diverted over the back road at County Hospital for a much longer period than was contemplated, and, moreover, such traffic is being carried out



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in the worst possible weather. The result of this is, that this back road has been very badly cut up and lorries and motors etc., have been bogged. It will be necessary to allocate a further sum for the repair of this road at once. I am keeping full account of the extra cost to the Council in maintaining this road, and the responsibility for same may be decided later.

'I am at present preparing Specifications for the cement bound macadam roads at Rosslare, Courtown and Bunclody, and on completion shall at once forward to the Local Government Department for approval. As it is essential that these works should be put in hands at an early date I ask for authority to put in advertisement for Contractors as soon as the Local Government Department's sanction is obtained. In connection with job at Rosslare I have to point out the possibility of the Village section being held up, either entirely or in part owing to the proposed sewerage Works. You will understand that it would be quite wrong to lay a cement bound macadam road with the probability of its having to be cut through almost at once for the laying of sewer pipes and connections, and I suggest that the Health Board be immediately approached to have this work carried forward at once, if it is to be done at all. I am providing in the Specification for the possible hold up of this section so that intending Contractors may not feel agrieved later.

'I have in preparation report to the Coast Erosion Commission of the damage done to our coast during recent years. I would have forwarded forms some time ago, but the recent damage necessitated my making special examination and amending forms. I have already reported to you regarding the damage at Courtown, and I now report that extensive damage has taken place also at the following places:-

'Rosslare Coast Road; Ballyconnigar Gap, Bastardstown Gap, Ballygrangons Gap and Neamestown. At all these places there has been very extensive wasting away during the recent storms, and unless some extensive national protection works be undertaken there will be acres of land washed into the sea.

'The recent stormy weather has prevented me making any



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arrangements for inspection of Kilmore Harbour by the Council, and, moreover, I await final decision of the Department in regard to presence of Mr. McNeill, Board of Works' Engineer.

'As directed by the Council I have notified all the Assistant Surveyors to take steps to keep as many men as possible up to Christmas. It was suggested that possibly there might be quarry work available, but I find that this is practically impossible, and would certainly be most uneconomical.

'As directed by the Council I put advertisement in the Press inviting tenders for the reconstruction of the Courthouse, etc., The Quantity Surveyor has had a number of inquiries, but only one firm has examined the Plans in my Office. I expect that after the Christmas vacation there will be more inquiries in regard to the matter. I have received application from the "Contract Journal" for inclusion of the advertisement in their periodical, and shall submit same to the meeting.

'As directed by the Council I have put advertisement in the Dublin Papers for a secondhand safe to be used in office for keeping Insurance Cards and stamps, and suggest that authority be given me to purchase same at an outside figure to be fixed by you.

'I submit letter I have received from Captain Purcell, Ex-Chief of the Dublin Fire Brigade in regard to the Kilkenny Anthracite coal, and think the members will find it interesting and very satisfactory.

'In regard to the application to have the corner at Balloughten improved I beg to report that undoubtedly the corner is bad, but owing to financial considerations must certainly wait over for the present as it is not on a road that there is any great traffic on.

'Some time ago the Council allowed ~~the~~ fence at the I.B.P. Company's premises in Enniscorthy - on Main Road No.39 adjoining Enniscorthy Urban. The Company in making entrance to the premises made a concrete slope which had diverted the drainage from the



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channel on to the road. I have written to the Company requesting them to alter this and allow of proper drainage.

'On the 13th instant in company with the Committee appointed by the County Council I inspected Camblin Road, and the Committee's report will be before you.'

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That the report of County Surveyor submitted to this meeting be received and considered."

Wexford-Ferrycarrig Road

The Chairman (Colonel Gibbon) said that if he were driving again out of Wexford he would go by Newtown owing to the very bad condition of the back road. When another month went by they would have ordinary motor cars bogged in it and they would have the Newtown road cut up as well. The expense in repairing these roads would be simply enormous.

Mr. Keegan asked when did the County Council vary the terms of the Contract to have the work completed by the 1st December.

The County Surveyor said there was no variation of the terms. According to the contract the work should be completed by the 1st December.

Mr. Keegan said if the Contractor was still under the penalty why not enforce it.

The County Surveyor said this could not be done until the work was finished.

Mr. Keegan said owing to the Contractor's default a good deal of extra traffic would be brought over Wexford Bridge and the Wexford Gorey road and there could be no doubt but this traffic (which would include heavy traffic) would cause considerable extra expense to the Council. He proposed:- "That the Contractor for the repair of Wexford Ferrycarrig Road be called on to finish his Contract at once or surrender same and that the Council charge him the last penny for his neglect.

Mr. McCarthy said that owing to recent repairs the back road was not as bad as it was a week or so ago. There was only a quarter



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of a mile of it really bad.

'The County Surveyor said he was obliged to ask for another £40 for the repair of the back road. If the work on the Wexford Ferrycarrig road had been done within the specified time there would be no appreciable damage done to the back road.

Mr. Elgee held that a proper legal notice should be served on the Contractor pointing out that the time for finishing the contract had expired and that he should finish by a certain date or surrender it.

The Chairman (Colonel Gibbon) thought that the general opinion of the meeting appeared to be to make the Contractor foot the bill and he suggested they should obtain Counsel's opinion for their guidance.

In reply to the Chairman, Mr. Elgee said that Counsel's opinion would cost four guineas.

Mr. O'Byrne - Why should we get Counsel's opinion. We have power under the Contract to hold back any amount due for penalty and why not do this and put the onus of taking proceedings on the Contractor.

The County Surveyor said that on 30th November he had written the Contractor about certain aspects of the work and pointed out to him that this being the last day of November and while the specification called for the completion of the work by 1st December it was impossible to have this done. He (County Surveyor) would be glad to know how the Contractor viewed the matter in reference to possible claim by the County Council for penalty.

A reply was received from the Contractor under date 2nd Dec. The following is an extract from the letter:- "With reference to the possible claim by the County Council for the penalty referred to at the end of your letter we do not feel that we can add anything to what we have already stated and to point out that the weather during the past month - which we note in to-day's paper - has been the wettest for a hundred years - has placed another obstacle in our way.



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As you are aware we have already explained our views on this subject in considerable detail to your Council."

The Chairman (Colonel Gibbon) said his personal opinion was that if he foresaw any trouble with the Contractor he would take Counsel's opinion to find out where he stood before going any further. If they went into court and the case went against them they would have to pay the costs, whereas if on Counsel's opinion they considered legal proceedings were not much good to them they could enter into a compromise with the Contractor and get something out of him to meet the cost of the extra work caused by his delay.

The County Surveyor, in reply to the Chairman said he could not see how the road would be opened sooner than the 1st March.

Mr. Elgee said that the letter of the County Surveyor to Mr. Hull on 30th November was not a legal notice; it simply asked a question.

After further discussion, the following resolution was proposed by Mr. Keegan, seconded by Mr. McCarthy:-

"That notice be served on the Contractor for reconstruction of road between Ferrycarrig and Wexford that the Council intend enforcing penalty for neglect to finish the said work by 1st December, 1929.

'That the attention of the Contractor be called to the letter from the County Surveyor under date 30th November, 1929, conveying this information to him."

The Chairman said that the Contractor had three-quarters of the work to do and there was certainly two months' work to be carried out. As the portions of the road to be done would have to be ~~done~~ treated with ordinary Portland Cement which would take seven weeks to "cure" they would not have the road open by the 1st April. The expense of keeping the back road in order during all that period would be very serious and the question was why not, as provided by the specification, make the Contractor lay the balance of the road in half widths.



The County Surveyor said this would not make as good a job. In looking over the works returns for November there was not a great deal of a "hold up" from bad weather as most of the rain fell at night.

Mr. Keegan's resolution was then put and passed.

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

"That a sum of £40 be withdrawn from County Contingency Fund to keep back road from Ferrycarrig to Wexford in a passable condition."

#### Rosslare Road

Colonel Gibbon asked if it would not be possible to lay the sewerage pipes at the sides of the concrete road with a gullet under the road.

The County Surveyor said the cross connections at each side of the main bend should be clear of the concrete and not running in the middle of it. It might be possible to have the drains at each side empty into one.

The Chairman (Mr. Doyle) said that at present, or in the near future, there was not the slightest chance of the sewerage scheme in Rosslare being carried out.

The people of the district strongly objected to being taxed up to £6,000 or £8,000 . Unless the scheme was on much less ambitious lines - such as the first scheme prepared by Mr. Gerald Flood, Engineer to the Health Board - the district would not touch it at all. Some of the inhabitants of Rosslare - when the scheme was under consideration - would not even allow a pipe to run through their fields.

After further discussion it was decided that the County Surveyor should arrange for a consultation with Mr. Flood, Engineer, County Board of Health, with a view to drafting suggestions which will obviate interference with the Concrete road after construction, the County Board of Health to be asked to carry out if possible any



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absolutely necessary preliminary work for the sewerage scheme before the concrete road is laid.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Colfer:- "That the County Surveyor be empowered to advertise for tenders for reconstruction of Wexford Rosslare Road as soon as negotiations relative to the amount of state grant have been satisfactorily concluded with the Local Government Department."

#### Coast Erosion.

The meeting approved of the proposal of the County Surveyor to forward a full report to the Coast Erosion Committee as to the damage caused by the encroach of the sea on Wexford Coast.

#### Men Working At Christmas

Mr. Hayes complained that the services of the men in Ballyconnick Quarry, who had been employed for a very short period after a long spell of idleness, had been dispensed with.

Mr. Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor, said they had all the stone required from this quarry and it would not be economic to employ the men at this stage.

Colonel Gibbon said, in future years, they should not attend to the cutting and trimming up of ditches and other little frillings which were all very well if they had the money - until the second half of the winter.

The County Surveyor said he agreed with Colonel Gibbon to a certain extent but objected to the word "frillings". It was absolutely essential to do a large proportion of the work in summer. If they did not fill the pot-holes in the summer water would lie on the road and soften it. Unless the sides were cleaned and briars attended to drainage would be choked. They had to attend to a great many back channels but a man could do a tremendous amount of the work in a week and it cost very little.

Mr. O'Byrne said that the Council in '24, '25 and '26 had been obliged to carry out a great amount of this class of work



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owing to previous neglect.

Mr. Hall contended that a great deal of the work to which the County Surveyor had referred had nothing to do with drainage.

After a long discussion on ~~the~~ the state of the watertables and drainage of the roads at Solsborough and Clonhaston (Enniscorthy District), Colonel Gibbon proposed:-

"We recommend to the County Council that, in future years, the little extras done to the roads and especially to the sides of the roads should be postponed definitely until the Winter months and so far as is possible to the second half of the winter".

Mr. Hall seconded the resolution which was adopted Mr. Colfer dissenting.

The Chairman said there were lots of work done on the roads last year that need not have been done at all. They had men with hooks cutting down ditches from the top to the bottom and he did not see any necessity for such work at all. And it was not one day or two that was spent at it but they had a couple of men working a fortnight or longer. Cutting boughs on a ditch was not going to improve the centre of the road.

Mr. Hayes said it was deplorable to see men thrown out of employment for Xmas.

Mr. Keegan thought whatever small amount they had for employment should go to men who were not entitled to insurance benefit.

Mr. Hayes said Gangers were always kept on while men who had just as much knowledge and ability relative to road maintenance were discharged. He admitted that in a slack time gangers were paid only at labourer's rates of wages but gangers had a good claim on the insurance funds.

After further discussion, the following was moved by Mr. Hayes, seconded by Mr. Keegan and passed:-



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"That when it is found necessary to discontinue the services of road workers those first disemployed should be men who have a sufficient number of stamps on their insurance cards to draw benefit."

Safe for Records.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. McCarthy, seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That the County Surveyor be empowered to purchase second-hand safe in which to store workmen's insurance cards. Cost not to exceed £8."

Anthracite Coal

Captain Purcell of the Dublin Fire Brigade wrote that in his father's house as in the houses of the majority of the farmers in North Kilkenny, Carlow and Offaly nothing was used but Kilkenny coal and the kitchen fires were never allowed to die out. He had tested this coal in the Brigades' steam boilers in competition with imported Welsh coal and found that even with the increased freight added to its price it gave a higher calorific value. He had always used Skehana screened nuts for hot water boilers and his son, Professor Purcell, Killiney, and several of their neighbours successfully use it for similar purposes. Most of the grates were of English manufacture and designed for burning soft bituminous coal. It required a somewhat differently constructed fireplace to be successful with Anthracite. Owing to rail freight the latter may cost more than imported coal, but with its higher calorific value its use was justified and the fact that all the expenditure for coal and freight remained in the Country should make a definite appeal to all.

The County Surveyor said the cost of Anthracite coal was from 49/- to 51/9d per ton with an allowance of 2/- per ton for payment within a month. The freight included in the figures he had given was about 11/- per ton. Imported bituminous coal was costing 38/- to 40/- per ton. He had made - years ago



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extensive tests between Anthracite and the best bituminous coal and found the comparison to be as  $10\frac{1}{2}$  to 18, very nearly double so that it was a benefit to burn Kilkenny coal. The difficulty was in getting people to use it as a little training was necessary.

Report New Ross Camblin Road Sub Committee

The following report was submitted by the County Surveyor:-

"On the 13th instant the Committee met on the Camblin Road, and there were present Messrs J. Hall, J. O'Byrne and R. Corish, accompanied by the County Surveyor, and Assistant Surveyor, Mr. O'Neill: the Ganger in charge of the work, John Donohoe, was also present.

'The Committee walked over the greater portion of the completed part of the road, and noted the class of work and method of procedure. A straight edge and level was available for testing the cross fall.

'Town end is too flat - in one place there is a fall of only one inch in nine feet. At commencement the drainage is not quite satisfactory, this is a small matter, and can easily be put right. Surface generally good, small depressions are not deeper than one-eighth of an inch, and there are no real pot holes. On long flat where the footpath has not been removed there is no proper channel. The scattering of blinding from the crown has blocked the drainage at sides and this should have been scraped off, and a small channel hacked along the footpath curb. The pipes thro the footpath are badly made. Where footpath has been removed the drainage is all right, and the trouble appears to have arisen from an attempt to preserve the footpath. The Committee recommends that the footpath be removed and road sloped to side wall. Entrances to cross gulleys (which have all been opened, cleaned, repaired, and recovered with concrete slabs) are to be made good. There are sixteen old gulleys, and three new pipes. Camblin end as far as completed is good, and on Town end great improvement at all bends where footpath has been removed and road widened.

The incompleted section to Slaght has been partially bottomed



though at present it is cut in places. The County Surveyor stated he will probably be able to complete the length to the forge leaving about 130 perches which will be only partially surfaced with tarred stone. From Slaght Cross to Ballykeally Quarry the road is badly cut with the traffic of material to the job, and this, has from time to time, been repaired, but is at present very bad, and instructions have been given for its immediate repair.

'The Committee subsequently inspected Ballybrennan Quarry, and examined the class of three-quarter inch chips which it is proposed to use for surface dressing of this road during the coming year. This material is of very superior quality, and if judiciously spread will make a first class wearing surface. The Ballybrennan chips should be, as much as possible, concentrated on the crown of the road, so as to improve the cross fall along the flats.

'The Committee approves of the proposal passed by the County Council to improve a turn beside entrance to Colonel Tyndall's, and recommend that the materials removed in this work be used in filling and widening out the corner at junction of Trunk road at Brandon. The existing wall here should be removed and set back. Colonel Tyndall met the Committee and approves of this, and will give all necessary permission.'

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Colfer, seconded by Mr. Shannon:- "That the report of Sub. Committee relative to inspection of New Ross-Camblin Road be received and considered."

Mr. O'Byrne said the Sub Committee believed if the chippings referred to in the report were confined to about 12 feet in the centre it would leave things all right. It was a mistake to have kept the footpath. The gulleys under the path should be removed and the water allowed to run clear into the wall.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Keegan, seconded by Mr. Colfer:- "That the report of Sub Committee



of Inspection - New Ross and Camblin Road be and is hereby approved.

Mr. Hall said the Sub Committee were under the impression that there was not enough work done for the money. The Council were led to believe that four miles would be done for the £4000 and they were a good deal short of that distance.

The County Surveyor said that in the specification it had been pointed out that the length to Slaght cross might not be done at all.

The Chairman said some suggestions had been made that the men employed at the work were not the most suitable.

Mr. O'Neill said that in conjunction with himself Mr. Walsh and Mr. Cooney, County Councillors, had selected the men.

The County Surveyor said the items of expenditure were as follows:- Labour £1398; Machinery £870; Explosives £45; haulage £436; Tar and bitumen £1086 and Sundries £109.

The Chairman said these figures conveyed very little to the meeting. It was an extraordinary thing that in all these jobs they never could get the full extent of the proposed work carried out for the money.

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

"That the report of the County Surveyor to this meeting be and is hereby adopted."

#### FORD-OF-LYNG

In reply to the Chairman, Mr. Elgee, said that after Xmas he expected to have some information from Counsel relative to the Ford of Lyng case.

Chairman - The whole Barony of Forth is flooded; there is no use in stating that one part is worse than another now.

#### SHOEING HORSES FOR SLIPPERY ROADS

Under date 19th December, 1929, the Department of Education, (T.I.B.) wrote (11252-29) that they had issued instructions to



Mr. Watson, Farriery Instructor, to attend the meeting of the Roads Committee.

Mr. Watson said that some time ago the Department had in preparation for distribution to local bodies a pamphlet dealing with the shoeing of horses to meet the difficulty of transport over tar macadam roads. When one spoke to the farrier about improving his methods of shoeing he blamed the horse owner while when representations are made to the latter he replies the farrier will not make any departure from his usual custom. One of the most important steps to be taken was to reconcile the farrier and the horse owner to the rational method of shoeing, and, until this was done very little progress would be made. There was an old custom in this country of putting "calkings" on front shoes and sometimes even on the hind ones under the impression that this saves horse flesh. Ninety-five per cent of cases of Navicular disease was caused by concussion but if flat shoeing was adopted the percentage of this disease would be reduced by half. In his opinion tarred roads were a blessing in disguise as the effect would concentrate attention on the subject of having horses shod on rational lines. When calkings were put on to a shoe they prevented the frog - the natural aid of the animal to break concussion - coming in contact with the ground. For over 30 years the London fire brigade horses (which when they travelled tore away at a gallop) had been shod under the system known as a modified Charlier - practically a flat shoe. There was no doubt whatever but when the frog was properly developed horses could get over the roughest roads with impunity. Mr. Watson then exhibited three shod hooves, one with the frog cut away, one with the frog partially pared and the third with the frog fully developed. He explained, in detail, how the latter hoof could meet all kinds of surfaces without injury.

Colonel Gibbon mentioned that all Army horses were shod on the lines mentioned by Mr. Watson.



The matter having been fully discussed the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Colonel Gibbon, seconded by Mr. McCarthy:- "That the Department of Technical Instruction be requested to supply to the County Committee of Agriculture and Technical Instruction a supply of leaflets on the proper method of horse shoeing to meet present day road traffic, for distribution to farmers and farriers. That we also request them to arrange in the near future for a demonstration by Mr. Watson in each of the four County towns and that the farriers of the various districts be invited to these demonstrations. That the Veterinary Inspectors of the Council be asked to arrange for the use of a forge in their district and <sup>to</sup> secure a few horses at each centre to be shod by Mr. Watson. That the fixtures be properly advertised and the Press asked to insert a paragraph calling attention to their importance to those concerned. That the Secretaries of the various Agricultural Shows in the County be requested to arrange for competitions in farriery at their various shows."

Mr. Watson, in reply to the Chairman said that rubber pads afforded a certain amount of help to horses but were unnecessary where proper steps were taken to develop the natural frog.

The Chairman said that all books on farriery which he had read bore out the advice given that day by Mr. Watson.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Colonel Gibbon:- "That the best thanks of this Committee be given to the Technical Instruction Branch of the Department of Education for affording this Committee the reliable advice of their Farriery Instructor, Mr. Watson, and to the latter for his very lucid and able statement.

'We hope when the County Committee of Agriculture and Technical Instruction makes application to the Department for the services of Mr. Watson the Department will accede to their wishes and agree to a course of farriery instruction being carried out in the County!'



### ERECTION OF COWHOUSE

Mr. W. Furlong, Broadway, wrote, under date 22nd December, 1929, that he had been informed by Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor, that he was building a new cowhouse too close to the public road. This was being built inside a wall which was the boundary of his haggard and which ran parallel to the road, as shown on a sketch (enclosed). He was sorry if he had broken any rules laid down by the Council but he thought he could build the house inside his own wall.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Keegan, seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That the County Council be recommended to take no action as regards erection of cowhouse at Broadway on the premises of Mr. W. Furlong."

### ROAD 790 1/2 - CAMPILE-BALLYSALLAGH

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Shannon:- "That in view of the great development of traffic on Road 790 (Campile to Ballysallagh) we instruct the County Surveyor to communicate with the Roads Section of the Department of Local Government with a view to having this road included in the "Link Road" class.

### FOOTPATH AT BUNCLODY

The County Surveyor submitted letter from Rev. J. Butler, P.P., Buncloody, stating that the occupiers of the house in Irish Street, Buncloody, were very anxious to have a footpath made at each side of the street. It would certainly be a great advantage to the general appearance of the locality and be a great help towards cleanliness in the houses.

The County Surveyor said as this proposal had not been included in the Road Works Scheme it would have to remain over until next November.

### INJURY TO BRIDGE AT PALLIS CREAMERY

The following report was submitted from Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor:-



"Parapet of above for a length of ten feet and to almost six inches of road level has been pulled down and thrown into river leaving place rather dangerous. As this sort of thing happened before I will have to take down remainder of parapet and replace with concrete, in fact it would be advisable to do all of parapets in concrete for which a sum of £7: 10: 0d will be required."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That a sum of £7: 10: 0d be withdrawn from County Roads Contingency Fund for the purpose of having the parapets of Bridge at Pallis Creamery replaced in concrete."

#### APPLICATION FOR LICENCE FOR PETROL PUMP

An application for petrol pump licence was received from Mrs Mary Murphy, 6, Island Road, Enniscorthy.

The County Surveyor said this was on the site of a pump which the Council had decided should be removed to carry out repairs to the road later and in consequence he considered the application should not be granted.

It was decided that consideration of the application be adjourned for production of a written report from the County Surveyor or his Assistant.

#### CINEMA LICENCES

Mr. Raymond Doyle, Hon.Sec., Broadway Hall Committee, wrote, under date 10th December, 1929, that the attachment for Cinema projector at Broadway Hall had now been erected and he wished to have it inspected.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. McCarthy:- "That as soon as written report be received from County Surveyor that the entire Cinema Apparatus at Broadway Hall complies with Statute and regulations made thereunder Cinema Licence be issued to the Hon.Sec. of the Hall."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Hall,



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Hall, seconded by Mr. Colfer:- "That renewal of Cinema Licence issue Mr. Michael Hassett in connection with Bridgetown Hall!"

GOREY TOWN COMMISSIONERS AND REPLACEMENT OF  
STREET CROSSINGS

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A resolution was received from Gorey Town Commissioners demanding the replacement of kerbing at Gorey street crossings which were recently taken up by the County Council. They considered as the ratepayers of Gorey had paid for these crossings in the first instance they had every right to have them replaced.

Mr. Keegan said the people of the town had paid for these crossings, the Grand Jury contributing a nominal sum only, and, in the circumstances, he held the Gorey people were entitled to have their property replaced.

Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, said he found it impossible to keep the road up to the crossings and consequently had them removed for the repair of sewers.

The County Surveyor said that where a surface had been improved the crossings were a nuisance.

The Chairman said as the Road Works meeting had declined to provide the money to replace the crossings he did not see what could be done. In view of the opinion of the County Surveyor he suggested the meeting should take no action.

This suggestion was approved, Mr. Keegan dissenting.

COMPLAINT BY WORKMAN

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A long correspondence was submitted from James Shannon, St. Leonard's, Ballycullane, complaining of his dismissal from the service of the Council and making charges against Ganger Berney.

Mr. Colfer, who said Shannon had been dismissed for disobeying lawful instructions, proposed:- "That this meeting refuses to entertain the application of James Shannon, St. Leonard's, Ballycullane, for reinstatement as County Council road worker or the charges made by him against Ganger Berney."

Mr. Hayes seconded the resolution which was adopted



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unanimously.

AHARE BRIDGE (Road 100)

The following report under date 30th November, 1929, was read from Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor:-

"One of the subsidiary arches at above place has broken, and is rather dangerous. It would be well if you could allow me £15 to have arch stripped, repaired and run with grout."

Mr. Hall proposed and the Chairman seconded the following resolution which was adopted nem.con. "That a sum of £15 (under Sudden Damage Order) be set aside for the repair of Arch at Ahare Bridge."

MACHINERY YARD ENNISCORTHY

The County Surveyor submitted the following from Mr. W. Blunt, British Legion Bungalow, Enniscorthy:-

"I am writing you asking if it is possible to rent a room or space from you at the County Council Yard, Abbey Quay, for keeping willows and cane, as we find in the Bungalow not enough room for working and storing."

The meeting refused the application as they considered it undesirable that persons, other than employees of the Council, should have recourse to the Machinery Yard.

IRISH TOURIST ASSOCIATION

Under date 18th December, 1929, the above Association wrote that the Council ~~shaxk~~ could rest assured that everything possible would be done by the Association to foward the desires of the Council as regards the improvement of the tourist roads of the County in accordance with the wishes of the Council as set out in resolution adopted at last meeting.



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The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. Colfer:- "That the Minutes of Roads' Committee meeting of 23rd December, 1929, be received and considered."

Ferrycarrig-Wexford Road

The County Surveyor said the work was going on very slowly through, he considered, lack of organisation. He suggested to the Contractor to lay the section he had now opened with ferrocrete in order to expedite the work. Unfortunately there was no clause in the specification which empowered him to take over the work and carry it out by direct labour. They were, therefore, at an impasse in the matter and appeared to have no remedy except to proceed against the Contractor for the penalty. The Specification had been made out by Local Government Department and there were a few modifications to meet local conditions. He (County Surveyor) had learned from this and intended, in the Specification for the repair of Wexford-Rosslare Road, to provide a very stringent clause under which he would be able to take up the work and carry it out by direct labour if there was any avoidable or undue delay.

Mr. Gaul called attention to the unprotected trench - 18 inches deep - opposite the houses at Carcur and which was left very badly lighted at night.

Mr. O'Byrne said there was a number of Railwaymen living at Carcur and who were often out late at night. Besides a number of them were not constantly living at Carcur and it was absolutely necessary for their protection that the place should be properly protected and lighted.

The County Surveyor said that as decided by the Roads Committee he had sent formal notice to the Contractor that the Council intended enforcing the amount of the penalty for the delay in neglecting to complete the work by 1st December, 1929. In reply he had received the following letter from the Contractor under date 7th January, 1930:-



"We hereby give you notice of the following matters arising out of, or in connection with, our contract for the construction of the above concrete road, namely:-

- (a) We have in accordance with your instructions and prior to the 1st December, 1929, carried out certain additional works and variations not provided for or contemplated in our Contract.
- (b) There has been prior to the 1st December, 1929, delay in the execution of work in consequence of unavoidable causes within the meaning of Clause 7 of our Contract.
- (c) You have prior to the 1st December, 1929, postponed the execution of certain portions of the work under the provisions of Clause 5 of our Contract.

Furthermore, please take notice that by reason of the matters hereinbefore mentioned, that is to say (a), (b) and (c) above we hereby disclaim all liability for the payment to your Council of the penalty referred to in your notice dated 4th day of January, 1930.

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

"That, as the Contractor for reconstruction of Wexford-Ferrycarrig Road has failed to complete the work within the specified time and as it is now impossible to have said work completed within the extended time for the closing of the road, viz., 1st February, 1930, and as the Contractor has made no application for any further extension, we hereby decline on our own behalf to make application to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health for any further extension and notify Contractor that we require to have the road open for traffic on the second day of February, 1930."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Colonel Quin, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That a further sum of £40 be withdrawn from County Contingency Fund for the purpose of maintaining back road from Ferrycarrig to Wexford in consequence



of increased traffic owing to main road being in course of reconstruction.

Rosslare Road

The County Surveyor said that as a result of an interview with Mr. Flood, Engineer to County Board of Health, they had walked the whole road and arranged for cross pipes and water connections in a way which would cause the minimum interference <sup>with</sup> of the road and which would save the breaking up of the concrete. The work was estimated to cost £100 but as the County Board of Health had ~~at~~ <sup>the pipes on the</sup> present ground the cost would be considerably less. There would, therefore, be no hold-up on account of water connections and he might say independently altogether of the question of any delay that might happen it was the proper system to adopt with any concrete road because the road need never be opened to take pipes across for water or sewerage.

Men Working at Xmas etc. The County Surveyor said he had furnished his Assistants with full instructions from last Roads Committee meeting as to the employment of men etc.

Mr. Hayes said if drainage work as suggested by Colonel Gibbon was postponed until the winter a good deal of damage would be done - particularly to hilly roads - by water running down the centre. Colonel Gibbon's suggestion was all right for providing employment in winter when it was urgently required but they knew from experience if the drainage was not to be attended to until Winter enormous damage would be done meanwhile and special expenditure needed.

Mr. Keegan said that at Tara Hill Quarry there was only one man - the ganger - partly employed and this man held a farm or two. He knew this man was reduced to labourer's wages but at the same time he could not see why this man should be employed when there were just as good workers with five or six children available. He thought the County Surveyor should go into this matter and report to next meeting of the County Council.



Mr. Smyth said it had been reported to him that a man with a farm of 20 or 25 acres was employed spreading stones on a road while men with large families were idle.

It was decided to refer the matter to the County Surveyor.

Mr. Cooney said he could not understand why Assistant Surveyors should keep on men who had an accumulation of three or four years' Insurance Stamps while other good road workers whose Insurance benefits were exhausted were disemployed. He thought it should go from the County Council that the Assistant Surveyors should, in this matter, carry out their instructions.

The Chairman said this matter was emphasised at last Roads' Committee meeting when instructions were given as to the employment of men who had no benefits to get from the Insurance Scheme but it appeared that nothing had been done. The County Surveyor should look into it.

Colonel Quin said it appeared from statements at that meeting that the best of their men were to be put on the dole and those who were not half as good - probably - kept on. The Assistant Surveyor should know the best workers in his district and it would be a mistake to tie his hands.

Miss O'Ryan said that the complaint made by Mr. Cooney applied also to her district and it was said that the men there were not getting fair play.

It was decided, on the motion of Mr. Hayes, seconded by Mr. Cooney, to call on the County Surveyor to direct his Assistants to employ road workers who were in a position to derive least benefit from Unemployment Insurance in preference to others who could secure larger benefit.

Colonel Quin dissented.

Safe for Records

The County Surveyor stated that he had arranged provisionally with Messrs Walsh, Auctioneers, The Mall, Waterford, for the purchase of a suitable second hand safe at £8,



The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That the action of County Surveyor in purchasing second-hand safe for storing Insurance Cards and other records be approved."

New Ross Camblin Road.

Mr. Cooney said that the men who had been selected were all good road workers according to Mr. O'Neill. There was no use now in saying that the job was a bad one in consequence of the men who were employed.

Colonel Quin disapproved of Councillors having anything to say to the selection of workmen. This should be done only by the Surveyor.

The County Surveyor said he had directed the Assistant Surveyor to consult with the local Councillors who would be familiar with the circumstances of each case, in order that the work would be as fairly distributed as possible amongst the most deserving men. There was no allegation in the report that the men were unsuitable or that they were responsible in any way for the work.

The matter dropped.

Shoeing Horses for Slippery Roads

Mr. D'Arcy questioned the advisability of following the advice given by Mr. Watson to the Roads' Committee and, in the course of a long discussion pointed out that it would not be adopted in Gorey District. He noticed in Dublin recently that a large number of horses in Dublin were shod with "caulked" shoes.

The Chairman said that the best informed opinion was at one with the advice given by Mr. Watson. There was no compulsion on any one to adopt <sup>t</sup>tho', personally, he felt that it would be greatly to the interest of those concerned to put it into practice.

Gorey Town Commissioners and Replacement of Street Crossings

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Keegan, seconded by Mr. Murphy:- "That the County Councillors for



Gorey Electoral area, viz., Messrs Armstrong, D'Arcy, Hall, Keegan, O'Byrne, Colonel Quin and M. Smyth, inspect and report as to removal of kerbing at Gorey Street crossings."

The following resolution was then passed on the motion of Mr. Murphy, seconded by Mr. Keegan:- "That the Minutes of Roads' Committee of 23rd December, 1929, as submitted to this meeting be and are hereby adopted."

#### NEW ROSS WEXFORD ROAD

Miss O'Ryan asked if the County Surveyor had permission to do anything with the New Ross-Wexford road. It was impassable, ~~but~~ and nothing was being done with it.

The County Surveyor said that if the Council got him a grant the road would be done. It was one of the sections he would propose giving a grant to if the money was available.

Mr. Cooney asked if they did not get a grant was there any other way of attending to the road. They should do something with it.

The County Surveyor said that if the Council gave another 6d in the £ in the rate the road could be attended to.

Mr. Cooney - It is a quagmire. It is held up in engineering periodicals and everywhere else that you are stopping pot-holes on it with sods - a main road from Cork to Rosslare.

The discussion ended.

#### EROSION AT ROSSLARE

telephone

The Secretary referred to a message received that afternoon from the Secretary of Wexford Harbour Board asking if the County Council would appoint representatives to meet representatives of the Harbour Board, Wexford Corporation and the Rosslare Development Association. The Harbour Board expected to have a report from Mr. Delap, C.E., in a week's time, re erosion at Rosslare, when a conference would be summoned to tender evidence for submission to the Coast Erosion Committee.



Colonel Gibbon said he believed the Council should do something to meet the other bodies. He had been talking to Mr. Delap who took a very serious view as to what might happen. Mr. Delap had also made some recommendations to the Harbour Board as to what the County Council could do. He thought the Council should at any rate hear what the Conference had to say, and not have any blame laid to them that they did not take any part in the discussions. It was a very important matter, although he did not see that the County Council could afford to spend any money in connection with it.

In reply to Mr. Hall, the Chairman said he thought it was only an individual member of the Harbour Board that said the Harbour Board would not have anything to do with the County Council in the matter.

Colonel Quin proposed that the representatives of Wexford Electoral Area on the County Council should be appointed to represent the Council at the Conference.

Mr. O'Byrne seconded.

Mr. Hall proposed that they should appoint no representatives. The Harbour Board would not recognise the County Council at all.

Mr. Meyler seconded.

Chairman - It was only one member.

Colonel Gibbon said he thought the members of the Council were there to do public business, and he thought they should disregard anything such as that to which Mr. Hall had called attention.

On a show of hands, Mr. Hall's proposition was defeated by six votes to three and Col. Quin's proposition was passed.

The Representatives of the Council to act in the matter are:- Messrs R. Corish, M. Doyle, James Gaul, Colonel Gibbon, P. Hayes, Miss O'Riyan and M. M. Roche.

#### STEAMROLLING BLACKWATER STREETS

The following memorial which was extensively signed was read:-



"We, the Undersigned Ratepayers, strongly protest against any reduction in the amount of money first allocated for steamrolling the streets of Blackwater and we request the County Council to adhere to their former decision as we believe any reduction would leave the work unfinished and in an unsatisfactory condition. We would also ask the Council to receive a deputation on the matter which will give the full details and the real necessity of having the work done."

Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Hall seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That the deputation from the ratepayers of Blackwater be received."

The following attended as a deputation:- Peter Dempsey, Denis Corrigan, Owen Leacy (Blackwater) and Richard Ormond (Inch).

Mr. Dempsey, who acted as spokesmen for the deputation, said they learned with some surprise after the last meeting of the Council the County Council had decided to apply the amount which they had set aside for steam rolling the streets of Blackwater village to the maintenance of the whole road from Wexford to Blackwater. The people of Blackwater disagreed with this and said that the streets of their village required special attention. in view of the traffic. At present rain water ran down the centre of the streets instead of in the water channels, and when ~~so~~ material was put on the roads it was brought down from the top of the street to the bottom. From the centre of the bridge to the Church was almost impassable.

Mr. Colleton said it was only where necessary that the road would be repaired, following the work on the street of Blackwater.

The County Surveyor said that what he understood from Mr. Colleton's motion was that they should curtail the work in Blackwater and try to save something which could be expended somewhere on the same line of road.

In reply to Mr. D'Arcy, the County Surveyor said he thought it would be most satisfactory to do the steamrolling on Blackwater street.



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The Chairman said he thought Mr. Colleton had been approached by some of the ratepayers in the matter, and he thought the Council were not very keen one way or the other.

Mr. Colleton said that the large ratepayers said the expenditure contemplated was not necessary in Blackwater and suggested that other parts of the road should get a share of the £500 and that was what led the Council to fall in with the suggestion.

Mr. Keegan said that the streets of Blackwater should be completed first, and should be done properly, and if there was any surplus the County Surveyor should use it as he thought fit.

Mr. Hall - Certainly. The streets are <sup>the</sup> worst of any village of the County. They are a scandal, in fact.

Mr. Roche said he understood that the County Surveyor was to take a certain amount of money out of the grant to do what he considered a good job on the streets without steam rolling.

The Chairman said he believed Mr. Colleton had given reasons for bringing the matter forward. He was sure it was immaterial to Mr. Colleton where the money was spent if he had not been approached, or if it had not been brought to his notice by someone.

Mr. Colleton said he was approached by several large ratepayers with reference to steam rolling of the streets, while other roads were impassable.

Mr. O'Byrne - It was all the time intended that a satisfactory job should be done on the streets before anything was done with any place else.

The Chairman said they all recognised that steam-rolling would be a better way to deal with the streets, but it was suggested that if the street was repaired without steam rolling it might do for a long time, and they would have some of the money to spend elsewhere.

Mr. Hayes suggested that in view of the course the water was taking in the street, anything short of steamrolling would not mean



money well spent.

The Chairman said that with regard to water running down the centre of the street, it was practically the same in every village, and he would not take that as an argument for steam-rolling.

Mr. Corrigan remarked that people were practically travelling ankle deep in mud in the village.

Mr. Colleton - Have we hills on no roads in the county except in the streets of Blackwater. ?

Mr. Keegan proposed that the whole of the money should be spent on the streets of Blackwater, and Mr. D'Arcy seconded.

A poll on Mr. Keegan's motion resulted as follows:-

For:- Miss O'Ryan, Messrs Corish, Armstrong, Brennan, Clince, Colfer, Cooney, D'Arcy, Gaul, Hall, Hayes, Jordan, Keegan, McCarthy, O'Byrne, Shannon, Smyth and the Chairman.....18.

Against:- Colonel Quin, Messrs Colleton, Mayler, Murphy and Roche.....5.

Mr. Roche said he wanted to make one remark, and that was that he thought there was a bit of difference of opinion that day with regard to road making as compared with the last meeting.

Mr. Smyth said the job was brought forward and passed at the first meeting, but when Mr. Colleton proposed the change he was under the impression that the people of Blackwater wished for it. He found now they did not. They had a memorial from them.

Mr. Colleton said that the memorial was signed by people in the village and by only two people outside the village, and the majority were not ratepayers at all.

#### NOTICES OF MOTION

##### Equipment of New Ross Fever Hospital

Mr. John Murphy moved the following of which he had given previous notice:-

"That the Wexford County Council hereby consent to the



Borrowing by the Wexford Board of Health and Public Assistance of £662, for the purpose of defraying the expense of the installation of a steam boiler, disinfecter and drying closet at the County Fever Hospital, New Ross."

Speaking with reference to the motion Mr. Murphy said that the Board of Health had the matter before them at their last meeting. The figure mentioned in the motion was the engineer's estimate of what it would cost to put the laundry and all accessories in the New Ross hospital. They discussed the matter and found that the installation was absolutely necessary.

Mr. Shannon seconded the motion which was supported by Colonel Quin.

In reply to a query as to whether there were similar advantages in the Wexford Fever Hospital, the Chairman said there was no such place now. The only grievance he had in the matter was that when they took over the New Ross Hospital as a County Fever Hospital most of the Health Board believed they would have no outlay there at all, but unfortunately they found things different since they took over the place. He thought that if the proposed expenditure was agreed to there would certainly be a total outlay of a couple of thousand on the place, and that meant a good deal more than they were led to believe would have been necessary at the start. He thought that if they had been aware of the expenditure they would have renovated the Wexford Fever Hospital instead of transferring to New Ross but the thing was done now and he supposed the equipment was necessary.

Mr. D'Arcy said they could not do without the installation of the plant covered by the resolution.

Chairman - I don't think there is any way out, but I think I have been very largely deceived about the New Ross Hospital and the big outlay.

Mr. Cooney suggested that there had not been any big outlay.

Chairman - Well, it was much bigger than we were told.



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Mr. Cooney - After all you could not run the Fever Hospital without a disinfecting chamber and when it is a County Fever Hospital and a preventive of Fever surely we must disinfect the clothes of fever patients.

Mr. Keegan said they were deceived in every way at the time of amalgamation. They were told that the County Home would be run by six nurses, but now there were about 14. They were also told the County Hospital would be run by a few hands. He believed, however, that the equipment in New Ross was an absolute necessity, but he agreed with the Chairman that they had been deceived, because costs were five times as much as they were prepared to pay at the time of amalgamation.

The Chairman said, of course, at the time of amalgamation they had nothing at all like the population they had at present in the County Home. All the institutions had increased.

Mr. D'Arcy - Is this the final outlay in the Hospital ?.

Colonel Quin - Oh, Lord no.

Mr. Cooney - It is, unless everyone in the County is stricken down with fever.

Mr. Hall - I would not like to say it is the final outlay. We were deceived in Ross and if this motion is passed to-day the cost will probably be more than £2,000 and probably £3,000.

Colonel Gibbon suggested that there was no use in crying over spilt milk.

Mr. Murphy's motion was <sup>then put and was</sup> /unanimously adopted.

#### SALARIES OF CLERICAL STAFF

The following motion of which he had given previous notice stood in the name of Mr. Corish:-

"That Increments of Salaries to Officers in accordance with the letter of Irish Local Government Officials' Union under date 9th November, 1929, and amended figures furnished Councillors under date 31st December, 1929, be agreed to"



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The Chairman said they had received a phone message from Mr. Corish who had attended the sitting of the Council in the forenoon that he was ill and could not be present. He asked that the motion in his name should be adjourned to next meeting.

This request was acceded to.

NEW ROSS COURTHOUSE - INSTALLATION  
ELECTRIC LIGHT  
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The following motion of which he had given previous notice was moved by Mr. Cooney:-

"That Electric Light be installed in Caretaker's premises New Ross Courthouse."

Mr. Cooney in moving his motion said that the Council had installed electric light in the premises of Gorey Courthouse caretaker and it was only fair that the Courthouse keeper in New Ross should have the same facilities.

Mr. O'Byrne seconded the motion which was adopted..

The County Surveyor said that the cost of installation should not exceed £6 and it was agreed that a <sup>sum</sup>~~set~~ not exceeding this amount should be expended.

VACANCY ON OLD AGE PENSION SUB COMMITTEE NO.1  
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The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Colonel Gibbon, seconded by Colonel Quin:- "That as recommended by Sub Committee Miss Masie Browne, Rathronan Castle, Bridgetown, be appointed a member of Old Age Pension Sub Committee No.1 vice Mr. Joseph Duggan, Bridgetown, deceased.

CO. WEXFORD COMMITTEE OF AGRICULTURE & TECHNICAL  
INSTRUCTION - APPLICATION FOR EXTRA FUNDS  
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The following extract from the Minutes of meeting of County Wexford Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction held on 28th October, 1929, was submitted:-

"Mr. O'Connor proposed and Mr. Cummins seconded the following resolution:- " That we approach the County Council with a view



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to ear-mark in their forthcoming Budget for next financial year the equivalent of a Rate of  $\frac{1}{2}$ d in the £ for the further development of live stock and agricultural schemes".

'Colonel Gibbon said he would have to oppose the motion. The one vital thing for them to do was to get down the rates. He (Colonel Gibbon) never agreed to any vote that was going to add anything to the rates. He would not do, he could not do it.

'Mr. Cummins said it was false economy to oppose the proposition. They were all as anxious as Colonel Gibbon to keep down the rates and he (Mr. Cummins) gave them a remedy to accomplish that on previous occasions, viz., to pay the land annuities to the County Council. A halfpenny in the £ on a man whose valuation was £13 would only mean 6d a year.

'A vote on the motion was taken with the following result:-  
For:- Messrs O'Byrne, McCann, Smyth, Ennis, Hayes, Colfer,  
B. O'Connor, Cummins, Thorpe, and M. O'Connor.....10.  
Against:- Messrs D'Arcy, Meyler, Gibbon and the Chairman.....4.

'Dr. Greene and Mr. Somers (2) did not vote.

'Messrs Cline and Shannon were not present when vote was taken.

'The Chairman declared the proposition carried'

In reply to Mr. Murphy, the Secretary said that the total rate applied to agriculture was part of a penny rate.

Colonel Gibbon - But then there is indirect taxation that goes to it.

Mr. Murphy - I am only talking about the rate.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed that the Council approve of the recommendation of the County Committee. He thought the present contribution was too small.

Mr. D'Arcy - What would this amount come to ?.

Secretary - £740.

In reply to Mr. D'Arcy as to the amount realised by the rate struck at present the Secretary replied that it was £1,480



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for Agriculture and Technical Instruction so that there was £1,330 for the agricultural part. There was also 1d rate for Irish and 1d rate which also went for Technical Instruction - principally for Gorey School.

Chairman - What rate are we contributing in toto ?.

Secretary - 2½d.

Colonel Quin - How much does that realise altogether ?.

Secretary - About £3,600.

Colonel Quin inquired if the ½d rate was solely for the benefit of dairy shorthorn breeders, and the Secretary replied that he did not take it that way at all. It was for the general benefit of the live stock and agricultural schemes.

Mr. O'Byrne said that that was ~~not~~ his resolution. He did not intend the rate for dairy shorthorn breeders alone. He meant the increase of ½d to increase the agricultural schemes in whatever way the Committee thought desirable. It was for the purpose of strengthening the position of the Committee and allowing them to pay attention to things they considered desirable.

In reply to Mr. D'Arcy, the Secretary said that Mr. Whelan, Inspector of the Department pointed out that the County Wexford was striking the lowest rate for agriculture of any county in the Saorstát.

Chairman - I hold our agricultural schemes are going on fairly well in the county, and I don't think there is any reason for an increase. I don't see the great necessity at the moment for increasing your agricultural schemes. We have a fair amount of premium bulls and boars and of poultry stations and other things at the moment and until you get your rate into something of a more normal condition, I don't see any reason for increasing it. With regard to the dairy shorthorn people, I don't think they are entitled to any more concessions than any other kind of breeding in the county. I will vote against the increase. It is one or two faddists on dairy shorthorn breeding I think that proposed



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Chairman - It is time enough to talk about an increase when it is necessary.

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Mr. McCarthy did not vote.

The motion was declared lost.

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The following tenders were submitted:-

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Messrs McNally & Co., 3, East Wall, Dublin.	...	£7551 : 0: 0
Messrs M. O'Connor & Co., Main Street, Wexford.	...	£8056 : 10: 0
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Chairman - What is the estimate ?.

The County Surveyor said of course the figures were not gone into in detail, but it was in or about £7,000. The amount of the compensation was £5,500.

Colonel Gibbon proposed that the contract should be given to the contractor who had submitted the second lowest tender - Messrs McNally and Co., Ltd., on the grounds that the contractor who had submitted the lowest tender, Messrs A. Hull & Co., had not mentioned any sureties, though bound to do so according to the terms of the tender. They had had dealings with Messrs McNally in connection with the concreting of the Ferrycarrig-Enniscorthy road and they were excellent contractors, and met the Council in every way.

Mr. Hall seconded Colonel Gibbon's proposition.

Mr. D'Arcy - Before we accept any tender have we all this money.?

County Surveyor - You have £5,500 of a compensation award.

Mr. Gaul - Would it be possible to carry out the job by direct labour ?.

County Surveyor - I don't think so. I would not agree to it unless you had no reasonable contract.

Mr. Jordan said he thought it went without saying that they could not accept the lowest tender when no sureties were mentioned.

The Chairman said if they disposed of Fortview, the present County Council Offices, at any sort of reasonable price, they would, with the amount of compensation, get fairly near the amount of the estimate. The work would have to be gone on with now, as it had been delayed long enough.

In reply to Mr. Gaul's query as to the possibility of giving the contract to the local contractor who had tendered, the County Surveyor said the tender was £505 above Messrs McNally's. The specification included central heating, electric lighting and



alterations to the front, and the entrance at the side going into the parking place for motors etc.

The resolution was then put and declared carried. The Sureties in the accepted tender are Messrs M. H. C. McNally, Greenogue, Howth Road, Dublin and H. F. McNally, Market Street, Galway.

In reply to the Chairman, the County Surveyor said that the amount did not provide for a clerk of works.

Colonel Gibbon - Could'nt Mr. Birthistle carry out the duties of Clerk of Works.

County Surveyor - No, he could not. You would want a man from 8 o'clock in the morning to six o'clock at night.

Mr. D'Arcy remarked that the cost of employing a clerk of works would be extra and it was not in the specification.

The Chairman replied that it was the Council's business to appoint a clerk of works and not the contractor.

Mr. Gaul referred to the local tender and said he did not like to see money going out of the town, but seeing that his suggestion was not feasible as regards giving the work to the local contractor, he wished to know if it could be possible that local labour should be employed.

County Surveyor - Local Labour is to be employed as far as possible.

In reply to the Chairman, the County Surveyor said he did not think they would get a Clerk of Works for less than 5 guineas a week.

Mr. Hall - I believe you would get a fully qualified man for £5 a week.

Chairman - There are no guineas in the country now.

Colonel Gibbon said it would be necessary to have a competent man as clerk of works and a man they would have confidence in. He proposed that the Council should appoint



Mr. Harvey, the man they had already employed in connection with the building of the Mount Garrett Bridge, a work which required careful supervision in connection with the great number of problems cropping up.

Mr. Colleton seconded Col. Gibbon's proposition.

The Chairman said he thought the first thing to do would be to advertise the position. There was no use monopolising in the matter. Everyone should get a chance.

Mr. Gaul suggested that in accordance with the procedure adopted in connection with the reconstruction of the Ferrycarrig-Enniscorthy Road the employing of a clerk of works should be left in the County Surveyor's hands.

The Chairman said he thought the fairest thing to do was to advertise the position and not take the matter out of the Council's hands.

On the proposition of Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. D'Arcy, it was decided to advertise for a clerk of works at £5 per week, and it was agreed that the appointment should be made at the next meeting of the Roads' Committee.

It was also decided that a clause be inserted in the Specification that the work, in the event of any avoidable or undue delay, should be taken up by the County Surveyor.

#### DRAINAGE RATE KILMANNOCK

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Colonel Gibbon, seconded by the Chairman, Mr. Murphy dissenting:-

"That warrant be signed and sealed for Collector Thomas Rowe for collection of Current Drainage Rate and arrears for Kilmannock Drainage system."

#### MEETINGS TENDERS COMMITTEE

The following dates for meetings of Tenders' Committee were fixed:-



Enniscorthy Courthouse, Wednesday, 26th February.

Wexford, County Council Offices - Sat., 1st March.

New Ross Courthouse - Friday, 7th March.

Gorey Courthouse - Saturday, 8th March.

all at 10.30 a.m.

SEALED ORDER - WATER SUPPLY AT BALLYEDEN

The Local Government Department forwarded Sealed Order (No. 88,325-1929) under date 31st December, 1929, made by the Minister declaring Clonroche Dispensary District as the area of charge for improving and maintaining water supply at Ballyeden.

WEXFORD - ROSSLARE ROAD

Under date 3rd January, 1930, the following letter (R/RG/32) was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"With further reference to your letter of 18th ultimo and previous correspondence in the matter, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that, in view of the decision of Wexford County Council to raise a Loan of £6,000 for the improvement of the Gorey-Courtown road, he is prepared to recommend the making of a grant of £6,195 towards a scheme for the improvement of the Wexford-Rosslare road."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Gaul, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That tenders for special repair of Wexford-Rosslare Road be considered at monthly meeting of the Council on 10th February."

The County Surveyor said he could not recommend the Council to accept for work on Rosslare or Courtown roads a Contractor who had no experience of similar work. If they could not get an offer from a man with experience of this class of work he would be prepared to carry it out by direct labour.



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## AUDITOR'S REPORTS - COUNTY COUNCIL ACCOUNTS

The following report under date 20th December, 1929, (91873/29 Loch Garman Pb. Audit) was read from Local Government Auditor (Mr. J. T. Healy):-

"I beg to report that I have audited the Accounts of the Wexford Co. Council (inclusive of the Libraries Committee) for the two half years ended 31/3/29; and 30/9/1929. Certified copies of the Abstracts are forwarded herewith.

'The following is a comparative table of the rates raised for the years 1927/28; 1928/29; and 1929/30:-

	<u>1927/28</u>		<u>1928/29</u>		<u>1929/30</u>	
	s	d	s	d	s	d
In respect of Road(Rate in £)	2	9 $\frac{3}{4}$	2	9	2	7 $\frac{3}{4}$
" Co.Services " " "	2	11 $\frac{1}{4}$	2	6 $\frac{3}{4}$	2	2 $\frac{1}{4}$
" Poor Relief " " "	2	6	2	5 $\frac{3}{4}$	3	0
" Health )						
District ) " "	5		1 $\frac{1}{2}$		1 $\frac{1}{2}$	
Charges )						
	<hr/> 8 : 8		<hr/> 7 : 11		<hr/> 8 : 0	

'The decrease under the head of County Services in the 1928/29 Estimate was due mainly to the termination in the previous year of the rate raised under the Damage to Property (Compensation Act) and the further reduction in 1929/30 was the result of a credit balance which had accumulated on the account.

'The increase in Poor Relief in 1929/30 is attributable to a debit balance which resulted from the previous year, and to increased expenditure which occurred mainly under the heading of home assistance and also under the sub-heads of Medical Charities, Establishment and Clothing.

'The relatively high rate for Health District Charges in 1927/28, as compared with the other two years, is due to the fact that the chargeability in respect of Loans repayment which in the first year was in part a Health District Charge became in respect of the other two years a Separate Charge.



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'The uncollected balances of Poor Rate at 31/3/1928; 30/9/1928; 31/3/1929; and 30/9/1929 were respectively £42,160; £49,265; £39,457; and £37,381.

'During the audit, the Insurance Company concerned reimbursed the Council in respect of various sums of money, amounting in all to £433: 14: 9d, embezzled by the assured ex-Collector Furlong, of districts Nos. 4 and 5.

'The balances due from the Urban Councils in respect of Co. Co. Demands at 30th September, 1929, were:- Enniscoorthy £1,288; New Ross £1,140 and Wexford £7,484.

'A fidelity bond has not been provided in respect of Miss Connolly, the County Librarian.

'All Insurance renewal premiums have been paid to date.'

It was decided that the County Library Committee be requested to have fidelity guarantee bond provided for Miss Connolly, Secretary and Librarian.

The following report relative to Audit of accounts of Co. Wexford Committee of Agriculture and Technical Instruction was read from Mr. T. J. Dunne, Local Government Auditor:-

"I have to report that I have audited the Accounts of the Wexford County Committee of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for the nine (9) half-years ended 30th September, 1929, and I enclose five (5) copies of the Abstracts of Accounts and Secretary's Statements for each of these periods ~~being~~ duly certified.

'The Accounts are carefully kept and were well presented and the Premiums and Insurances are duly paid up to date'

#### PAYMENT OF POUNDAGE

Under date 16th December, 1929, the Department of Local Government wrote (G.88398/1929 Fa Loch Garman) that the Minister concurred in the advance of poundage as proposed by the County Council at their meeting on the 11th November, 1929.



PROPOSED APPOINTMENT CO. MEDICAL OFFICER.

The following under date 7th January, 1930, (P.H.1363/30-Loch Garman H.) was read from the Department of Local Government:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to advert to previous correspondence respecting the appointment of a County Medical Officer of Health for County Wexford and to point out that having regard to the progress elsewhere effected he is not prepared to consent to further delay in complying with the statutory obligation specified in Section 21 of the Local Government Act 1925.

'The broad grounds upon which the appointment of a County Medical Officer of Health is advocated are described in the enclosed explanatory memorandum, which in the particular case of County Wexford may be supplemented by the following considerations:-

1. 'The incidence of infectious disease is unduly high. During the three years ended the 30th September last 484 cases of Scarlatina and 133 cases of Diphtheria were reported to this Department from County Wexford, and in addition there has been an outbreak of Diphtheria during the past three months in the County Hospital which disorganised the surgical work of the County administration and necessitated a considerable expenditure on preventive measures. The diseases mentioned are due to preventable causes and their prevalence clearly indicates that there is an extensive disregard of effective sanitary precautions and that a centralised County control of infectious disease is an urgent necessity. In Counties where a County Medical Officer of Health has been appointed, individuals can be scientifically tested as to their susceptibility to Diphtheria and encouraging results have been attained by the adoption of such arrangements.
2. The Minister is advised that the sanitary state of County Wexford as a whole is indifferent and in the case of Newtownbarry is definitely bad. That the health conditions of the County are



generally unfavourable, may be inferred from the fact that for each of the last three years the mortality rate of County Wexford from all causes has consistently been above the average of An Saorstát, including the County Boroughs, while apart from the County Boroughs, County Wexford is found to be in excess of any other County. Again the infant mortality recorded for County Wexford has exhibited an increasing tendency and for the year 1928 stood at a point in advance of the general experience of An Saorstát. The vital statistics of the County thus show the need for a co-ordination of health services and for a thorough investigation into existing conditions by a trained Health Officer. The circumstance that the care of expectant and nursing mothers, the supervision of Midwives' practice, now a statutory obligation of the Board of Health, and the establishment of Child Welfare Centres all come within the province of the County Medical Officer of Health, affords a valid reason for such an appointment in a county where the incidence of infant mortality is abnormally heavy.

3.3. The organisation of inspection of school children under a scheme of School Medical Service forms another important undertaking <sup>ed</sup> ~~connection~~ with the appointment of a County Medical Officer of Health, where, as is usually done to secure the benefit of reoupment from the National Grant the Board of Health agree to assign to him the duties of School Medical Officer. Experience in Counties, where the medical inspection of school children has been instituted, has shown that a large proportion of children suffer from enlarged tonsils, adenoids, defective vision, dental defects and disabling deformities, which, if detected at an early stage, are capable of remedy. The correction of physical defects enables children to attend school without interruption and to carry on their school work successfully, preventing future losses to the State and ensuring the economic application of school funds by maintaining a high daily average of attendance.



"I am accordingly to call upon the Wexford County Council to take prompt steps for the appointment of a County Medical Officer of Health and for this purpose to adopt the preliminary procedure of

- (a) Fixing the terms of remuneration which should not be less than £800 per annum together with vouched travelling expenses.
- (b) Obtaining the consent of the Board of Health to the County Medical Officer of Health combining the duties of School Medical Officer at an assigned proportion of his total remuneration, which will be eligible for recoupment.
- (c) Application to the Local Appointments Commission for the recommendation of a person to fill the vacant office."

The Chairman said that this communication was not received in time to have it appear on agenda paper of that day's meeting.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Colomel Quin seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That consideration of letter from Local Government Department as to proposed appointment of County Medical Officer be adjourned to next meeting of the County Council to be held on 10th February!"

#### MAIN ROAD UPKEEP GRANT 1930/31

The following letter under date 10th January, 1930, (R/RGM/32) was read from the Department of Local Government:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to refer to the County Surveyor's Estimate for the Upkeep of Main Roads during the year 1930/31, and to state that the amounts passed, provisionally, appear to be:-

	£
Main Roads	25,160
County "	23,253.

'Assuming that the figures in respect of Main Roads relate to nonnormal upkeep in the year 1930/31, the Grant, provisionally, would amount to £10,064, leaving a sum of £38,349 to be levied on rates in respect of road upkeep. When the Estimates are finally passed the exact Grant will be determined and the conditions attaching thereto notified.'



WEEDS AND AGRICULTURAL SEEDS (IRELAND) ACT 1909

The following resolution was moved by Colonel Quin, seconded by Mr. Colloton:- "That we, the County Council for the County of Wexford, hereby consent to an Order being made by the Department of Agriculture declaring that throughout the County of Wexford all plants of the following species viz., Ragwort, Thistle and Dock are noxious weeds for the purposes of Part I of the Weeds and Agricultural Seeds (Ireland) Act 1909."

Mr. Murphy proposed and Mr. Hall seconded a resolution that no action be taken but the Chairman held that this meant only a direct negative and said he would take a show of hands on the original motion <sup>when</sup> ~~which~~ it was found that six were in favour and ten against.

The Chairman declared the motion lost.

WORRYING OF SHEEP BY DOGS

Under date 21st December, 1929, (L.3999-29) the Department of Agriculture wrote as follows:-

"I have to state that a complaint has been made to the Department with regard to the worrying and killing of sheep by dogs in the Foulksmills District in County Wexford and a request put forward that the law should be made more drastic in the interests of flock owners.

'In this connection I have to point out that the County Wexford (Control of Dogs) Order of 1907, which is still in operation, was made so as to enable your Local Authority to make Regulations for the control of dogs between the hours of sunset and sunrise, with a view to preventing the worrying of sheep. Such Regulations do not appear to have since been made, and, in all the circumstances, the Department wish to urge upon your Local Authority the desirability of putting in force in the County Regulations of the nature in question.

'The Department will be glad to learn that the matter has



been n favourably considered by your Council"

1 Mr. Thomas Fardy, Rosspile, Foulksmills, wrote under date e 8th January, 1930, giving instances of dogs worrying sheepp in his district. The farms on which these had occurred were: adjacent to a hunting Valley and well stocked with ground game: which is, of course, naturally attractive to wandering dogs and, therefore, flocks in such localities will always stand a certain amount of danger. From previous experience it could be proved that most destruction took place during the small hours of tthe morning followed by the difficulty of catching dogs in action and tracing their owners. He appealed to the Council to put the Order in force and give it a trial for a reasonable time.

The following resolution was proposed by Mr. Colfer and seconded by Mr. Murphy:-

"That in exercise of the powers conferred on us by the Co. Wexford (Control of Dogs) Order of 1907 we hereby adopt the following regulation:- "That in order to prevent the worrying of ccattle and sheep all dogs in the Administrative area of the Counnty Wexford shall, after the publication of this regulation in ttwo successive issues of the three local papers, be kept under control between the hours of sunset and sunrise. And that the Depaartment of Agriculture be requested to sanction this regulation."

A vote was taken with the following result:-

For:- Messrs Colfer, Culleton, Gibbon, Hayes, Meyler, Murphy, O'Ryan, Rockhe, Shannon and the Chairman (10)

Against:- Mr. Gaul and Colonel Quin (2).

The Chairman declared the resolution adopted.

The other members of the Council were not present when vote wasas taken.

KILMORE HARBOUR DREDGING

The following letter under date 30th December, 1930, (2393978/29) was read from the Commissioners of Public Works:-

"Owing to the many and urgent demands on the time of our



Assistant Engineers we regret that we cannot comply with the Council's request for the attendance of Mr. McNeill at the Council's meeting. The County Surveyor was supplied by us on the 18th October last with a print showing the area dredged and the depths of water at low water of spring tides and also with particulars of the cost of the work. We do not see what further information is required by the Council. If any is wanting it can no doubt be furnished by letter on request and meanwhile the County Council's contribution to the cost of dredging should be forwarded without delay."

It was decided that the question of payment for dredging be adjourned pending consideration of the report of Sub Committee which the County Surveyor stated he would summon as soon as weather permitted.

#### COURTOWN HARBOUR

The following under date 28th December, 1929 (D/1) was read from the Department of Lands & Fisheries:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Lands & Fisheries to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 18th instant and enclosure, and to state that the Department has no funds out of which a contribution could be made towards the repair of the protection work at Courtown Harbour.

'A special relief grant of £2,000 was made towards the construction of these works some years ago by the Department of Local Government and Public Health.

'I am to point out that the County Council assumed responsibility for maintenance of this harbour in 1905 and the Minister for Lands & Fisheries is, therefore, unable to recommend any State assistance towards the cost of the repair work now stated to be necessary.'"

No order.

#### ST. HELEN'S HARBOUR

Under date 23rd December, 1929, the Department of Lands



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and Fisheries wrote (D/14/5) acknowledging letter of 18th December relative to the construction of a pier at St. Helen's Harbour and stating that the matter was having attention.

THE RECENT DROWNING ACCIDENT AT DUNCANNON

The following under date 16th December, 1929, was read from Mr. Fintan M. O'Connor, Solicitor, 2, George Street, Wexford, Deputy Coroner for South Wexford:-

'I have received your letter and I note that the Council repudiate liability for the protection of the public at the place where Mr. Laurence Furlong lost his life at Duncannon.

'It is not customary for the Coroner to enter into correspondence in regard to the exercise of his judicial functions but as you have been good enough to write me it is only fair to the Jury and to all those concerned in this Inquest that I should reply.

'I beg to state that the evidence was very carefully considered before the Jury brought in their verdict and added the rider thereto. The matter seems to have been subsequently somewhat hastily considered by your Council and I think you will agree that as one life has been lost at Duncannon steps should be taken to prevent a recurrence. I understand from your letter that your Council do not propose taking further steps.

'As a matter of interest I send you herewith a letter and a photograph which I have received from Mr. Stephens of Duncannon who has evidently read the press report of the Council's discussion on the matter. The statements in Mr. Stephens' letter do not appear to be consistent with your Council's repudiation of control over this place at Duncannon. I would also bring to your notice the remarks which Mr. Stephens has put on the back of the photograph.

'It is the duty of the Coroner and his jury to investigate the cause of death and if they consider that further accident or possibility of accident can be prevented they are in duty bound to



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bring the matter to the notice of the public."

Under date 12th December, 1929, Mr. Abraham J. Stephens, Duncannon wrote that he had been in Duncannon all his life - nearly seventy years - and he remembered the building of the railing which ends at the place where Furlong was drowned being erected by the County Council. There was also a County Council gullet running underneath the part of the Quay wall over which Furlong fell. The place was not private property.

Under date 10th January, 1930, Mr. Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor, wrote that the place from where Furlong fell into the water had been pointed out to him as private property. The place, he understood, formerly belonged to a man named Stephens and was purchased from him some time ago by a Waterford man named Murphy. There is a pathway to a well through the place and this is the only use made of it at present. As far as he (Mr. Kehoe) could see the protection railing put up by the County Council extended as far as their authority existed, and did not cover the spot at which the accident occurred.

#### SCARAWALSH BUNCLODY ROAD

At the meeting of County Council on 11th November, 1929, it was decided that County Surveyor submit a detailed report as to the condition of above road.

The following under date 10th January, 1930, was read from Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor:-

1. "Scarawalsh-Ballycarney (3 miles)  
rolled and tarred and very fair.
2. Ballycarney-Moyeady (3 miles).

A gravel road with no foundation, and little surface crust. Just at the moment it is not too bad, as it has just been gone over with stones. A fortnight or so of bad weather will of course make it as bad as ever. It will get gradually worse until it is reconstructed.

3. Moyeady-Bunclody ( $3\frac{1}{2}$  miles).

$2\frac{3}{4}$  miles of this tarred and rolled and very fair. The  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile nearest Bunclody was rolled 15 years ago, and is worn out. It is to be reconstructed next Summer."



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PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT OF POUND AT ARTHURSTOWN

The following report under date 20th December, 1929, was read from Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor:-

"I visited Arthurstown on the 19th and made enquiries. The pound is situated in the centre of the village, on the property of Lord Templemore. It is about 14 square perches in area and is surrounded by an eight foot masonry wall. There is a supply of water running through. There are side walls of an outhouse standing, and, if necessary, a shelter could be erected at very little expense, otherwise, no other expenditure would be necessary to restore it as a pound!"

It was decided on the motion of Mr. D'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Hall to approve of the re-establishment of Pound at Arthurstown no expense (in view of Mr. O'Neill's report) to be incurred as regards erection of shelter but County Surveyor to provide lock and chain and any minor repairs.

DUNCANNON SEWERAGE

Under date 21st December, 1929, the following report was read from Mr. Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor:-

"I beg to report that a Committee appointed by the County Board of Health met in Duncannon on November the 23rd to examine the sewerage system and report thereon.

'The Committee present were Messrs P. Colfer, M.C.C., J. E. Walsh, M.C.C., and John Murphy, M.C.C., I was also present together with Mr. Shortall, Town Surveyor, New Ross.

'After examining the sewers a report was written to the effect that the system (including stench traps) was in good order and that it was only necessary to keep the traps filled with water in dry weather in order to prevent any foul air coming through.

'They were, however, inclined to think that the Road Authority should be responsible for keeping the traps in order.



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'I did not agree with the report in as far as it suggested putting the responsibility of keeping the sewers and traps in order on the Road Authority, and I told the Committee that in my opinion the people that made the sewers should keep them in order.

'Later when asked to sign my name to the report I refused to do so, but it was suggested that I should sign it as attending at the inspection, and to this I had no objection.'"

It was decided to refer the matter to the County Surveyor.

#### ROSSLARE CLIFF ROAD (994)

Under date 4th January, 1930, the County Surveyor wrote that on 17th October he wrote Insurance Brokers asking them to quote for third party claim in connection with above road. As he did not receive a quotation up to 23rd December, 1929, he wrote again and received a reply on the 3rd January that the Brokers had been unable to produce a quotation for the insurance.

#### HEDGE CUTTING

Report of Mr. Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor, under date 2nd January, 1930, reported the names of four owners of land who were served with notices on 25th November last to cut hedges which owing to their height were damaging public roads.

It was decided on the motion of Mr. Culleton, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne, that report be sent forward to Roads' Committee for consideration, Committee being empowered to take the necessary steps as regards enforcement of the law in the cases reported by Mr. Kehoe.

#### MATERIAL ON PRIVATE LANE

The following report was submitted from Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor:-

'On 7th instant I found machine broken stone from County Council Quarry in Clologue spread on Mr. Mogue Doyle's lane adjoining public road No. 198. I was not able to estimate quantity spread as a lot of gravelly slag had been used to cover it up.



'Mr. Doyle's address is Clonee, Camolin, and I have writtten him I am reporting matter to you'"

On the motion of Mr. Murphy, seconded by Mr. Hall, it was d decided to refer report from Mr. Treanor to next meeting of R Roads' Committee with power to take any steps which the circrcumstances may require.

#### PETROL PUMP LICENCE

Mrs Anastatia Somers, Coolgreaney, applied for licence for p petrol pump.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Colonnell Quin, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That licence for petrol pump be granted to Anastasia Somers, Coolgreaney, on receipt of report from County Surveyor recommending issue of samee.

#### CINEMA HALL LICENCES

Under date 23rd December, 1929, Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Survveyor, reported that he visited Broadway Cinema Hall on 20thth December and found that the operator's box has now been provovided. The hall was, in his opinion, quite safe as a Cinema. There are three exits and also four or five large windows.

It was decided on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Colomel Quin that Cinema licence for Broadway Hall now issue.

Mr. Kehoe reported that he had seen Mr. Hassett's Cinema placee at Bridgetown and licence could issue. There was no change in thhe place since licence had been issued.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrnyrne, seconded by Mr. Gaul:- "That renewal of Cinema Licence to MrMr. Michael Hassett in respect of Bridgetown Cinema Hall be now i issued."

#### STREET HAWKERS IN GOREY

The following under date 16th November, 1929, was read from the D District Superintendent, Garda Siochana, Gorey:-

"I am in receipt of your communication of 15th instant in



connection with Street Traders in Main Street, Gorey, on  
 Fair and Market Days, in which you request that we have  
 same removed to Market Square. In reply, I wish to draw your  
 attention to the fact that we are powerless in this case, and  
 will remain so until the Town Commissioners enforce or make  
 Bye-Laws and confer on us the power to act."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of  
 Colonel Quin, seconded by Mr. McCarthy:- "That copy of letter  
 from Gorey District Superintendent Garda Siochana, as to street  
 trading in Main Street, Gorey on fair and market days, be referred  
 to the Gorey Town Commissioners."



# WILD BIRDS' PROTECTION.

Circular letter was read from the Hon. Secretaries of the Irish Society for the Protection of Birds, asking the support of the Council and their influence on behalf of the Wild Birds' Protection Bill, 1929, which, having reached its final stage in the Seanad, was expected to come before the Dail at an early date after the close of the Christmas recess.

Senator Kathleen Browne, Rathronan Castle, Bridgetown, writing in support of the Society's request, stated that wild birds were an asset to the country on account of their beauty, and the interest visitors took in them. Most of them were very useful to the farmer and, leaving out the well-known mischievous ones - crows, woodpigeons, etc. - even if they did a little harm sometimes, more than compensated for that by the great amount of good they did. Later on they <sup>should</sup> try to get the Saltee Islands made a bird sanctuary.

Mr Gaul proposed and Mr Cline seconded the adjournment of the matter.

Colonel Quin proposed that the Council should comply with the request of the Society, and Mr Culleton seconded.

Mr O'Byrne.- I think it is one of the things that anyone could support.

Mr Murphy.- There are things you could not support. If you can't buy a canary, get a goldfinch.

Secretary.- You can get a goldfinch if you provide a proper cage for it.

Mr Jordan.- Of course, what you are really asking is that some measure of legislation be passed for the protection of wild birds. It doesn't follow that the legislation will prevent the catching of finches and birds like that.

On a show of hands, eight members voted for adjournment and



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ten against. The remaining members were not present for the division.

Colonel Quin's proposition was declared passed.

#### TEACHERS' PENSIONS.

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Under date 30th December, 1929, Mr J J Kelly, National Teacher, Taghmon, Hon. Secretary, Wexford Branch, Irish National Teachers' Organisation, forwarded the following resolution which he stated that Mr Corish intended proposing at the meeting of the Council:-

"That we, the members of the Wexford County Council, in meeting assembled, view with deep concern the further proposed reduction in the salaries of the teachers of our primary schools for the purpose of meeting a deficiency in their pension scheme, which deficiency exists solely in the endowment fund for which the Government is responsible, while the teachers' contribution even shows a surplus on valuation. We are strongly of opinion that any further deduction in the teachers' remuneration would be detrimental to the progress of education, and a serious injustice to the teachers, who have honourably fulfilled their obligation of a contribution of four per cent of their salaries. The National Teachers, having already suffered a 10 per cent reduction in their salaries, and having contributed a higher percentage towards their superannuation scheme than other body of public servants in the Free State, we hereby pledge them our entire support and sympathy in their honest endeavour to resist this unjust demand".

The Chairman said that Mr Corish, who had attended the meeting in the forenoon, had 'phoned that he was too ill to attend.

A deputation, consisting of Messrs. P. J. Doyle, N.T., Clonroche; J.J. Kelly, N.T., Taghmon, and M. Murphy, N.T., Cushinstown, attended the meeting on behalf of the teachers.

Mr Doyle said that, when the fund was established 50 years ago, the Government accepted responsibility for three-fourths of



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the cost of the pensions and the Teachers for the remaining one-fourth. When the Irish Government were taking over the service, they were asked to see that it was solvent and they had a second warning to the same effect when the final financial adjustment was under consideration. The Minister for Finance was now endeavouring to have the fund put into a solvent position at the expense of the teachers. In the course of a lengthened statement Mr Doyle mentioned that the maximum salary of a male teacher was £330.

Colonel Quin.- Surely it is over £400.

Mr Murphy, N.T., said that he was at the maximum salary of £387, but he was in the super normal grade which very few teachers had reached. The normal maximum salary was £330.

The Chairman said he thought there had been an erroneous idea abroad about teachers' salaries. He had been under the impression himself until that day's explanation that teachers' salaries were much higher and he thought that that opinion was general in the country. Every body of people should get fair play. He was glad that Mr Doyle in his address to the Council had made it clear as to the actual salaries the teachers were in receipt of. Mr Doyle had convinced him of a fact he was not aware of heretofore. He had thought with many others that some of the teachers' salaries were touching £400.

Colonel Gibbon said that, with the Chairman, he was certainly surprised that the salaries were not higher. The teachers had a most enormously important task. The members of the deputation had made a very good case.

Mr Kelly<sup>N.T.</sup> pointed out that there were many solutions of the problem which could be adopted instead of imposing an 8½ per cent further reduction on the teachers, and the matter could be settled without any further imposition on taxpayers or ratepayers. The Government could meet the matter each year as it arose, and the



amount would not be anything considerable for at least fifteen or twenty years, and improvements in the state of the country might enable the Government to meet the burden later on, and not to impose the whole on the present generation of teachers.

Mr O'Byrne proposed the adoption of the resolution.

Mr Colfer seconded.

Colonel Quin.- I personally think that the County Council has nothing to do with the matter. It is a private business of the teachers. As a matter of fact, the report that has been given was a little exaggerated in places.

The Chairman remarked that he scarcely ever met a body of men putting forward a case that did not exaggerate a little.

Referring to the ten per cent cut, the Chairman said he did not think that any other servants of the Government except the teachers had to submit to that cut. He was very much enlightened to know that salaries were not higher than had been stated.

Colonel Quin.- I still think they are. I have been told by a priest.

Chairman.- I am quite convinced of what has been put before us, and I believe the teachers are not so soft as <sup>not</sup> to know that we could get at the question of salaries afterwards.

Colonel Quin.- We were first told that the maximum was £330, and I questioned a deputationist, and he said his salary was £387.

Mr D'Arcy.- One per cent of the Teachers of Ireland have that.

The Chairman said the teachers might have a complaint sometimes. He thought, however, that they had as good hours and as good a time as those in any other service, but he would now leave the matter to the Council to decide.

Miss O'Ryan said it was news to them to know that the teachers' salaries were not higher, but another thing they should bear in mind was that in <sup>no</sup> other branch of public service was a female allowed to remain in her position after marriage. In most cases



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a female teacher married a male teacher, with the result that more money was brought into their house than in other cases. They would have less unemployment in the country if the distribution of wages was more equally divided. In the civil service when a lady got married she had to resign, and she (Miss O'Ryan) would vote in support of the teachers if that rule was incorporated in the rules that applied to teachers. The salary of a married female teacher meant an extra £330<sup>going</sup> into a house, and that was more than the ordinary person in Ireland was earning at present.

The Chairman said he did not think the maximum salary was £330 for both male and female teachers.

Miss O'Ryan.- Well, £330 and £270. Though £330 is a maximum there are also fees. However, leaving the salaries at £330 and £270, it is a total of £600.

Colonel Quin.- We are all surprised at Miss O'Ryan going for female teachers. Why should they be penalised for getting married? Why not go for the man getting married, too? Why shouldn't he be kicked out also?

Miss O'Ryan.- Colonel Quin can be very funny at times. I don't say that a male teacher should resign, but if a woman that gets married wants to continue her school, she has other duties to perform.

Colonel Gibbon suggested that a married woman might be the best to look after the children in a school if she and her husband were getting a salary which would enable them to pay someone to look after children.

Miss O'Ryan.- Her own children.

Colonel Gibbon said he thought that a woman that got married was a more normal and human woman, and he would be inclined to keep her on in her position. If they were to go into the ethics of education and the woman teacher and everything else, they would be there until next week. He suggested that they should have a vote



on the matter.

Mr O'Byrne said he sympathised with the point brought forward by Miss O'Ryan, but it had nothing to do with the matter before the meeting. They had been told that the question of pensions was not the business of the Council, but he thought it was the business of the Council to look after the interests of the people as a whole. He believed that the teachers were giving good service to the country and he asked that the resolution should be passed.

Mr Shannon said they were not dealing with the salaries at the moment; they were only dealing with the pension fund. The teachers were the standard-bearers of education in the country and any little development of intellect they had was due to the teachers.

Mr Cooney said he thought the comment made by Miss O'Ryan was a proper comment to make at the present time. Everyone was aware of the prevalence of unemployment. When a girl in a post office, for instance, got married, she had to clear out, and her husband had to support her, but a female school teacher continued to be a school teacher after marriage. Many young girls were looking for employment and could not get it, while a schoolmaster married a schoolmistress and kept another girl out of employment. He thought Miss O'Ryan was quite right in drawing attention to the point.

Mr Jordan said he thought the Council should have nothing whatever to do with the resolution. The Council had not been elected for the purpose of doing so at all. There was another institution to deal with the question, and the teachers were well represented there. He thought the question of teachers' salaries should not be brought under local administration. While he understood the teachers had a grievance which should be righted, he did not think the Council had anything to do with it.

The Chairman said that if the Government had made a bargain in taking over the pension fund after, as had been stated, having been



warned by the teachers, he thought it was hardly fair to shelter behind the teachers and compel them to pay another  $7\frac{1}{2}$  per cent or whatever it was. He agreed that many other sections of the community were not in as good a position as the teachers, but if the teachers had rights to look after, it was the duty of someone to look after them for them.

Mr Jordan said the resolution put him in a rather awkward position. He did not want to vote against the teachers' pension fund being put right, but that was the position he would be put in. He held that the matter was not the business of the Council at all.

Chairman.- That's your opinion, but there are twenty-six *other* members, and they are all entitled to their opinion.

A poll on the resolution resulted as follows:-

For:- Messrs Armstrong, Brennan, Cline, Colfer, Cooney, Culleton, D'Arcy, Gaul, Hall, Hayes, Keegan, Mayler, McCarthy, Murphy, O'Byrne, Roche, Shannon, Smyth, and the Chairman. 19.

Against:- Colonel Quin and Mr Jordan. 2.

Miss O'Ryan did not vote, stating that, as the matter stood, she would not do so.

The other members were not in attendance when vote was taken.

The resolution was declared adopted.

#### POACHING TRAWLERS.

The following resolution was submitted:-

"That we, the Cork Co. Council, call on the Department of Fisheries to take the most stringent steps by the providing of patrol vessels to prohibit the nefarious depredations which foreign trawlers are committing in the Free State territorial waters nightly, and we are of the opinion that such territorial waters should be extended from three to twelve miles, and further, we consider, to give our fishing industry an opportunity of recuperating, all steam trawling should be <sup>prohibited</sup> for a reasonable period".



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Colonel Gibbon moved the adoption of the resolution, because the fishing in Kilmore, Carne and Rosslare, and all round the coast of the County, was being absolutely destroyed by trawlers. The French trawlers, he was informed, came in and removed lobsters from the pots, and he heard that on one Sunday they landed on the Saltees and they had absolutely no right to do that. He thought the fishermen should be protected.

Mr Gaul seconded.

The resolution was adopted.

MATTERS ADJOURNED.

The following matters, owing to the lateness of the hour, were adjourned to meeting of 10th February, 1930:-

RESOLUTIONS:- Mayo Co. Council, Trunk and Main Roads to be National Charges; Wicklow County Council,- (a) Admixture of home-grown grain and ~~m~~<sup>ma</sup>ize; (b) Local Loan Fund extended to County Boards of Health; National Association, Insurance Committees- Employment of displaced officers; Gaelic League- University Teaching through the medium of Irish; and Republican Prisoners Committee- Prisoners in Mountjoy Jail.

*Michael Doyle*