

WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

MEETING 11TH JANUARY 1932

M I N U T E S

COUNTY HALL,
WEXFORD.

N.J. FRIZELLE,
SECRETARY.

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A meeting of Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 11th January, 1932.

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

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

The Minutes of last meeting were read ~~and~~ confirmed.

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £21,377: 15s. was examined and signed. All items therein related to transfer to County Board of Health and Mental Hospital Committee.

THE LATE MICHAEL A. KEEGAN

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

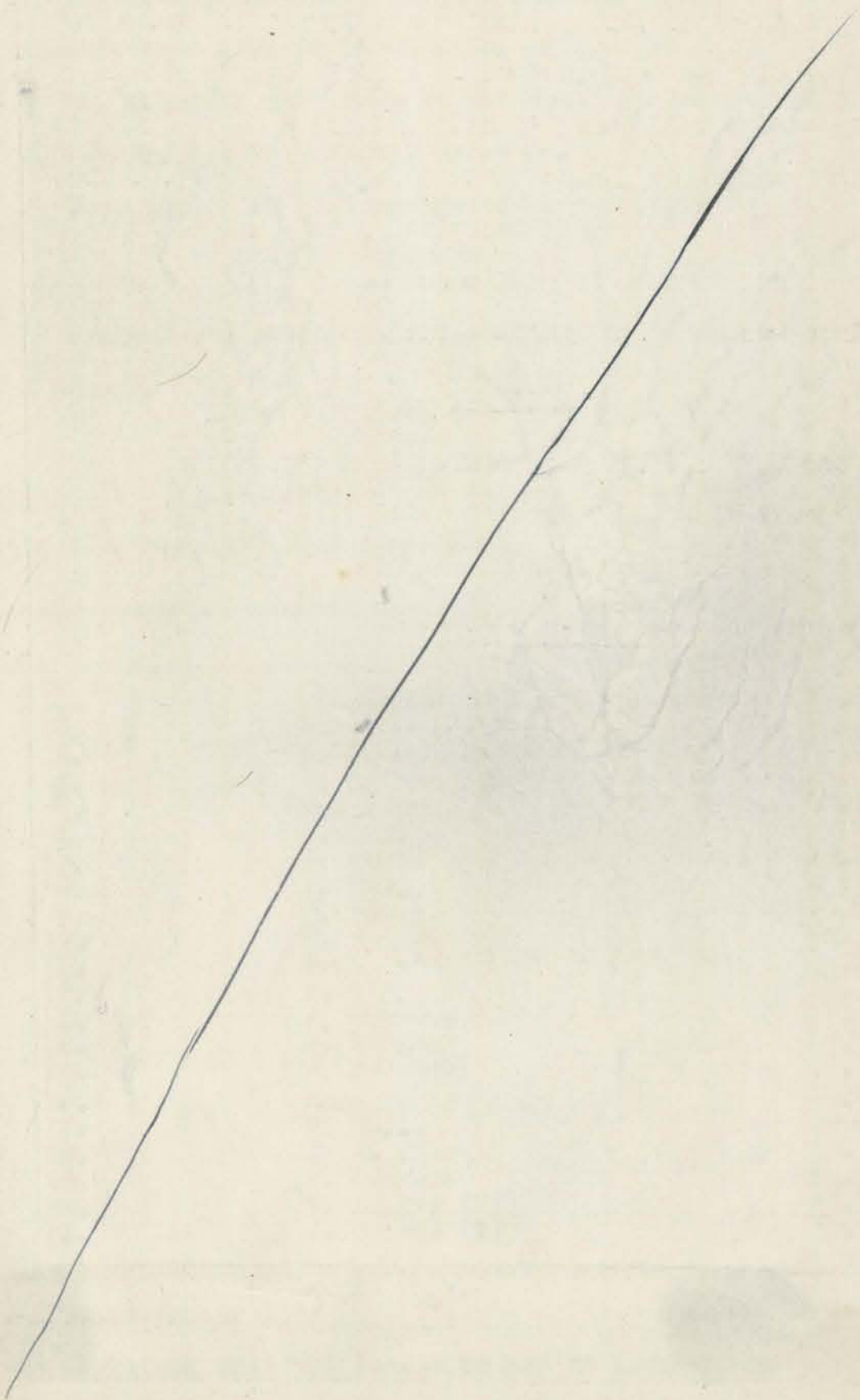
"That the following reply to vote of condolence from Mr. W.P. Keegan, County Councillor, on the death of his son, Michael Aloysius, be inserted on this day's minutes:-

"Kindly convey to your Council on behalf of Mrs. Keegan and myself our heartfelt thanks for their very kind vote of condolence in our sad bereavement.

We take this opportunity of thanking yourself, your clerical staff and Mr. Elgee. Assuring each and everyone concerned that their genuine expressions of sympathy go a long way to alleviate our great sorrow."

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF COMMITTEES

Finance Committee: The Minutes of Finance Committee
in respect of meeting of 17th December, 1931, were sub-
mitted as follows:-



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The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 17th December, 1931.

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

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

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

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £3544: 9: 3d was examined and signed.

RATE COLLECTION

State of. The following state of the Rate Collection to 16th December, 1931, was submitted:-

	Collector	Percentage of warrant collected
1.	J. Curtis	55.0
2.	J. J. O'Reilly	54.4
3.	E. J. Murphy	54.3
4.	J. Quirke (No.1)	53.7
5.	Wm. Doyle	53.5
6.	T. Rowe	53.2
7.	A. Dunne	52.5
8.	J. Deegan	51.4
9.	P. Carty	50.8
10.	T. Bolger (14)	50.3
11.	Sean Gannon (10)	49.2
12.	P. O'Byrne	48.7
13.	J. Cummins	48.6
14.	P. Nolan	47.9
15.	M. McCarthy	47.7
16.	Sean Gannon (6)	47.3
17.	P. Doyle	45.9
18.	J. J. Sinnott	45.0
19.	W. Cummins	44.3
20.	T. Bolger (12)	43.3
21.	J. Quirke (2)	39.4

Collector Thomas Rowe (No.18). This collector came before the meeting and explained that the reason he had no lodgment made between 16th and 28th November last was because he was busy on the Voters

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Register and had handed in his books to his Solicitor so that all ratepayers having outstanding rates would be communicated with.

In reply to Mr. Hall, Mr. Rowe said he called several times on all ratepayers before handing in the books to his Solicitor. In reply to the Chairman, he said he was aware that he should lodge every 48 hours and was carrying out this order. He was prepared to close his collection by the 31st March next.

The meeting accepted Mr. Rowe's explanation as satisfactory.

Duties of Rates Inspector.

The following under date 16th December, 1931, was read from Sean O'Kennedy, Rate Inspector:-

"When I was appointed Rates Inspector by the Wexford County Council the marking off of the Collectors Abstracts in the Rate Books was assigned to me as part of my duties.

'The County Secretary has informed me that for the future the Rate Books must be kept in his office and marked off by him.

'In order that I keep in touch with the progress of the Collection it is essential that I should have a duplicate set in my office so that they are at all times accessible to me for reference.

'I shall be glad, therefore, if your Committee will provide same for me.'"

The following was read from the County Secretary:-

"In reference to Mr. O'Kennedy's report, addressed to the Chairman, I have to state I do not consider there is the slightest necessity for the Council incurring an expense of about £100 in providing duplicate Rate Books for Rate Inspector.

'The question arose on my deciding to have Rate Books marked from Collectors Abstracts under my supervision. Mr. O'Kennedy resented this, holding it was part of his duty.

'I explained to him that in view of the attitude of Insurance Companies in dealing with claims in the case of ~~Returns~~ defaulting Collectors I had decided that Rate Inspector's Returns

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should be checked in my office under my direction and independently of the Rate Inspector. Mr. O'Kennedy then stated he considered Rate Books should remain in his custody. I pointed out to him that Rate Books must be under my charge in future and that he could have access to them as required. He objected owing to the distance between the two offices.

'Mr. O'Kennedy's returns for Wexford checking, due on the 14th instant, were only received after I wrote him on the 16th instant, he at first stating he was not inclined to furnish them as he considered the marking of Rate Books was his duty.

'I am transferring Mr. O'Kennedy to an office along side my own so that there will be no difficulty in his having access to Rate Books at all times.'"

No order.

ALLEGED IRREGULARITY BY ROAD GANGER

The report by Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor, relative to a complaint by John Butler, Kilmacree, Road Worker, that ganger W. Boggan had not paid him 9/- for carting on 13th Nov., 1931, adjourned from last meeting, for the attendance of Boggan and Butler, was considered.

In a report to the County Surveyor, under date 2nd December, 1931, Mr. Birthistle stated Ganger Boggan attended with his pay sheets on 28th November. He was questioned as to the amounts returned as paid J. Butler for fortnight ended 14th November and stated he had paid the amount at the proper time which Mr. Birthistle disbelieved. He then suspended Boggan.

J. Butler in a statement to Mr. Birthistle ^{stated} that after 13th November he did not see the ganger until 24th November tho' he ~~said~~ should have seen him on 20th with his pay for the one day. Butler hinted to Boggan when he saw him on the 24th that money was scarce hoping that payment would be made. Altho' Boggan remained half an hour he said nothing about the money. He never got the money any time.

stated that
Butler came before the meeting and when he mentioned on the 24th about money being scarce Boggan did not let on to hear him.

In reply to Mr. Hall, Butler denied that he was ever on bad terms with Boggan. It was not until the 28th November that Boggan offered the money and in consequence of the report to Mr. Birthistle he then declined to take the 9/-.

Boggan said he did not give the 9/- to Butler. The latter told him on 19th November to keep it. Butler had been in the habit of giving him things such as potatoes and hay and he said as he had nothing to give him that week he (Boggan) could keep the 9/- . He (Boggan) said that it would not be fair to keep the 9/- and Butler said he should keep it as he had no hay to give him this year. He (Boggan) knew it was not exactly right to take any presents from Butler but he did not look on them the same as money. The following Tuesday he (Boggan) brought up the matter again to Butler but Butler said that as he had given Boggan the money the latter could keep it and Butler refused to take it. The whole business arose out of spite on Butler's part as to the division of work between him and Ben Wilson. Butler blamed him (Boggan) for employing Wilson tho' this was done by directions of Mr. Birthistle who wanted to divide the work. He admitted he told Mr. Birthistle that he had paid Butler on the day following the meeting of the Finance Committee.

Mr. Birthistle said Boggan told him he had paid all the men, including Butler, at the proper time.

Butler was then again called before the meeting and emphatically denied telling Boggan that he could keep the 9/- or that he had given him presents of any kind. About 16 months ago he gave a "stop" and some hay for Boggan's donkey as Boggan said it was a long way from where work was being carried out to his home. He never gave Boggan any presents of potatoes and was not grieved because Wilson was employed.

Boggan said that the potatoes had been left for him by Butler with Frank Quinn in the quarry but Butler denied this.

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

"That the suspension of W. Boggan, Road Ganger, be confirmed. That he be retained in the service as an ordinary workman for road and quarry work."

EXTENSION OF OVERDRAFT

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

"That the Local Government Department be requested to sanction extension of time for overdraft accommodation with the Council's Treasurer of £20,000 from 1st January, 1932, to 31st March, 1932."

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Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Hall seconded the following resolution which was adopted without dissent:-

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 17th December, 1931, be received and considered."

Alleged Irregularity of Road Ganger: Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Corish seconded the following resolution:-

"That the recommendation of Finance Committee in the case of William Boggan, Road Ganger, be confirmed."

This was after discussion put and passed Col. Quin dissenting.

The following resolution was then adopted on the motion of Mr. Hall seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 17th December, 1931, be and are hereby confirmed."

The Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 31st December, 1931, were submitted as follows:-

The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, Co. Hall, Wexford, on 31st December, 1931.

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

The Secretary, Assistant Secretary, County Surveyor, County Solicitor and Rate Inspector, were 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 confirmed.

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £1,781: 1: 6d was examined and signed.

RATE COLLECTION

The State of the Rate Collection to date was submitted as follows:-

No.	Name of Collector.	Percentage of Warrant collected.
1.	J. Curtis	56.4
2.	E.J. Murphy	54.7
3.	J.J. O'Reilly	54.7
4.	J. Quirke (No. 1)	54.4
5.	W. Doyle	53.7
6.	T. Rowe	53.4
7.	T. Bolger (No. 14)	53.3
8.	A. Dunne	53.1
9.	J. Deegan	51.9
10.	P. Carty	51.7
11.	S. Gannon (No. 10)	50.3
12.	J. Cummins	50.0
13.	S. Gannon (No. 6)	49.1
14.	P. O'Byrne	49.0

No.	Name of Collector.	Percentage of Warrant collected.
15.	P. Nolan	48.0
16.	J.J. Sinnott	48.0
17.	M. McCarthy	48.0
18.	W. Cummins	46.6
19.	P. Doyle	45.9
20.	T. Bolger (No. 12)	44.5
21.	J.J. Quirke (No.2)	39.6

Philip Doyle was behind 4 per cent as compared with corresponding period last year, McCarthy 2.2 per cent and P. Nolan close on 2 per cent. The Collection had gone back for the past month and it was now on the same mark as at the corresponding period of 1930.

RATES ON BANTRY AND BLACKSTAIRS COMMONS - CONFERENCE WITH CARLOW COUNCILLORS

With reference to the Conference between five County Councillors from Carlow and a similar number from Wexford as to above, to be held in Enniscorthy Courthouse on 19th January at 11 a.m., Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Shannon seconded a resolution directing the Rate Inspector and the two Rate Collectors concerned (Messrs E.J. Murphy and P. O'Byrne) to attend on the occasion.

FOOD AND DRUGS ACTS

Mr. Elgee submitted certificate of County Analyst as to the abstraction of 15 per cent of its original fats from the sample of milk taken by Guard O'Carroll, Enniscorthy, from the small shop of Mrs. Dillon, John Street, Enniscorthy, She had no shop of her own but bought the milk from Myles Hanlon who delivered it for John Lacey, Slaney Street, Enniscorthy. It was the first time that the Guard ob-

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tained a sample from Mrs. Dillon but he had often taken a sample from Hanlon and the milk had been always found to be genuine. The Guard stated that when he took the sample he stirred up the milk in the basin.

The Committee considered that takingⁱⁿ/to consideration the following (a) the period of the year (b) the fact that the "top" of the milk had probably been disposed of before the sample was taken (c) the fact that proof would be forthcoming that the milk had been sold as it came from the cow (d) that there was no added water it would be very difficult to sustain a prosecution.

A resolution to this effect was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Culleton.

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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 31st December, 1931, be and are hereby confirmed."

LINO' COVERING FOR COUNTY COURT

Under date 11th January, 1932, the following was read from County Surveyor:-

"As directed by the Council I made tests with covering on the floor of Court, and am satisfied that the objectionable noise from shuffling feet will be almost, if not entirely, removed by the use of lino covering. Mr. Dwyer, County Registrar, was present and is also satisfied. He asks the Council to authorise me to lay down lino at once so as to have the work done in time for the Circuit Court."

Mr. Gaul proposed and Col. Quin seconded the following resolution which passed without dissent:-

"That the County Surveyor be instructed to provide a covering of suitable linoleum for the floor of Wexford Co. Court, cost not to exceed £35.

TOURIST TRAFFIC DEVELOPMENT ACT 1931

Letter under date 1st January, 1932, was read from the Secretary, Irish Tourist Association, O'Connell Street, Dublin, asking the Council to include in their estimates a Rate for Tourist Development under above Act.

Proceeding the letter stated :- "In making this application my Executive Committee desire me to convey their very best thanks for the support given by your Council in the past, and they trust that this year, in view of the Eucharistic Congress and other important events to be held in Ireland, your Council will mark their appreciation of the additional responsibilities devolving on the Irish Tourist Association by renewing their contribution, or, if circumstances permit it, by increasing their allocation

for tourist purposes."

Mr. Barry, Assistant Secretary, of Tourist Association who was in attendance pointed out that this year the Eucharistic Congress would bring hundreds of thousands of visitors to Ireland and who had never been here previously. It was the object of the Association that these people should have an opportunity of seeing not only Dublin but the beauty spots in other parts of the country. If they received a good impression some of them at least would return in future years. English people were - generally speaking - not spending their holidays on the Continent and the Association would do its best to have them come to Ireland for the hunting, fishing and kindred amusements. He was glad to say that they had had an increase of about 200 per cent in the number of enquiries as to an Irish holiday. They had to compete against countries whose tourist development is state aided to the extent of £100,000 in France and £250,000 in Germany. There had been a great increase in the number of tourists who had come to Ireland recently and a decrease in other countries. He asked the Council to agree to the same rate as last year.

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

"That the equivalent of a Rate of a farthing in the £ as a County at large charge be included under the Tourist Traffic Development Act 1931 in Rate Estimates for financial year 1932-33."

Col. Gibbon said that the fishing villages in the Co. Wexford should get as much publicity from the Association as Ballycotton and other places in Cork but this was not done. Their hunting facilities should be given special publicity on account of their proximity to England.

Mr. Corish, as the Representative of the County Council on the Tourist Development Association Committee, said that to his knowledge the Association was doing as much for Co.

Wexford as for any other county. Within the past two months representations had been made for the provision of better roads and for the development of their small seaside resorts.

Mr. Barry pointed out that the money allocated to the Association by Local Authorities had to be spent on a scheme approved by the Minister for Industry and Commerce. A great deal of it had to go in publicity expenses most of which was done outside Ireland. Over 50 % of their funds went in publishing Press notices and illustrated folders for local places. Such a folder had been issued for Wexford and had dealt with the seaside resorts of Rosslare, Kilmore, Courtown Harbour, Lists of Hotels and Boarding Houses had been prepared and folders dealing with hunting, fishing and other amusements. The number of their visitors was up to Pre-war record and they had every reason to hope for improvement. They had to provide information bureaux outside Ireland and their upkeep cost a substantial figure. They were in connection with every Tourist Association all over the world and had made arrangements with important newspapers to publish articles which were considered helpful in attracting visitors. The people at home did not realise this side of their work. It would be admitted that there had been a considerable increase in the number of tourists - since the establishment of the Association.

Mr. Keegan said he had never seen a decent newspaper article on Hunting in Co. Wexford but if old people who knew the County's great record in the hunting field were consulted one of the finest sporting articles possible could be produced.

The Chairman said if it were not for the Eucharistic Congress he would be half inclined to propose either a reduction or a discontinuance of their subsidy owing to the

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impoverished condition of the County.

Col. Gibbon said the Association should press for a law making it compulsory on hotels to provide modern sanitation and proper baths which were absolutely necessary if they desired people to visit Ireland .

After further discussion the motion was put and passed unanimously.

Mr. Barry returned thanks on behalf of the Association.

BUNCLODY SEWERAGE SYSTEM

Under date 22nd December, ¹⁹³¹ the Department of Local Government forwarded Sealed Order (P.H.86645/1931) fixing the old Enniscorthy Rural District as the area of charge for the provision and maintenance of sewerage system at Bunclody.

OPENING NEW ROSS BRIDGE

Under date 6th January, 1932, the District Engineer, Electricity Station, Gracedieu Road, Waterford, wrote (Wat.363. LT/NR/WFR.) as to delay in opening New Ross Bridge complained of by Capt. Tyrell:-

"Further to yours of the 31st ult. re delay in opening New Ross Bridge; our local representative, Thos. Mernagh states that he was not approached by your official re the opening of the bridge on the date in question but was informed at 2.40 p.m. by a Mr. Sunderland that the Bridge was about to be opened. He explained this to Capt. Tyrell in the presence of your official in charge of the bridge.

"We would like to point out that the present arrangement is only of a temporary nature and that we intend sinking a submarine cable this Summer.

"In the meantime we would be glad if you could arrange with your official to give Mr. Mernagh one hour's notice when it is required to open the bridge."

The Secretary stated that copy of this letter had

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been furnished the County Surveyor and the latter had made arrangements as requested by the District Engineer of Electricity Supply Board at Waterford.

SCHOLARSHIPS IN SECONDARY AND VOCATIONAL
SCHOOLS.

Under date 4th January, 1932, the Department of Education, wrote (L.39132) approving of draft scheme for above scholarships for the County Wexford.

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

"That in view of the short period of notice which can be given to the public owing to the delay of Department of National Education in dealing with draft scheme for Scholarships in Secondary and Vocational schools in the County, the regulation of the Council to circulate the names of candidates to County Councillors previous to consideration at general meeting, be not enforced for this year, but, that all entries be considered at general meeting of the County Council to be held on 8th February, 1932."

COURTOWN HARBOUR

Under date 5th January, 1932, Mr. Dudley E. Butler, Ounavarra Hotel, Courtown Harbour, wrote that as the result of a meeting held in Courtown on 4th inst. it was decided to send a deputation to the next meeting of the County Council to seek some measure of relief for the fishing community, many of whom were on the verge of starvation owing to the failure of the herring fishery.

It was decided that the deputation consisting of the following should be received:- Messrs Butler, Murphy, Wafer and Fortune ~~be received~~.

Mr. Butler, who acted as spokesman of the deputation, said the object of their attendance was to bring to the notice of the Council the state of poverty which existed amongst the fishing community in Courtown Harbour and to

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appeal to them for some measure of relief to alleviate the hardships which those people were enduring. The sole means of income which the fishermen of Courtown had was the income that they derived from fishing. The failure of the herring fishing this season was responsible for their present unfortunate plight. Last year over 1,000 mease of herring were landed and sold for £500. This year only 200 mease were landed and realised only about £80. Each of the boats was manned by a crew of five, the majority of whom were married with families depending on them. At a low estimate the cost of equipping a fishing boat was about £5. Those figures showed the great loss which the fishermen had sustained. The position of the fishermen as compared with the workers had also to be considered. The fishermen were solely dependent on the very uncertain harvest of the sea, to reap which they daily and nightly risked their lives and their property, and, as often happened, one or both might be lost. They were also victims to weather conditions and might often be unable to follow their occupation for weeks at a time through storms, or, as often happened in Courtown Harbour, through the filling up of the harbour mouth with sand. The fishermen had no redress for any losses thus incurred by them, and, unlike other workers, were not eligible for unemployment benefit. When such a condition of affairs arose as at the present time existed in Courtown Harbour they could only appeal to the generosity of a public body. It was with reluctance they did so, and the records of the Council, he thought, would show that the occasions were rare on which the fishermen of Courtown had made any similar appeal. In conclusion, Mr. Butler stated the deputation requested the Council to give their appeal sympathetic consideration, and trusted the Council would find it possible to grant the assistance which was so badly needed.

In reply to the Chairman Mr. Butler said if any work

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could be started at Courtown they would welcome it rather than a money grant.

Mr. Cummins - What is the good of talking about a money grant when we have no money to grant ?

Mr. O'Byrne - The cleaning out of the inner basin of the harbour would be a big relief.

Mr. Wafer (another member of the deputation) agreed with Mr. O'Byrne, and said the cleaning out of the basin would not only tend to relieve unemployment but would be a great boon to the fishermen and also counteract the dangers to which their boats at the present times were exposed. If no help were provided for the fishermen who with their families were in a deplorable condition they might go to the Co. Home or St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Chairman - We have a resolution on our books to ~~the~~ effect that we would put up £600 for this work if the Department would put another £600. Doesn't that hold good still ?

County Surveyor - Yes; that's one of the things we are going to put before the Department.

Chairman - There is a deputation going to the Department next Friday and that's one of the matters we contemplate putting before them. That £1,200 would help to relieve unemployment to some extent.

Mr. Wafer - It would do a lot of immediate good if it were available, not only for this year, but it would be a boon to the fishermen for many years to come. Courtown Harbour was built a hundred years ago, and at the present time it is silted and there is not a foot of water in it. Boats cannot be brought into the inner harbour if something is not done. The money recently spent on putting in new gates was not worth fourpence as the gates were not effective.

The Chairman said that in all of their seaside places there were complaints of hardship. In Rosslare the fishermen secured a fair amount of herrings but obtained no price

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for them. The Council could not of its own resources do anything to provide relief other than already done, ^{and} ~~stated~~ ~~that~~ there were other places along the coast of the county where those engaged in the fishing industry required assistance as greatly as Courtown, but they had not approached the Council. The Council would do all that was possible to secure a grant.

The deputationists thanked the Council and withdrew.

DISCHARGING BOAT FOR COURTOWN

Under date 2nd January, 1932, Mrs. Kate Callaghan, wrote asking the Council to provide a new discharging boat at Courtown Harbour. There had always been a discharging boat kept there for the use of traders. Her trading boat which plied between Courtown and Dublin was her chief means of living and there were three men dependent on her earnings. She drew six feet and it was very seldom without grave danger she could berth at the pier. She transported coal from Dublin for the local residents and the hotels at Courtown harbour. Her boat was not suitable for fishing purposes and as there had been a discharging boat kept at Courtown until recently she considered in the interests of the port one should be provided.

The County Surveyor said he thought a new boat would cost about £60.

Mr. Wafer, a member of Courtown Harbour deputation, thought a fairly good boat could be purchased for £30. They had had four discharging boats at Courtown for years, then one and recently none at all.

After discussion the following resolution was proposed by the Chairman seconded by Mr. Brennan:-

"That the question of providing new discharging boat for Courtown Harbour be referred to Finance Committee to whom we request the County Surveyor to report as to the

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approximate cost of repairing the old discharging boat;
the approximate cost of new boat and the charge per ton
which should be made for the use of boat by traders.

POISONS AND PHARMACY ACT LICENCES

The following resolution was adopted on the motion
of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Brenman:- "That Licences
under Poisons and Pharmacy Act 1908 be issued to Robert
Spencer (Messrs John Bolger & Co.) for premises at Church
St. and the Mills."

Under date 6th January, 1932, the District Superintend-
ent, Garda Siochana, wrote that both premises were suitable.

PROPOSED ERECTION OF FISH STORE

Under date 28th December, 1931, the following was
read from Mr. J. Doyle, Fortview, Duncannon:-

"I beg to apply to your Council for permission to
erect one shed size 24 ft. by 12 ft. for the purpose of
storing fish and fishing gear on the waste ground at the
top of the old Pier at Duncannon. Thanking you to have
same placed before your Council at your convenience."

The County Surveyor submitted a sketch showing the
site of proposed shed and stated that he did not think
permission should be given for the place selected by Mr.
Doyle.

The Chairman proposed and Mr. O'Byrne seconded the
following resolution which was adopted nem con:- "That a
Sub-Committee consisting of Messrs Murphy ~~and~~ Cummins and
Colfer be appointed to visit Duncannon and ascertain if it
were possible to recommend an alternative site to which
no objection could be taken."

IRISH AGRICULTURAL AND INDUSTRIAL FAIR AND EXHIBITION - CORK

Under date 30th December, 1931, the Town Clerk, Cork,

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wrote that a great Irish Agricultural and Industrial Fair and Exhibition would be held in Cork from May to September to provide a medium of displaying for the benefit of Irish people and the large number of visitors expected for next year's historic events|the products and industries of Ireland. The Cork Corporation considered that the project was worthy of the whole hearted support of Local authorities, who should avail of the occasion to ensure that the particular resources of their locality are suitably represented. The Corporation submitted for the consideration of the County Council the following resolution which the Cork Corporation had adopted:-

"That the Council make application for space in the Industrial Fair and Exhibition, Cork, 1932 - said space to be utilised for the purpose of making display of the City's resources, Commercial, Industrial and Educational. That financial provision be made for suitable display."

It was decided to refer the matter to the Finance Committee for recommendation.

TRANSFER OF MONEYS - ROAD ACCOUNTS

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Cummins seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That as requisitioned by Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor, the sum of £13: 6: 6d be transferred from Road Account 35 C to Road Account 30 C."

UNEMPLOYMENT GRANT

Mr. Hayes asked if the County Surveyor had any money on hands that he could expend immediately, as a lot of people were in a very bad way. He knew people with five or six children, and there was nothing between them and starvation.

Mr Corish - In that connection is there any word from the Government about the relief grant ?

The Secretary said he had not had word.

Mr. Corish thought they should send a deputation to the Government with regard to the matter.

Chairman - It seems to me very peculiar that out of £250,000 there is nothing coming to Wexford.

In reply to Mr. McCarthy, Mr. Corish said that schemes had been sent up from the county in ample time to allow of the Department's making up their minds. Schemes had been sent up before the Dail adjourned.

Mr. Gaul held that if they did not appoint a deputation they would get nowhere.

Mr. Corish proposed the appointment of a deputation and Mr. Gaul seconded.

Chairman - It seems very peculiar that the whole county Wexford has not even a promise of any money out of this £250,000 between three divisions of it - the Land Commission, Local Government Department and the Department of Fisheries.

Mr. Corish remarked that the L. G. D. was only getting £60,000.

Mr. Gaul - I am sure you have seen in the Press where Commissioner Bartley was blowing about all the work in Mayo, where he got £30,000 of the unemployment grant.

Chairman - Since you mention it, I think we should all have a Commissioner. I think if we could save £7,000 in the rates in half a year we should have two Commissioners.

Miss O'Ryan - I think that is not correct. There were services cut down.

Mr. Corish - We were told the Dublin Commissioners saved a lot of money, too, but when the Corporation came in they found a huge liability against them.

Miss O'Ryan said the Co. Health Board Estimate would be on next week, and the Home Assistance Rate was up to an alarming extent, because there were so many people out of work. If the Minister said they had no unemployment in

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county Wexford she held he was not keeping in touch with the situation.

Chairman - My belief is that the Minister thinks we are floating in money.

Referring to the requirements with regard to unemployed men reporting at the Labour Exchange, Miss O'Ryan said that in cases where schemes like that at the Mountain of Forth were started it was a great hardship that only men who reported daily at the Labour Exchange were to be employed. That was a great hardship on men who lived long distances away. She suggested that once a week should be often enough for idle, hungry men to report.

Mr. Hayes said that he had information to the effect that people living a distance away did not need to report even once a week. As far as he knew, nearly everyone in his district had registered in expectation of getting work on Forth Mountain. He thought that over 400 had registered for it. Only three men were employed at present. They had been hoping the scheme would bring great relief to the people in the districts surrounding the mountain, but only three men were employed at present, doing something in preparation for the scheme.

Col. Quin remarked that he thought it had been stressed that it was not necessary for a man to belong to any union to get work at the Labour Exchange.

Mr. Corish - What are you trying to advocate - is it non-union labour ?The people are not as big fools as you think.

Col. Quin said it had been stated there that a lot of people did not know - that they thought they should belong to a union.

Mr. Hayes - Oh, no.

Mr. Corish - No one said that.

Mr. Keegan said that at the moment there was a pretty

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big job being carried on in Gorey, and as far as he knew, the Contractor was going to the Labour Exchange for men. He thought it hardly fair for an official of the Labour Exchange to have all the say in the employment of men. An official could recommend whoever he liked to the Contractor. He thought there should be a local committee consisting of the people concerned to act in the matter.

Col. Quin - I don't.

Mr. Keegan - Well, I do. I don't believe any man should control the job in such a way.

Chairman - Who is going to act on a Committee like that ?

Mr. Keegan - Anyone with the courage of his convictions would not be afraid to go on it. I wouldn't be for one.

Chairman - I believe that all those difficulties enumerated here about the Labour Exchange are only a myth.

Mr. Corish wished to state on behalf of the Exchange that he had always found if certain men were wanted one had only to go to the Exchange and suggested the men wanted, and they would be secured.

Mr. McCarthy said that with regard to the Labour Exchange in Enniscorthy, they always found the officials dealing very fairly with everyone.

The Chairman said he thought that if the agricultural labourer once came in to register he would be fairly dealt with.

Mr. Culleton said he had been informed that, at the outside, twenty ^{only} men would be employed at Forth Mountain.

Mr. Hall referred to the distribution of work at Gorey Garden City.

Chairman - I think we will see at the next Health Board meeting that there is fair distribution.

With reference to the unemployment relief Grant, Mr. Gaul expressed agreement with Mr. Corish's proposal for a deputation,

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and remarked that passing resolutions was all bunkum. He understood the local authority had to put up a certain amount before getting any of the grant.

Mr. Corish said that that only applied to work done under the L.G.D. and that Department had only a small amount of the money. There was no question of putting up money under the Land Commission.

Miss O'Ryan - This money is subscribed by all the people of the country. It is taken out of central taxation, and why shouldn't a proportion come to Wexford ?

Chairman - I think Wexford is getting very badly dealt with, whatever is the reason of it. They don't seem to give us any concessions at all.

Mr. Corish's proposition was passed and the following members were appointed as a deputation:- Colonel Gibbon, Colonel Quin, Messrs Smyth, Roche and the Chairman, and vice-chairman.

It was decided that the County Surveyor and the five T.D.'s of the County should be asked to accompany the deputation.

TAGHMON STREETS

Mr. Gaul asked what allocation the County Surveyor was making to repair the streets in Taghmon.

The County Surveyor replied that the amount would be £132.

Mr. Gaul - Will that do any kind of a decent job ?

Co. Surveyor - It will be merely maintenance.

Mr. Gaul said that last year a certain amount of money was agreed to for Taghmon streets and it was decided afterwards to spend it on the road from Knockeen Cross towards Taghmon, with the result that very little work was done on the streets.

Mr. Gaul, who stated he was asked by Taghmon people to raise the matter of the streets also referred to the condition of portion of a footpath in Taghmon, which he said after fairs was impassable. Great inconvenience was caused to three or four

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families who lived beside it. To lay a cement footpath in the place would cost very little.

Mr. Gaull suggested that if a grant were obtained for Taghmon the footpath could be included in the work to be carried out, and this was agreed to.

RATES ON BANTRY AND BLACKSTAIRS COMMONS

Under date 6th January, 1932, the Secretary, Carlow County Council, wrote that the following members of his Council viz: Dunphy, Joyce, John P. Nolan, O'Connell and Rourke would meet the delegation from Wexford County Council relative to rates on Bantry and Blackstairs Commons at a Conference to be held at Enniscorthy Courthouse on Tuesday, 19th at 11 o'clock.

GOREY GARDEN CITY SCHEME

The following under date 30th December, 1931, was read from Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor for the district:-

"The Contractor for Gorey Garden City Housing Scheme together with Mr. Flood and Mr. Dunbar, Engineers for same approached me on 28th instant with reference to obtaining material from Gorey Hill Quarry for road making purposes in connection with the scheme, and I agreed, subject to sanction of County Council to supply rough stone at 3/- per cubic yard, and broken stone at 7/- per cubic yard, and stipulated that material must be produced by County Council employees under my supervision.

My reason for this provision is that I want to have quarrying work done in such a way as not to destroy present facing of rock which in view of recent experience can only be done by having direct control of working of quarry.

The prices quoted, will, I believe, enable Council to provide material and cover costs of production of same.

It would be well if proper agreement were drawn up between County Council and Contractor, such agreement to

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provide for fortnightly or monthly payments in full for value of materials supplied."

Mr. O'Byrne proposed the following resolution which was seconded by Mr. Corish and adopted:- "That we approve of the proposal of Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, as to supply of material to Contractor for Gorey Garden City Cottage Scheme for road construction, provided the Contractor enters into an agreement prepared by Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, which will contain a clause that he must be responsible for any damages that may arise as the result of any accident while material is being prepared for his use in the quarry."

OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION

Under date 8th January, 1932, the Department of Local Government, wrote (G.988/1932 Loch Garman) that the Minister had sanctioned continuance of overdraft accommodation not exceeding £20,000 upon the accounts of the Wexford County Council up to the 29th February, 1932.

UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT - INSURANCE ACTS

The following resolution was received from Kilkenny County Council:-

"That we, the Members of the Kilkenny County Council, having considered the great amount of money paid out in this County as Unemployment Benefit, which the Ratepayers at large have to pay without any productive return to the county, request the Minister for Industry and Commerce to formulate a scheme which will have the effect of giving the Ratepayers a return and give employment to the men who are idle, and for this purpose to allocate to the County Funds the amount of money disbursed weekly at the different Labour Exchanges in this County, which amounted to something like £6,495 paid in this County for that year."

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"We suggest that an arrangement can be made by which this sum if spent on roads, reclaiming waste land and planting, etc. or drainage can be carried out by the co-operation of the County Council and the responsible Department through their officials."

It was decided to adjourn consideration to next meeting of the Council on 25th January, 1932.

BUSINESS ON CATHOLIC HOLYDAYS

The following resolution was read from Leitrim County Council:-

"That we resolve that no business shall be transacted by the County Council, its officers or servants, and no meetings shall be held, on Catholic Holydays. Business should be transacted as usual on all other holidays. We request the Government and other Public Bodies to adopt similar steps."

Miss O'Ryan proposed the adoption of the resolution with the following addendum:- "And that the Government be requested to have Article 2 of the Schedule ~~and~~ Application of Enactments Order which does not allow of the business of any Public Authority being transacted on a Bank Holiday, cancelled."

Mr. O'Byrne seconded the adoption of the resolution with the addendum.

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

For:- The resolution and Addendum - Messrs Armstrong, Brennan, Clince, Colfer, Cummins, D'Arcy, Gaul, Gibbon, Hall, Hayes, Keegan, McCarthy, Meyler, Murphy, O'Byrne, O'Ryan, Shannon, Smyth and the Chairman - 19.

Against:- Mr. Culleton and Col. Quin - 2.

Mr. Corish (1) was not present when poll was taken.

The Chairman declared the resolution carried.

VOTES OF CONDOLENCE

A resolution of condolence was adopted with Mr. Hall

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in the death of his cousin, Mrs. Broughan, Goresbridge ,
Co. Kilkenny, on the motion of Mr. Keegan, seconded by
Mr. Corish.

Mr. Hall replied suitably.

Col. Quin proposed a vote of condolence to Mr. M.J.
O'Connor, Solicitor, Wexford, on the death of his brother,
the late Sir James O'Connor, who he said was a fine type of
Irishman.

Mr. Culleton in seconding the motion said that the
late Sir James O'Connor was a Wexford man of whom they should
feel proud.

The Chairman associated himself with the proposal. He
knew the late Sir James O'Connor well, and of course his
brother, Mr. M.J. O'Connor, was a townsman of Wexford, though
he had no official connection with the County Council.

Mr. O'Byrne - I don't think such resolutions should be
brought here when there is no official connection with the
County Council.

Mr. D'Arcy - He was a respected citizen anyhow.

Mr. O'Byrne - Not of this country. He preferred
another.

The proposition was passed in the usual way.

Michael Doyle

WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

MEETING 25TH JANUARY 1932

M I N U T E S

COUNTY HALL,
WEXFORD.

N.J. FRIZELLE,
SECRETARY.

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A meeting of Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 25th January, 1932.

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

The Secretary, Assistant Secretary, County Surveyor, County Solicitor and the following Assistant Surveyors were also in attendance:- Messrs T. Treanor, John Kehoe, R.J. Ennis, P. O'Neill and J.F. Birthistle.

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £8,471 : 6: 10d was examined and signed.

THE LATE SIR JAMES O'CONNOR

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Brennan seconded by the Chairman:-

"That reply of Mr. M.J. O'Connor, Solicitor, Wexford, acknowledging vote of condolence with him in the death of his brother, the late Sir James O'Connor, be entered on the Minutes of this day's meeting."

The following is the reply:-

"Many thanks for your very gracious favour of the 18th inst., in which you were good enough to inform me that a Resolution of condolence on the death of my brother was kindly adopted by the County Council on the motion of Colonel Quin, seconded by Mr. John J. Colloton. This kind resolution

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and your own kind letter are all the more valued by myself and the other members of my family considering that neither my brother nor myself had any official connection with the County Council.

As for your good self, you and he were lifelong friends, and needless to say he held you in the highest esteem and regard.

Pray convey to the Proposer and Seconder, my dear friends, Colonel Quin and Mr. John Colloton, and to each and every member of the Council, and also accept for yourself, the assurance of my grateful thanks."

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT

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

"I have arranged for the opening to traffic of the concrete road between Wexford and New Ross. There are still some small matters to be done in connection with the finishing off of the macadam sides, but the job is apparently sound. The Pioneer Company at their own expense, did some work in treating the surface with Silicate of Soda at the Ballymacar end, and I should like to have a further section of this done, but as it was not provided for in the Specification I could not ask the Company to carry it out.

"The concrete section of the Bunclody road has been opened to traffic for some time, and it is apparently a good job. In both of these contracts the maintenance period is now running.

"At the present time borings in the river adjoining the abutment at Ferrycarrig Bridge are being carried out. I had some excavations carried out at the back, down to rock level, and when the borings are completed we should have a fair knowledge of the foundations for any altered design at the abutment.

"on the 22nd instant I found that the roadway on the concrete road in Wexford Urban Area, at Redmond Road, had been opened for making water supply connections. This was being done without proper authority, and I immediately ordered the trench to be filled in, and notified the responsible Contractor - Messrs M. O'Connor and Company, Wexford - that I would bring up the matter at your meeting. As you know this is a very important road which was recently laid down in concrete, and I think very stringent steps should be taken to prevent interference without authority, and in all cases persons requiring to open such roadways should give an undertaking to make good damage.

"On the 21st instant the Committee appointed by the Council to deal with the application regarding shed at Duncannon met at the Harbour. There were present:- Messrs J. Cummins, P. Colfer, J. Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor, and myself. After discussion it was decided to recommend the Council to allow of the shed being erected on the plot of grass adjoining the old graveyard wall, - and so as not to project on to the metalled roadway, width being limited to 12 feet. Mr. Doyle, the applicant was present, and agreed to these arrangements and also to enter into an undertaking with the County Council, and to pay a small rent charge, as may be decided.

Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, has been in communication with Messrs Hull in regard to claim for hire of machinery used by them in Brownswood Quarry, while they were carrying out the concreting of the roads in Enniscorthy Urban Area. Messrs Hull have failed to settle this hireage account, and are mixing up claim with a completely different one in connection with the job which they carried out, on road between Wexford and Ferrycarrig. I consider action should be taken now to compel settlement of the account.

"I have now received, from Lord Courtown, copy of plan

showing the boundaries of the Council's authority at Courtown Harbour, and Lord Courtown has also given me copy of several Acts covering the harbour precincts.

I submit list of defaulting contractors who have failed to properly attend to their contracts, and ask for authority to take necessary proceedings.

"You will now have to fix dates of meetings to consider tenders for contract roads, and offers for haulage work. I have discussed the matter with the Secretary, and shall submit suggested dates at your meeting.

As authorised by the County Council I invited offers for floor covering for the Court, and received a number of tenders. The lowest tender was for £39: 5: 6d, which ~~was~~ being over the amount already fixed by the Council I have not accepted without further authority, which I now ask for."

Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Hall seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That the report of Co. Surveyor submitted to this meeting be received and considered."

Opening Concrete Road: County Surveyor - The Contractors took a water supply into a new garage from the road there. The point is this was done without authority or an undertaking to make good the damage afterwards. If this is allowed to go on you would not know where you would be. They opened the side of it.

Mr. O'Byrne - Wasn't it passed here that nobody could open the road without permission.

Chairman - That is the law and it should be carried out.

~~Mr. Barry~~ ^{Co. Surveyor} - They should be asked to make good the damage to your satisfaction.

Chairman - It is outrageous to meddle with the road without permission of the Council.

Mr. O'Byrne - I propose that we take proceedings for opening the road without authority.

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Col. Quin seconded.

Secretary - You should put an advertisement in the paper as some people may do it unknowingly.

The County Surveyor said it was not a matter for the urban authority at all although some might consider it was.

Chairman - On account of this being the first case would we accept an apology from them and put a notice in the paper.

Mr. O'Byrne - You put a notice in the paper before, and as well it would be a sort of excusing them and saying it is our own fault.

County Surveyor - The only point about it is - and I don't want to take proceedings in the first instance - that there is a possibility of people being under a misapprehension as to this road being within the urban area. It is a main road and absolutely under our control. We have set it to the urban council (Wexford Corporation) for the maintenance of the surface. That is all. We have the whole control of the road and what is under the surface.

Chairman - We might not succeed if we go on with this case on the plea that they thought that it belonged to the urban area, and their authority.

Mr. Elgee - Regarding a first offence, I am nearly sure if we went to law the Justice would treat it as a first offence and deal with it formally.

Col. Quin - Even so, it would worry anybody else going to do it.

Chairman - I believe they will restore it apart altogether from the question of proceedings.

Mr. McCarthy - If we got an apology, and that apology gets publicity it will be a warning to others. It was a wrong thing to do, no doubt, but as it is a first offence I propose that they be warned and be asked for a public expression of their regret to the Council, and to make good.

the damage to the satisfaction of the County Surveyor.

Mr. O'Byrne - If that is published I am satisfied.

Chairman - Mr. Elgee agrees we are not going to do any more good than that. We might get a conviction.

Mr. O'Byrne said he would second Mr. McCarthy's proposition, which passed unanimously.

Just before the conclusion of the meeting the following letter to the County Surveyor was received from Messrs M. O'Connor & Co. Building Contractor, Wexford:-

"In reply to your letter re opening of road to get to water main to connect up for Mr. Roche's garage we notified the Borough Surveyor thinking we were applying to the proper quarter for leave to open ground, and did not know until your letter reached us that it was you we should have applied to. Needless to say we shall make good the road and foot-path and very much regret any inconvenience caused."

The meeting decided to accept this explanation and the matter dropped.

Shed at Duncannon: Mr. Cooney said he thought somebody else was looking for a store down there and he was informed if they gave that site mentioned in the report they would hold somebody else up. He believed the ^{people} Campile/were looking for a store down there for the shipping of potatoes. If they gave leave now they must give it to the Campile people

Col. Quin - I object to giving charity.

Mr. Shannon - I don't think there is charity at all.

Mr. Cooney - Col. Quin is very fond of talking about charity. There is no charity.

Mr. Cummins - Mr. Simon Murphy was there representing the Campile co-operative Society, of which he is manager, and pointed out a place belonging to the Board of Works and he was satisfied to make application to the Board of Works.

Mr. Cummins proposed and Mr. Shannon seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That permission be given

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Mr. Ml. J. Doyle for erection of shed on alternative site selected by Committee, rent to be £1, agreement as to tenancy to be drawn up by County Solicitor, and said tenancy to be determinable by a three months' notice in writing on either side."

Claim of Messrs Hull: It was decided to consider this matter in committee.

Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, forwarded the following letter under date 19th January, 1932, from Messrs Hull:-

"We are in receipt of your letter of the 14th instant. As you are aware we have a claim against the Wexford Council for the sum of £400, money stopped on account of damages to a back road for which we are not responsible, £80:15:4d, over charge on Machinery not working, and an amount of £2: 13: 2d error in adjustment of account. Total sum £483: 8: 6d.

"We are prepared to set off the present claim against this amount but in the event of you carrying out your threat of proceedings, we will at once counterclaim for the above sum due."

The County Surveyor said that Messrs Hull mentioned that £400 had been held up owing to delay but the Council retained the money owing to the fact that in consequence of the delay in the completion of the contract there was extra damage done to the back road which could have been avoided if the concreting work had been carried out even in a reasonable time, after the stipulated period. The £2: 13: 2d referred to in Messrs Hull's communication had been adjusted.

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

"That the County Solicitor be instructed to proceed against Messrs A. Hull & Co., Pembroke Works, Ringsend Rd., Dublin, for any sums of money which in his opinion are due by them to the Wexford County Council on foot of contract for the reconstruction of road from Wexford to Ferrycarrig."

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Defaulting Road Contractor§ The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. McCarthy seconded by Mr. Shannon:-

"That the following Road Contractors who are in default in carrying out their work be proceeded against should the Co. Surveyor consider this step necessary to compel them to fulfil their obligations:- Denis Murphy, Johnstown, Castlebridge, for Roads 646 W and 648 W and John Murphy, Ballyhought, Blackwater, for Road 559 G"

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

"That Tenders Committee§(Co. Councillors for each Co. Electoral area) to deal with Road and Haulage Contracts meet as follows:-

Enniscorthy Courthouse - Wednesday 17th February, 1932.

Gorey Courthouse - Wednesday 24th February, 1932.

New Ross Courthouse - Friday 12th February, 1932.

Wexford County Hall - Saturday 20th February, 1932, all at 11 a.m. "

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Shannon seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That Messrs Armstrong and Hall be appointed extra members of the Enniscorthy Tenders Committee as a number of Road Contracts to be considered at Enniscorthy lie close to the residences of these councillors."

Col. Quin proposed the following amendment which, however, was not seconded:- "That no addition be made to the members of the existing Enniscorthy District Tenders Committee."

Linoleum for Courthouse: The Chairman remarked that the figure in the County Surveyor's report was £4: 5: 6d over the allocation already made by the Council.

Col. Quin proposed and Mr. O'Byrne seconded the following resolution which was adopted nem con:- "That in addition to allocation already made by the County Council for the purchase of a suitable floor covering for Wexford Co. Courthouse a further sum of £4: 5: 6d be provided in

order to meet the amount of the lowest tender received in this matter by the County Surveyor."

Mr. Cooney proposed that linoleum be obtained for the Council Chamber. The Council Chamber wanted linoleum as well as any place else. He saw that the Dail was not sitting and that they had employed a lot of people to make a carpet for them. If it was not comfortable to be in the Court without linoleum it was not comfortable to be in the Council Chamber without it. They were working for nothing and should get some little privilege. If in the Dail they could not do without thick carpets he thought they should have a bit of floor cloth in the council chamber.

Col. Quin seconded the proposal.

Mr. Hall - We should all go into the Dail.

Mr. Cooney proposed that linoleum or some other suitable floor covering be provided for the Council Chamber, the Co. Surveyor to advertise for tenders.

Mr. Hall - Our time may be very short here, and the place will do us well enough.

The County Surveyor said the cost would be between £20 and £25.

A poll on Mr. Cooney's proposition resulted as follows:-

For:- Messrs Armstrong, Clince, Cooney, Corish, Gaul, Hayes, McCarthy, O'Byrne, Quin and Shannon - 10.

Against:- Messrs Brennan, Culleton, D'Arcy, Doran, Hall, Keegan, O'Ryan, Roche, Smyth, Meyler and the Chairman - 11.

The following Councillors were not present when poll was taken:- Messrs Colfer, Cummins and Murphy (3) .

The Chairman declared the proposition lost.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Col. Quin:- "That the report of County Surveyor as submitted to this meeting be and is hereby adopted."

CONFIRMATION ROAD WORKS SCHEME

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Col. Quin:- "That the several allocations in Road Works Scheme for financial period 1932-33 and as agreed to by the County Council at their meeting of 28th December, 1931, be and are hereby formally approved."

CONSIDERATION OF RATE ESTIMATE

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That the figures of complete estimate of rate be considered at the meeting of the County Council on 22 nd February, 1932."

DISTRIBUTION OF ROAD WORK

Mr. Keegan asked if the County Surveyor (as instructed by the Council) had presented any report as to the distribution of work amongst road men in the Gorey Area.

The Chairman pointed out that no instructions to this effect had been given by the County Council. A resolution had been adopted asking the County and Assistant Surveyors to distribute the work as well and as equitable as possible.

Col. Quin said this did not apply to the Council's regular staff.

Mr. Keegan said a statement had appeared in the Press that he had objected to the employment of single men in Tara Hill Quarry. What he had said when the matter was under discussion was that it appeared to be quite in order to employ single men in Tara Hill Quarry but not in Gorey Hill. Several of the Tara Hill workers who were single had been in the employment of the Council for years. He complained that as regards Gorey District the same people were employed year after year while others were starving. He proposed that the County Surveyor submit to next meeting of the Council a report as to the distribution of the road work in Gorey area and also

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submit records showing the number of Insurance stamps which workers had for benefit on their cards.

Mr. Hall seconded.

Mr. O'Byrne said the big grievance in the Gorey area was the want of work. It had been already decided by the Council they would not interfere with the regular staff.

Mr. Keegan said that the complaint he had made about the distribution of road work in Gorey area applied with equal force to the work of erecting houses at the Gorey Garden City Scheme.

Mr. Gaul said that the Contractor at Gorey Garden City Scheme was responsible for the employment of the men and the Council could not interfere with him.

After further discussion Mr. Keegan amended his motion to cover the distribution of work in the four county Electoral areas.

Mr. Hall seconded the motion.

Miss O'Ryan and Mr. Hayes said they were perfectly satisfied with the manner in which the work was arranged for in Wexford district.

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

For:- Messrs Armstrong, Brennan, Cline, Colfer, Cooney, Corish, Cummins, D'Arcy, Hall, Hayes, Keegan, Meyler, O'Byrne, Roche, Shannon, Smyth and the Chairman - 17.

Against:- Messrs Culleton, Doran, Gaul, McCarthy, Murphy and Quin - 6.

Miss O'Ryan (1) was not present when poll was taken.
The Chairman declared the motion carried.

UNEMPLOYMENT GRANT.
PROPOSED DEPUTATION TO MINISTERS

Mr. Hayes asked if there was any money available for unemployment at the present. He was surprised reading over the report of the Health Board where it was said that some

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road workers were above working on the land. That was not right. He knew people out of employment, to avail of every day's work they could get from the farmers around. He asked the County Surveyor if anything could be done to give employment to 12 or 13 men in his area.

Mr. Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor, to whom the question was referred, said he did not know of any.

Mr. Hayes - What about the cleaning up of the river down there ?

Col. Quin - ^{would} I like to say that the whole principle of this is wrong. We are all in favour of doing all we can for unemployment but at the same time it is not part of the ratepayer's job to pay for employment and provide schemes. They are very hard run as it is. It is a matter that should be done by the Government.

Mr. Hayes - Mr. Kehoe was asked about the cleaning of the river to prevent the road from being flooded down there, and if that work could be completed it would help the people.

Chairman - I quite agree with Col. Quin. We would be all very pleased if we could assist in the relief of unemployment, but it is not our business exactly to go into that question. We have no money to provide schemes. There was a big grant voted for the relief of unemployment in the Dail recently, and as far as I know we have not got a penny of it in the county. At the last meeting we proposed that a deputation go up and see the Department over this question, and so far as I know I don't think anything matured out of it since, but possibly Mr. Corish would give us some information.

Mr. Hayes said he thought the planting of the Forth Mountain would bring relief, but he understood it was only giving employment to a few.

Chairman - I believe only twenty will be employed all the time on the Forth Mountain.

Mr. Corish - In connection with that deputation I was

on the 'phone with Dublin, and owing to election activities of Ministers it was very hard to find them. Proceeding Mr. Corish said he rang up four times, and on Friday when he 'phoned again he asked if something could be done to meet the County Council on the matter. He got the letter (produced) that morning, and it was dated January 23rd. Proceeding Mr. Corish read a letter from Mr. Roddy as to arrangements being made to discuss the question of work for the relief of distress and unemployment in Co. Wexford, and if he could arrange to see him on Wednesday 27th inst. at 4 o'clock. That was the only communication he (Mr. Corish) got and he got it that morning.

Chairman - I cannot accompany a deputation next Wednesday anyhow.

Mr. Corish - You have a meeting on Wednesday night and so have I. If I asked him if he could see us about 12 o'clock-

Chairman - I could not go that day at all.

Mr. Cooney - How is it that the other places have got grants? This was to be distributed before Christmas, but it must not be Christmas in Co. Wexford yet.

Mr. Gaul $\frac{1}{2}$ I take it that the deputation are going to see more than Mr. Roddy when going to Dublin.

Chairman - The only other Departments they want to see are the Local Government and Fisheries.

Later, Mr. Corish said he was on the 'phone with Mr. Roddy, and he would like to arrange Feb. 4th for the deputation. In the meantime he would try and get into communication with the other Departments.

MONAMOLIN (RATHNURE) ROAD

Attention was drawn by Mr. Shannon to a road in Monamolin (Rathnure) district which was being cut up by a big flow of water. Some years ago the district council put up a cement pailing as a protection at another place on the road, but it

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was now as dangerous as ever. There was no paling. He thought the County Surveyor or his deputy should go there and see what was to be done. They had not the money at the moment, but some remedy might be arranged to make the road safe, until there was money available to make a proper job.

Mr. Brennan said he knew the deep gripe there which was dangerous on the public road. They might be threatened with legal proceedings if the cattle fell down there.

Mr. Shannon then proposed and Mr. Brennan seconded the following resolution which was adopted nem con:- "That a Sub-Committee consisting of the following with the County Surveyor and the Assistant Surveyor for the District inspect road at Monamolin - Rathnure - and report to the Council, County Surveyor to arrange date, place and hour of Sub-Committee meeting:- Messrs Clince, Cooney, Brennan and Shannon."

FAHY'S CROSS - CURRACLOE ROAD

Mr. Gaul said he had received a number of complaints of the condition of certain roads all over the county. The road from Fahy's Cross to Curracloe was in an almost impassable condition. Some little allocation out of some fund, whether the contingency fund or otherwise, should be made to have that road put into a condition, in which it could be used by the ^{public} /

Mr. Colloton said that the water tables were blocked with grass.

Mr. Gaul - There is a portion of that road flooded at times and you would have to swim through it.

It was decided to get a report from County Surveyor in the matter.

BUILDING OF HOUSES

Mr. Gaul said he understood that anyone willing to build houses in accordance with the L.G.D. plan would be entitled to £20 grant from a local authority.

Chairman - If that is the case they might leave it so.

Mr. Gaul said he intended giving notice that the County Council strike a penny rate to facilitate them. He knew of two small farmers who intended building houses if facilitated.

Chairman - Better move a resolution asking the Government to alter the Bill.

Mr. Hall said he knew a man with a big family who bought an acre of land lately with the intention of building a house and it was impossible to build unless he got some help.

Chairman - Are the ratepayers to finance them.

Mr. Hall - It would to a certain extent. Did not they finance other houses.

Chairman - No, only labourers' cottages and I think we got very bad value.

The matter ended.

A GOREY FOOTPATH

Mr. Keegan referred to the footpath leading to the residence of Mr. Joseph Stafford, Town Clerk, Gorey, and which had been damaged by traffic in connection with the building of a Masonic Hall adjoining.

It was decided to refer the matter to Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor of the District, for report.

CAMPILE - HAGGARD ROAD

Mr. Cooney referred to the Campile-Haggard Road. There was £150 recommended for that road, but it was cut down to £75. It was in a terrible condition now.

Mr. Murphy said about three years ago it was brought under the notice of the council. It was a third class road, and owing to the traffic going to Campile in recent years it was not able to stand it. There was ten times the amount of traffic on that road compared with ten years ago. The link road came from New Ross via Dunbrody, Arthurstown and Duncannon. It was suggested some time ago that the road should be diverted at

Horeswood on to Campile, but the Minister would not sanction it.

Mr. Cooney - There is terrible traffic on that road.

Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor, said the road was only twelve feet wide. Division would be all right because it would catch the traffic.

Chairman - We will have to get a considered report about it from the County Surveyor and the District Surveyor. Proceeding the Chairman said he thought there were plenty of roads in the county, and if any County Councillor was living near them he could make splendid arguments about them.

Mr. O'Byrne asked if it could be connected with the link road on account of the traffic on it.

The County Surveyor said the division would cost £2,000.

Mr. Cooney - You want to do the bogey-man entirely on us (laughter).

Mr. Murphy - If we got £50 extra it would do a certain amount, but next year it would be in the same condition unless we got it classified as a link road.

Mr. Cooney - Perhaps Mr. Barry could expend £50 on it.

Co. Surveyor - But where are you going to get £50 ?

Mr. Cooney - If we vote it you will get it.

County Surveyor - Not at the present moment.

Mr. Cooney - Have you nothing out of the contingency fund.

County Surveyor - Nothing.

Mr. Cooney - What about borrowing £100 ?

Secretary - They would not give you such a small amount.

Chairman - I think we borrowed too much.

Mr. Cooney → I propose whatever it is and supposing we have to take it from some other road, that we put this road into decent repair.

Mr. Hayes said there was a road equally as bad in his district and asked if there was not a proposition of Mr. D'Arcy's to apply £5,000 to third class roads out of the grant.

Chairman - The L.G.D. will have to be got to assent to it.

In reply to Mr. Cooney the Chairman said there was no money in the contingency fund to do the road he referred to.

Mr. Cummins agreed that the road was certainly in very bad condition.

On the motion of Mr. Cooney seconded by Mr. Murphy the following resolution was adopted:- "That the Minister for Local Government (in view of the enormous increase of traffic which it has to carry) be requested to schedule the road from Campile to Haggard as a link road."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Cooney seconded by Mr. Colfer:- "That the County Surveyor and the Assistant Surveyor present to meeting of the Council to be held on 22nd February, 1932, a considered report on the state of the Haggard-Campile Road and that after the 1st April, 1932, a sum of £50 be taken from appropriate Contingency Fund to be spent on repair of this road."

MACHINERY OVERSEER

The following under date 18th January, 1932, (R/RM/32) was read from the Department of Local Government (Roads):-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to refer to the Minute of Wexford County Council on 28th ultimo, relative to the placing of Mr. William Murphy, Machinery Overseer, on the Council's "permanent" staff; and to state that approval cannot be given to the proposed change in the status of Mr. Murphy."

Mr. Corish said that Mr. Murphy was a very good man and was doing his work most efficiently.

Mr. Hall said that the Minister should be asked to reconsider his decision.

Mr. Gaul - My information is they have made similar appointments in other counties.

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Mr. McCarthy proposed that the Minister be asked to reconsider the matter.

Mr. Corish seconded and said they should ask the Co. Surveyor to write a report on the work carried out by Mr. Murphy for the information of the Department.

The resolution was adopted Mr. Corish's suggestion having been embodied therein.

ROAD AT BURROW, ROSSLARE

The following under date 12th January, 1932, was read from Mr. P. Bent, Burrow, Rosslare:-

"The Residents of the Burrow Rosslare, have again and again brought under your notice their right to a road or way to and from their homes. It was pointed out to you that a road or way cannot be effected satisfactorily without building a wall. As an alternative to a wall members of your Council proposed rice grass. We considered that proposal and gave you reasons why it could not satisfy our demand. Consequently we had to reject the proposal. So far you have not done anything to respond to our rightful and reasonable claim. Some of you raised the question that the outlay would be too much in proportion to the amount of rates you gather on the Burrow. But we showed that the rates in the aggregate over a period of twenty years or so would be sufficient to meet the expense of a wall, and yet you say that we are not entitled to a ~~walk~~ road or way. If you would only recognise our rights as ratepayers, our claim to a road or way to and from our homes cannot be disputed. If any of you gentlemen had to encounter the same conditions on account of having no way to get to or from your homes, you would no doubt make your voices heard in regard to your rights. Others of your body seem to measure us according to our weight as ratepayers. No doubt we carry little weight as individual ratepayers, but what about our rights as citizens who pay for the public services in proportion to our weight? And

as human beings have we no rights because we do not happen to possess wealth or riches ? Do you deny us a necessary share of the public services ? All fair minded men will regard a clear unobstructed road or way to and from our homes as a necessary service. Have you any consideration for the claims of our children who are constrained to wade through water and mud on their way to and back from school for the greater part of the year. Your sense of justice, fair play and humanity ought to influence you to make arrangements towards building this long sought for wall."

Mr. Corish said this was one of the matters suggested for a grant from the Unemployment Fund. The worst hardship was that on the children of the place in going to and returning from school.

The Chairman stated the lane that led to the last dwelling house in the place was not a public thoroughfare. The best answer which they could give was to tell Mr. Bent that the council would do their best in the matter, that they would lay it before the Land Commission, and that they were inclined to do something if assistance was given to them.

Mr Shannon - That's as much as the Council can do.

It was decided to convey the Chairman's expression of opinion to Mr. Bent.

ELECTION PLACARDING IN TAR

Attention was draw by Mr. Murphy to the tarring of walls during election times to "vote for this man" and so on. It did not look well and he thought they should adopt a resolution on the matter.

The County Surveyor referred to the Ferrycarrig wall being disfigured and to putting up a notice with the words "Post no Bills", and nothing was done since then. There were posters that had been put there and had no connection with elections. He referred to the difficulty of removing tar.

Mr. Culleton - It would not be necessary to prosecute

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but you could ask all the political parties not to do it.

Mr. Cummins - Do you mean to say that political parties do that ?

Mr. Culleton said he felt certain they did not, but they could ask each political party to appeal -

Mr. Keegan - It serves no purpose.

Mr. Murphy - We should ask the leaders to ask the people to try and put down that .

It was decided to make representations in accordance with Mr. Murphy's suggestion, to refrain from painting or tarring walls or bridges.

NEW ROSS - FETHARD ROAD -----

A memorial, signed by a large number of ratepayers, was forwarded by Mr. Robert Conway drawing attention to the state of the road between the Cross of Dunmain and Nolan's Hill. It was on the main road from New Ross to Fethard which was very much used throughout the year, especially during the summer time by people visiting the seaside. He had been asked by the largest ratepayers especially the hotel proprietors and lodging-house keepers, who were badly hit by the small attendance of visitors, to draw attention to the present condition of the road.

Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor for the District, said the road complained of was in a bad condition, but no funds were available to deal with it. There was a sum of £160 asked for this road last year, but the amount allocated was £77, which was totally inadequate for 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles of road carrying immense traffic.

Mr. Cummins - The road is in a scandalous condition, but having regard to the fact you have no money, what can you do ?

Mr. Cooney asked would it not be a good thing if notices were issued asking farmers to send in their representations about roads before the rates are passed each year. At the

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time when the estimates were coming on they were very silent (laughter) but it is too late now to be crying out.

The County Surveyor said the road complained of was very bad.

It was decided, in the absence of funds, that nothing could be done.

ROAD MONEY TRANSFERS

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Hall seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That the following transfers of road amounts be agreed to as requested by Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor for the District:-

£50 from Section 24 C to 27 C and £50 from Section 28 C to 43 C."

FORD OF LYNG

The following under date 19th January, 1932, was read from Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor:-

"In this case the Originating Summons was issued on the 17th November, 1931. In it, the Defendants were named as Joseph M. Meldon, John M. Meldon, Violet Tynte and the Great Southern Railway Company, as the Commissioners of the Wexford Harbour Embankment Company.

The Summons has been duly served on the Messrs Meldon and on the Railway Company, but it now transpires, that Miss Violet Tynte has no interest in the Lands, and that her Sister, Mrs. Waller, is the proper owner.

I have also heard from the Great Southern Railway Co. pointing out, that the Great Southern Railway Co. was not amalgamated with the Fishguard Railway Company, who were the original owners of the Rosslare Line, nor were they liable for any act of default of the Fishguard Company.

On receipt of the above information on the 9th inst. I wrote to Counsel for his instructions as to what was the proper course to adopt owing to altered circumstances.

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Counsel has now replied, that there are two courses open to the Council (1) To apply to the Court by Notice of Motion for an Order to amend the present Summons by striking out Miss Violet Tynte's name, and adding that of Mrs. Waller, and also by striking out the Great Southern Railway Co. as one of the Defendants.

(2) To discontinue the present Summons, and issue a new one against the New Defendants.

I, being in favour of adopting the former course then wrote to Counsel, Mr. Fergus O'Connor, pointing this out, and I this morning had a letter from him stating, that he had discussed the matter with Mr. Jellet K.C. and that they were both of opinion, that the proper course to adopt would be, to discontinue the present Summons, and issue the new one, as such a Course would work out at about one-third the cost of the alternative suggestion, that was, to amend the present Summons, and they desire also to point out that the case is so full of difficulties and complications, which only those who have gone into it can be aware that accordingly the course they now advise is the only safe one for the Council to adopt.

I will be glad to have the Council's instructions on the matter, because the further one gets into it the more difficult it appears to be."

It was decided that the matter be considered in committee.

Mr. Culleton proposed and Mr. Corish seconded the following resolution which was adopted Nem Con:- "That we hereby instruct our Solicitor to carry out the advice of Counsel as regards the legal proceedings in connection with Ford of Lyng."

RIVER SOW DRAINAGE

The following under date 20th January, 1932, was read from Mr. Patrick Murphy, Clonmore Lower, Glenbrien, Chairman of River Sow Drainage Trustees:-

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"We observe by the Press that money will be available for Cahore and Kilmore drainage.

The Council will recollect the very inefficient work carried out by the Board of Works at the River Sow drainage and in the circumstances we would be greatly obliged if the Council could now assist us in having a proper and efficient job carried out."

Miss O'Ryan - A deputation from that district came before the Council and pointed out that not only was it defective, but flooded more than before the new drainage work was carried out.

The County Surveyor pointed out that the work carried out had not been effective.

Mr. D'Arcy - It is a peculiar procedure that these people are billed with heavy costs to get work done and then to have a bad job.

Chairman - That is the way. We have not yet taken it over owing to it being a bad job.

Mr. D'Arcy - Was it done under anybody's supervision ?

County Surveyor - The Board of Works.

Mr. D'Arcy - Did they specify it as a good job?

County Surveyor - They said the work was all right and that we should take it over. We refused to take it over. Ultimately they passed some order that we must, and we declined because we are not going to gather rates from people who are not satisfied with the work.

Miss O'Ryan - I think we should refer it to the deputation going up to Dublin on the other matters.

Mr. D'Arcy - The Engineer who passed the work should be brought down.

Chairman - I think they were down with the County Surveyor.

Mr. D'Arcy - At that particular time the defects of the work were not seen ?

Chairman - They were and the defects pointed out.

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County Surveyor - He (engineer) had to walk up to his knees , and in one place some of the local men had to take us on their backs.

Mr. Corish asked if they could apply for a grant to do the work when they had not agreed to take it over at all yet.

Secretary - If it was put in proper condition the Council would take it over.

Mr. Corish - I agree, and that we ought to ask for a grant, but are you satisfied we can do that ?

Chairman - I don't see anything against it, because we refuse to take it over in its present condition. We are quite willing to take it over when it is in good condition - otherwise we will not.

On the proposition of Mr. Culleton seconded by Mr.D'Arcy it was decided to refer the matter to the deputation going to Dublin.

GREAT ISLAND DRAINAGE

Mr. Murphy - Has there been any work about the Great Island Drainage ? It was brought up here at a previous meeting.

Mr. Corish - Mr. Jordan and myself brought that matter before Mr. Roddy, and he promised to send an Inspector down.

Mr. Murphy said if something was not done there would be a lot of harm caused to their roads. It would be no harm to write about it again.

Mr. Murphy's suggestion was adopted.

SUBSTITUTE FOR COUNTY MEDICAL OFFICER

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Application was received from George P. Sheehan for £31: 10s. amount due for acting as County Medical Officer of Health during holidays of Dr. Bastible from 22nd December, 1931, to 12th January, 1932 (inclusive). Also Bill for £7: 5: 6d for locomotion expenses during the period.

The following recommendation of the Finance Committee was confirmed on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall:-

"That the Council be recommended to pay £31: 10s. amount due Dr. George P. Sheehan while acting as locum tenens for Co. Medical Officer of Health during the absence of the latter on holidays and a sum of £7: 5: 6d to cover locomotion expenses during the same period."

REPAIRS TO BUNCLODY COURTHOUSE

The following letter to County Surveyor from Messrs Thomas Dormer & Son was read:-

"Yours of January 11th to hand. The rent received for Courthouse is only £10: 0: 0d per year, and it is hard to expect exors., to spend £8: 18: 0d. on repairs, especially as late Dr. Dormer spent a large sum in putting in cement floor etc., not many years ago.

"If your Council would agree to pay half the amount £4: 9: 0d. (four pounds, nine shillings) we shall advise exors., to agree, and shall be glad to have your views. We are writing the exors., as to their views."

It was decided on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. O'Byrne to adjourn consideration of this letter to next meeting, the Secretary in the meantime to communicate with Mr. Denis Lennon, Bunclody, and ascertain from him if the local Hall would be available as a Courthouse and on what terms.

RATES ON BANTRY AND BLACKSTAIRS
COMMONS

The following report was submitted:-

"As arranged by the respective County Councils a Conference between five members of Carlow County Council and five members from Wexford County Council relative to Rates due on Bantry and Blackstairs Commons was held in Enniscorthy Courthouse on 19th January, 1932.

Carlow County Council was represented by Messrs Dunphy, Joyce, John P. Nolan, O'Connell and Rourke with Mr. Thorpe, Solicitor to the Council and Mr. Walsh, Rate Collector.

Wexford was represented by Messrs Brennan, Clince, Doran, and McCarthy who presided.

Mr. Shannon the fifth representative was unable to be present.

The County Secretary, County Solicitor, Rate Inspector and Rate Collectors Murphy and O'Byrne were also in attendance.

It appeared that in Carlow County ratepayers concerned with the Commons were, with the exception of one small town-land, individually rated but they had paid full amount of rates up to date, though in some instances they had never put a beast to graze there.

The position in Wexford was quite opposite.

All ratepayers were jointly rated. In the Electoral Division of Barrack Village 45 persons were jointly rated, and as no rates have been paid for a number of years the arrears show the very substantial figure of £198: 11: 3d while current rate due is £16: 18: 10d. Total £215: 10: 1d.

In the Electoral Division of Killanne 16 persons are jointly rated for Bantry Commons, arrears of rate being £94: 5: 3d and current rate £8: 12: 7d. Total £102: 17: 10d.

In the same Electoral Division 37 persons are jointly rated for Blackstairs Commons the arrears being £44: 19: 11d and current rate £4: 2: 5d. Total £49: 2: 4d.

The total arrears involved are £337: 16: 5d and current rate £29: 13: 10d. Total - £367: 10: 3d.

A long discussion occurred as to the possibility of taking proceedings successfully against the persons in Co. Wexford who were jointly rated.

The Carlow deputation pointed out (a) they had a decided grievance when having paid their rates they were unable to put

sheep on the Mountain owing to fear of seizure if they strayed on to the Wexford side although there was no apparent boundary and no fence to restrict the animals to the Carlow side. (b) So long as present impasse continued they were practically deprived of the beneficial use of land on which they had paid their rates.

The Wexford delegates recognised the accuracy of this contention and expressed their willingness to help in every way and to induce the County Council to do what was possible to bring about a settlement.

The following resolution was adopted unanimously:-

"That this Conference of Carlow and Wexford County Councillors recommend their Councils to make special representation to the Valuation Department with a view to having the present joint ratings for Blackstairs and Bantry Commons converted into separate ratings for each ratepayer concerned.

"In view of the fact that Rate Books will be in course of preparation immediately we request the Valuation Department to have the revision carried out immediately."

In connection with arrears of rates the Conference considered if the ratings for both Commons could be put on a proper footing so that in the future the rates could be collected in the same manner as applied to an ordinary holding, a considerable reduction should be made as regards arrears.

As the new occupier of a farm could be held liable for arrears of rates for two years only the Conference recommended that as all those concerned in Wexford County were being placed on a new basis the same rule should apply and that the Wexford County Council should approach the Local Government Department to obtain their sanction to the cancelling of all arrears except the rate for financial years 1930-1931 and 1931-32.

At the conclusion of the business a vote of thanks to Mr. Mc Earthy was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Connell

Mr. Shannon - Would it not be well to meet these people at some appointed place ?

Col. Quin - The valuer will be able to do that.

Mr. McCarthy - It turned out very satisfactorily in Carlow.

Chairman - It ought not to be an impossibility for us to carry it out as in Carlow.

Mr. Shannon said they had made out a very good case for the Carlow men. People, he alleged, who had sheep on the Wexford side of the mountain, were men who received leave from the rated occupiers to drive sheep through their lands and put them on the Wexford side.

Mr. McCarthy said he should say that the Carlow men met them very fairly and gave them very valuable assistance in the matter. It worked out very satisfactory on the Carlow side.

Secretary - And you cannot lose sight of the fact that the Carlow people have paid their rates up to now.

Mr. D'Arcy - Is it proposed to rate all the people living at the foot of the mountain ?

Secretary- They all appear in the rate books at present.

Mr. D'Arcy - There may be a big question about that if people who do not use it are in the rate book.

Secretary - There were men from Carlow who produced rate receipts and they did not put a beast on the mountain.

Mr. D'Arcy referred to a case of people in his district rated for the mountain there, and strange to say one of them had no rights to the mountain.

Secretary - That can all be gone into with the Valuation Department.

The recommendations of the committee were unanimously adopted.

POISONS AND PHARMACY ACT LICENCES

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

licences under Poisons and Pharmacy Act be granted to Messrs W.B. Jackson, 51 Main Street, Gorey, and Wm. Hogan, Fethard-on-Sea.

"That as regards licences under Poisons and Pharmacy Act granted Messrs Bolger & Co., Ferns, we approve of Robert Spencer acting as Manager of the premises in Church Street, Gorey, and Mary Byrne as Manager of the Mill premises, Gorey."

CINEMA LICENCE

Mr. John J. Heaney, Taravie Hotel, applied for licence under Cinematograph Act 1909 for Taravie Hall.

Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, wrote under date 20th January, 1932, that the Hall for which licence was sought was ~~be~~ believed, approved of last year and no structural changes had since been made.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Brennan seconded the following resolution:- "That licence under Cinematograph Act 1909 be issued for Taravie Hall, Courtown Harbour."

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

Under date 12th January, 1932, the Secretary of University College, Dublin, wrote that the College President had approved of the syllabus of Scholarships to be awarded by the County Council next session.

PRIMARY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

The following under date 20th January, 1932, was read from James Donnelly, Ballymitty:-

"I am asking your permission to change my daughter a County Council Scholarship Holder from Loreto Convent, Wexford, to Loreto Convent, Gorey. Doctor Brady says a change of air would be very good for her health, as it was not at all good in Wexford. Rev. Mother, Wexford, suggested her outdoor, but we found it too expensive and so difficult to get a place at all. £1 per week we had to pay and then

the extras. I thought when the schools were the same both Loreto and inside the county there would be no difficulty. Trusting to get your permission to change her from Wexford to Gorey."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Miss O'Ryan seconded by Mr. Corish:- "That subject to the sanction of the Department of Education this Council has no objection to the transfer of Kathleen Frances Donnelly from Loreto Convent, Wexford, to Loreto Abbey, Gorey."

VINEGAR HILL AND ITS HISTORICAL ASSOCIATIONS

The following under date 21st January, 1932, was read from the Office of Public Works:-

"As stated in our letter dated 6th November last we do not consider the remains of the windmill on Vinegar Hill of sufficient antiquity or archaeological or historic interest to warrant the vesting of that building in us for preservation. We are, of course, aware of the historical associations of the locality of Vinegar Hill, and if, in the opinion of your council, the windmill referred to is worthy of preservation on account of its association with the Battle of Vinegar Hill, we think that the Council themselves would be the most appropriate body to undertake that work, as they have power to do, under the National Monuments Act, 1930. We may add that we have arranged for inspection, during this year, of certain ancient buildings in the Co. of Wexford to which you have already drawn our attention."

Mr. Corish - I propose that we write to the President on the matter and draw his attention to the fact that the Board of Works did not attend to it.

Mr. Hall seconded the resolution which was adopted.

ROAD RECONSTRUCTION

A long report was submitted from the Waterford County Council containing recommendations from their County Surveyor on road reconstruction in the Saorstát and the financing of same.

Mr. Corish said the report was very important and they could not be expected to digest it all ~~at~~ at that meeting. He thought it should be adjourned and in the meantime let each member be furnished with a copy.

This was agreed to.

INSURANCE UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT

The resolution from the Kilkenny County Council re the use of the unemployment insurance benefits, adjourned from the last meeting, was further adjourned on the proposition of Mr. Corish and seconded by Mr. Murphy.

Mr. Corish said it was too big a matter to take up at the end of the meeting.

CLANN NA nGAEDHEAL

Mr. Corish proposed that the communications from the Executive Council of Clann Na nGaedhael as to the erection of a War memorial in Dublin be marked "read".

Col. Quin seconded.

A poll was taken with the following result:-

For: Messrs Armstrong, Cline, Colfer, Cooney, Corish, Culleton, Doran, Hall, Meyler, McCarthy, Murphy, Quin, Roche and Shannon - 14.

Against: Messrs Brennan, Cummins, D'Arcy, O'Byrne, O'Ryan, Smyth and the Chairman - 7.

Messrs Gaul, Hayes and Keegan (3) did not vote.

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

ANALYST'S REPORT

Report of County Analyst for Quarter ended 31st December, 1931, was laid before the meeting. During the period 188 samples of food, 56 of drugs and 6 of water had been analysed. Two samples of water had been condemned and one sample of milk was not genuine.

In connection with the latter the Chief Superintendent Garda Siochana, Wexford, wrote that this sample was taken from

Mary Dillon, John Street, Enniscorthy. Following the receipt of Analyst's Certificate the Finance Committee through the County Solicitor advised the Food & Drugs Inspector that having regard to a recent decision of Judge Devitt/ⁱⁿ a recent appeal/case it was decided not to prosecute.

John Murphy.