

WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL.

MEETING 25th JULY, 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 July, 1932.

Present Mr. M. Doyle (Chairman) presiding, also Messrs. James Armstrong, John Brennan, James Cline, Thomas Cooney, Richard Corish, John Culleton, John Curmins, Timothy F. D'Arcy, Col. C.M. Gibbon, James Hall, Patrick Hayes, Michael Jordan, William P. Keegan, Thomas Maylor, Thomas McCarthy, John Murphy, Sean O'Byrne, Miss Nellie O'Ryan, James Shannon, Myles Smyth and James E. Walsh.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

PAYMENTS.

Treasurer's Advice Notes for £2,455.7.9d ordinary payments, and £41,249.8.5d. payments to Subsidiary Bodies and Subsidiary Account were examined and signed.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF COMMITTEES.

FINANCE COMMITTEE. Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 16th June, 1932, were submitted as follows:

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The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 16th June, 1932.

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

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

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

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

PAYMENTS.

Treasurer's Advice Note for £7684.4.6d. was examined and signed.

SLUICE GATES, COURTTOWN HARBOUR.

Mr Elgee, County Solicitor, stated that in accordance with the directions of the County Council meeting of the 13th June, 1932, he had written Mr. William Lee, Contractor for Sluice Gates at Courtown, that he should finish the work within one week.

He had received the following from Mr. Lee in reply:-
"In reply to yours of the 13th inst., re Sluice Gates, I am sorry to state it is not possible for me to complete this work within one week, but I assure you I am doing my best to complete the work as soon as possible. I am sure Mr. Barry, County Surveyor, or Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, could explain to you the awful difficulties I have had to overcome during the months of May and April with the floods and gales of wind. The Coiffer dams were washed away on me during the very heavy floods in May, and I could not get on with the work. You cannot make

"progress with this class of work in bad weather, but I am in a very favourable position at present as the weather is good and I will do my very best to complete this work in four weeks or less if possible".

The County Surveyor stated that Mr. Lee had the Pump put up, and had employed a special diver with special lamp and a special electrician in order to stop the holes, which he was having rammed with sand bags. It was a tentative process and very difficult to find out each leak. In spite of them, he had been able to lower the water a foot. Mr. Lee undoubtedly meant to do the job. The mistake he made was, in not carrying out the work in September last, and the explanation he gave for the postponement then was, that some of the fishermen pointed out that if the work was proceeded with at that time it would interfere with the fishing. It was very probable if Mr. Lee, had made this case to the Council, that the postponement would have been agreed to. No doubt the weather in January, February and March had been favourable, but of course this was quite unexpected and it would have been too big a risk for Mr. Lee to have attempted to carry out the work then.

It was decided to refer the matter to next meeting. Mr. Elgee stating that September next, would be the earliest date by which proceedings could be taken as the case was one for High Court.

RATE COLLECTION.

Close of Collection.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Colloton:- "That Collectors Art Dunne, (No. 15 District) and P.F. O'Byrne (No 9 District)

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be informed that unless they finally close their warrants by 20th June, 1932, they will be suspended.

Collection District No. 12.

In connection with personal sureties of Matthew Murphy, recently appointed Rate Collector (No. 12 District). Documentary evidence was submitted from the Manager, Bank of Ireland, Wexford and Mr. M.J. O'Connor, Solicitor, Wexford, as to their financial standing.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Colleton:- "We recommend the County Council to accept as personal sureties for Rate Collector, Matthew Murphy (No. 12 District) Matthew Murphy, Ballyroebeag, Blackwater, and Mrs. Mary Murphy, Crosshue, Blackwater, as we are satisfied they are solvent to the amount required under the personal bond ^(£400) of Rate Collectors.

Fidelity Guarantee Bonds.

The following resolution was proposed by Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Shannon:- "That Rate Collectors who have not up to the present furnished receipt for payment of renewal of their Fidelity Guarantee Bond, be informed that unless these receipts are furnished to our Secretary before 22nd. June, 1932, drastic steps must be taken against such Collectors. Passed.

Part Payment of Poor Rates.

In connection with acceptance of part payment of Poor Rate, the Secretary pointed out that in a number of cases payments were, in the first instance, made to Rate Collectors who handed in the amount at the County Council Office. It was found in practice that Ratepayers when tendering these part payments would not bring them to the County Council Office or forward them with explanation of particulars to his office.

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On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Colloton, the following Scheme was approved:- "That subject to the sanction of the Local Government Department and the County Council the following procedure for acceptance of part payments of poor rate and which are to be accepted only in exceptional cases apply:—"

1. Rate Collectors to be empowered to accept part payments in any case in which certificate authorising acceptance thereof has been issued by the Rate Inspector; such certificates to be issued in very exceptional cases only and in no instance in which less than one year's arrears are outstanding. Copy of Certificate authorising part payment to the Rate Collector to be furnished Ratepayer by Rate Inspector.
2. That Rate Collector lodge separately the amount of each part payment as soon as possible after receipt. That immediate notification of such lodgment be forwarded by Rate Collector to Rate Inspector with Bank receipt in respect of lodgment. That as soon as amount has been lodged to the credit of the County Council a form of acknowledgment of such lodgment (to be countersigned) by the Secretary be issued to Ratepayer. by Rate Inspector.
3. That Rate Collectors be warned that the acceptance of any part payment without the previous issue of the Rate Inspector authorising its acceptance will entail the immediate dismissal of the Collector concerned. X

REVISION OF VALUATIONS.

The following resolution was proposed by Mr. O'Byrne and seconded by Mr. Hall and adopted:- "That Valuation Department be requested to extend date for forwarding lists of tenements requiring revision of valuation to the 12th July,

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owing to the cancellation, in consequence of the Eucharistic Congress, of the Council meeting originally fixed for the 27th June."

OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION.

Under date 4th June, 1932, the Department Local Government (G.40939/32/Fa Loch Garman) ^{wrote} sanctioning overdraft accommodation up to £20,000 to the 30th September next. Interest thereon to be paid at the agreed rate.

IRISH PUBLIC BODIES MUTUAL INSURANCE LTD.

Report of the Directors of the above Insurance Company for year ended 31st December 1931 was submitted. The year had been highly satisfactory, the losses after deducting the amounts recovered from the companies re-insurers being less than .62 per cent. of the net premium income. This extremely low loss ratio the report pointed out, considered in conjunction with the satisfactory loss experience of previous years emphasized the wisdom of Local Authorities which had effected their insurance through the medium of a company which confines its operations to the insurance of Public Bodies, which is under their own control, and which preserves for them in the mutually owned funds of the Company the surplus earned by their premiums. During the year the surplus realized by the operations of the company amounted to £3732 . 0. 9d. which with the amount carried forward from previous account made a total of £13521. 3. 6d. available for allocation.

The meeting considered this statement of accounts very satisfactory.

ADDITIONAL RELIEF - RATES ON AGRICULTURAL LAND.

Under date 15th June, 1932, the Department Local Governmen

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wrote (G.42862/1932 Loch Garman) that the basis of allocation in connection with the vote of £250,000 towards the relief of rates on agricultural land had been already decided and could not be altered.

The ~~firmly~~ following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Shannon seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That Minister for Local Government & Public Health be requested to allow Wexford County Council, in accordance with decision arrived at by meeting of Council on 13th June, 1932, to retain as a credit towards each assessment for 1933/34 the amount of additional Agricultural Grant. That each rated occupier be credited with appropriate amount of new grant up to £10 of total valuation on land of his holdings in the county.

"That this credit be carried forward for each assessment for 1933/34. That Minister be informed that sanction is requested for this arrangement owing to abnormal deduction of £13,255 from Agricultural Grant. That amount of said deduction if not reinstated in the meantime will be budgeted for in Rate Estimate for 1933/34."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Shannon seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That we empower our Secretary to employ the services of temporary Rate Book Staff for preparation of lists of valuation to which the new relief of rates on agricultural land applies."

APPLICATIONS FOR COMPENSATION FOR CRIMINAL INJURIES.

The Finance Committee submitted the following resolution to the Council for consideration:- "We are of opinion that the law relating to Criminal Injuries which places on the Ratepayers, liability for the Acts of Criminals, is unduly oppressive. The Government should be requested to introduce a measure for its annulment. The law as it stands at present

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is really for the benefit of Insurance companies and we consider it advisable to point out that no such statute is in operation in Great Britain.

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES - FITTINGS ETC.,

The following requisition was received from Sergeant Keenan, Ex-officio, Inspector, Weights and Measures, for Enniscorthy Weights & Measures Office:-

- "1. Counter (fitted at back with shelves, doors and locks).
2. Tripod (for use in taking large beam scales)
3. Water supply run into office (for testing measures)
4. Walls painted.
5. Table for use in testing counter weighing machines.
6. Window casing, etc., repaired (two windows).

It was decided that the County Surveyor be asked for a report in the matter.

ERECTION OF BUILDINGS WITHIN 30 FEET OF PUBLIC ROAD.

Letters were read from William Tobin, Tinraheen, The Ballagh, and Joseph Smith, Tomnalosset, Enniscorthy, in connection with the above. Mr. Tobin pointed out that he was rebuilding a shed the wall of which at the road side was on the old foundation and in consequence he was not certain if it was necessary to obtain the permission of the County Council for its erection. Mr. Joseph Smith referred to the opening of a gateway and widening of the road.

After a discussion the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Colloton:-

"That we recommend the Council to instruct Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, to obtain Counsel's opinion as to the powers, duties and responsibilities of the Council under section 92 of the Summary Jurisdiction (Ireland) Act 1851 - 14th and

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15th VIC, Cap 92, and section 33 of Local Government Act, 1935.

GENERAL COUNCIL OF COUNTY COUNCILS.

Notification was received from the Secretary, 4, Cavendish Road, Dublin:- "That the annual meeting of the above body would take place on the 5th August, and matters to be included on the agenda should reach him not later than 31st July."

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The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Hall seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 16th June, 1932 be received and considered."

SLUICE GATES COURTOWN HARBOUR.

Under date 12th July, 1932, the Department of Lands and Fisheries wrote (D/5/2) enquiring how the progress of the fitting of the gates stood at present, and when it was expected ~~that~~ they would be in operation.

The Secretary stated that he had forwarded the following reply to the Department, under date 14th July, 1932:-

"In reply to your letter of the 12th inst., No. (D/5/2) regarding sluice gates at Courtown Harbour, I have to inform you that the following resolution was adopted by the County Council at last meeting:-

"That the Commissioners of Public Works be requested to send down one of their Engineers with experience of harbour work to inspect the sluice gates etc., at Courtown Harbour."

"The above resolution with the following explanatory statement which explains the present position regarding the Contract, was forwarded to the Public Works Department, on the 7th instant:-

"A contract was set to Messrs. Lee Bros., Arklow, to erect new sluice gates at Courtown, and one of the clauses of the Specification provided for the contractor damming the gate chamber and laying dry the floor so as to properly make good sill and the rollerway under the toe of the gates. For some time now the contractor has been endeavouring to properly staunch his dams and to pump out chamber, but he has not succeeded in doing so. The Specification provides that the entire design and responsibility for this work shall be on the contractor, and I, as County Surveyor, have not taken any responsibility in directing him, though I have discussed the matter with him. The County Council considered that as the Fishery Department was responsible for half the cost of the work it might be advisable that their Engineer should inspect the work, and advise the contractor in regard to the completion of the job. I shall be glad if you will bring this matter before your Board."

The County Surveyor submitted the following letter under date 23rd July, 1932, from Mr. Lee, Contractor:-

"In reply to yours of the 19th inst. sorry I was not on the

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"ground when you arrived. I put on a patent foot valve on the 8" pump on 20th. inst. and pumped out the gate chamber until the water was five inches over the gate sill and the pump draws air at the level. I could not get all the water out, but the coffer dams are practically water tight, so I believe the water is coming up in a splay all over the bottom and to overcome this difficulty I have put in a concrete bottom about 8" to 12" thick all over the sea bed on the outside portion, that is from the sill of the gates to the outside or east dam. I have also put in some pipes in the concrete to run some cement grout between the old stones in the bottom. If this should be a success I will be in a position to pump out that portion on Tuesday or Wednesday 26th. or 27th. inst., and then I would be able to fix the gate sill, so if you could call to Courtown on Wednesday you will probably see the gate sill dry."

The following is an extract from the County Surveyor's report:- "The Gate Chamber at Courtown Harbour has not yet been pumped dry. The Contractor, during the past week, has made every effort to deal with this: he has dams quite staunched, and all the large leaks stopped, (but there is a certain amount of seepage coming in through the floor, of the chamber), which it is expected will staunch the chamber, and allow of its being pumped dry."

Mr. Keegan, said it would be admitted that the Contractor was making a great effort to finish the work, but this did not relieve the people who were dying of hunger. At a meeting of the Courtown Harbour Committee the average earnings of the ten boats for ten weeks was £815. Only one boat (and that through an accident) had been able to fish for the past season with the result that 21 men were obliged to make application for home help which he was sorry to say had been refused. They tried on the 23rd. July, to enter the County Home, with their

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families. People should not be allowed to starve like rats in a trap. So far as they could see there was no guarantee that the gates would be finished by October, and there would be no Winter fishing with the result that the hardship and suffering in the district would be appalling. The one man who had been able to get to sea, through an accident, had earned £20 for the last two weeks, fishing out of Arklow. There was no County Council work in the area, and no agricultural labour and he (Mr. Keegan) wished to know what was to be done to save the people. The fault in this matter lay with the Contractor and the County Surveyor, allowing the whole Spring to go by, without having the work carried out.

Mr. O'Byrne said he had every sympathy with the Contractor in his difficulties, but still he was not hungry like the unfortunate fishermen and their families.~ Something should be done for these poor people.

The County Surveyor, in reply to Mr. D'Arcy, said he believed Mr. Lee would complete the job, He nearly had the leakage under control.

The Chairman said that applications for relief were dealt with by a special Committee of the Health Board, who were not ungenerous and there was no doubt they must have considered the applications from Courtown.

Mr. Keegan mentioned that Home Assistance Officer Whitty, told the Courtown men on Saturday last he had no money to give them.

Mr. Hall - About fifty applications came before the Committee but all the money for home help had been expended and really over-expended so it was impossible to deal with the Courtown applications.

Mr. Keegan said there were only 21 cases all told, and so far as he could understand their circumstances had not been

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investigated by anybody.

The Chairman said the County Council had done their best to have the sluice gates put in order but through an unfortunate series of mishaps the work had not been carried out. It was admitted that the Contractor for the past six weeks was certainly doing his best, but if the Council were not satisfied with this, and took up the work, there might be a bigger mess made of it. In his opinion there was a certain amount of exaggeration in these cases from Courtown.

Mr. Keegan challenged the remark of the Chairman's, and invited him to visit Courtown and investigate the circumstances of the distress there for himself.

Mr. O'Byrne pointed out that the people in Courtown were entirely dependent upon the fishing and were unable to procure any other work. As they had not earned a single penny for months back, he could not see where the exaggeration mentioned by Chairman came in.

Mr. Hall pointed out that numbers of other cases of greater hardship than those in Courtown were unable to be dealt with by The Health Board Committee owing to lack of funds. He proposed that they should proceed to the next business. Mr. Walsh seconded the proposal.

Mr. Keegan said the attention of the Superintendant of Home Assistance should be called to the matter.

Miss O'Ryan disagreed. The County Council had no power to interfere with the officials of the Health Board in the discharge of their duties.

The Chairman said the Superintendant would investigate the matter as soon as he could reach on it. He (Chairman) believed it was only on Saturday last, 23rd July, that the matter was considered.

The discussion then ended.

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COMPENSATION FOR CRIMINAL INJURY:- Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Culleton seconded the recommendation of the Finance Committee.

The Chairman referred to a recent application for Compensation for criminal injury from John Cogley, in Tagoat District, in which £20 had been awarded for the burning of a few bushes and interfering with a few fences. He considered it was a great mistake that some evidence was not produced in this case as £2 would have covered the damage. As a matter of fact he would have been prepared to offer his own testimony in regard to the value of the property destroyed.

Mr. Elgee said that some considerable time ago he was in the habit of writing to the County Councillor and to the District Councillors for the district for particulars of criminal injuries, and only in three cases did he ever get any information. He found it impossible to get witnesses for the County Council in these cases.

A poll was taken on the recommendation of the Finance Committee with the following result:-

For: Messrs. Armstrong, Cline, Corish, Culleton, Cummins, D'Arcy, Gibbon, Hayes, Keegan, McCarthy, O'Byrne, O'Ryan and Shannon - (13)

Against: Messrs. Brennan, Hall, Mayler, Murphy, Smyth and the Chairman - (6).

Messrs. Cooney, Jordan and Walsh (3) were not present when poll was taken.

The Chairman declared the resolution carried.

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

"That the recommendation in Minutes of Finance Committee relative to the annulment of law relating to compensation for criminal injury, adopted at this meeting, be forwarded to the General Council of Co. Councils for consideration at the annual meeting of that body.

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Mr. Corish proposed and Mr. Murphy seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That all applications for compensation for criminal injury be submitted to the Finance Committee, who are hereby empowered to make arrangements for the employment of witnesses as to value etc."

ERECTION OF BUILDINGS WITHIN 30 ft. OF PUBLIC ROAD:-

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

"That the Department of Local Government be asked to furnish to this County Council the opinion of their Legal Adviser regarding the powers, duties and responsibilities of the Council under Section 9(2) of the Summary Jurisdiction (Ireland) Act 1851 14th and 15th Vic. ~~and~~ Cap. 92 and Section 33 of Local Government Act 1925.

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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 16th June, 1932, be and are hereby confirmed except in so far as same have been altered or amended by resolution adopted at this meeting."

The following Minutes of the Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 30th June, 1932 were submitted:-

The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee, was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on June, 30th, 1932.

Mr. M. Doyle, Chairman, County Council, presided, and there were also present: Messrs. John Colleton, James Hall, Sean O'Byrne and James Shannon.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

PAYMENTS.

Treasurer's Advice Note for £4559.1.10d was examined and signed.

RENTS - OLD COURT HOUSE PREMISES.

Under date 31st June, 1932, Mr. J. Elgee, County Solicitor, forwarded letter from Messrs. Huggard Brennan & Godfrey, as to the payment of rent to the Sandwith Estate, out of the old Court House premises, Wexford, and pointed out that the County Council could not evade their liability for the payment of the rent, by deciding not to pay same, until title had been shown. Unless they received paying order without delay they would be forced to take proceedings which would involve the Council in further expense.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That in consequence of the undue delay which has occurred in respect of the Sandwith Estate making title to allow the County Council to purchase their interest in the old Court House premises, we cannot recommend any variation in the resolution adopted by the County Council in this

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matter at Meeting on the 13th June, 1932."

In connection with the award of compensation for the burning of the old Court House, the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Hall:-
"That Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, be instructed to make application to the Department of Finance, for the balance of compensation due in respect of the destruction of Wexford Court House, viz. £400."

The Finance Committee are of opinion that this money should be paid without further delay.

DEDUCTIONS FROM AGRICULTURAL GRANT.

The following resolution was proposed by Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. Shannon and adopted:- "That the attention of the Minister for Finance be directed to the following resolution of the Finance Committee of the 2nd. June, 1932, and which was confirmed by the general meeting of the County Council on the 13th June, 1932, and that an early reply to same be requested from this Department:- "That Minister for Finance be requested to recoup Council from sums received in respect of arrears of Land Purchase Annuities since 1st March, 1932, the sum of £13,255 deducted from Agricultural Grant for 1931/32 in respect of said arrears."

EXTENSION OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION.

Under date 16th June, 1932, the Department of Local Government wrote (G.44288-32 Loch Garman Fa) the Minister had sanctioned the extension of Overdraft Accommodation from £20,000 to £33,000 up to the 30th September next. Interest thereon to be paid at the agreed rate."

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INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL APPLICATIONS.

Notification was received as to applications for the committal of Edward Power, Great Island, (12 years old) and Nellie Brien, Tomsallagh, Ferns (7 years old) to Industrial Schools. Referred to Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor.

VOTE OF £250,000 TOWARDS THE RELIEF OF RATES ON

AGRICULTURAL LAND.

Under date 23rd June, 1932, (G.45703/1932 Loch Garman) the following was read from Local Government Department:-
"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government & Public Health, to advert to your letter of the 18th instant, and to state that as already pointed out, the basis of allocation of this grant has already been decided and must be carried out on uniform lines over the entire country. The Minister could not agree to any different procedure in County Wexford."

LOCAL AUTHORITIES (COMBINED PURCHASING) ACT 1925.

Under date 20th June, 1932, the Department of Local Government, wrote (B.34465/1932 Ilgh (Trachtala) asking for payment of £166.16s. amount assessed upon Wexford County for expenses incurred in the administration of the above Act, during the year ended 31st March, 1932.

It was decided to refer the application to next meeting of the County Council, for consideration.

LOCAL AUTHORITIES (OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES) ACT 1926.

Under date 20th June, 1932, (B.31061/1932 Ilgh (S) the Department of Local Government wrote requesting payment of

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£135.2.9d. amount assessed on Wexford County under the
above Act, in respect of the year ended 31st March, 1932.

Referred to next meeting of County Council .

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Proposed by Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall and adopted:- "That the Minutes of Finance Committee of 30th June, 1932, be received and considered."

RENTS OLD COURTHOUSE PREMISES: In connection with this matter, Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, submitted the following letter from the Department of Finance under date 18th July, 1932, No. (404/296):- "With reference to your letter of the 8th inst., regarding the outstanding balance of an Award of Compensation in respect of the destruction of Wexford Courthouse, I am directed by the Minister for Finance to say that he has been satisfied that the defects to which the attention of the Wexford County Council was previously called have now been remedied and that a sum of not less than £5,000 has been expended in carrying out the work of reinstatement. The Minister has, accordingly authorised payment of the balance, £400, of the Award plus Interest (less Income Tax) making a total of £422.10.5d. As you are aware, the Payees are the Treasurer of the Council and Captain Wm. A. Redmond. The latter Gentleman died recently and before the Paying Order for the above amount can be drawn, it will be necessary to have the Grant of Administration to the Estate of the deceased transmitted to this Department for inspection. As you are, no doubt, in touch with the Solicitors for the late Captain Redmond, perhaps you will be good enough to request them to forward the Grant to this Office. It will be returned when noted."

LOCAL AUTHORITIES (COMBINED PURCHASING) ACT:- The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Hall seconded by Mr. Cummins:- "That payment of £166.16s. assessment on Wexford County Council in connection with administration of Local Authorities (Combined Purchasing) Act 1925, be deferred until the Council have funds to meet same. That Local Government Department be asked for details of the cost of the

various heads of administration.

Proposed by Mr. Brennan and adopted:- "That the County Wexford T.D's be requested to take steps to ensure repeal of the Local Authorities (Combined Purchasing) Act 1925, as in our opinion the administration of this Act is of practically no value to the ratepayers."

Mr. Corish suggested that the County Surveyor should be asked to furnish particulars of the amount of materials purchased by him through the Trade Department so that the Council could arrive at some idea of the saving, if any, which had been effected, but no action was taken as regards this suggestion.

LOCAL AUTHORITIES (OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES) ACT 1926:- In connection with the assessment of £135.2.9d on Wexford County under this Act, Mr. D'Arcy proposed and Mr. Culleton seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That payment of assessment under Local Authorities (Officers & Employees) Act 1926 be deferred for the present and that it be pointed out to the Local Government Department that the ratepayers of this County were mulcted in hundreds of pounds by the payment of temporary officers, principally medical doctors owing to the manner in which the permanent appointments of officials were held up awaiting recommendations from the Appointment Commissioners."

Proposed by Mr. Hall and seconded by Mr. D'Arcy:- "That Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 30th June, 1932 as submitted to this meeting be and are hereby approved."

Passed.

The Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 14th July, 1932, were submitted as follows:-

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The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on the 14th July, 1932.

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

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

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

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

PAYMENTS.

Treasurer's Advice Note for £7076.12.1d was examined and signed.

HOLIDAYS: COUNTY MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

The following letter under date 14th July, 1932, was read from Dr. C. Bastible, County Medical Officer of Health:-

"I wish to apply for four weeks holiday leave, one week of which is to be taken, beginning July 25th, and the other time to be taken later, probably, in September, The name of my substitute will be Dr. P. Maguire, 24 Gardiner Street, Dublin."

It was decided on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Colloton that Dr. Bastible's application for holidays be agreed to, but that no substitute be appointed, as Finance Committee do not consider a substitute is required at present.

RATE COLLECTION.

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

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| (1) E.J. Murphy: £333. 2. 8d. | (2) J. Quirke: £427.17.6d. |
| (3) W. Cummins : £257. 8. 5d. | (4) J.J. O'Reilly: £277.5.2d. |
| (5) J. Cummins : £236. 4. 8d. | (6) M. Murphy: £164.13.9d. |
| (7) T. Rowe: £122.4.7d. | (8) M. McCarthy: £161.10.7d. |
| (9) A. Dunne: £216.0.8d. | (10) P. Doyle: £138.1.10d. |
| (11) J. Curtis: £133.10.7d. | (12) T. Bolger: £83. 1. 8d. |
| (13) S. Cannon: (6) £61.10.8d | (14) P. Nolan: £136.0.0d. |

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- (15) P. O'Byrne: £61.19.4d. (16) P. Doyle: £46.9.7d.
 (17) S. Gannon: (10) £30.0.0d (18) J. Deegan: £54.16.7d
 (19) J.J. Sinnott: £43.9.2d. (20) P. Carty: Nil.

Total £2979. 7. 5d.

On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. O'Byrne, it was decided that the most backward Collectors be notified to proceed more diligently with their collections.

It was also decided to notify Collectors that Finance Committee considered that equivalent to 50% of current warrant excluding arrears should be lodged by 30th September.

EXPLANATION FROM COLLECTOR.

The following explanation from Collector T. Bolger, under date 9th July, as to his failure to attend checking at Gorey on the day appointed by Rate Inspector, was considered satisfactory:

"Reference to your letter of the 9th inst., (1) I did not attend in Gorey for checking on Thursday last. My reason is I have practically all the Demand Notes out now, and on Thursday I called to some of my good clients hoping to be in Gorey by Bank 3 p.m. I called on:

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| Mr. Jos. Kenny, Boley, Camolin. | No. |
| " W. Howell, " " | " |
| " Jos. Kenny, Ballycouran, Craanford. | " |
| " M. Kirwan, " " | " |
| " R. Doyle, Knockbrandon, " | Yes. |
| " M. Byrne, " " | No. |
| " J. Lyons, " " | Yes. |
| " P. Doyle, Ballyshane, Camolin. | |

"When I got to Craanford, which would be 19 Irish miles, as I went it was 2 p.m. old time, so I did not go to Gorey, but checked on Friday evening in Enniscorthy. I asked Mr. O'Kennedy, if he could allow me to check in Enniscorthy which is only 5 miles from me. I trust this explanation is satisfactory."

RATE COLLECTORS' FIDELITY GUARANTEE BONDS.

Correspondence was submitted from the New Ireland Assurance Company and Mr. F. Poyntz, Solicitor, New Ross,

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an agent of the Company, in reference to claim of Mr. Poyntz for agency fees in respect of renewal premiums for Fidelity Guarantee Bonds of five Rate Collectors. The New Ireland Company stated, these fees were payable to Irish Public Bodies Mutual Company, who were recognised agents for this business with the County Council and the New Ireland Company.

It was decided not to intervene in the matter, as the County Council had already approved of insurance business being carried out in all cases where possible, through agency of Irish Public Bodies Mutual Company.

POUNDAGE OF COLLECTORS.

The following letter under date 7th July, No. (G.49201/1932. Loch Garman. Fa) was read from Minister for Local Government and Public Health:- " I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 2nd instant and to state that he sanctions the payment of ordinary poundage in respect of their 1931/32 warrants to the 14 Collectors concerned."

APPLICATION FROM RATE COLLECTORS.

AMALGAMATION OF HOLDINGS.

The following was read from Collector J. Quirke, on behalf of the Rate Collectors:- "I have been instructed by the Rate Collectors of the County to apply to the Finance Committee of your Council for expenses incurred in connection with the Amalgamation of Ratings.

The Collectors consider that 30/- each would be a reasonable remuneration for their services.

I would ask you kindly to place this application before the next meeting of the Finance Committee."

It was decided that County Council be recommended to grant £1 to each Collector.

In connection with cost of preparation of Credit Notes and amalgamation of holdings, which it was estimated would cost between £200 and £250.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. McCarthy seconded the following recommendation:- "That if the full additional Agricultural Grant is to be applied towards relief, on first £10 of valuations of land, we consider the cost of preparing Credit Notes etc., should be borne by Local Government Department, otherwise we are of opinion that the cost of preparing Credit Notes should be deducted from Grant, and that the difference only, be applied towards relief of rates on first £10, or lesser valuation of land held by each Ratepayer.

REVISION OF VALUATIONS.

On the motion of Mr. Shannon seconded by Mr. O'Byrne, list of holdings submitted by Collector Bolger, for revision of the valuation on Districts No. 12 and 14, were approved for transmission to the Commissioner of Valuation.

Two licensed houses on which revision was applied for by Surveyor, Customs & Excise, Wexford, were also listed for revaluation in present year's revision.

HIRE OF ROLLER.

The County Surveyor submitted the following letter from Mr. Peter Scallan, Clonroche:- "I have about four hundred yards of sound car-way that I am thinking of getting rolled, I understand from your Mr. Murphy that I can hire one of your rollers, I would feel obliged if you would let me know if I can do so, it would take about three days to do the job, and I would be ready any time after the end of July.

"The place I am referring to is by the side of the Coolroe road, from Ballymackessy to Chapel Station."

It was decided on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Shannon, that Roller be hired to Mr. Scallan at the rate of £2.5.0d per day.

IRISH INDUSTRIAL & AGRICULTURAL FAIR CORK.

The following was read from Great Southern Railways, re special train and cheap excursion fares in connection with Cork Exhibition:-

"With further reference to your letter of the 6th instant submitting copy of a resolution adopted by the Wexford County Council regarding the provision of a special train or cheap excursion fares in connection with the Cork Exhibition. The Company has already run special trains from several important points to Cork in connection with the Exhibition and it is regretted that these trains have not been availed of, to any appreciable extent and the receipts did not cover working expenses.

"If, however, your Council will be prepared to organise a trip from Wexford and Stations to Waterford, the Company will have pleasure in running a train to suit, as it is our experience that without local organisation such trains would not be successful.

"As regards cheap excursion fares: cheap fares are issued to Cork on Fridays and Saturdays available for 16 days, as per copy of handbill enclosed, and for special parties of ten to fifty, single fares are in operation, and for parties over fifty in number the charge is less than single fare."

Mr. Eamonn Barry, official Excursion Organiser of Cork Industrial & Agricultural Fair, attended the meeting.

The Chairman explained that he thought it would be better to have the arrangements made for excursion at meetings of County Council and County Committee of Agriculture on the 25th July. There would be Members present at these meetings

from all parts of the County. He thought that if the excursion were well organised, a party of 500 would travel.

Mr. Eamonn Barry stated, that if that number would be likely to avail of an excursion, he thought it would be possible to arrange a train at a fare of about 8/- , and that if the Company required a guarantee, he would recommend the Exhibition Committee to give same to the Railway Company, so that Council would have no responsibility in that direction.

A general discussion took place as to the most suitable date, length of time excursion party could remain at the exhibition, arrangements re lectures at Agricultural and Horticultural sections etc.

It was decided that final arrangements be dealt with at County Council meeting on 25th July.

Mr. Barry stated that in the meantime he would interview Railway Company, and have definite particulars for County Council meeting.

BOVINE TUBERCULOSIS ORDER.

Case on Premises of Mr. P. Chapman, Haggard, Ramsgrange.

In reference to item on Agenda regarding appointment of Valuer of a Cow and Calf belonging to Mr. P. Chapman, Haggard, Ramsgrange, owing to failure of Veterinary Inspector and Owner to agree as to value.

The Assistant Secretary stated he had been notified by Mr. Lynch, Veterinary Inspector on the 14th July, 1932, that owner had since agreed to Veterinary Inspector's valuation of the animals.

Proposed by Mr. O'Byrne, ~~and~~ seconded by Mr. Hall and adopted:- "That Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 14th July, 1932, as submitted to this meeting be received and considered."

HOLIDAYS COUNTY MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH:- In connection with the recommendation of Finance Committee letter was read from Dr. Bastible, C.M.O.H., under date 15th July, 1932, pointing out that school inspections had been arranged for week beginning 25th July, in various areas, in addition to inspection of midwives and investigation of water supplies, and it was absolutely impossible for him to leave unless a substitute was appointed to do his work while absent. He would be unable to get any holidays if the resolution of the Finance Committee was not amended."

Under date 22nd July, 1932, the Local Government Department wrote (P.H.55099/1932 Loch Garman Ae) that the Minister was prepared to approve the employment of Dr. P. Maguire, D.P.H., 24, Gardiner Street, Dublin, as substitute for Dr. C. Bastible, County Medical Officer of Health during the latter's absence on annual leave.

Mr. Cummins proposed and Mr. Hall seconded the following:- "That Dr. Bastible be granted usual annual leave and that this Council approves of Dr. P. Maguire D.P.H., 24, Gardiner Street, Dublin, acting as locum tenens at a remuneration of £10.10 per week."

This resolution was unanimously adopted.

IRISH INDUSTRIAL & AGRICULTURAL FAIR. CORK:- Mr. Eamonn Barry, Official Excursion Organiser to the Exhibition, came before the meeting and submitted letter from Mr. P.J. Floyd, Traffic Manager, Great Southern Railways, stating that the Railway Company, would run a special train from Wexford town via Rosslare Strand on a suitable date to be selected, with a connection from Enniscorthy, (via Palace East) to Waterford, on condition that guarantees

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were given of 200 adult passengers on Wexford train and 100 on Enniscorthy connection. Day trip fares from both places would be 8/-, third class, with proportionate reductions from intermediate stations. Terms had been already given to New Ross for an independent excursion from that town on Sunday 14th August!

Continuing Mr. Barry said those participating in the excursion and who wished to remain over for a second day could do so by paying a fare of 12/-.

After considerable discussion it was decided that Thursday 11th August, be arranged for excursion from Wexford, time of departure 7 o'clock (official time) with corresponding hour of departure from Gorey to meet Wexford train at Waterford."

The following resolution was proposed by Mr. Hall and seconded by Mr. Cline and adopted:- "That Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 14th July, 1932, be and are hereby confirmed."

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

The following report was submitted from the County Surveyor:-

"At a former meeting of the Council the matter of supplying discharging boat for Courtown Harbour was under consideration, and there were two tenders received for same. I was asked to inquire about details of the lower price tender - by Edward Byrne and now report that it is satisfactory, and that the boat to be supplied will be similar to the existing one.

"The painting work at New Ross Bridge is progressing in a satisfactory manner, and as far as the work has gone it is a good job. Provision was made in the Specification for repairing the dolphins when they had been cleaned before the tar was applied by the Contractor, and I am getting this work in hands.

"On the 13th instant a vessel was passing through the opening span at New Ross Bridge which came in contact with the railing and has caused damage. The owner is Captain Crennan of Ballincurragh, Cork. I shall submit full particulars - in report

"from Caretaker. The three standards of the railing which have been damaged I estimate will cost about £6 to have repaired, and I recommend that the matter be placed in the County Solicitor's hands.

"I have had some excavations made on the line of the proposed wall at Saint Helen's Harbour, so as to be in a position to deal with the matter asked for by Department, and have forwarded report.

"I have obtained particulars in regard ^{to} Pier head light at Kilmore, and I am submitting quotations for same. The lamp we have there at present is not giving satisfaction locally, and I think that if a new lamp be purchased of the design now suggested there should be no further complaint.

"I have application from Mr. Matthew Holbrook, Templeshannon, Enniscorthy, to repair water pipe at Ferns. He also asks permission to lay a further water pipe to new house.

"The work on the three road improvement grants, New Ross Road, Bunclody Road and the Rosslare Harbour Road are in satisfactory progress. In connection with the New Ross Road work I ask for allocation from the Contingency Fund for the repair of the diversion from Ballinaboola to Raheenvarren, through Newbawn. This road is now subject to the main road traffic on account of the closing of the direct line, and requires extra expenditure to maintain it. I ask for an allocation of £20 from the County Road Contingency Fund.

The four Relief works approved by the Local Government Department are in progress. The work on Gorey Street is nearing completion, and I believe we may have a small balance in hands from the money allocated. I propose, with the consent of the Council, and the Department, utilising this to improve bad hill on Road No.137 near Tara Hill. I have, on a former occasion, reported this work to the Council, but funds were not available for dealing with it. I attach separate report on Ferrycarrig

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"Bridge".

Proposed by Mr. Hall seconded by Mr. Brennan and adopted:-
"That the Report of County Surveyor presented to this meeting be received and considered."

DISCHARGING BOAT AT COURTTOWN:- The County Surveyor stated he had received tender for the building of a discharging boat similar to the one which was formerly utilised at Courtown Harbour, from Edward Byrne, Courtown Harbour, at £75. There was also a second tender at £115 which he considered too high, though of course, it was for a more elaborate class of boat. The work had been advertised several times and these were the only two tenders which came to hand.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. D'Arcy seconded the following:- "That the tender of Edward Byrne, for providing discharging boat at Courtown Harbour at £75 be accepted.

Passed.

NEW ROSS BRIDGE:- Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Brennan seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-
"That Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor be instructed to proceed against Captain Crennan, Ballincurrig, Cork, owner of Schooner "Brooklands" to recover cost of repair of damage done by his vessel on 13th July, to New Ross Bridge."

PIER HEAD LIGHT KILMORE:- The County Surveyor submitted from W.R. Hamilton, Bull Ring, Wexford, tenders for Pier Head Light at Kilmore:- One at £10.5s. and a second at £14. less 2½% for discount in London. The existing lamp was unsatisfactory but it had cost only £1.8s.

Col. Gibbon proposed and Mr. Shannon seconded the following resolution which was passed:- "That the County Surveyor be empowered to select either of the lamps in respect of which quotations had been submitted to this meeting from W.R. Hamilton, for Pier Head Light at Kilmore Harbour."

WATER PIPES AT FERNS:- The County Surveyor submitted letter from Matthew Holbrook, under date 22nd July, 1932, asking for permission to open road at Ferns to repair water pipes and also to run water pipe about 30 yards long in road gripe at Ferns Cemetery Road to a new residence occupied by Mr. Walsh.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Brennan:- "That the necessary permission to repair water pipes in Ferns and also to lay new water pipe to residence of Mr. Walsh be granted to Mr. Matthew Holbrook, Templeshannon, Enniscorthy, work to be carried out in both instances to the satisfaction of the County Surveyor."

ROAD BALLYNABOLA TO RAHEENVARRIN THROUGH NEWBAWN:- Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Cooney seconded the following:- "That the sum of £20 be withdrawn from Co. Road Contingency fund for repair of road from Ballynabola to Raheenvarren through Newbawn, rendered necessary by this road being used as an alternative route to New Ross - Wexford main road under reconstruction.

Passed.

HILL ON ROAD 137:- Proposed by Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. D'Arcy and adopted:- "That this County Council approves of any sum unspent from Relief Grant for work on Gorey Streets being employed to improve bad hill on Road 137."

FERRYCARRIG BRIDGE.

The following report under date 25th July, 1932, was submitted from County Surveyor:- "Some time ago I had excavations and borings made at Ferrycarrig Bridge to locate line of rock at the abutment on the North side adjoining bascule opening. Subsequently, I have been in consultation with Messrs. Delap and Waller in regard to the best means of dealing with the defective abutment and the contingent jamming of the bascule opening. Owing to the practically vertical drop of the rock at this end of the bridge, we have found that it will be necessary to carry out very extensive alterations, and I have

Preliminary Plans and Estimates for this work, which will run into a high figure: approximately £5,000. This Estimate, I believe, is on the high side, but it would not be safe to calculate at a lesser figure.

On the 15th instant I made a thorough inspection of the bascule, accompanied by Messrs. Delap and Waller, and, also, by a representative of the Firm who originally erected it (bascule). We found that the bascule itself is practically in good condition, and that nearly all the gearing is sound. All these, however, will require a thorough overhaul, and the gearing dismantled, cleaned and made good before reconstruction. I suggest that this work when put in hands should be done by our own mechanics, though the final jacking up of the bascule will have to be in the hands of the Contractor for the re-construction work. Subsequent to our visit we came to the conclusion that the bridge now was in an unsound condition, and that it was advisable to limit the speed of motor and other vehicles over same. Accordingly, I put advertisement in the Dublin and local Papers, and have taken steps to control the traffic at the bridge. I have written to the Local Government Department informing them of this.

"When the reconstruction work is in progress it will be essential to have a temporary bridge to take the traffic, as there is practically no alternative route between Wexford and Enniscorthy and I suggest that this temporary bridge should be immediately erected. I estimate the cost of this at in or about £1,000. Tenders should now be invited for the work as a separate item, and, subsequently, reconstruction work could be put in hands."

The County Surveyor stated the Bridge was erected in 1913 at a cost of £7,000. So far as he could see it was impossible to avoid erection of temporary bridge as Wexford Bridge was unfit for heavy lorry traffic. It would take about three months

to erect a temporary bridge and six months to repair existing structure.

Col. Gibbon mentioned that a fixed bridge would cost very little compared to a swivel bridge.

The County Surveyor said the end of the bridge had been built on a very unsound foundation, and it had been undermined from the start.

Col. Gibbon mentioned that he could not see any probability of boats which would require the opening span of the bridge being used, on the river Slaney.

The County Surveyor mentioned that unless they received an Order from the Ministry of Industry and Commerce to convert the open span to a fixed span the former would have to remain.

Col. Gibbon proposed that a Committee of the County Council be appointed to visit the bridge in conjunction with the County Surveyor, Mr. Delap and an Engineer from the L.G.D. with one representative each from Enniscorthy Urban Council, Wexford Harbour Commissioners and Wexford Corporation, in order to consider in detail the report of the County Surveyor and also the question of closing the opening span of the existing bridge.

Mr. McCarthy seconded this resolution which was adopted.

In reply to Mr. Cummins the County Surveyor stated if the new bridge were erected in line with the railway bridge the cost would be at least £20,000.

The following were appointed a Committee of the Council under Col. Gibbon's resolution:-

Messrs. Culleton, Corish, D'Arcy, Doyle, Gibbon, Jordan, McCarthy, O'Byrne and Walsh.

Date and hour of meeting will be arranged when communications as to the appointment of their representatives have been received from the Wexford Corporation, Wexford Harbour Commissioners and Enniscorthy Urban Council.

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AN ENGINEERING PUPIL.

The Chief Mechanical Engineer of the office of the High Commissioner for India, Belvedere Road, Lambeth, London, S.F.1., wrote as follows to the County Surveyor under date 21st July, 1932:- "The High Commissioner for India desires to obtain facilities for the practical training of Mr. J.B. Singh, a Government of Burma Scholar, in highway engineering for a period of one year commencing at once if possible.

"Mr. Singh is a B.Sc. Rangoon University and recently graduated with Honours B.Sc. London in Civil Engineering.

"I am to enquire whether you are prepared to afford the desired facilities and upon what terms and conditions."

On the motion of Mr. D'Arcy seconded by Mr. Brennan the following resolution was adopted:- "That the High Commissioner for India be informed by the County Surveyor that the Wexford County Council would be prepared to afford highway engineering training to Mr. J.B. Singh for one year at a fee of £200 to be paid to the Council."

WILD BIRDS PROTECTION ACT.

The following motion of which he had given previous notice was moved by Col. Gibbon:- "That Wexford County Council make application to the Minister of Justice for a renewal of the following Order under Wild Birds Protection Act 1930:-

"The taking or destroying of the eggs of the following species of Wild Birds to be prohibited throughout County Wexford (including Keeragh and Saltee Islands) between 1st day of March 1933, and 1st. day of August, 1933, and between first day of March and first day of August in each year for a period of four years, from the first day of March, 1933:-

Peregrine Falcon, Raven, Rock-dove, Oyster-catcher, Kittiwake, Puffin, Guillemot, Razorbill, Manx Shearwater and Lapwing."

Mr. Colloton seconded the motion which was unanimously adopted.

ERECTION OF HOUSES WITHIN 30 ft. OF ROAD CENTRE.

The following notice of motion stood in the name of Mr. Shannon:- "That the resolution of the County Council directing that house erected at Red Pat's Cross be removed as it was within 30 feet of the centre of the Road, be held up until Counsel's opinion has been received as to powers of Council in the matter."

By permission of the meeting Mr. Shannon altered his motion to read as follows:- "That no action be taken on the resolution of the County Council directing that house erected at Red Pat's Cross be removed as it was within 30 feet of the centre of the Road, until this County Council has received the opinion of the Legal Adviser of the Local Government Department as to their duties and responsibilities under the appropriate statutes."

Mr. Clince seconded and the motion was adopted.

DEPUTATIONS TO GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS.

Under date 9th July, 1932, the Department of Local Government wrote (S) that it had been brought to the notice of the Minister for Local Government that avoidable expense to the rates appeared in some cases to be caused by deputations to Dublin on various local matters. Deputations should not be appointed until it was clear that the matters concerned were relevant to the functions of the local authority and could not be dealt with by correspondence. It was advisable to communicate with the Department concerned beforehand as to the need for the attendance of the deputation, which, when appointed, should be as small as possible, and not more than three in number. When communicating with the Department the estimated expense of the

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proposed deputation should be given.

It was decided to point out to the Local Government Department that since the establishment of the Council not more than half dozen deputations had waited on Government Ministers or officials, and in every instance the members of the deputations had paid their own expenses.

LOCAL AUTHORITIES (Officers and Employees) ACT 1926.

Under date 30th June, 1932, the Local Appointments Commission forwarded supply of revised forms which made provision as to whether it was desired that one two or three persons should be recommended to local authorities for appointment to a vacant office.

Mr. Murphy proposed the following resolution:- "That in respect of all vacant offices to be filled through recommendation of the Local Appointments Commissioners, we request the latter ^{to} send (where available) the names of three suitable candidates."

Mr. D'Arcy seconded the motion.

A poll was taken on this motion with the following result:-
For: Messrs. Brennan, Cline, Cooney, Corish Cummins, D'Arcy, Gibbon, Hall, Hayes, Keegan, Mayler, Murphy, Smith, Walsh and the Chairman - 15

Against: Messrs. Armstrong, Culleton, Jordan, McCarthy, O'Byrne and Shannon - 6.

Miss O'Ryan was not present when poll was taken.

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

GOREY TECHNICAL SCHOOL.

Under date 8th July, 1932, the following letter (6290-32) from the Department of Education (T.I.B.) as to erection of Technical School in Gorey, was read:- "I have to acquaint you for the information of the Wexford County Council, that the Department has been informed by the Commissioners of Public Works that the Minister for Finance has sanctioned the issue of a loan

"of £2,200 from the Local Loans Fund to the Council for the purpose of enabling that body to make a grant of that amount to the County Wexford Vocational Education Committee towards the cost of the erection of a Technical School at Gorey. The loan will be repayable within a period of 25 years with interest at the rate of $5\frac{3}{4}$ per cent per annum.

"As already intimated in the Department's letter of the 17th May last (No.4474-32) the Minister for Finance consented to a refund being made to the Council out of State funds under Section 51(6) of the Vocational Education Act, 1930, to the maximum extent permitted by the Section, viz., fifty per cent of the actual repayment charges.

"I have to add that no advance on foot of this loan can be made until the Mortgage Deed has been completed and to avoid any delay in issuing the money it is recommended that you should communicate directly with the Commissioners of Public Works relative to the matter at an early date."

Under date 23rd July, 1932, the Department of Local Government wrote (S55107/32 Loch Garman) that the Minister had obtained the approval of the Department of Finance to the issue of this loan. Formal application for same should be made to the Commissioners of Public Works so that steps should be taken to prepare Mortgage Deed.

The following resolution was proposed by Mr. O'Byrne ~~and~~ seconded by Mr. Keegan and adopted:- "That we approve of the borrowing from Local Loans Fund of £2,200 repayable in 25 years with interest at the rate of $5\frac{3}{4}$ per cent per annum for erection of technical school Gorey on the terms and conditions set out in correspondence from Technical Instruction Branch of the Department of Education. That Commissioners of Public Works be informed that the Wexford County Council are ready to enter into Mortgage Deed for repayment of said loan.

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SOW DRAINAGE DISTRICT.

Under date 16th July, 1932, the following letter (2597/32) was read from the Commissioners of Public Works:-
"We beg to refer to previous correspondence and to inform you that we have prepared a scheme for the improvement of the drainage conditions in the above named District.

"The scheme provides inter alia for the re-grading of the main river from a point about 800 yards below Kilmallock Bridge to a point about three quarters of a mile above Ballinkeel, so as to drain the low lying flat lands near Ballaghkeen. The excavations will include the removal of 1 to 2 feet of rock below and up to Kilmallock Bridge, at which point extra sinking will be required. Sinking will also be necessary under three accommodation bridges, to the piers and foundations of which repairs may have to be undertaken. All the tributaries in the District will receive such attention as to leave them in good working condition.

"The Minister for Finance has sanctioned the carrying out by us of these works at a cost not exceeding £5,000 which will be borne by the Vote for the Relief of Unemployment - on condition that the Wexford County Council pay the amount due to us under our Charging Order (seven instalments to 1st May, 1932 of £131.12.2d. each or £921.5.2d. plus poundage charge of £46.1.3d, making a total of £967.6.3d) and pass a resolution undertaking to maintain the district as altered by the proposed works, and to pay the other instalments under the Charging Order as they fall due.

"Our Chief Drainage Engineer will be pleased to discuss at this office the particulars of the scheme with the County Surveyor. We shall be obliged if your Council will communicate with us on this subject at an early date."

Messrs. John Murphy, and John Doyle, both of Ballynamuddagh, came before the Council as representatives of the Drainage Ratepayers.

Mr. Corish mentioned that about a fortnight ago Messrs. Mernagh and Doyle, as a deputation from the Drainage Ratepayers, had been introduced to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Board of Works by Messrs. Allen and Keating T.D.'s and himself. They made a proposal that if £500 was given they would deepen the river.

Mr. Olley, Engineer to the Board, who had visited the district on several occasions estimated that the cost would be £5,000 and he (Mr. Corish) presumed that the letter to the Council had been based on the report of Mr. Olley. The inability of the Drainage Ratepayers to pay the amount of the seven instalments under the Charging Order had been referred to, but the Board could not see their way to forego the amount. As far as he understood the matter the Board would be prepared to have the work carried out by the County Surveyor.

After further consideration it was decided that a meeting of the Sow Drainage Ratepayers be held at Glenbrien School house on Monday 1st. August, at 4 p.m. (old time) for the purpose of considering letter from the Commissioners of Public Works as to the improvement of the drainage system.

It was also decided that the County Surveyor, County Secretary and Mr. Corish T.D. should attend this meeting.

DEFAULTING LAND COMMISSION ANNUITANTS.

The Secretary stated that according to the lists supplied by the Land Commission the amount of annuities unpaid in the County Wexford to 31st. March 1932, represented a sum of £26,832. 17. 4d.

MERCHANDISE MARKS ACT.

Under date 6th July, 1932, the following was read from

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the Department of Industry and Commerce (Trade and Industries Branch), T.I.C. 19336/7:- "I am directed by the Minister for Industry and Commerce to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 16th ultimo, on the subject of Section 19 of the Merchandise Marks Act, 1932. I am to state that the recommendations made by your Finance Committee, and adopted at a general meeting of the County Council, have been noted.

"I am to inform you that the question of utilising the services of members of the Garda Siochana, as duly authorised officers under Section 19, has been already referred to the Minister for Justice for consideration, and a further communication will be sent to you when a decision on the matter is reached."

CLAIM FOR DAMAGE BY BLASTING.

Under date 12th July, 1932, Messrs. Huggard, Brennan & Godfrey, Solicitors, New Road, Gorey, wrote claiming £15 on behalf of Miss Harriet J. Palmer, Gorey Hill, for damage caused to her meadow and grazing field by stones thrown out from Gorey Hill Quarry in blasting.

The County Surveyor mentioned that the matter had been reported to the Insurance Brokers and would be dealt with by them.

WALLS AT CLOHAMON BRIDGE.

Under date 12th July, 1932, Mr. J.J. O'Connor, Solicitor, wrote on behalf of Mary Agnes Doyle, Clohamon, and William Binnions, Ryland House, calling attention to the condition of the wall adjoining their lands at Clohamon Bridge.

Miss Doyle and William Binnions contended that these walls were built by the County Council some years ago and since then had been kept in repair by the Council. The last work had been done about 1918. One of the walls was broken down in two or three places and was in a dangerous condition, and unless repaired by the County Council proceedings would have to be taken against them.

It was decided to consider this matter in committee.

Mr. Ennis reported that the foreman (A. Clear) who lived in

Clohamon, stated that in 1922 or '23 he put up some loose stone coping which had fallen from these walls. He did it solely to oblige Mr. Kidd and was not paid by anyone for doing so.

John Sheehan, Clohamon, a mason, repaired these walls about 16 or 18 years ago for Mr. Murphy who was then owner of this land. They had never been repaired by the County Council.

It was decided to inform Mr. O'Connor, Solicitor, that the County Council must abide by the advice of the County Solicitor, who held that the County Council were not liable for the repair of the walls in question.

FORD OF LYNG.

The following report under date 20th July, 1932, was submitted from Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor:- "As instructed, I beg to report the position of the Proceedings herein.

"The Original Summons in the matter was issued on the 17th. November, 1931, naming Joseph M. Meldon, Violet Tynte, and the Great Southern Railways Co., (who were assumed to be the Commissioners constituted under the Wexford Harbour Act 1852) as Defendants.

"It subsequently transpired that Miss Tynte was not the Owner of any Lands in the Locality and consequently, was not one of the Commissioners, and the Great Southern Railways Co., claimed that they were not the Owners of the Railway Property in the Locality, but merely had running powers over the Railway Lines there - Consequently, acting on the Instructions of Counsel the Original Summons was withdrawn in the month of March last.

"Enquiries were then made from which it appeared that a Mrs. Waller, was the Owner of the Lands, which it had formerly been thought belonged to Miss Tynte, and it further appeared that the Fishguard and Rosslare Railways and Harbours Company were the Owners of the Railway Line through the Slob Lands.

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"When this information was found out a new Summons was issued, and has been served on all the Defendants through their Solicitors.

"The Statement of Claim in the matter has now to be delivered, and this is in course of preparation, but as the Claim is a very complicated one, and so many Facts, and Acts of Parliament have to be considered, in order that all the points at issue may be covered by the Claim, this will take some time, and the Statement will not be ready for delivery in time to have a Hearing of the Case until next Term at the earliest, but all that can be done, is being done and searches made in different Court and Public Offices for information to enable the Claim to be as full as possible."

The Chairman said he hoped when October arrived, the case would not be deferred until the following term.

FERNS DISPENSARY.

The following resolution was proposed by Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Keegan and adopted:- "That the Seal of County Council be attached to document of surrender of small plot at Ferns Dispensary to the landlord Mr. Donovan, which the Board of Health had agreed to let to Martin Dunbar."

CAMOLIN PARK ROAD.

The County Surveyor submitted the following report from Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor for the district, in connection with above road:- "I understand from Mr. Allen, T.D., that Land Commission is prepared to finance the cost of making above, conditional on County Council undertaking the after maintenance.

It would be well to take this matter up with Land Commission as the work is necessary both from the point of view of utility and the relief of the many men unemployed in this Area."

Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Keegan seconded the following resolution which was adopted unanimously:- "That provided the Land Commission make suitable road through Camolin Park, the

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County Council will be responsible for its future maintenance."

POISONS & PHARMACY ACT LICENCES.

Proposed by Mr. O'Byrne ~~and~~ seconded by Mr. Hall and passed:- "That renewal of licence under Poisons and Pharmacy Act be issued to Myles Byrne, Market House, Main Street, Gorey."

HOUSES WITHIN 30 ft. OF CENTRE OF ROAD.

Under date 2nd. July, 1932, Sylvester Roche, 96 North Main Street, Wexford, wrote that he was building a shed at Park, but was informed by Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor, that it should be 30 ft. from centre of road. It was only 20 feet but this was three feet inside wall and railings. He could not go back any further and the shed was almost completed.

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

"That no action be taken by this County Council in connection with the erection of shed by Sylvester Roche at Park, Wexford."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Hall seconded by Mr. Jordan:- "That as regards house under erection by James McCormack, The Ballagh, Enniscorthy, the County Council take no action although the building is within 30 feet from the road centre."

ANALYST'S REPORT.

It appeared from the Analyst's Quarterly Report to June, 1932, submitted to the meeting that the following analyses had been carried out:-

198 foods, 54 drugs, 1 water, Total 253. Number adulterated
New Milk - 5 Whiskey - 1

PETROL PUMP LICENCES

It was decided on the motion of Mr. Cummins seconded by Mr. McCarthy;) "That Petrol Pump LicenceSissue to John Rose, 1 Rafter Street, Enniscorthy."

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"These pumps ~~were~~ formerly licensed in the name of Thomas Stretton, who is succeeded in occupation by Mr. Rose."

DRAINAGE OF BOIRA AND CAHORE DISTRICTS.

In reply to Mr. O'Byrne, the County Surveyor stated he had communicated with the Land Commission as regards Boira Drainage.

Mr. O'Byrne said there were 85 men unemployed in the district and 700 acres of land affected.

The County Surveyor stated he would again call the attention of the Land Commission to the condition of affairs at Boira.

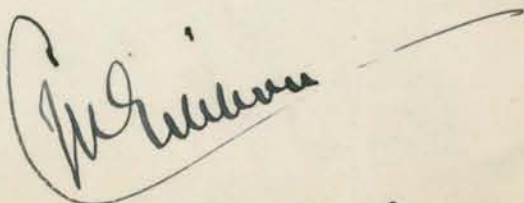
In connection with the gullet crossing the road at Cahore and connecting the drainage ~~system~~, Mr. Smyth mentioned that the official in charge of the work said that the gullet was unable to carry the necessary volume of water and the Council should either enlarge it or take whatever steps were necessary to make it really effective.

The County Surveyor stated he understood from the Engineer to Commissioners of Works that the gullet would be repaired as part of the scheme.

Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor for the District, mentioned that the gullet was not broken down but was blocked with silt. It was always considered to be part of the drainage system.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Smyth seconded:- "That in the event of the gullet crossing road at Cahore not being repaired by Commissioners of Public Works, the work be carried out at the expense of the Council."

Passed.



8 August 1932.