

WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL.

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SPECIAL MEETING 20th JUNE, 1932.

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COUNTY HALL,  
WEXFORD.

N.J FRIZELLE,  
SECRETARY.

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A special meeting of the Wexford County Council, summoned by direction of the Chairman, to consider arrangements for the attendance of the Council at the functions and celebrations of the Eucharistic Congress, was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 20th June, 1932.

Present:- Messrs. James Armstrong, James Clince, Patrick Colfer, John Culleton, John Cummins, Patrick Hayes, William P. Keegan, Sean O'Byrne and Miss Nellie O'Ryan.

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

Mr. Cummins was moved to the chair on the motion of Mr. Keegan, seconded by Mr. Culleton.

The Secretary stated he had been asked by Col. Gibbon, to apologise for his non-attendance.

Letter under date 15th June, 1932 was read from Mr. F. O'Reilly, Director of Organisation to the "Congress". The following is extract:- "All the elective Bodies will be in Section 3. There is no need for the Members to be together during the Mass. After the Mass they will go for refreshments; and then line up in the procession under the banner "County Councils". It would be quite impossible for us to provide special places for each County Council in the seating."

The Members spent some time discussing the absence of rail transport for the people of the baronies of Bargo, Forth and Shelburne. It was considered that the Railway Company should- when the matter of holding the "Congress" was mooted - have given the people some information as to the figures of the actual fares.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Clince:- "That the Great Southern Railway Co., be asked for an explanation as to why they



failed to provide rail transport to enable the people of South Wexford to attend the Eucharistic Congress.

In this connection it would appear that the great spiritual display of their faith by the Irish people was considered by the Railway Company of less importance than football matches held in Croke Park, Dublin, the fares in respect of which are 25 per cent. lower, than those ruling for the "Congress". The proposal of the allies of the Railway Company, the I.O.C., to provide a 'bus to Dublin at a return fare of 30/- exhibited a complete lack of appreciation of the position and cannot be regarded as seriously meant. The simplest minded will realise that such a figure would be a deterrent, not an inducement, to those wishing to avail of rail facilities.

Failing provision for a special train, it was within the power of the Railway Company to arrange that a train from Waterford should pick up the passengers at the various stations in South Wexford.

*Michael Doyle*

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A meeting of Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on Monday 13th June, 1932.

Present:- Mr. Michael Doyle (Chairman) presiding; also Messrs James Armstrong, John Brennan, James Cline, 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, M.M. Roche, James Shannon, Myles Smyth, and James E. Walsh.

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

The minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

#### PAYMENTS

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Treasurer's Advice Note for £5,346: 3: 9d was examined and signed.

#### THE LATE MR. MICHAEL COONEY

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

"That we offer our sincere condolence to Mr. Thomas Cooney our esteemed colleague, in the death of his father. Mr. Cooney has all our sympathy individually and collectively."

The motion was supported by the Chairman and other members and also spoken to by the Secretary.

#### CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

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Minutes of Finance meeting in respect of meeting held on the 19th May, 1932, were submitted as follows:-



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The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee of the Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on the 19th May, 1932.

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

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

On the motion of Mr. Hall seconded by Mr. Shannon, the chair was taken by Mr. McCarthy.

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

#### PAYMENTS

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Treasurer's Advice Note for £3,525: 10: 9d was examined and signed.

#### RATE COLLECTION

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In connection with the close of Rate Collection the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Culleton:-

"That the following amounts be added to the temporary uncollectable rates to be carried forward for collection with Warrant for Financial year 1932-33 in the case of the following collectors:-

J. Quirke	...	£378: 13: 5d.
P. Doyle	...	76: 5: 4d.
P. Nolan	...	64: 2: 2d.
S. Gannon	...	49: 17: 6d.
J. Deegan	...	6: 2: 8d.
J. Cummins	...	-: -: -:
P. O'Byrne	...	46: 1: 1d.
S. Gannon (10)	...	100: 19: 8d.
T. Bolger	...	197: 5: 9d.
J.J. O'Reilly	...	44: 3: 10d.



Name of Collector.	Amount.
T. Bolger ...	£76: 19: 8d.
A. Dunne ...	98: 8: 3d.
J.J. Sinnott ...	45: 18: 11d.
P. Carty ...	59: 18: 6d.

In connection with the resolution adopted by the Finance Committee on 21st April, 1932, explanations as to various outstanding items at that date and which had been requested by the Finance Committee, were submitted from the Rate Collectors.

ABORTIVE SEIZURE OF SHEEP ON BANTRY AND  
BLACKSTAIRS COMMONS.

With reference to the claim of Rate Collector O'Byrne for refund of £26: 10: 0d. expenses incurred by him in respect of the abortive seizure of 109 sheep on Bantry and Blackstairs Commons vouchers as presented by Mr. O'Byrne were submitted and examined, by the meeting.

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

"That in the event of Mr. O'Byrne supplying to our Secretary in confidence the names of the persons engaged by him in watching the mountain and driving the sheep after seizure, we recommend the Council to agree to forward Pay Order for the amount claimed by Mr. O'Byrne.



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Rate Collection District No. 12: Under date 18th May, 1932, Mr. P. Donohoe, Ballinabarna, Enniscorthy, formerly Collector for this District wrote asking the Council to request the Department to consider his reinstatement to the position. As the Council knew, Mr. Donohoe, wrote, he had a genuine grievance with 14 years public service during which time no complaint had been made against him, up to the period of his suspension. The Council by a large majority, decided to recommend his reinstatement which was turned down by the Department. If the Council took a similar action again he had a reason to believe that the Department would consider his reinstatement.

Mr. Hall gave notice of motion for consideration at the meeting of Council on 30th May, 1932, to reinstate Mr. P. Donohoe as Rate Collector for No. 12 District.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Shannon seconded the following resolution:- "That Mr. Donohoe, late Rate Collector, for No. 12 District be notified by our Secretary he should apply in the ordinary way through the advertisement in the local press for the vacant position."

Attendance of Rate Collectors at Revision Sessions:- The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Culleton:- "That in connection with the claims of Rate Collectors for travelling expenses attending Revision Sessions of Voters and Jurors Lists, we recommend that the following rates as obtained with the officials of Co. Wexford Committee of Agriculture be paid:-

Motor Car.....4d per mile.  
Motor Cycle.....2½d per mile.  
Push Bicycle.....2d per mile.

MR. STEPHEN HAYES, CLERICAL ASSISTANT CO.  
COUNCIL OFFICES.

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Under date 5th May, 1932, the following letter,  
(G.31366/32/sc. Loch Garman) was read from Department of



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Local Government:-

"Adverting to your letter of the 28th ultimo., relative to the case of Mr. Stephen Hayes, Clerk in the Council's offices, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that if the County Council so agree he will raise no objection to the increments of salary being allowed to Mr. Hayes as from the dates when they normally accrued due.

"As already intimated it is intended to introduce legislation in regard to Section 71 of the Local Government Act, 1925, which would be retrospective in effect."

It was decided to defer consideration of this matter until the adoption of legislation abolishing the necessity for declaration under Section 71 of the Local Government Act 1925.

LAND PURCHASE DEFAULTING ANNUITANTS

Under date 9th May, 1932, the following was read from the Irish Land Commission:-

"I am directed to transmit for the information of your Council the enclosed List of defaulting Land Purchase Annuity-ants in County Wexford against whom legal proceedings have been directed to be taken for recovery of the instalments due 1st November and 1st December last in respect of advances made under the Land Purchase Acts 1891-6 and 1903-9.

"As these instalments are in course of collection through the State Solicitor, it is possible that in a number of cases the arrears have been paid since the Lists were prepared.

"Lists of outstanding instalments due on 1st November 1931 in respect of Advances made under the Land Acts 1923-31 are in course of preparation for issue to the State Solicitor and a copy will shortly be sent to you."

It was decided that consideration of this matter be adjourned until lists of outstanding instalments due on 1st November, 1931, in respect of Advances made under the Land



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Acts 1923-31 are at hand.

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES ACTS

Under date 6th May, 1932, the Department of Industry & Commerce (Gas Weights & Measures Section), 33, Upper Merrion Street, Dublin, forwarded, account for £3: 19: 6d for steel dies and sand blast stencils under the above Acts supplied by Mr. John A. Rooney, of 8 College Street, Dublin, and which had been certified for payment by an authorised officer of the Department.

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall, the following resolution was adopted:- "That the Co. Council be recommended to pay account for £3: 19: 6d under Weights & Measures Act to Mr. John A. Rooney, 8 College Street, Dublin, and which has been recommended for payment by the Department of Industry & Commerce."

MERCHANDISE MARKS ACT

Under date 5th May, 1932, Circular T.I.C.19336/4 to Local Authorities authorised to appoint Analyst for the purposes of the Sale of Food and Drugs Acts was read from the Department of Industry & Commerce (Trade & Industry Branch), Lord Edward St., Dublin.

The following resolution was adopted :- "That in connection with the Administration of Section 19 of Merchandise Marks Act 1931, we request the Department of Industry & Commerce (Trade & Industry Branch) to approach the Authorities of the Garda Siochana with a view to obtaining their consent to allow Local Authorities concerned under this Act to appoint as their duly authorised officers under Section 19, the present Ex-officio Inspectors under Food & Drugs Acts, as we are of opinion that such an arrangement would be found most satisfactory to all concerned."

COURTOWN HARBOUR MASTER'S HOUSE

A communication was received from Courtown Harbour



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Committee for the installation in the Harbour Master's house of a new range as the old one was worn out.

The County Surveyor said he had obtained two quotations for new range at £3: 12s. 6d. from Mr. W. Hamilton, Bullring, Wexford, and from John Bolger & Co., Gorey, at £3: 16s. 0d.

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Culleton the following resolution was adopted:- "That the tender for new range for Harbour Master's house, Courtown, received from W. Hamilton, Bullring, Wexford, at £3: 12s. 6d be accepted."

#### WEXFORD OLD COURTHOUSE

The County Surveyor reported that the old Courthouse on the Quay, Wexford, was becoming dilapidated, and if they spent money on it, there would be no return.

It was decided that the County Surveyor should cover the windows of the old building with the cheapest possible material hoardings or galvanised iron.

In connection with the purchase of ground rents of old Courthouse Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, mentioned that two interests had not yet been purchased, in one case owing to the delay of making Title and in the second case, some of the persons concerned resided in Ceylon and America.

It was decided that Mr. Elgee communicate with the persons represented by the two interests referred to, and explain that if title was not made within two months the County Council would be recommended to pay no more rents, in these cases.

#### DEVELOPMENT OF WING OF COUNTY HALL WEXFORD

The County Surveyor mentioned that the Department of Local Government asked to be furnished with a copy of the specification of the works to be undertaken and the total estimate of the cost. It would be necessary to employ a draughtsman for about three weeks.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion



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of Mr. Shannon seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That we recommend the Council to procure the services of a draughtsman in order to prepare specification etc of improvements of right wing of County Hall, at an inclusive fee of ten guineas."

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

Communications as to committal of the following children to Industrial Schools were referred to Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor.

Johanna and Peter Gahan, Ballinabearna, Co. Wexford.

Gerald Breen, Ballybreen, Killanne, and

Sarah and Julia Doyle, Tomduff, Ballygarrett, Co. Wexford.



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The following resolution was adopted, proposed by Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr Hall:- "That the Minutes of meeting of Finance Committee for 19th May, 1932, be received and considered."

Seizure of Sheep at Bantry and Blackstairs Commons: The Secretary reported that Mr. O'Byrne, Rate Collector, had furnished the names of the persons who were concerned with him in the seizure.

Attendance of Rate Collectors at Revision Sessions: It was decided that the resolution of the Finance Committee as to the rate of mileage apply to cars and cycles owned by the Collectors but not to hired vehicles.

Land Purchase Defaulting Annuitants: It was decided that the Secretary communicate further with the Irish Land Commission and request that the list of defaulting Annuitants under the Land Acts 1923-31 should be furnished as soon as possible.

Rents Wexford Old Courthouse: Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor, stated that he had notified the parties concerned that unless they furnish Title forthwith no further payments of rents would be made. Since then he had received a letter from Messrs O'Flaherty & Sons, Solicitors, who were acting for the St. Vincent De Paul Society, stating that they were in a difficulty as they had a large number of titles but had been unable to reconcile any of them with the actual plot at the Courthouse. They promised to look further into the matter but he had not heard from them since.

Mr. Culloton proposed and Mr. Brennan seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That Mr. Elgee inform the Representatives of the two interests concerned as regards the purchase of ground rents for old Courthouse, Wexford, that County Council will withhold rents in each case until title has been made."

Development of Wing of Co. Hall, Wexford: The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded



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by Mr. Corish:- "That our Treasurer be requested to grant loan for development of right wing of County Hall for a period of at least 30 years."

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 the 19th May, 1932, be and are hereby confirmed."

Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on the 2nd 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 2nd June, 1932.

Present:- Messrs John Colloton, James Hall, Thomas McCarthy 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. Hall seconded by Mr. Shannon.

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

#### PAYMENTS

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Treasurer's Advice Note for £3,776:0:10d was examined and signed.

#### RATE COLLECTION

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Lodgments: The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Shannon seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That the following Rate Collectors be called upon to lodge forthwith the amounts after their names: viz:-

Wexford District: J. Quirke, £270: 18: 8d.

Philip Doyle £17: 7: 10d.

P. Nolan £18: 10s. 0d.

Enniscorthy District: J. Deegan £45: 0: 0d.

P. O'Byrne £53: 19: 5d.

T. Bolger £29: 3: 11d.

Gorey District: A. Dunne £6: 9: 1d.

Bonds of Collectors and Poundage: The Secretary reported that Collectors Quirke, O'Byrne, M. McCarthy, and P. Nolan had furnished receipt for renewal of their Fidelity Guarantee bond.

Mr. J. Cummins wrote as follows:-

"You will have to see and get us some poundage before they can expect us to renew Bond."



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Mr. P. Carty, wrote asking that the Council would pay the amount for renewal of his bond and retain it out of his poundage. Also that the Council would, as in the past, agree to the payments by them of a contribution of £3 towards cost of <sup>bonds of</sup> Collectors who had a poundage fee of 5d in the £.

Mr. Sean Gannon wrote asking that his bonds for the two districts for which he was acting should be reduced to £900. The total warrants for his two Districts for the current year was £6,799, which was about average for a single district.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That the Local Government Department be requested to consent to the payment of poundage to Rate Collectors on all amounts lodged up to date."

It was decided to inform Collector P. Carty that the Finance Committee cannot see their way to recommend the Council to contribute £3 towards cost of Fidelity Guarantee bonds. This contribution was made when bonds cost £9, now they can be had for £5: 12: 6d.

Mr. Hall proposed and Mr. Culleton seconded the following resolution:- "That Collector Gannon be informed that Finance Committee will consider the question of the reduction of his fidelity Guarantee bonds to £900 when the suggested amalgamation of No. 6 and No. 10 Districts has been decided on at the close of 1932/33 Warrants."

Amalgamation of Rate Collection Districts: Under date 1st June, 1932, Collector P. Carty wrote stating he felt he was unjustly treated by not being included in the proposals for amalgamation of Collectors' Districts.

It was decided to point out to him that it was only Collectors who had lodged the amounts of their warrants in due time who received an addition to their districts.

County Council Messenger: The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Hall seconded by Mr. Shannon:-

"That we recommend the Council to retain for County



Council Offices Nicholas Roche, at present temporary messenger for a further three months as from 14th June, 1932."

FLAGS FOR EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS.  
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The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Culleton seconded by the Chairman:-

"That the County Surveyor be instructed to procure three flags - each 4 yards long - viz., Congress flag, National flag and Papal flag., cost 27/6d each, total cost £4: 2: 6d, these flags to be flown all through Congress week."

OUT OF POCKET LEGAL EXPENSES.  
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The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Culleton seconded by Mr. Shannon:- "That the out of pocket expenses of Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, for financial year ended 31st March, 1932, and amounting to £73: 17: 7d, be recommended to the Council for payment."

STOVE FOR COURTOWN HARBOUR MASTER'S HOUSE  
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The County Surveyor stated that the recent tenders which he had received for supply of stove for Harbour Master's house at Courtown did not cover full requirements. He submitted the following tenders for a stove which would be suitable in every respect.

J. Bolger & Co., Gorey. £5: 13: 6d.

Wm. Byrne, Main Street, Gorey. £5: 10: 0d.

W.R. Hamilton, Bullring, Wexford. £4: 12: 6d.

The three quotations were to cover delivery to Courtown, at the Harbour Master's house.

The lowest, that of W.R. Hamilton, was accepted at £4: 12: 6d, on the motion of Mr. Culleton seconded by Mr. Hall.

PRIMARY SCHOLARSHIPS' SCHEME.  
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The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Shannon seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That the County Council be recommended to agree for renewal for year 1932-33 of the



Primary Scholarships of the following students:-

Messrs James Meyler, Edward P. Rossiter, Daniel F. Butler, James M. Bruhan, Richard O'Donnell, Margaret M. O'Neill, Mary A. Ronan, Mary E. Doyle, Kathleen F. Donnelly, Mary C. Doyle and Ellen Sinnott; also Bursary to James A. Forde.

#### HAND BREAKING MATERIAL IN QUARRIES

In connection with the application from men in the district offering to break material in Curraduff Quarry by hand the County Council meeting of the 30th May, 1932, decided to refer the matter to the Finance Committee for recommendation, this Committee to consider the general question of hand breaking of material in quarries.

The County Surveyor stated that in his opinion the most economical and satisfactory way to deal with hand breaking in quarries was to fit to the breaker a medium sized screen. The stuff from it could be used for the by-roads. A certain amount of chippings would be also obtained and as regards the "rejectors" instead of sending them back into the breaker they could be hand broken. This, of course, would not apply to all quarries, but he believed a trial of this suggestion might be made in suitable quarries.

The suggestion of the County Surveyor was approved.

#### ADDITIONAL AGRICULTURAL GRANT

On the motion of Mr. McCarthy seconded by Mr. Hall the following resolution was adopted:-

"That in reference to additional Agricultural Grant to be allocated in respect of rate for year 1932/33. We would point out that unless amount viz., £13,255 deducted from Agricultural Grant for year 1931/32 be paid the Additional grant will be required to partially recoup the Council for this deduction. That subject to sanction of Minister for Local Government & Public Health the additional Grant be applied to meet portion of deficit in ordinary Agricultural Grant, and that necessary



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adjustments be made in Rate for 1933/34 in connection with application of new Agricultural Grant to the first £10 or lesser total Valuation of land on Agricultural holdings.

#### ADDITIONAL OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION

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

"That further representations be made to National Bank Ltd. through Senator Sir Thomas Esmonde, Chairman Irish Board of Directors, for additional Overdraft accommodation of £13,000 required owing to deduction from Agricultural Grant of this amount in consequence of Land Purchase Annuities being in arrears. That National Bank be informed that the additional accommodation will only be required until Grant is restored and that urgent application therefor is being made to the Government."

#### DEDUCTION FROM AGRICULTURAL GRANT

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

"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.

"That it be pointed out to the Minister that owing to the refusal of the National Bank to grant additional overdraft accommodation to cover the amount of deduction the Co. Council are finding it impossible to finance the County Services."



Hand Breaking in Quarries Mr. Clince mentioned that the proposal of the Co. Surveyor to the Finance Committee did not meet the case of the men in Curraduff Quarry. These men were prepared to break material at the same rate as the machine and for that reason he could not see why they received no encouragement. He proposed the following resolution which was seconded by Mr. O'Byrne and adopted:-

"That provided the cost of breaking material by hand in Curraghduff Quarry does not exceed the cost of breaking by machinery, employment be afforded to the men offering their services to the Council for the purpose of hand-breaking"

Additional Overdraft Accommodation:- In connection with the recommendation of the Finance Committee the following under date 11th June was read from the Manager, National Bank, Wexford:-

"I submitted your application to my Directors, who in accordance with the Council's requirements, and in view of the further representations made in this connection, sanction overdraft to the extent of £33,000 until 30th September next, subject to the Local Government Ministry's sanction being obtained for the additional £13,000 required over his sanction of the 4th instant." Please let me have this necessary sanction and oblige."

Col. Quin - Was anybody foolish enough to think we were going to get full derating.

The Chairman said he would not reckon the man a fool who so expected, in view of promises which had been made at the recent Dail elections. Anyone would expect from these that full derating would have been afforded.

Mr. Cummins concurred with the Chairman.

Chairman - The present Government in their election campaign said they would give full derating; now they are giving it to people who unfortunately are not in a position to provide employment and penalizing those who are.



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I propose :- "That we call upon the Government to redeem their promises to the electors and give full derating of land !"  
Why should/<sup>we</sup>not get full derating as has been given in England and Northern Ireland ?

Col. Quin seconded the resolution which was adopted.

The Secretary stated that the following resolution had been adopted at the meeting of the Co. Committee of Agriculture on the 30th May.

"That we endorse the resolution adopted by the meeting of the Wexford County Council on this date, relative to the proposal of the Government to limit the new relief for rates on land to valuations of £10. Farmers expected, owing to the severe economic depression to have had full derating. The proposal of the Government that this relief shall apply only to the first £10 of all valuations on land will be of no practical assistance to farmers who are employing labour and who are the backbone of the Agricultural Industry."

The following reply under date 6th June, 1932 (G.41530-32 Loch Garman.) had been received from the Local Government Department:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government & Public Health to acknowledge the receipt of the resolution of the Co. Wexford Committee of Agriculture at their meeting on the 30th ultimo, and to state that the basis of allocation of the above grant has already been decided and cannot now be altered."

In reply to the Chairman the Secretary stated that no reply up to the present had been received from the Department in connection with the resolution on this matter and which had been adopted by the meeting of the County Council on the 30th. ult.

ROAD WORKS FOR RELIEF OF UNEMPLOYMENT.  
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Under date 8th June, 1932, the Department of Local



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Government (Roads) wrote (RFU/201) :-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government & Public Health to refer to this Department's circular letter of the 2nd instant drawing attention to the Government notice published on the 1st idem concerning special facilities which are being provided for the registration of unemployed workers; and to state that as it is not expected the complete figures with regard to the number of unemployed persons in any particular area can be obtained before a fortnight or three weeks, the Minister is anxious that a commencement may be made forthwith in all Counties pending the final allocation of the monies. It has been decided that a substantial portion of the money available for road improvement will be expended on the improvement of important County roads, and until he is in a position to determine the share of each county, to make an immediate allocation of a sum of £3,000 on account of your County Council for such work. An outline scheme for the expenditure of the amount should be submitted as soon as practicable."

The County Surveyor stated that the Minister for Local Government and the permanent officials had had a consultation with all the County Surveyors recently and the following programme was decided upon:-

£250,000 to be allocated for widening and strengthening, surfacing etc, important county roads.

£150,000 for what the Ministry described as light rolling on County roads, this making a total of £400,000, for county roads, alone.

The programme as regards the main roads was as follows:-

£250,000 for concrete work in towns and small villages - in fact in all places where work of this nature could be suitably carried out.

£100,000 for concrete rafting over bog roads.

£250,000 for work something in the nature of what County



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Councils had been doing in the past under the ordinary improvement Grants. This gave a total of £600,000 for main and link roads or £1,000,000 for all roads.

In connection with this matter the following under date 2nd June, 1932 (RFU/201) was read from the Department of Local Government (Roads):-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government & Public Health to draw attention to the following Government notice published in yesterday's newspapers concerning special facilities which are being provided for the registration of unemployed workers:-

Registration of Unemployed Workers.

"Arrangements have been made for the registration of unemployed workers at local Post Offices and Civic Guard Stations where these centres are more convenient to them than the existing local offices of the Department of Industry & Commerce.

"Unemployed workpeople residing in districts too remote from the local offices of the Employment Exchanges system may accordingly, now register themselves for employment at the nearest Post Office or Civic Guard Station but where it is more convenient to do so they will continue to use the Employment Exchange service, which must in any case continue to be used as heretofore by those applying for Unemployment Benefit.

No applicant may register at more than one of the places provided for the purpose."

Grants for the relief of unemployment will be allocated as far as practicable on the basis of the extent of unemployment in each County or municipal area as the case may be, and recruitment of labour for employment on relief schemes is to be effected exclusively through the Employment Exchanges. The lists of registered unemployed workers compiled at local Post Offices and Civic Guard stations will be transferred to



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the appropriate Employment Exchanges. It is, accordingly, of supreme importance that persons seeking employment under relief schemes will register their names for such work. The Minister relies on the several local authorities to give the matter publicity.

The Secretary stated that on receipt of this letter he had issued the information in the shape of an advertisement in the three local papers.

The Co. Surveyor said it was almost an impossibility to allocate such a small sum as £3,000 over the County. What he had done however was to select some of the most important County roads with a high incidence of unemployment. These works would cost more than £3,000 but those not covered by the present grant could be dealt with as the balance of the State Subsidy came to hand.

Mr. Roche pointed out that the present was the very worst month in the year as regards statistics for unemployment. Owing to work at Beet, weeding etc., there was a minimum amount of unemployment in the Rural Districts. He considered that the compilation of statistics of unemployment should be deferred to a normal period.

The County Surveyor stated that it was decided that the works should be continued throughout the Financial year. The Minister recognised that the lean months had yet to come, which was one of the reasons he was anxious that concrete works in towns and villages should be now carried out.

Mr. Roche said that it would appear that unless a certain amount of unemployment existed in a district it was not possible to secure an allocation from the grant. Where the roads had been considerably improved, unemployment was bound to be more prevalent than where a considerable amount of work had yet to be done on them.

The County Surveyor said the Minister wanted the work arranged, so that it would run on through the winter, He (Co.



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Surveyor) had gone into the allocation of the £3,000 with his Assistants and found, of course, great difficulty in arranging works to cover such a small grant. There was no doubt the road from Gorey to Carnew required large outlay at the present time. Saint Michael's road in Gorey from Bates to the Railway Station was in a very bad way, and there was considerable unemployment in the town. The work would cost between £600 and £700. The road from Bunclody to Clonegal also needed attention but it was a big job and could not be arranged for under the present grant. In addition as Water Supply Works were in contemplation for Bunclody there was a possibility of unemployment being relieved there for the present. There was a large number of men idle in the Ferns district. The road from Ferns down to the Railway Station and on to the Harrow was in a very bad shape. This, at least down to Milltown Cross should be done, the cost would be £950. Then the road from Killanne on to Enniscorthy from Byrne's Cross where a fatal accident had occurred recently required to be attended to. The cost of this would be about £700. The Curracloe road was also in a bad condition and would cost between £700 and £800 to put in a proper state.

Mr. Culleton said that unemployment in the Curracloe district was abnormal at the moment in consequence of the maltings at Castlebridge having to close down - practically - on account of economic depression, while the afforestation which afforded employment up to recently, was now finished.

The County Surveyor stated another district in which there was a tremendous amount of unemployment was the Drinagh area, where the road going out to Murrintown from Kerlogue was poor, there being a particularly bad bit from Rathaspeck. To repair this would cost £1,000. In the New Ross area the main road from New Ross to Fethard from Slaght Cross to Dunmain needed attention, the cost of which would be about £1,300. He also



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thought the road from Campile to the Hook should be dealt with as soon as possible. The cost would be £1,000, and a similar sum would be necessary for repair of the road from the Doctor's Cross near Ramsgrange to Duncannon. It would be recognised that the various works recommended by him outsailed the £3,000, but he suggested that improvements up to the £3,000 limit should be arranged for now and the balance could be taken up whenever further instalments of the grant reached the Council.

Mr. Corish proposed and Mr. D'Arcy seconded the following resolution:- "That the £3,000 State Grant for improvement of County roads be divided equally between the four districts of the county, £750 each, the County Surveyor to select the most pressing works in areas in which the greatest amount of unemployment exists." Passed.

Mr. Roche drew attention to the condition of the Kilmore road and said that people in Kilmore failed to let their houses on account of the road being so bad.

Mr. Barry - That is not the reason they are not let.

Mr. Roche - A number of people from Wexford go there and drive cars four times a day over it. Would you like to do that on the state of the road? I would not do it. I propose that Mr. Barry take that road in hands at once if possible.

The County Surveyor said it was a main road.

Mr. Roche said that whenever he brought up the condition of this road he found it to come under various headings.

Mr. Corish said the Tourist Development Association were working to get the Council to put up certain roads that could be classified as Tourist roads and make representations to the Government in order to get special grants for tourists' roads.

Mr. Roche said he hoped they would be consulted when the balance of the money came for the main roads. He would like



to see how the rest of the money would be spent.

Mr. O'Byrne said they should ask the Tourist Association to make representations with regard to the road between Courtown and Kilmuckridge.

Mr. Corish said the Council could refer to this and the Kilmore road.

Mr. Cummins suggested that a Circular letter should be addressed to the clergy asking them to do what they could to induce unemployed persons to register for work and the suggestion was adopted.

House at Red Pat 's Cross: In accordance with notice of motion Mr. Shannon moved the following:- "That the resolution of County Council directing that house at Red Pat's Cross be removed as it was within 30 feet of the centre of the road, be rescinded, and that the Council decide to take no action in the matter."

Mr. Shannon said that in view of what had taken place at the last meeting of the Council relative to the Golf Hotel at Rosslare he considered it quite unfair that <sup>Peter</sup> Patrick Kinsella the owner of the recently erected house at Tomduff - or as it was locally known - Red Pat's Cross should be compelled to remove the structure.

Mr. Gaul seconded.

Mr. Murphy said that as the house had been erected on a plot the property of the Health Board, <sup>he</sup> he proposed as an amendment that the matter should be referred to that body.

Mr. Roche seconded.

Mr. McCarthy mentioned that Kinsella had been with him and explained that he understood from Mr. Flood, Engineer to the Health Board, that if a flat roof were put upon the structure there would be no further objection to its erection.

Mr. Elgee Co. Solicitor said he <sup>had</sup> grave doubts as to whether the Council had any power to compel the removal of the house.



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He had been looking into the Acts recently and believed that proceedings should be taken by the Civic Guards.

After further discussion a vote was taken on the amendment with the following result:-

For: Messrs Armstrong, Colloton, D'Arcy, Gibbon, Hall, Mayler, McCarthy, Murphy, Quin, Roche, Smyth and the Chairman - (12)

Against: Messrs Brennan, Clince, Colfer, Cummins, Gaul, Hayes, Keegan, O'Byrne, Shannon (9).

Mr. Corish did not vote and Mr. Walsh and Miss O'Ryan were not present when poll was taken.

The Chairman declared the amendment carried.

#### HOUSING ACTS -----

The Chairman moved the following of which he had given previous notice :-

"That the resolution of the County Council agreeing to provide for grants of £20 from Rates under the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1931 be rescinded."

In moving his motion the Chairman said with regard to the close of the rate collection how many summonses were issued against a lot of ratepayers to pay money and an extra pound in costs? These people are poor and in no position to pay and why should anybody ask them to finance men to build houses I cannot understand, and I could never understand why such a resolution was passed here. It is not the business of the ratepayers to build houses - it is a national one, and not for the ratepayres. Their liabilities are run to the utmost in providing the loans and the redemption of them on labourers' cottages for each district. It entails almost 6d in the £ for the upkeep of the cottages and the payment of loans due on them in this county, and I think that is quite taxation enough on the ratepayers without giving a grant of £20 to those men to build and supply it by people who are practically on



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the verge of starvation. Why should they be called on to finance men who are going to build houses ? Men building houses have some means without looking to people to advance money who are on the verge of starvation. Are you going to continue to ask these people to finance men who are in a decent position, because to my mind, if they were not in a decent position, they would not start building houses. That is the reason I ask you to rescind the former resolution.

Col. Gibbon seconded the resolution.

Mr. Gaul - There are people at the moment to whom you granted £20.

Secretary - Five applied and there are five or six more applications for today.

Col. Quin - Even if this Act is not passed the rate-payers are too hard hit to give out £20 promiscuously to people. After all they must be fairly well off to be able to build houses.

Mr. O'Byrne - I move as an amendment that consideration be adjourned until Housing proposals of the Government are dealt with and that no grants be given in the meantime.

Mr. McCarthy seconded.

Mr. Hall - I think you could let your motion stand over Mr. Doyle.

Chairman - I will move my motion,

A poll was taken on the amendment with the following result:-

For: Messrs Armstrong, Clince, Colfer, Corish, Culleton, Cummins, Hall, Hayes, Keegan, McCarthy, Murphy, O'Byrne, O'Ryan - 13.

Against:- Messrs Brennan, D'Arcy, Gaul, Gibbon, Meyler, Quin, Roche, Smyth and the Chairman - 9.

Messrs Shannon and Walsh (2) were not present when poll was taken.



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The Chairman declared the amendment carried.

In reply to Mr. Gaul he said that if the persons to whom grants had been already voted would not come in under the new proposals of the Government the grant of the County Council would be available under the conditions of the resolutions governing the grants in each case.

EMPLOYMENT OF FERNS LORRY OWNER

The following which was signed by Michael Whitty described as Chairman and by Myles Dillon described as Secretary, was read:-

"This meeting of Matt Kent's neighbours respectfully draw the attention of the Wexford County Council to the fact that Patrick Fortune, of Ferns, who has grabbed Matt Kent's farm, is being employed by the County Council. We earnestly urge that the County Council issue Orders that this be discontinued, for we believe that it would be the wish of the Wexford tax payers that their money be not used in this way."

Col. Quin proposed that the communication relative to employment of Mr. Patrick Fortune by the County Council be marked read.

Mr. Colloton seconded.

Mr. Cummins proposed:- "That the County Council dispense with the services of Patrick Fortune, Ferns, as haulier."

Mr. Hall contended that it was no business of the County Council to discuss this matter at all.

Mr. Keegan said there were people employed by the Co. Council who had been convicted for robbing their neighbours and this was a matter that should be considered.

The Chairman said that when this matter was brought to the notice of the Council on a previous occasion he had ruled it out as not concerning the Council and he would now take the same course.



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PAINTING NEW ROSS BRIDGE  
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Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor, wrote in respect of the above matter under date 9th June that the Contract and Bond were complete and were now in order, and the work on the bridge was begun on 6th June. There was nothing in the specification to prevent the Contractor from doing the work by sprayer instead of by hand, provided he carried out the instructions issued by the Makers of the paint.

The County Surveyor submitted letter from the Contractor with enclosure from Messrs Harrington and Goodlass Wall Ltd., Shandon Paint Works, Cork, that their red mixture of light red paint was suitable for Bridge painting by spraying.

Mr. Murphy contended that the Council at their meeting on 30th May, had given directions to the Co. Surveyor to have the paint work carried out by hand.

Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor said this was not correct in view of the fact that no stipulation had been made in the specification as to whether the work should be carried out by spraying or by hand. The Council were not in a position to direct the Contractor which of these ways he should take in carrying out the work. The decision at the last County Council meeting was to refer the matter to him with a view to his examining the specification in order to ascertain if it would be possible to oblige the Contractor to carry out the work by ~~and~~ hand.

After a long discussion Mr. Gaul proposed and Mr. Clince seconded the following resolution:- "That the Contractor for New Ross Bridge be requested to carry out his contract by hand work owing to the large amount of unemployment prevailing in the painting trade." Passed.

WORKERS ATTENDING EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS  
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The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Hayes seconded by Mr. Shannon:-

"That ~~the~~ **© WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL ARCHIVES** the



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attendance of any of their employees at the functions or ceremonies of the Eucharistic Congress without penalty and without pay."

REMOVAL OF SAND AND GRAVEL FROM FORESHORES  
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Under date 7th June, 1932, the following was read from Transport and Marine Branch of the Department of Industry & Commerce:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Industry & Commerce to state that within recent years many complaints have reached the Department in regard to the endangering of public and private property through the indiscriminate removal of stones, gravel and sand from areas of foreshore where there is little protection against inroads by the sea. In most of such cases a large proportion of the material drawn was used for repairing public roads. As a general rule the foreshore concerned is the property of the State and interference with it constitutes a trespass.

In bringing the matter to the notice of the County Council it is necessary to point out that the Department cannot hold themselves responsible for safeguarding either public or private property against damage by the sea but they have power to take preventive measures to ensure that badly protected parts of the coast are not denuded of beach material which is the natural protection against the sea.

Having regard to the large number of complaints received it may be necessary, unless the practice is discontinued, for the Department to take action prohibiting all removals of material for road repairing work.

I shall be glad, therefore, if the attention of the County Surveyor is drawn to the matter so that he may warn road contractors against drawing stones, gravel or sand from vulnerable parts of the coast."

The County Surveyor stated that from the list of tenders invited for road maintenance this year it would appear that



provision had been made for 8,000 cubic yards of sea gravel. That was a very much reduced quantity as it was formerly double. He maintained that if the Council were prevented from obtaining any road material <sup>from</sup> foreshores it would add £3,000 extra to Road expenditure. Some of the roads were not suitable for the employment of other material. Of course the question of possible damage to the foreshore was recognised but he did not know how this could be dealt with, unless specific cases were taken and aggrieved persons took action. There were, in his opinion, a number of places where no harm could be done.

Mr. Roche pointed out that in the neighbourhood of Kilmore Quay and Ballyhealy it would, in his opinion, be very advantageous to the people if the removal of gravel and sand was prohibited, as about two acres of land were washed away there every year. Certainly, if the removal of sand and gravel for road material was responsible for this destruction of peoples' property the practice should be stopped at once. He asked the County Surveyor to examine the position and give his opinion to the Council.

The County Surveyor said that some time ago he had seen where five or six drills of beet had been washed away in the locality referred to by Mr. Roche. This was composed of a marl bank and as it was being undermined the whole thing collapsed. It was very difficult to say if the removal of sand and gravel for road materials caused the erosion in this particular place.

Col. Quin suggested that if any of the Councillors came across information showing where the shore was injured specifically they should call the attention of the County Surveyor to the matter.

The Chairman said the order would be to direct the attention of the Co. Surveyor to the letter from the Department of Industry & Commerce and in any case in which he considered there was any danger of erosion through the drawing of material from the foreshore, the practice should be stopped. Any member of the Council who has any bearing on the point <sup>information</sup>



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would be expected to communicate with the County Surveyor.

APPOINTMENT OF MISS KILLEEN - SHORTHAND TYPIST  
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Under date 3rd June, 1932, the Department of Local Government wrote (G.40553/1932 Loch Garman) that the Minister raised no objection to the employment temporarily of Miss Killeen as Shorthand-Typist pending consideration of her permanent appointment.

POISONS AND PHARMACY ACT LICENSES  
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On the motion of Mr. Breman seconded by Col. Quin the following resolution was adopted:-

"That renewals of licenses under Poisons and Pharmacy Act be issued to James J. Codd, 26 & 27 Court Street, Enniscorthy, John Mythen (Messrs Buttle Bros. & Co.), Blackwater and Mr. R. Moran, 3 Castle Street, Enniscorthy.

COURTOWN HARBOUR  
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Under date 9th June, the Co. Surveyor submitted letter from Mr. W.H. Kearon, Wavecrest, Arklow, stating that some friends of his were willing to carry out the dredging at Courtown. They had about six sand suckers and on receipt of plan of the harbour were prepared to quote for the work.

The Co. Surveyor said he had furnished the necessary plan to Mr. Kearon.

Mr. Keegan referred to the resolution which had been passed at last meeting of the Council, giving Mr. Lee, Contractor for erection of sluice gates, a fortnight to finish the work.

The County Surveyor stated that the dam was in position and the work was considerably more advanced than this day fortnight but not actually finished.

Mr. Keegan said the position as regards the work was much worse than it was when the matter was last before the Council. Hundreds of tons of sand was sunk at the entrance and the people of the locality being unable to proceed to



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sea were actually hungry. He had obtained statistics of the amount paid to them for the sale of fish last year and it was appalling to think not a single penny could be realized by them owing to the present position of the harbour.

Col. Quin proposed the following resolution which was seconded by Mr. Hall and passed:- "That Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, be directed to take immediate proceedings against Mr. Lee, Contractor, for the erection of sluice gates at Courtown Harbour and his sureties."

#### DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Gaul seconded by Mr. Murphy:-

"We, the Wexford County Council, believing that competition in armaments <sup>as</sup> bringing all countries to ruin, urge fullest possible measurements of reduction of armaments at Geneva Conference."

#### LAND COMMISSION AND DERELICT FARMS

In connection with resolution from Waterford County Council <sup>as</sup> to efficiency of Land Commission officials and derelict land, it was decided no action be taken in the matter.

#### COMBINED PURCHASING ACT

A long resolution from the Committee of the Dundalk Business Mens Club urging Representatives in the Dail and on Local Public Bodies to make strong representations to the Local Government Department to have the Central Purchasing Department abolished was adopted on the motion of Mr. Gaul seconded by Mr. Murphy.

#### POSITION OF RAILWAYS

The following resolution was received from Waterford Co. Council:-

"That we, the Waterford County Council, having fully considered <sup>e</sup> the gravity of the Railway situation, the greatest



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National Industry after Agriculture in this country call upon the Government as a first essential move towards the fulfilment of their foremost pledge, to the people in general and the Railwaymen in particular of creating employment for all, to introduce immediate legislation in the Dail to save the Railways, the best National employers of Labour, by restricting the number of road vehicles until the question of their utility to this country has been proved by an expert body of economists.

"Furthermore, we call upon traders and citizens generally in their own interests, as well as in the interests of the country as a whole, to give the Railways their full support. In addition we pledge ourselves as a Public Body, as a practical step in this campaign to save the Rails, to have a recommendation inserted in all our Contracts, that materials etc., for same must be carried by Rail as far as possible."

Mr. Murphy said they heard a lot of talk about the railways for the past few years and about the necessity for helping them but three months ago when the people of South Wexford wrote asking them to put on a special train for the Eucharistic Congress they refused. A representative of the I. O. C. visited the district recently and informed the people that arrangements would be made to convey the people from Campile to Dublin by bus at a fare of 30/-. This was the sort of facility they were getting from the Railway Co. and their allies.

Mr. Hayes said the same applied to the Bridgetown District.

The Chairman said they certainly should not commit themselves to the second paragraph of the resolution.

Mr. Gaul proposed the adoption of the resolution in the following amended form " That we, the Wexford County Council, having fully consid<sup>e</sup>red the gravity of the Railway situation the greatest National Industry after Agriculture in this country call upon the Government as a first essential move towards the fulfilment of their foremost pledge to the people in general and the Railwaymen in particular of creating employment for



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all to introduce legislation in the Dail to save the Railways the best National employers of Labour , but at the same time we desire to condemn the attitude of the Railway Company in refusing to provide facilities to enable the people of ~~the~~ South Wexford to attend the Eucharistic Congress.

Mr. Corish seconded the resolution.

A vote was taken with the following result:-

For: Messrs Armstrong, Clince, Colfer, Corish, Cummins, Gaul, Hall, Hayes, Keegan, McCarthy, O'Byrne, and Roche - 12.

Against:- Messrs Brennan, Colloton, D'Arcy, Gibbon, Murphy and Quin - 6.

Messrs Meyler, Smyth and the Chairman (3) did not vote.

Miss O'Ryan and Messrs Shannon and Walsh (3) were not present when poll was taken.

The Chairman declared the resolution carried.

#### WALLS AT RYLAND BRIDGE

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The following letter addressed to the Chairman was, on the motion of Mr. Armstrong seconded by Mr. D'Arcy, considered in committee:

"Speaking to Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, for Council, about six weeks ago re the repair of damaged walls at Ryland Lower, he promised to have the matter discussed and finally settled . As the owner of land adjoining road I would be glad to know their decision as to their liability or non-liability.

"As the Council are aware from the records of the county these walls were built at the expense of the county their upkeep to be a public charge on the county, in fact the man who helped build them for the old grand jury some fifty years ago is still living in vicinity and is prepared if necessary to give evidence of same in any court of Law, also the man who helped repair walls, on several occasions for County Council or its predecessor the old Grand Jury.

"I need hardly draw your attention as Mr. Armstrong is familiar with locality to the fact that this wall is the only



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means of communication between the village of Clohamon/<sup>the P.O.</sup>and the large district surrounding also the only means of people getting to Mass.

My predecessors and myself have had to look on at the public walking this wall year after year and consequently seriously damaging it. Now when the wall is down the public or their representatives the County Council would like to leave the expense of rebuilding it to me.

"As the Council must surely be aware the road as it is now is not only an inconvenience but a serious menace to human life and public property."

Mr. Armstrong said the statements made in the letter as to the building of the walls in question by the Grand Jury were facts. The only way to get to the village was by walking these walls.

The Co. Surveyor said if the Council were responsible they might be able to apply some of the money of the State Grant for the purpose of raising the road.

Mr. Elgee said as the walls could not be described as "Containing" walls the Council were not liable for repair. He made no promise to the writer of the letter when she brought him in the letters.

The Co. Surveyor thought the raising of the road would be a suitable work to be brought under a relief grant.

The Chairman said that Mr. Elgee could look into the matter and report to the Council.

This was agreed to.

*Michael Doyle*



WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL.

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MEETING 30th JUNE 1932.

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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 30th June, 1932.

Present: Mr. M. Doyle, Chairman, presiding; also Messrs. James Armstrong, John Brennan, James Cline, Patrick Colfer, John Culleton, John Cummins, Timothy F. D'Arcy, James Gaul, Col. C.M. Gibbon, James Hall, William P. Keegan, John Murphy, Sean O'Byrne, Miss Nellie O'Ryan and James Shannon.

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

The Minutes of ordinary meeting of 13th June, 1932 and of special meeting of 20th June, 1932, were confirmed.

#### RAIL FACILITIES TO EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS.

The following letter (No. M.299/11) under date 27th June, 1932, was read from the General Manager, Great Southern Railways, Kingsbridge Station:- "The Secretary has passed on to me your letter of 25th June, enclosing a copy of the minutes of a meeting of the Wexford County Council held on the 20th idem.

" I regret very much that your Council felt called upon to pass a resolution in the terms of that recorded in your minutes, as at a time of unprecedented stress on railway facilities, every single vehicle in the Company's possession was placed at the disposal of the visitors to the Eucharistic Congress, and the fares charged were the lowest on record, with the single exception of certain Gaelic Athletic meetings which are held on Sundays at infrequent intervals, when there is no difficulty in meeting the traffic.

" You will, however, see that no profiteering of any kind



"was indulged in, and in addition to this, the Railway Company sent a substantial contribution to the funds of the Eucharistic Congress Committee."

Mr. Murphy said that it was evident that the reply of the Railway Company was not an answer to the resolution of the County Council, because the Railway Company could not justify their action.

Miss O'Ryan said that they should reply to the letter of the Company, that when they came looking for sympathy in future, they need not expect it from the Wexford County Council.

Mr. Murphy pointed out that 600 or 700 members of the Pioneer Total Abstinence Association in his district held an annual excursion. This year, so far back as March last, they asked for a train to the Congress, but the Company stated they could not provide it, although the Members of the Association did not propose to travel on the Sunday of the Congress.

Miss O'Ryan proposed the following resolution which was seconded by Mr. Brennan and adopted:-

"That we regard the reply of the Great Southern Railways, as no answer to the resolution of the County Council complaining of the lack of proper transport facilities to the Eucharistic Congress, and that the attitude of the Company in this matter will be borne in mind by the Council when the Railway Company in the future is asking for our sympathy."

Mr. Cummins suggested that some steps should be taken by the Council to procure a special train to the Cork Exhibition. He understood that a good deal could be learned by a visit to this exposition.

The Chairman pointed out that when the former Exhibition was held in Cork, the Railway Company had



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given good facilities to visit it.

Mr. O'Byrne mentioned that the present return excursion fare to Cork was £1 which he considered entirely too high. He thought the Company should be asked to run a really cheap excursion.

Mr. Cummins, suggested that the County Secretary, should get in touch with the Department of Agriculture, so that if travelling facilities at cheap fares were obtained the Department would be in a position to provide educational exhibits for the information of the people. He proposed a resolution on these lines.

The Chairman suggested that the Railway Company should be first approached, before further steps were taken.

Mr. Cummins then proposed the following resolution which was seconded by Mr. O'Byrne, and adopted:-

"That the Railway company be approached with a view to providing a special train or, in the alternative, cheap excursion fares for the people of Wexford to enable them to attend the Cork Exhibition. That copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Secretary of the Exhibition and that his co-operation in the matter be requested."

#### COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

The County Surveyor submitted the following report:-

"The Local Government Department has sanctioned the works under the expenditure of £3,000, granted out of the Relief Fund. I had intended bringing forward as one of the jobs, the repair of the Dunmain Road, but on applying to the Labour Exchange, I found that there were no unemployed in the Area, and, accordingly, I arranged for the repair of the road from Arthurstown to Duncannon. The other works are:- Michael Street, Gorey; Ferns to Milltown, Road and



"Wexford to Curracloe Road.

"The painting contract on New Ross Bridge is proceeding and the preliminary work of scraping down and touching up, preparatory to laying on the paint is well advanced.

"The concrete slab work on the second section of the Wexford to New Ross road is proceeding satisfactorily: the first section has been completed for some time, and will be opened to traffic very shortly.

"The getting out of the sand on the Bunclody road, preparatory to laying the slab, is well advanced, and the laying of the slab itself will start in a few days.

"I have received from Messrs. Delap and Waller, Form of Agreement in connection with the work at Ferrycarrig Bridge, and I have submitted this to Mr. Elgee for his consideration and approval. During the past week I had an interview with the Engineers in Dublin, and discussed details of the proposed alterations, and we will shortly be in a position to undertake the work.

"Last week I was in Courtown, and found that the Contractor was making every effort to render dry the chamber, preparatory to pumping out. Up to the present he has not succeeded in staunching the chamber, though he has made every possible effort."

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

"That the Report of County Surveyor as presented to this meeting be received and considered."

£3,000 INSTALMENT RELIEF GRANT.

Under date 27th June, 1932, the Department of Local Government (Roads) (R.F.U.-32) wrote that the Minister had approved of the outlined scheme submitted by County Surveyor for the expenditure of £3000, advance



grant, for the immediate relief of unemployment in the County. All labour for the scheme was to be recruited exclusively through the employment Exchange.

The County Surveyor, in reply to queries, stated that so far as was possible, he was expanding £750 in each of the four districts of the County.

Mr. Keegan pointed out that a number of men were idle at Tara Hill, and who had not obtained any employment under the late grant. The work should be fairly divided.

The County Surveyor mentioned that in the return he got from the Labour Exchange, 95 men were stated to be unemployed in Gorey town.

Mr. O'Byrne:- From the town and immediate surroundings the manager of the Exchange has 300 on his books.

The Chairman stated that in his opinion the County Surveyor had made the allocation of this grant in a manner, satisfactory to everybody.

PAINTING NEW ROSS BRIDGE:- Mr. P. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor for the district, in reply to Mr. Murphy said, that there were 10 men engaged at the work.

Mr. Murphy:- How many would there be, if the painting was carried out in the ordinary way?

Mr. O'Neill:- The same number exactly as at present, as the men are engaged at scaling and preparing for the painting.

Mr. Murphy:- If no sprayer had been employed for this work the men engaged would have been kept on for weeks longer.

The matter dropped.

#### COURTOWN HARBOUR.

Mr. Keegan stated that in his opinion no further progress had been made with this work since it was



discussed at last meeting of the Council. In 1926 or '27 the County Surveyor had spent £300 in trying to dam these sluice gates, but the work was not successful.

The County Surveyor said he did not think the amount was £300.

Mr. Keegan pointed out that the people in Courtown area were stating that £300 was expended. Since March 1931 the work was in the hands of the contractor. At the moment £1,200 of the ratepayers' money was involved in this work. He did not want to blame the unfortunate contractor, who was making a genuine effort to do his best. There must be something wrong in the matter, and he did not know how it was going to be made right. As he stated at previous meetings there were 160 people whose existence entirely depended on the completion of the work. They had lost last year's and this year's fishing and would likely lose next year's. There should be some finality to the matter.

The County Surveyor stated that nothing could be done so far except to make the chamber staunch, and the contractor was making every effort to do that.

In reply to a query the County Surveyor stated that no money had been paid to the contractor.

On the suggestion of Mr. Keegan, the terms of the Contract with Mr. Lee were read.

Mr. Keegan pointed out that according to these, the work should have been finished by the 1st October, 1931. The Contractor was told by the Council to clear out.

The County Surveyor said this was not correct. There was a resolution that the County Solicitor take proceedings against him.

Mr. Keegan held that the Council should not be



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demanding harbour dues for a harbour which was not effective at the moment, and in which the boats were really locked up.

The County Surveyor, pointed out that the water was coming through the floor at the gates, and Mr. Lee, with the aid of a diver was trying to stop the various leaks. He did not think anyone could do the job a bit better, and he stated, if Mr. Lee was allowed to continue, he would certainly fulfil his contract.

Mr. Keegan questioned Mr. Lee's ability to deal with intricate work of this nature, and proposed the following resolution:- "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".

Mr. O'Byrne seconded the resolution.

Col. Gibbon said, the usual procedure for a Contractor who came up against a difficulty of this description was to employ an engineering expert to advise. If the Contractor in this case, showed any sign of doing this, and taking steps to overcome the difficulty, he (Col. Gibbon) would be satisfied to let him continue with the Contract. It was evident that the Contractor had spent a whole lot of money and was doing his best, but the time had arrived now when he should seek technical skilled advice.

The resolution of Mr. Keegan, was then put, and adopted.

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



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CHAPEL LANE BUNCLODY.

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

"That the Street known as Chapel Lane, Bunclody, be closed to through traffic."

In moving his motion Mr. Armstrong said that the lane, which was not in contract, was about 100 yards long and only 10 to 16 feet wide - not wide enough in places, to allow two cars to pass. The traffic of big lorries through it was very dangerous to pedestrians, a number of whom used this lane as a "short cut."

The County Surveyor said he would approve of the proposal of Mr. Armstrong, as there was a defective gullet in the lane, and the use of the thoroughfare by lorries might cause a collapse of the gullet at any time. In his opinion it would be necessary to obtain the consent of the Local Government Department before Mr. Armstrong's resolution could be made effective. The best way to deal with the matter would be to put concrete posts at one end of the lane.

Mr. Armstrong said he was diametrically opposed to this as in his opinion it would interfere with public convenience.

The County Surveyor pointed out that it would be almost impossible to enforce the closing of the lane to through traffic unless some suggestion such as the erection of posts at one end was carried out.

Col. Gibbon said that nothing should be done unless they had some document from the people living on the lane, and if possible also from the people in Bunclody regarding the application.



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Mr. Armstrong pointed out that he had brought the application forward at the suggestion of the people living on the lane.

It was decided to adjourn consideration of the resolution until the people concerned made written representations to the Council, regarding their wishes.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF DRAINAGE ACTS.

Under date 28th June, 1932, the following was read from the Secretary, County Councils' General Council:-  
"The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance has agreed to receive a deputation from the County Councils' General Council for the purpose of discussing the working of the Drainage Acts.

"It is proposed to discuss the following points with the Parliamentary Secretary.

- (1) That the Board of Works should submit all plans and specifications to the County Councils' Engineer prior to the inauguration of the Scheme.
- (2) That no County Council be compelled to take over completed schemes until the work has been declared by the Councils' Engineer to have been satisfactorily carried out.
- (3) That draft applotment of amounts of loans re-payable be submitted to the County Secretary for approval.
- (4) That the proportion of the State contribution be increased.
- (5) Excessive cost of methods adopted by Commissioners.
- (6) Method of Arbitration by Commissioners' Nominee.
- (7) Disirability of appeal from Arbitrator's Award.

"As a preliminary to the reception of the deputation the Parliamentary Secretary has asked to be furnished with a

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"statement in writing of particulars of any specific causes of complaint. I have been directed therefore to ask you to be so good as to let me have (after consultation with the County Surveyor if necessary) a statement of any specific causes of complaint which have arisen in your County under any of the above heads or otherwise in connection with the working of the Drainage Acts, not later than Monday next 4th July".

The Secretary said that the Great Island people complained that the work was too expensive. They did not say that the job was a bad one, but as far as he remembered they complained that it was not value for the money. In the case of the Sow, the people held that in place of improving the drainage system it was really made worse, and that they got no value for the money.

Mr. O'Byrne said that one point was, that the Council wanted a scheme put before them before it commenced, and another was that they should not take it over until the work was done satisfactorily.

Col. Gibbon said, that in connection with a scheme some lump figure might be approved by the Council while the farmers concerned might not know what that would mean when it went into their rates afterwards. He thought there should be an estimate of the rates to be made as the result of the work proposed to be carried out. Before they approved of any work being carried out in drainage area the correct thing to do would be for the County Surveyor and a Committee appointed by the Co. Council to meet the trustees of the Drainage district concerned, so that they would know what they were going to do before they carried out the work. There was no use in the council approving of



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work being done, and then, later on, when they went to collect the money, having the people telling them that the whole thing was too expensive.

Mr. D'Arcy said it did not always pay to drain every class of land. They would have to give a fair idea if the work would pay for the expenditure.

Mr. Murphy said that in Great Island a drainage scheme was carried out. No one said it was not a good job, but the amount it added to the rates of the people concerned, was twice too much. If the people had been consulted and told the actual cost they could have informed the people in charge that they would not pay, because it was out of all proportion. He thought a great case could be made out by whoever was going to meet the Minister, as they could get all the facts and figures from the local people.

The County Surveyor remarked that some people outside a flooded area objected to paying a little, but they should understand that water off their land was contributing to the flooding.

With regard to the Kilmannock drainage area, the Secretary suggested that Mr. N.J. Murphy, Kilmokea be written to, as he knew all the facts in the matter.

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

"That our Secretary prepare report for the deputation of the County Councils' General Council relative to the Sow and Kilmannock Drainage areas."

FORD-OF-LYNG.

The Chairman said that during the week he had two or three communications from people affected very badly in the Ford-of-Lyng district. They had written to the Minister for Agriculture, and he replied that he knew



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nothing about the fighting with the Slob people, and the question of going to law. He did not believe that the Minister did know that, but the people had got into such a state as the result of the matter going on without any sign of a finish that they started on their own to write to the Minister, though he thought they were not going to achieve much by doing so. The matter of the Ford-of-Lyng had been going on for years before the Council.

If Mr. Elgee was not going to carry out the matter they should employ another Solicitor.

In reply to Mr. Hall, the Chairman said that the matter had been going on since the introduction of the L.G. Act in 1898.

Col. Gibbon suggested that the matter should be specially mentioned on the agenda paper for next meeting of the Council.

Mr. O'Byrne said the Co. Council had decided to take proceedings in the District Court, but instead of these being instituted their Solicitor obtained Counsel's opinion. The Co. Council ~~were~~ were prepared to lose the case in order that they would obtain some information as to the owners of the Slob. It looked extremely like the shelving of the whole business, certainly if the farmer was doing one hundreth part of the damage to the public roads he would be brought to book in a fortnight.

It was decided to adopt the suggestion of Col. Gibbon and have the matter specially mentioned on the agenda paper for next meeting.



SANCTION OF RATE COLLECTOR - No. 12 DISTRICT.

Under date 15th June, 1932, the Department of Local Government wrote (G.41616/1932 (Fa) Loch Garman) that the Minister had sanctioned the appointment of Mr. Matthew Murphy, Rate Collector, for No. 12 District, on a part time, non-pensionable basis, on the terms set out in the advertisement and the replies to queries furnished.

The following extract from the Finance Committee Minutes, of the 16th June, was approved, on the motion of Mr. Hall seconded by Mr. O'Byrne.

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 Agent, 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 Co. Council to accept as personal sureties for Rate Collector, Matthew Murphy (No.12 District) Matthew Murphy, Ballyrobeg, Blackwater, and Mrs. Mary Murphy, Crosshue, Blackwater, as we are satisfied they are solvent to the amount required under personal bond (£400) of Rate Collectors.

AMALGAMATION OF RATE COLLECTORS' DISTRICTS.

Under date 25th June, 1932, the Department of Local Government wrote (G.45897/1932 Loch Garman Fa) that the Minister approved of the proposed revision of the Rate Collectors' Districts.

APPOINTMENT OF SHORTHAND-TYPIST.

Under date 13th June, 1932, the Department of Local Government wrote (G.42573/32 Loch Garman (Se) stating



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that the Minister sanctioned the appointment of Miss Dorothy B. Killeen as Shorthand typist on the terms as advertised and set out in the replies to queries furnished.

AUDITOR'S REPORT - CO. COMMITTEE OF AGRICULTURE.

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CO. WEXFORD VOCATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

Under date 22nd June, 1932, the Department of Local Government wrote (A.43587/32) forwarding copy of Auditor's Report on his audit of the Accounts of the above Committee, for the period from 13th November, 1930 to 30th September, 1931.

The Auditor stated the Accounts were well presented for audit.

Under date 22nd June, 1932, (A.43587-32) the Department of Local Government wrote forwarding copy of Auditor's Report on his audit of the Accounts of the Co. Wexford Vocational Education Committee, for the period from 13th November, 1930, to 31st March, 1931.

HOLIDAYS IN GAELTHACHT FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN.

The Department of Lands and Fisheries, 3, Kildare Place, Dublin, wrote as to children who could speak Irish fairly well and who desired to become fluent in the language, spending part of their holidays in selected places in the Gaelthacht.

AEROPLANE FLIGHTS - ROSSLARE STRAND.

Under date 14th June, 1932, Captain E.G. Stewart, M.C., Irish Air Lines, 62, Quay, Waterford, wrote asking would the Council offer any objection to his Company using the strand at Rosslare during the Summer Months for occasional aeroplane flights.

The Company were aware the Department of Industry & ~~Commerce~~ Commerce must issue the licence, but they must receive intimation that the local authorities offer no objection



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before they would consider the matter.

Col. Gibbon said if they gave the permission sought for, it would certainly imply certain responsibilities and before finally dealing with the matter, the Council should clearly understand what their position would be in regard to any accident that might occur on the strand.

The Chairman stated that the Council would take no responsibility in the matter.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That the County Council have no objection to the use of Rosslare Strand by the Irish Air/ Lines Company, for occasional aeroplane flights, but should it be found, that these flights were undesirable in the interests of the public or caused any inconvenience, the County Council would reserve the right to make objection at any time. Furthermore the Co. Council will accept no responsibility in connection with this matter."

#### WILD BIRDS PROTECTION ACT.

Under date 24th June, 1932, the following was read from Mr. C.B. Moffat, 21 Lower Baggot Street, Dublin, Hon. Treasurer, Irish Society for the Protection of Birds:- "As the Order prohibiting the taking of certain Eggs in Co. Wexford, issued in May, 1928, expires on the 1st. of March next, the Committee of this Society have entrusted me to write to you hoping that you will bring before your Council the advisability of applying to the Minister for Justice for a renewal of this Order, with such modification as your Council thinks desirable.

"The Council will of course understand that the Order issued in 1930, protecting the eggs of the Chough, Kingfisher, Falman Petrel, Garnet, Turtle Dove, and all kinds



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of Terns, remains indefinitely in force and does not call for renewal.

In the earlier Order there are also some birds named, that do not now need protection under the Wild Birds Act, as they have been converted into Game Birds by the Game Preservation Act, and the taking of their eggs is therefore a heavily punishable offence under the Game Laws. This remark applies to the Lapwing and Sheld Duck. Their continued inclusion in the list will of course be quite harmless, but is not necessary.

"Then there is the case of the Shag, for which we never specially asked protection, though it was given. Compared with the Cormorant it does little harm, as it keeps so much more to salt water; but my Committee are not anxious to advise its retention.

"We are however, aware that some of the comparatively scarce Co. Wexford birds, including the Penguin Falcon, have been the objects of raiding parties within the past couple of years, and we trust that the Co. Council will renew the request for protection of eggs for at least the following species:-

Penguin Falcon, Raven, Rock-Dove, Oyster-catchers, Kittiwake, Puffin, Guillemot, Razorbill, and Manx Shearwater.

My Committee thinks it possible that members of your Council may see cause to ask protection for the eggs of some other birds, but in any case they trust you will not let the whole of the existing Order expire.

"With best thanks for the attention you have always given to this subject."

After discussion the following notice of motion was given by Col. Gibbon:-

"I hereby give notice of my intention to move at next meeting:-"



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"That this County Council make application to the Minister of Justice for a renewal of the following Order under Wild Birds Protection Act 1894:-

"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, 1932, and 1st. day of August, 1932, 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 1932:-

Penguin Falcon, Raven, Rock-Dove, Oyster Catcher, Kittiwake, Puffin, Guillemot, Razorbill, and Manx Shearwater."

#### DANGEROUS CORNERS.

Miss O'Ryan referred to the recent fatal accident which had taken place at Tomcoole Corner, and pointed out that some arrangements should be made by which the hedges at such corners should be kept cut in order that the view would not be obscured. She proposed that discretionary powers be given to the Assistant Surveyors to attend to all dangerous corners as the necessity arose.

The Co. Surveyor mentioned that representations from the Co. Surveyor's Association were at present before the Minister for Local Government to provide some simple procedure by which land for the easement of corners could be acquired and it was anticipated that representations of the County Surveyors would be acceded to. At present hedges could only be cut down between October and the following March and very often they reached considerable height in the interval and became dangerous to the travelling public.

Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor, stated that if the Council would give the Assistant Surveyors discretionary



powers to assist owners of adjoining land in cutting back hedges and keeping them within reasonable bounds it would be a very wise step to take.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed the following resolution which was seconded by Mr. Gaul and adopted:- "That discretionary powers be given to the Assistant Surveyors to enable them to assist owners of land at dangerous corners to have where necessary, hedges kept within limits, to provide for the safety of the travelling public."

NATIONALIZATION OF INLAND FISHERIES.

The following resolution for the Galway County Council and which is to be considered at annual meeting of the County Councils' General Council, on 15th August, was received for the views of the Council:-

"That the County Councils' General Council request the Minister for Lands & Fisheries to set up immediately a Commission to inquire into the question of the Nationalization of Inland Fisheries and that said commission be instructed to report on their findings in the shortest possible time so as to have necessary legislation introduced without delay."

Mr. O'Byrne said that this resolution had been under consideration by the Executive Committee of the General Council but they decided to refer it back to Galway for more information.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That the Secretary of the Councils' General Council be informed that the Wexford County Council would require detailed information from the Galway County Council as to exactly what was meant by nationalization of inland fisheries, and also details of the proposed scheme under which the proposal in question could be worked."



COUNTY COUNCILS' GENERAL COUNCIL'S DEPUTATION TO MINISTER  
FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

The following report of deputation from the General Council of County Councils was read:-

"The deputation appointed by the General Council on the 11th December, 1931 (Consisting of the Chairman and Messrs T.F. McGahon and C.M. Byrne) was received by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health on Wednesday 18th May at Leinster House.

As instructed by the Council the Deputation brought the following matters before the Minister:-

- (1) Deductions from Grants in aid of Local Taxation in respect uncollected Land Purchase Annuities.

The Deputation stressed the injustice occasioned by the dislocation of the finances of local authorities through the failure of the Land Commission to secure payment of Annuities over the Collection of which local authorities have not the slightest control. They recalled that the legislation placed ultimate responsibility for the payment of Land Annuities on the rates was enacted by the British Parliament as a safeguard against a possible movement similar to the "no rent" Campaign. Whatever justification for this provision may have existed at that time had ceased to operate as the Collection of the Annuities was now in the hands of a Department of the native Government backed by all the resources of the State and supported by the authority of a National Legislature. They therefore urged the repeal of the provision.

"The Minister stated that when the arrears of Annuities were ultimately recovered, the Local Taxation Account was credited with the amount. The discrepancy between the deduction from the Account and the recoupment to it would be accounted for by the charge in respect of loss on flotation of stock



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He could hold out no hope at present that the law would be altered.

- (2) Payment to County Councils of instalments of the Agricultural Grant and of the Contributions from the Road Fund at the beginning of each Quarter.

The deputation pointed out that County Councils are statutorily bound to meet the demands of Boards of Health and Mental Hospital Committees at the beginning of each Quarter. Furthermore large sums have to be provided to meet road expenditure eventually recoupable in part from the Road Fund. As Councils have to provide the funds necessary to meet these obligations before any rates begin to come in it becomes necessary for them especially in the earlier months of the financial year, to have recourse to overdraft accommodation which had been stigmatised by the Department as an uneconomic method of transacting public business.

The deputation urged upon the Minister, as the most feasible method for obviating or at least minimising recourse to borrowing, that the instalments of the Agricultural Grant should be made available to County Councils at the beginning of each quarter and that one-quarter of the contribution from the Road Fund for expenditure on roads should be paid to the Councils at the beginning of the financial year and quarterly thereafter.

In reply the Minister stated that the instalments of the Agricultural Grant had always been paid in advance since its inception in 1898. There were certain difficulties in connection with the payment in advance of recoupments from the Road Fund but these were made as the work proceeded. He would however take up the matter with the Minister for Finance with a view to seeing if any means would be evolved to facilitate County Councils.



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(3) Loss of Rates on Derelict Holdings.

The deputation drew the attention of the Minister to the loss of rates on holdings allowed to remain derelict by the Land Commission. Even when such holdings are sold no provision is made in the purchase price to meet accrued arrears of rates and not more than two years arrears are recoverable from the incoming purchaser. The deputation urged the appointment by the Land Commission of an agent or agents in each County for the letting of such holdings and the payment of rates thereon. Further that on the sale of such holdings provision should be made in the purchase price for satisfying the full arrears of rates.

The Minister undertook to discuss these matters with the Minister for Lands and Fisheries.

(4) Control and Regulation of Street Trading in Towns and Villages.

The deputation asked that local authorities (in cases where they did not already possess the power) should be empowered to control and regulate Street Trading.

The Minister stated that this matter was being dealt with.

(5) Dates of closing Rate Collections.

The deputation stated they had been instructed by the General Council to suggest that the dates of closing Rate Collections should be altered to the 30th November, for the first moiety and the 31st May for the second moiety. They pointed out that most of the important fairs were held subsequent to the closing dates at present obtaining and that the suggested change would afford farmers an opportunity of selling stock and thereby



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placing them in a position to discharge their liabilities for rates. In the event of the proposed change of dates being considered unfeasible the deputation suggested as an alternative that the system of collection sanctioned for County Dublin might be applied generally and would go far to meet the difficulty.

In reply it was pointed out that the proposed change of closing dates would be impracticable and would involve the alteration of the fiscal year. Furthermore the delay of two months in the collection of local revenues would cause serious financial embarrassment to local authorities. As regards the system of collections operating in County Dublin the Department did not consider it could suitably be applied to other Counties. It was not proposed to depart from the system under which the Collectors were obliged to lodge the full amounts of their warrants by the closing date.

(6) Untarred Margins on Roads.

As regards this matter the deputation agreed that there were engineering objections to the adoption of the suggestion contained in the Council's resolution and that experiments carried out in County Dublin showed that a safe surface for stock could be secured by the use of stone broken to  $\frac{1}{4}$ " or 1" grade.

(7) Proposed Committee of Inquiry into the question of the Sale of Labourers' Cottages to the Occupiers.

In reply to the deputations inquiry as whether a decision on this matter had been arrived at the Minister stated that legislation on the subject was under consideration."



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Mr. O'Byrne proposed that the Government be requested to pay the Agricultural Grant in full. The County Council could not be called to face the burden of unpaid annuities more especially having regard to the moratorium recently arranged for, by the Government. Any financial burden arising out of this moratorium should be borne by the State and should certainly not be transferred to the local authorities.

Mr. Hall seconded the resolution which was adopted.

MONFIELD WATER SUPPLY.

Under date 21st June, 1932, the Local Government Department forwarded Sealed Order No. P.H. 31658/1932 determining the Area of Charge for improving and maintaining water supply at Monfield, Ballyminaun Little, to be the Broadway Dispensary District.

ROAD, WALL ETC., AT BURROW, ROSSLARE.

The following under date 22nd June, 1932, was read from Mr. Patrick Bent, Burrow, Rosslare:-

"As you are already aware the residents of the Burrow, Rosslare, have made an application for a road to and from their homes, and it was pointed out that a road cannot be effected without a wall. You promised that if you received some assistance from the Government in the form of money you would accede to our just claim for a road. We have seen on the papers that the Government is giving grants for roads, water works, etc., etc., In view of the Government's generosity to help the plain people we ask that you Members of the County Council will apply for a small grant and proceed to make the necessary road to and from our houses. We hope that you will act without delay and let us have our just demand remedied."



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The County Surveyor in reply to queries stated that the erection of the proposed wall would cost from £800 to £1,200. There were ten or twelve families living in small cottage holdings at the Burrow.

Mr. Murphy proposed the following resolution which was seconded by Mr. O'Byrne and adopted:-

"That application be made to the Local Government Department and Land Commission with a view to securing a grant in order to provide a wall and road for the people of the Burrow, Rosslare."

#### REVISION OF VALUATIONS.

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

"That various applications for revisions of valuation and changes of names of occupiers submitted to this meeting by our Secretary be approved and forwarded to the General Valuation Department for consideration."

#### WALLS AT CLOHAMON BRIDGE.

Under date 18th June, 1932, Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor wrote that as regards the walls at Clohamon Bridge, he saw no reason to alter the opinion expressed by him in letter written to the Council on 27th February, last stating that the Council should repudiate all liability in respect of the matter.

#### POISONS AND PHARMACY ACT LICENCES.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That new licence under Poisons and Pharmacy Act be issued to Mr. Joseph Crangle, Manager, John Bolger & Co. Ferns, and renewals of licences to Daniel Keating, Quay Street, New Ross, Laurence Harpur, North Main Street, Wexford, and Henry Hill, Ballycanew, Gorey.



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NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN GREAT BRITAIN AND  
IRISH FREE STATE.

The following resolution was received from Kerry County Council:-

"RESOLVED:- That we the members of the Kerry County Council heartily approve of the able manner in which Mr. De Valera has dealt with the negotiations between Britain and the Irish Free State and that we call upon all public representatives to support the President and Executive Council."

The Chairman said this was more or less a political matter but he was not adverse to the County Council discussing it, should they so wish.

Mr. Keegan proposed the adoption of the resolution.

Miss O'Ryan said there was nobody in favour of such resolutions coming before County Councils.

Chairman: Another thing it is premature.

Mr. O'Byrne: Not only premature but in my opinion we would get on far better without such resolutions.

Chairman: In the circumstances I will vote it out of order.

FAIRS IN SMALL TOWNS.

Mr. Murphy mentioned that all over the County, fairs were held in the streets of the small towns, which were left in a desperate state. It was hardly fair to ask the people of a district to clean up after fairs and he asked could not the County Surveyor get some of the road men to look after this matter.

Miss O'Ryan was against the proposal.

Mr. O'Byrne said the less the Council said about the fairs at the moment, the better. The question of preventing fairs being held on the streets was acute at the moment



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and discussions likely to arise would not be helpful in allowing matters to remain as they were.

It was decided to leave the matter in the hands of the County Surveyor.

COUNTY COUNCIL WORKER AND LORRY LOADING.

Mr. Keegan asked if Mr. Ennis assistant surveyor had had a strike or a lock-out in a quarry in his area. Mr. Ennis replied that he had not.

Mr. Keegan - Was there anything?

Mr. Ennis - One man went home because he refused to load lorries.

In answer to Mr. Keegan as to who owned the lorry that the man refused to load, Mr. Ennis said it belonged to Mr. Fortune, of Ferns.

Mr. Keegan said he did not believe Mr. Ennis had any right whatever to tell a man to load anybody's lorry employed for the purpose of hauling.

The County Surveyor said that the question of the loading of the lorry was considered <sup>an</sup> ~~the~~ the price. They agreed to a certain price provided they loaded the lorry.

Chairman - Do you want to create a precedent for those men to disobey the district surveyor? Aren't they there to obey his orders? Mr. Keegan - Quite so, but why not treat the men with the lorry the same as the men with the horses?

Chairman - Hasn't the County Surveyor given you an explanation?

Mr. Keegan - I say it is a corrupt practice to get a council's man to load any man's vehicle.

The County Surveyor said that a man with a lorry would charge very much more if he had to keep a couple of men waiting in the quarry.

Mr. Keegan - Why don't you advertise in that way and give every man a chance.



Chairman- This must be some crank of a man that would not obey orders as far as I can see.

The matter dropped.

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