

WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL.

MEETING ÷ 26th MAY, 1930 MINUTES.

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A meeting of Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, Fortview, on 26th May, 1930.

Present - Mr M. Doyle (Chairman) presiding: also Messrs J. Armstrong, J. Brennan, J. Cline, P. Colfer, T. Cooney, R. Corish, John Culleton, J. Cummins, T.F. D'Arcy, John Doran, James Gaul, Col. C.M. Gibbon, James Hall, P. Hayes, M. Jordan, W.P. Keegan, Thomas Maylor, Thomas McCarthy, J. Murphy, Sean O'Byrne, N. O'Ryan, Col. R.P. Wemyss Quin, James Shannon, Myles Smyth, and J.E. Walsh.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

RATES FOR GENERAL AND SEPARATE CHARGES ETC, FOR
FINANCIAL YEAR 1930-31.

The striking of the Rate for the forthcoming financial year was the special business of the Meeting.

After discussion the following resolution was proposed by Mr O'Byrne, seconded by Colonel Quin:-

"That as set out in Forms 42 and 43 and as appearing on Minutes of Wexford County Council in respect of meeting held on 3rd March, 1930, and also as appearing in the advertising columns of the "People", "Free Press" and "Echo" newspapers of the 3rd May, 1930, we hereby strike the Rate for General and Separate Charges for the financial year 1930-31, the General rate being fixed at 8/1 in the £ and amount of Rates for Separate charges being as set out on said Minutes of the County Council in respect of meeting held on 3rd March, 1930, we allow and make the same as assessed in Rate Books, said Rates being in conformity with the Valuation in force for the time being as set out in the Valuation Lists furnished this Council by Valuation Department. That the allowance of said Rates as entered on foot of said Rate Books signed by the Presiding Chairman and two members present at this meeting, be adopted, attested by the seal of the Wexford County Council and counter-signed by the Secretary. That we hereby

strike the Drainage rate for Kilmannock district at the sum of £83: 7: 10d in accordance with the schedule of charging order issued by the Commissioners of Public Works, under date 19th January, 1927, and which is set out on Minutes of meeting of County Council of the 9th May, 1927, with the estimated cost of maintenance of said drainage district for financial year 1930-31, viz., £60. That Warrants for Rate Collectors for collection of Rates included in this resolution be sealed and signed.

That the Demand of Wexford County Council on the Urban Districts of Enniscorthy, New Ross and Wexford as appearing on Form 48 be duly signed and sealed, the amounts demanded from said Urban Districts being as follows:-

Enniscorthy-	£2648: 11: 6d.
New Ross-	£2448: 6: 0d.
Wexford-	£5672: 17: 1d.

In connection with Kilmannock Drainage Rate the following was read from the landholders mentioned in Charging Order:-

"We, the undersigned ratepayers and landholders in the Kilmannock Drainage Area beg respectfully to draw your attention to the Public Notice issued by you on the 2nd inst. in connection with the Drainage Rate on the above named area. Under the Charging Order we presume you are bound to levy the Rate set out therein, but we notice that you also propose to levy a sum of £60: 0: 0 extra on the persons named in the aforesaid Charging Order. We most strongly object to the levying of this extra Rate and through our local representative on your Council (Mr John Murphy M.C.C.) we enter a solemn protest against the same, for the following reasons:

1st. We believe the amount is exorbitant. The drainage can be maintained for an annual expenditure of considerably less than half this sum.

2nd. The land covered by this Charging Order is already overburdened with local rating: the P.L.V. on this land is out of all proportion to its actual worth in many cases amounting to £1:13:0 per Irish A cre, whilst the actual rate payable in the current

year amounts to 11/6, 12/6 and in some cases 15/- and 16/- per Irish acre in addition to an Annuity of from 15/- to £1:0:0: per Irish acre.

3rd. The original expenditure on this drainage was uncalled for and excessive. The Board of Works officials came on the lands and carried out the work at a cost of £1100: 0:0: which your own County Surveyor considered far too much. Mr Barry considered a sum of £600 would have been quite sufficient to complete the work. When we, local farmers, protested against the squandering of money which we saw going on, the Board of Works Engineer told us it was Government money for the relief of unemployment and no concern of ours.

We respectfully ask the County Council to take all these facts into consideration before imposing on us an additional Rate of £60, a sum which will make the present burden of local rating unbearable."

The County Surveyor said that last year a sum of £20 had been allowed for the maintenance of portion of the Kilmannock Drainage Scheme, but it was only after a great deal of trouble, he was enabled to employ some men from New Ross to carry out the work as no local people would touch it. The work carried out was a good job, but the weeds which had since grown on it would have to be cut and a new portion, more than double what was done in 1929, would also have to be attended to. He regarded the £60 as a fair figure. The New Ross men who were employed last year refused to carry out the work at the same amount for this year.

Colonel Gibbon said it appeared to him the rate of 2/- per perch, as estimated by the County Surveyor, would furnish a grievance to the land owners. Personally he thought that a large proportion of the larger drains should be done at from 1/- to 1/6, and the smaller drains at 6d. per perch. The County Surveyor, had however, prepared his estimate on the assumption that no local people would come forward to do the work. If those concerned

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would find some men who were willing to carry it out at a lower figure the County Surveyor would employ them, and any sum which was saved would be carried forward for reduction of the necessary amount next year. He proposed that the local people be informed to this effect.

Colonel Quin seconded this resolution which was adopted without dissent.

The resolution of Mr O'Byrne regarding the striking of the Rate was then put and passed unanimously.

ANNUAL MEETING OF COUNTY COUNCIL, ETC.

Proposed by Mr O'Byrne and seconded by Colonel Gibbon:

"That the annual meeting of Wexford County Council be held on Monday, 30th June, 1930, at 10.30 a.m., and that meeting of Roads' Committee be held on Monday, 2nd June, 1930, at 1.45 p.m.

VOTES OF CONDOLENCE.

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

"That replies to resolutions of condolence from the following be inserted in the Minutes of this day's meeting."

Mr J. Elgee, Solicitor, wrote under date 2nd May, 1930:

"Will you please convey to the members of the Roads' Committee my sincere thanks for their kind vote of sympathy passed to me on the death of my brother's widow, which I greatly appreciate. I have also to thank you for your personal expressions of regret."

Rev. George J. Murphy C.C. The Presbytery, wrote under date 25th April, 1930:-

"On behalf of myself and the members of my family I beg to thank the members of the County Council and specially Mr Corish and Mr Cummins, the proposer and seconder, for their vote of condolence in my recent bereavement. I wish to thank you and the staff also for kind expressions of sympathy."

Mr N.J. Murphy, Kilmokea, Campile, wrote under date 7th May, 1930:

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The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee was held in the County Council Chamber, Wexford, on 24th April, 1930.

Present:- Messrs James Hall, T. McCarthy, S. O'Byrne and James Shannon.

The Secretary, Assistant Secretary, County Surveyor, J. F. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor, J. O'Kennedy, Rate Inspector and Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, 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 read and signed.

THE LATE MR. T. MOORE

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne, a vote of condolence was adopted to Mr. Timothy Moore, Assistant in County Surveyor's Office, on the death of his father, Mr. Timothy Moore, a former public official.

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £4216: 3: 5d was examined and signed.

BURNED INSURANCE STAMPS

Consideration of report of Mr. D. Radford, Clerk in County Surveyor's Department, relative to destroyed Insurance stamps and cards was adjourned to next meeting.

INSURANCE OF COUNCIL EMPLOYEES

Under date 12th April, 1930, the following was read from Mr. Elgee, Solicitor:-

"As directed by the Council, I have now gone into the question of the Insurance of the Council's Employees with the Surveyor, and beg to report as follows:-

'The Council are bound to stamp Cards for their Employees, who are between the ages of 16 and 70 (subject to certain exceptions hereinafter mentioned) provided their remuneration from the Council

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does not exceed £250 per annum, and the Council are not bound to enquire what the other means of the Employee are, as long as the remuneration they give to him does not exceed the £250. If the Employee desires he can apply for exemption.

'The following Employees of the Council have their Cards stamped by the County Surveyor's Department:-

All Road Workers under the Direct Labour Scheme.

Carters by the day for personal service.

'The following do not have Cards stamped by the Council:-

Contractors for Road Work under Bond.

Carters under Agreement for a fixed Rate of payment for a specified quantity of Material.

Carters or other Workmen who are supplied to the Council by one man, the Council paying the man who supplied the workers, and not the workers themselves.

Contracts for works which have been placed in the County Surveyor's hands for completion.

In cases where no personal service is required and no set hours provided for.'"

After consideration it was decided to ask the County Council at their next meeting to discuss the question of the position of gangers or road workers who hold land and who must be fully insured by the County Council although these employees are unable to derive unemployment benefit.

COMPLAINT RE GANGER

The County Surveyor said he was sorry to have to complain of William Boggan, Whiterock, Wexford, a ganger at Kerlogue Quarry, who had retained some amounts paid to him for screenings.

Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor, explained to the meeting that Boggan had held back three sums amounting, in all, to £2: 6: 0d, that had been paid him for screenings. He (Mr. Birthistle) had a suspicion Boggan might have received some money and as he had a second check on the screenings leaving the quarry he was sorry to say his suspicions were verified. This happened about

three months ago, immediately prior to the change of system by which gangers are now prevented from handling money since screenings cannot be supplied except through order furnished from the Office of the County Surveyor.

The County Surveyor handed in the following from William Boggan, under date 22nd April, 1930:-

"I have looked over all the accounts for screenings in Kerlogue Quarry and I find that I have got money from the following:- Mr. Furlong, Mulgannon, £1; and £1 from James Kelly, Rocksborough, for old rubbish off Kerlogue Road when we were scarifying and some screenings, and Mr. Gahan, Moorfield, left 6/- at the house. This is a true account and I will pay it. I meant to pay all along but unfortunately I was drinking too much and that was the cause of it all. If I get a chance this time I will take the pledge and the like will never happen any more. I am sorry for ever having anything to do with it and if I am not sacked it will be a lesson I will never forget."

After discussion, Mr. Hall proposed and Mr. Shannon seconded, the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That William Boggan be employed as Road Ganger only in future. That he be placed on six months' probation at the end of which period Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor for the district, will report to the Finance Committee as to the manner in which Boggan's duties have been discharged in the meantime. "

Boggan came before the meeting and the Chairman informed him that the Finance Committee had recommended the Council to give him a second chance mainly on account of the high character Mr. Birthistle had given him, and also taking into account the frank admission made by Boggan himself and his undertaking to take the pledge.

Boggan said that such a thing would not occur again. He thought he would have been able to make good the money before the account was asked from the County Surveyor's Office but

he got "caught".

OVERDRAFT OF COUNCIL

Under date 16th April, 1930, Department of Local Government (G.22325/30 Fa Loch Garman) wrote that the Minister had sanctioned Overdraft not exceeding £40,000 for the Wexford County Council up to the 30th June next. Interest to be paid thereon at the agreed rate.

RURAL DISTRICT CHARGES ACCOUNTS

Under date 12th April, 1930, (S.25702/30 Loch Garman (BG), the Department of Local Government wrote that the Minister had approved of the Wexford County Council obtaining from the Treasurer a temporary loan of £6,631 to pay off the debit balance of Enniscorthy Rural District and a similar loan of £12,074 to pay off the debit balance of the Wexford Rural District, the loans to be repayable within a period of five years with Interest at half per cent under Irish Banks Discount Rate (varying) subject to a minimum of four per cent.

RATE COLLECTION

In view of the fact that the time for closing of Collectors' warrants had been extended to 5th May, it was decided that consideration of the Irrecoverable and Temporarily Uncollectable lists of Rates be further adjourned for consideration to meeting of the Finance Committee on the 8th May.

Under date 12th April, 1930, the following was read from the four Collectors of Gorey District:-

"We have your circular letter of 11th instant enclosing copy of letter from Local Government Department re Rate Collection. It would appear that according to Inspector's report, he thinks it is because of his presence in the County that there was such an improvement during those days but if you will examine lodgments, at least in Gorey area, you will find that every year at that particular time there has been a substantial amount lodged and we would also

refer you to our letter of 29th March to Mr. O'Kennedy, (Rate Inspector) in which we informed him we expected to have a further 20% of 2nd moiety lodged within a short period. This letter was written before we knew the Inspector was in Wexford and was a result of our ~~enrg~~ energies put forward to press people to pay at last fair day in Gorey.

'We can assure the County Council that we are doing everything possible to clear up our warrants and considering the present financial conditions we believe we have done well in improving the collection on last year' "

It was decided that this letter be inserted on the Minutes.

The state of Rate Collection submitted by Rate Inspector for 1929-30 Collection showed the following percentages outstanding:-

New Ross District	6%
Gorey District	7%
Enniscorthy District	9%
Wexford District	17%

SECONDARY SCHOLARSHIPS

It was agreed that the question of the eligibility of candidates making application for award of Secondary Scholarships be adjourned until next meeting of the Finance Committee, in the meantime full information as to intending applicants to be supplied to each member of the Council with a request for his observations relative to candidates residing in his district.

GOREY COURTHOUSE

Application was received for the use of Gorey Courthouse from the Committee for the promotion of Athletic and Cycling Sports.

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

"That as the general body of Gorey People are interested in the promotion of the forthcoming Sports' meeting, we consider that

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Gorey Courthouse should be available for the meetings of the Committee promoting these Sports."

CIRCUIT COURT

Under date 15th April, 1930, Mr. Dwyer, County Registrar, wrote, that in consequence of the room in the old Jail heretofore used for the Circuit Court not being available the Minister of Justice had sanctioned the holding of the Circuit Court in the Enniscorthy Courthouse until further order. Apartments would be required for the Judge, County Registrar, Jury, Barristers, Solicitors and Prisoners. Arrangements should be made so that the premises would be available on the 26th May.

Referred to County Surveyor.

It was also decided that until the conclusion of the Circuit Court it would not be possible to have the new caretaker installed as the apartments would be required for the Circuit Court.

Proposed By Mr O'Byrne, seconded by Mr McCarthy and adopted:

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 24th April, 1930, be received and considered."

Insurance of County Council Employees: Mr Keegan complained that some time ago a ganger was put on to do surface work at Tara Hill three days a week, a man with a large quantity of land, whilst men living in cabins with families of five and six children were allowed to starve. Whenever there was a slackness of work gangers should be asked to stand by and let men most in need continue in employment.

Miss O'Ryeh proposed and Colonel Quin seconded the following resolution which was adopted: "That the attention of the Department of Industry and Commerce and National Health Insurance Commission be called to the fact that this Council should not - in equity- be held responsible for the insurance of workers who are not entitled to draw benefit and we consider steps should be taken to save County Councils from foolishly wasting money in this manner since neither they nor the workers concerned can derive any benefit therefrom."

Mr Hall said it was most unfair to employ ^a man holding twenty acres of land as he would have to devote a good part of his time to the working of his farm.

The Chairman pointed out that a man who held twenty or thirty acres of land had quite enough to do to look after his farm, and road work should be given to people who had no other means of living.

Colonel Quin- If a man is a good worker why should he be put out of employment. Surely the County Council want to get the best man and efficiency should be the criterion for employment. Why should a man who wanted to work be prevented.

Chairman - A man with twenty or thirty acres of land will find plenty of work on his own farm without going into outside employment.

The County Surveyor pointed out that any men who were employed by the County Council and were now land holders, had no land when

they were first taken on.

Colonel Gibbon said that in cases of gangers who held five and six acres of land, the busy time on the roads was also the busy time on the farm, and he did not think a man of that kind could do justice either to his farm or to the roads: he would have to neglect both. He was, however, in favour of the small farmers being employed for haulage work.

Mr Hall proposed the following resolution, which was seconded by Mr Smyth:- "That any man holding ten acres of land or over be not employed as ganger."

Miss O'Ryahn said an order was made by the County Council some time ago that surface men should be engaged in their turn and that in times of slackness of work gangers should not be employed. That resolution had not been carried out in her district.

Chairman - It has not been carried out in the whole Barony of Forth.

Miss O'Ryan - We asked that resolution to be carried out and it was not done. I know men who are practically hungry while other men are kept constantly working on the roads. She defied the County Surveyor to say there were any bad workmen in her district. They were good all round.

Mr Keegan also complained that the order had not been carried out in his area.

The resolution was then put and declared passed, Colonel Quin dissenting.

The latter said they had heard a good deal of talk about unemployment that day, but when the County Surveyor was looking for men to do drainage work at Kilmannock he could not get any one to come forward.

County Surveyor - The men who had been approached as regards Kilmannock had their own work to do on their farms.

The Chairman said that over and over again they had asked their officials to distribute the work. For some reason that was not done. He had never seen gangers in his district disemployed

but he had seen lots of men who were much worse off.

The County Surveyor said as long as there was a week's constant work to be considered that work could be distributed, but when it was a question of odd days he could not send the ordinary working man to the other end of his district, that he knew nothing about.

The Chairman said they would now ask the County Surveyor to carry out their instructions, and to direct the District Surveyors to this effect. It might not be quite as easy a problem as some thought owing to the shifting of men, but where at all feasible it should be done. He knew some men who were never off the road while others could not get a job.

Colonel Quin - This system will be conducive to bad work. If employment is to be distributed men will work as they like and no one will work his best.

Mr Hayes said that the order in question had been made months ago and he would like to be informed by the County Surveyor what was the difficulty in carrying it out.

The County Surveyor said where there was only an odd days work to be performed he could not send men out of their own district.

The Chairman said they would now instruct the County Surveyor to carry out their orders.

The County Surveyor said he would have the change made as soon as possible, whether it would work well or ill, as it was the wish of the Council.

Complaint re Ganger. Colonel Quin proposed and Colonel Gibbon seconded the following: "That we dissent from the recommendation of the Finance Committee as regards Ganger William Boggan and that this man be prosecuted in regard to his withholding of certain monies of the County Council."

Mr Keegan proposed the confirmation of the recommendation of the Finance Committee which was seconded by Mr Gaul.

Mr Murphy moved: "That William Boggan be employed in future only as an ordinary road worker."

Mr Culleton seconded.

After considerable discussion a poll was taken on Colonel Quin's motion, with the following result:

For- Messrs D'Arcy, Quin, Culleton, Brennan, Gibbon -5.

Against- Messrs O'Byrne, Smyth, Armstrong, Colfer, Cline, Hayes, Gaul, Corish, Shannon, Keegan, Cummins, O'Ryan, Hall, Meyler, Murphy, Doran and McCarthy.- 17.

The Chairman who did not vote declared the amendment lost.

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

Mr Murphy's amendment was then put with the following result:

For- Messrs O'Byrne, D'Arcy, Murphy, Quin, Meyler, Culleton, Smyth, Brennan, Gibbon and the Chairman - 10.

Against- Messrs Armstrong, Colfer, Cline, Hayes, Corish, Gaul, Shannon, Keegan, Cummins, O'Ryan, Hall, Doran, and McCarthy-13.

The Chairman declared this amendment lost.

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

A vote was then taken as to confirmation of recommendation of Finance Committee in this matter with the following result:

For - Messrs O'Byrne, Armstrong, Cline, Colfer, Hayes, Gaul, Corish, Shannon, Keegan, Cummins, O'Ryan, Hall, Doran, McCarthy-14.

Against- Messrs D'Arcy, Smyth, Quin, Gibbon, Meyler, Culleton, Murphy and Brennan- 8.

The Chairman did not vote and Messrs Cooney Jordan and Walsh were not present when poll was taken,

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

The following resolution was then adopted on the motion of Mr O'Byrne, seconded by Mr McCarthy: "That the recommendations of the Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 24th April be and are hereby confirmed."

The following Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 8th May were submitted.

The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee was held in the County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford, on 8th May, 1930.

Present:- Messrs James Shannon, Thomas McCarthy, John J. Colloton, and James Hall.

The Assistant Secretary, the County Surveyor, and Mr Elgee, County Solicitor, 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 read and confirmed.

PAYMENTS.

Treasurer's Advice Note for £3508: 4: 3: was examined and signed.

RATE COLLECTION.

Lists of temporarily uncollectable and irrecoverable rates were submitted.

It was decided that rates amounting to £1066:19:11 be struck off as permanently irrecoverable as per the following:-

		£	s.	d.
District No. 1.	J. Quirke.....	35	19	1.
"	2. T. Sutton.....	29	4	11.
"	3. P. Doyle.....	37	17	5.
"	4. J. Quirke.....	87	12	9.
"	5. J. Doyle.....	236	0	9.
"	6. M. Kelly.....	59	17	10.
"	7. J. Deegan.....	80	9	7.
"	8. J. Cummins.....	33	7	1.
"	9. P. O'Byrne.....	144	7	1.
"	10. S. Gannon.....	33	14	4.
"	11. W. Cummins.....	16	13	2.
"	12. P. Donohoe.....	21	0	6.
"	13. J.J. O'Reilly.....	11	3	6.
"	14. T. Bolger.....	38	14	2.
"	15. A. Dunne.....	67	14	6.

District No. 16.	J.J. Sinnott.....	£	s	d.
		10:	6:	9.
"	17. E.J. Murphy.....	8:	11:	1.
"	18. T. Rowe.....	13:	17:	5.
"	19. J. Doyle.....	5:	1:	9.
"	20. J. Curtis.....	11:	12:	3.
"	21. P. Carty.....	83:	14:	1.

It was decided that the following amounts be carried forward for collection with warrant for 1930/31 Rate and that Collector Sutton be instructed to lodge by date of next Finance Committee meeting £160; 15: 10:, returned by him as temporarily uncollectable:-

District No. 1.	J. Quirke.....	£	s	d
		328:	19:	10:
"	2. T. Sutton	1361:	5:	5:
"	3. P. Doyle.....	478:	16:	4:
"	4. J. Quirke.....	673:	5:	8:
"	5. J. Doyle.....	2608:	17:	9:
"	6. M. Kelly.....	827:	19:	5:
"	7. J. Deegan.....	266:	10:	1:
"	8. J. Cummins.....	464:	9:	6:
"	9. P. O'Syrne.....	512:	17:	5:
"	10. S. Cannon.....	356:	7:	1:
"	11. W. Cummins.....	716:	18:	4:
"	12. P. Donohoe.....	620:	1:	9:
"	13. J.J. O'Reilly.....	85:	1:	1:
"	14. T. Bolger.....	53:	12:	9:
"	15. A. Dunn.....	284 :	19:	-:
"	16. J.J. Sinnott.....	404 :	6:	2:
"	17. E.J. Murphy	193:	11:	8:
"	18. T. Rowe.....	312:	13:	11:
"	19. J. Doyle.....	211:	8:	2:
"	20. J. Curtis.....	179:	14:	8:
"	21. P. Carty.....	389:	16:	10:

Total £11331: 12: 10:

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£7517: 14: 6: being in respect of 1930 Rate and £3813: 18: 4: in respect of previous arrears.

POUNDAGE.

The following letter, under date 29th April, 1930, (G.31142/1930 Pa. Loch German.) was read from the Local Government Department:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 26th instant and to state that he is not prepared to sanction an extension of time for the closing of their warrants by the Rate Collectors for the purpose of enabling poundage to be paid. The Minister is prepared to concede reluctantly however, to the examination of the Collectors Books pursuant to Article 102 of the Public Bodies Order, 1929, being postponed to the 8th proximo it being understood that all Collectors who fail to account for their warrants by that date will be summarily dealt with by the Council.

In the cases of the Collectors who close their warrants by the date mentioned the Minister will be prepared to entertain a proposal from the Council to allow reasonable poundage fees based on the results shown."

It was decided on the motion of the Chairman that sanction of the Department of Local Government to the payment of balance of poundage be applied for.

APPOINTMENT OF RATE COLLECTORS - NOS. 4 AND 5 DISTRICTS.

The following letter, under date 7th May, 1930, (G.33290/30/Pa. Loch German.), was read from the Local Government Department:

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to return herewith draft advertisement and conditions of appointment in connection with the filling of the vacancies for collectors in Collection Districts 4 and 5 and to state that the approximate annual warrants should be indicated and also that reputable evidence as to character will be essential. Candidates should be given to understand that adequate testimonials will be required from citizens of undoubted standing in the community in

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such as Public Representatives, Professional Men, Clergymen or Bank Managers and that, if selected, such referees as to character will be asked to reply to a questionnaire as annexed.

I am to add that when submitting such appointments as may be proposed the evidence as to character and replies to the attached Queries should be furnished."

The following draft advertisement and terms and conditions of appointment were approved:

WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL.

APPOINTMENT OF RATE COLLECTORS FOR NOS. 4 AND 5

COLLECTION DISTRICTS.

The above Council, will, at their meeting to be held on 26th May, 1930, consider applications in connection with the appointment of two Rate Collectors for Districts Nos. 4 and 5.

No.4 District comprises the District Electoral Divisions of Tacumshane, Tomhaggard, Bridgetown, Mayglass, Kilmore, and Newcastle.

No.5 District comprises the District Electoral Divisions of Drinagh, Killinick, Kilscorean, Lady's Island, St. Helen's and Rosslare,

Age limits 21 to 45.

Remuneration 5d. in £ on all monies collected, with statutory fees for work in the preparation of the Electors' Lists.

Terms and conditions of appointment, which should be obtained by all intending candidates, can be received from the undersigned.

Candidates must pass qualifying examination in Irish, English, and Arithmetic, which will be held at Old Jail, Wexford, at 11 o'clock a.m. on 20th May (Tuesday), but applicants who have been successful at previous examinations will not be required to sit for this examination.

Applications (with testimonials and reputable evidence as to character) must be lodged with the undersigned not later than

10 a.m. Tuesday, 20th May, 1930.

The Council do not bind themselves to make any appointment on the 26th May, 1930.

N.J. Frizelle

Secretary Wexford County Council.

Portview, Wexford.

WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

Rate Collection - Appointment of Collectors for Nos. 4 and 5 Districts

The above Council will, at their meeting to be held on Monday, 26th May, 1930, at 10.30 a.m. (official time), in County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford, consider applications for the appointment of Rate Collectors for above Districts.

No.4 District comprises the District Electoral Divisions of Tacumshane, Tomhaggard, Bridgetown, Mayglass, Kilmore and Newcastle. (Approximate annual Warrant £6,000).

No.5 District comprises the District Electoral Divisions of Drinagh, Killinick, Kilsoran, Lady's Island, St. Helen's and Rosslare. (Approximate annual Warrant £7,000).

Age limits in each case 21 to 45. (Birth Certificate necessary)

An applicant must satisfy the County Council and Local Government Department that he or she is qualified to keep the books and accounts pertaining to the office, and that he or she is free from all infirmity which would, in any way, prevent the efficient discharge of the duties.

No person can be appointed who is engaged in Retail Trade, or whose wife, or husband, or any members of whose family with whom he resides, is engaged in such trade; who has within past twelve months received Home Help from County Board of Health; who has been convicted of felony, fraud or perjury, or of purloining, embezzling or wilfully wasting or misapplying the monies, goods or chattels of any public body or has, within the past five years been adjudged bankrupt or made a composition or arrangement with his or her creditors; who holds any other paid office or place of profit under or in the gift or disposal of the Council or of any Committee appointed wholly or partly by the Council not being that of Collector of Rates other than Poor Rates unless such person gives an undertaking that on being appointed Poor Rate Collector under the Council he will resign such other paid office; who holds the office of Collector of Rates other than Poor Rates unless it shall be agreed between the person appointed and the Public Body under whom he holds the last mentioned office that he shall hold such office on the same terms and conditions in respect of tenure of office, duties and remuneration as the office of Collector of Poor Rate and unless the Minister shall consent that he shall hold both such offices.

Candidates must understand that adequate testimonials will be required from citizens of undoubted standing such as Clergymen, Public Representatives, Professional men or Bank Managers. Referees as to character will be asked to reply to a questionnaire regarding selected applicants.

Canvassing is forbidden but it is allowable to send copies of testimonials and references to the members of the County Council.

The appointment will be of a probationary character, but in the event of the candidate giving satisfaction during the probationary period it will be open to the Council, on the expiration thereof, to make the appointment permanent.

Appointment is subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

A qualifying examination in Irish, English and Arithmetic will

be held on Tuesday, 20th May, 1930, at 11 o'clock a.m., (official time) in Old Jail, Spawell Road, Wexford. This is the only notification of examination which will be issued to candidates.

Remuneration 5d in £ on amount of Rates collected. Fees under Franchise Acts will be payable but no remuneration will be allowed for preparation of Lists &c., under Juries (Ireland) Acts.

The position is not pensionable.

Applications for position, accompanied by testimonials, must be lodged with the Undersigned not later than 10 o'clock a.m., (official time) on Tuesday, 20th May, 1930.

Applicants should set out in their applications the District for which they are applying.

The successful candidate must enter into a joint and several Personal Bond with two solvent sureties in the sum of £400 to cover completion of warrant within 30th September and 31st March of each year and also procure fidelity guarantee bond from a recognised Guarantee Society in the sum of £900 to cover fraud or embezzlement.

Personal attendance of candidates is necessary on day of election.

Any candidate who passes qualifying examination and who is not in any way disqualified will be eligible for election.

Candidates who were successful at previous examinations for position of Rate Collector need not sit for above-mentioned examination.

The successful candidate in each case must make declaration under Section 71 of Local Government Act 1925.

Payment of Poundage will be dependent on strict compliance with the terms of the Public Bodies Order.

N. J. FRIZELLE,

Secretary Wexford County Council.

Fortview,
WEXFORD.
May, 1930.

TEMPORARY VETERINARY INSPECTOR.

Mr J. Lynch, V.S., New Ross, wrote, under date 26th April, 1930, that he would be absent from duty from 28th instant for two weeks in order to attend course of lectures in Dublin on Meat Inspection. He nominated Mr J. Mullins V.S., as his substitute.

The Department of Agriculture wrote, under date 3rd May, 1930, (L.1497/30), approving of the arrangement on condition that it did not involve any additional charge on public funds.

It was decided, on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Hall, that Mr J. Mullins V.S., be authorised to act as substitute during Mr Lynch's absence.

ENNISCORTHY COURTHOUSE.

The following letter, under date 2nd May, 1930, was read from the County Registrar:-

" I went to Enniscorthy yesterday and inspected the Courthouse in company with the Assistant County Surveyor. I pointed out to him the accommodation I would require. The Office previously occupied by the District Court Clerk, I will require for a Jury room. As you are aware it is in a very bad condition and requires immediate doing up to make it habitable. I shall be obliged if you will have this attended to forthwith as the Circuit Court sits on 27th inst. I find that there is no Caretaker on the premises though one has been appointed. It will be essential to have a Caretaker there overnight while the Court is sitting, as I cannot leave the Records there unless there is a Caretaker."

The Chairman stated that, as Mr R. Whelan had now been sanctioned as permanent caretaker the County Surveyor could take steps to have him reside on the premises while the Court was sitting.

The County Surveyor said he would arrange accordingly.

WEXFORD COURTHOUSE (NEW BUILDING).

The following letter under date 8th May, 1930, from the County Registrar to the County Surveyor was read:

"With reference to the two rooms now being constructed on the second floor of the New Courthouse, to be used as offices for the

County Registrar.

As the accommodation is limited, it would be well to have the doors in these two rooms so placed as to give as much wall space as possible for presses &c. With this object in view I attach a rough drawing with the places marked thereon where, in my opinion, it would be most advantageous to have the doors.

I presume as the walls have not yet been constructed it will not make any difference to the Contractor where the doors are placed. This letter refers only to the two rooms on the South side, second floor."

The County Surveyor stated that the County Registrar informed him that he required as Circuit Court Offices portion of the accommodation which he (County Surveyor) had decided on for the use of the Council's staff. The County Registrar contended that he had control over the entire building including the portion which would be occupied as County Council offices.

In reply to the Chairman the County Surveyor stated that the accommodation proposed for Circuit Court Offices was clearly marked on the plan submitted for the Ministry's approval.

The Chairman proposed and Mr Hall seconded the following recommendation which was adopted:

"That the County Registrar be informed that, as the County Council have no intention of altering the accommodation for offices etc., as set out in the plans, approved by the Minister of Justice, they consider there is no necessity to make any amendment in the plans, as suggested by the County Registrar in his letter to the County Surveyor."

CARETAKING, WEXFORD COURTHOUSE.

The following account received from Mrs McNally, Caretaker, Wexford Courthouse, was approved for payment, on the motion of the Chairman:

Account for Salary, etc., from January, 1930, to March, 1930, (inclusive).

	£	s	d.
Salary	2:	10:	0;

	£	s	d.
County Expenses	2:	5:	0:
Rent	6:	10:	0:
Coal	1:	14:	1½:
Gas	2:	5:	11:
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Total	£ 15:	5:	0½:

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL APPLICATION.

Under date 29th April, 1930, Notification was received from Mr Denis Corish, District Court Clerk, New Ross, that an application would be made at New Ross District Court on 6th May, 1930, for the committal of Margaret and Ellen Kelly, Cushinstown.

The Assistant Secretary stated that copy of the notification from Mr Corish was furnished to Mr Elgee on 1st May, 1930.

SECONDARY SCHOLARSHIPS.

Applications for Secondary Scholarships were received on behalf of the following:-

- Annie Foley, Mile House, Enniscorthy.
- Elizabeth Foley, Wheelagower, Ballindaggin.
- Margarat Hughes, Irish Street, Buncledy.
- James O'Brien, Inch, Blackwater, Enniscorthy.
- Julia Browns, Kiltillihane, Carnew.
- Elizabeth Byrne, Ballytarsna, Carnew.
- John Kelly, 10 Grattan Terrace, Gorey.
- × Julia Anne Sinnott, Cahore, Gorey.
- Mary C. Daly, Coalerin, Campile.
- Mary Finn, Campile.
- John Flynn, Ballymaclare, Campile.
- John Foley, Rathinney, Gusserane.
- John Joseph Murphy, Ballykelly, New Ross.
- Richard R. O'Donnell, Fort Lighthouse, Duncannon.
- Daniel F. Butler, Lambstown, Killurin.
- Kathleen Francis Donnelly, Hilltown, Ballymitty.
- × James M. Druhan, Lady's Island.

William Duggan, Burrow, Rosslare.

Philip Fox, Killurin Station.

Kathleen Furlong, Broadway.

* Roseanna Furlong, Mulrankin, Bridgetown.

Eileen Jones, Rosslare.

Patrick Dermot O'Brien, Ballycowan, Taguat.

Margaret Mary O'Neill, Bushville, Taguat.

* James Owens, Rosslare, Harbour.

* William J. Pettit, Kisha, Kilrane.

Anastasia Pierce, Ballyhire, Kilrane.

Rita Tierney, Rosslare.

Elizabeth Ita Todd, Bungalow, Kilrane.

Patrick Peter Vaughan, Ballysheen, Carne.

Richard Walsh, 2 Life Boat Cottage, Rosslare Harbour.

James J. White, Wickaree, Duncormack.

* Patrick O'Connor, Aughnagally, Enniscorthy.

Michael Kirwan, Railway Cottages, Edermine.

The following applications were rejected:-

Julia Anne Sinnott, Cahore. The Finance Committee considered this child's relatives were in a position to provide her with Secondary Education.

Roseanna Furlong, Mulrankin, Bridgetown. Valuation £64. Maximum Valuation according to Scheme in the case of a family of 4 children. £60.

James Owens, Rosslare Harbour. Over age.

William J. Pettit, Kisha, Kilrane. Valuation £76. Maximum Valuation according to Scheme in the case of a family of 4 children, £60.

Patrick O'Connor, Aughnagally, Enniscorthy. Valuation £79: 10: 0: maximum valuation according to Scheme, £75.

The applications of the other candidates were unanimously accepted.

DESTROYED INSURANCE STAMPS.

The following report from Mr D. Radford, Clerk in County

Surveyor's Office was read:-

"The deputation in connection with above met at Leinster House on Thursday, 27th March, at 4.p.m. The file and copy of Insurance Record Book which I had forwarded to the Inspector were produced, and method of entering record of stamps was fully explained by me, viz., that from fortnightly pay sheets each workman's name was entered in book, and the number of stamps due to him for the fortnight was noted. It was understood by Mr Dolan that the book was a record of cards already stamped, but it was explained that the fact of a man's name being in the book did not mean that his cards were stamped, it was but a record of the number of stamps due to him for the period of his employment. The method of calculating and purchasing the stamps was also fully explained. Mr Dolan then asked if there were any unstamped cards in my possession, and I gave him the estimated number as fourteen, and explained the fact of their non-stamping. Some stamps were temporarily withheld from cards: so that if a workman finished either the first or second week of the fortnight his cards could be fully stamped and returned to him. In the ordinary course of stamping cards where a workman finishes the first week the stamps necessary for this week's stamping would not be purchased for a fortnight after date of completion, as Finance meetings are held on each alternate Thursday when money for Insurance is certified.

Owing to the fact of the Financial Year drawing to a close, and most of the money on the road proposals being expended, the services of a large number of men were being dispensed with and a large amount of surplus stamps were required to complete the stamping of cards for men terminating employment. This statement was to be submitted to the Department as an explanation of unstamped cards. This explanation had previously been given to the Inspector who investigated the claim, but seemingly he did not include it in his report. This is a most necessary item in view of the charred remains of unstamped cards that were handed

to him.

The Insurance Cards were contained in three boxes. The first containing Enniscorthy and Gorey (Districts) Cards: the second New Ross and Wexford Districts, the third (a small box) containing a number of unstamped cards. It was seemingly the remains of this third box, which were only partly charred, that were handed to the Inspector, thereby accounting for these being all of one kind - unstamped cards.

In company with the County Surveyor I examined the debris of Insurance stamps remaining in the stamp box, which was of steel and locked. The estimate of the contents is 900 Unemployment Stamps, and 1,000 National Health stamps. This figure may not be correct to the unit, but it is correct to within a very few.

The National Health Cards and Unemployment Cards of Enniscorthy District were fully stamped, and the National Health Cards were returned to the mentas period had expired.

Proof of purchase of stamps was asked for, and this is a matter for the Secretary's Department.

I undoubtedly received the proper number of stamps, and gave a receipt to Secretary's Clerk for same. These receipts were produced to the Inspector who took them away. Proof that stamps were affixed to Cards was also asked for. As regards unemployed, this was obvious, as the men had received their cards without question. The National Health Cards for Enniscorthy District were returned, and the Unemployment Cards for Enniscorthy Area were completely stamped at the same time although the cards were held in the Office, as they should be. All the other cards were in the boxes under observation, and the only proof I can offer that they were stamped is by making affidavit. The number of Unemployment Stamps purchased at the meeting on 17th January was 1,004 and 1,004 National Health stamps. The number of Unemployment stamps affixed to Enniscorthy Cards in respect of this meeting was 350 leaving 654 in stock to complete the stamping for this fortnight. 900 Unemployment stamps is the estimated number of charred stamps which was in the box at the time of fire, thus leaving 246 to complete stamping of cards in

the third box, and cards not yet received for workmen. This number of stamps would allow for the complete stamping of 17 cards or so.

Regarding the Health stamps, practically the same figures apply.

The County Surveyor stated he had attended at the General Post Office in order to get particulars regarding sales of stamps. He found increased purchases at various dates corresponding to the Finance Committee meetings. In the case of one purchase portion of the stamps were obtained at the two Sub-Post Offices in the town as the first office visited had not the number of stamps required.

Proposed by Mr McCarthy and seconded by Mr O'Byrne:

"That the minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 8th May, 1930, be received and considered" Passed.

Rate Collection: The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Hall, seconded by Mr Murphy: "That consideration of Lists of permanently Irrecoverable Rates be adjourned for a month."

Wexford Courthouse (New Building): Mr McCarthy said that at the meeting of the Finance Committee on the 22nd May, a small Sub-Committee was appointed to inspect the building. As one of the Sub-Committee he wished to point out that the offices that were first offered to the County Registrar were not considered suitable. The Sub-Committee suggested that the County Council might give Mr Dwyer a portion of the building originally intended as a Council Chamber and that this Chamber should be provided in another part of the building. This could be done without any additional expense and the Sub-Committee thought it would be the best way out of the difficulty.

Colonel Gibbon proposed that this question of accommodation at the Old Jail be adjourned till next meeting of the Council and that the County Surveyor be instructed to go into the matter in detail, and further that he be definitely informed as to the accommodation which the County Council would require.

Mr McCarthy said it might be well if a new Sub-Committee saw the place and made a further report.

Acting on this suggestion Colonel Gibbon, Colonel Quin, Messrs D'Arcy, and Corish were appointed as a Sub-Committee to visit the building, during the luncheon interval and to report.

After the inspection Colonel Gibbon proposed the following resolution which was seconded by Mr D'Arcy and adopted:

"That we adhere to the original plans as regards accommodation to be provided for the County Registrar in the Old Jail."

Secondary Scholarships: In connection with this matter Mr Corish said the County Council should find out what particular outdoor games were played in Colleges and Convents at which their Scholar-

ships were held. There were very many people at the present endeavouring to revive our National games, and build up the Nation physically, and he thought the County Council should insist that National games were played at every College subsidised from Public Funds, by Scholarships or otherwise. He proposed the following resolution: "That before consenting to the holding of Secondary Scholarships at any Educational Institution, the County Council ascertain if - should there be a demand for Irish games such as football, hurling or camogie by the pupils- provision will be made by the College authorities for the inclusion of these games in the curriculum of the Institution.

Mr Clince seconded.

Colonel Quin said he most strongly objected to the resolution which he held was tyranny. A man should be allowed to play any game he desired.

Mr Corish pointed out there was no objection to any other games but, if pupils desired to play Irish games, provision should be made in order to enable them to do so. He understood that some Colleges and Convents were not giving any encouragement to their National games, and he wanted to ensure that any Educational Institution to which they sent Scholars should foster and encourage native sports.

Mr Walsh said if they were going to lay down a curriculum for colleges, they would have a very busy time and he did not think that this was any part of the duty of the Council.

A poll was then taken on Mr Corish's resolution with the following result:

For- Messrs Armstrong, Clince, Cooney, Corish, Cummins, D'Arcy, Doran, Gaul, Hall, Hayes, Keegan, McCarthy, O'Byrne, O'Ryan, Shannon, and Smyth- 16.

Against- Messrs Culleton, Gibbon, Meyler, Murphy, Quin and Walsh-6.

The Chairman and Mr Brennan did not vote. Mr Colfer and Mr Jordan were not present when poll was taken.

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Colonel Quin proposed: "That we approve of the recommendation of the Finance Committee as regards candidates who were considered as eligible to compete for Secondary Scholarships but that as we understand Mr James M. Druhan's mother is a National Teacher, and his father a farmer, we consider that he is not in want of assistance to secure a secondary education."

Mr D'Arcy seconded the resolution which was adopted.

Destroyed Insurance Stamps: The Secretary stated an Inspector of the National Health Insurance Commissioners had visited the office during the week and requested further information which was in course of preparation. The following resolution was then adopted on the motion of Mr O'Byrne, seconded by Mr Hall: "That minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 8th May be and are hereby confirmed, except in so far as same have been altered by decisions taken at this meeting."

The Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 22nd May were then submitted as follows:-

The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, Wexford, on 22nd May, 1930.

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

The Secretary, Assistant Secretary, County Surveyor and Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, were also present.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £4389: 5 : 2d was examined and signed.

GOREY COURTTOWN ROAD

The County Surveyor forwarded the following letter under date 15th May, 1930, from Mr. H. G. McNally, Director, Pioneer, Road Construction Co., Ltd., East Wall, Dublin, relative to contract for reconstruction of Gorey-Courtown Road:-

"We are in receipt of your letter of yesterday's date. We are satisfied about the "Fair Wages Clause" so long as it does not impose upon us more onerous conditions as to wages and hours than you are working under for similar work.

'Regarding the maintenance clause, having had an opportunity of seeing the work being carried out on the Rosslare Road (which we believe is being done as well as possible) the writer has formed very definite views on this type of road construction, and will not accept any responsibility should the form of construction fail to live up to expectations, and consequently that clause must be waived.

'Wednesday, 21st instant, will suit me to meet you and the Committee in Gorey, if you will be good enough to fix a time.'

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

"The Finance Committee cannot see their way to recommend the County Council to waive the maintenance clause in Contract

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for Gorey-Courtown road as requested by Director of the Company ^{which} who was accepted to carry out the reconstruction work on said road.

FIDELITY GUARANTEE BONDS OF RATE COLLECTORS

In connection with renewal of Rate Collectors' Fidelity Guarantee Bonds, Mr. J. J. O'Reilly, (Collector for No.13 District,) wrote forwarding communication from New Ireland Assurance Co., Ltd., Dawson Street, Dublin, in which it was pointed out that as regards Mr. O'Reilly's request that the renewal of bond should be placed through his own agency that the business was at present, by the directions of the County Council, through the agency of the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd., and unless the New Ireland Company received instructions to the contrary the agency would have to remain unchanged.

Mr. O'Reilly wrote that he could not see any reason why he was not allowed to put the business thro' his own agency. The Gorey Collectors had the bond through Mr. Brennan when covered by the Irish National Company and altho' it was cancelled after two months the Collectors had not, up to the present, received refund of any part of the premium and altho' he (Mr. O'Reilly) had written Mr. Brennan on behalf of the four Gorey Collectors there was no reply to the letter. It would (Mr. O'Reilly) contended be hardly fair to compel the Collectors to renew their Bond through an agency which had treated them in this manner.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Culleton:- "The Finance Committee are of opinion that all possible Insurance business should pass through the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances and for this reason consider that this Company should be the agency which would be utilised to secure renewal of Rate Collectors' Fidelity Guarantee Bonds. That extract from letter of Mr. O'Reilly in connection with refund of portion of premium paid Irish National Insurance Co.,

in respect of cancelled Bond be furnished Mr. Brennan of Irish Public Bodies Mutual Assurance Ltd.

RATE COLLECTION

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Culleton, seconded by Mr. Shannon:- "That as Collector Sutton (No.2 District) has lodged £100 - the balance, viz., £60, of the amount which he was called upon to lodge at last meeting of the Finance Committee by the 22nd May, 1930, be deducted from his poundage"

IRISH PUBLIC BODIES MUTUAL INSURANCES LTD.

Report of the Directors of above Company for year 1929 was read for the meeting. From this it appeared that the Fire Fund had been increased by more than 65 per cent and the net losses were only 5.26 per cent of the net Income. The administration expenditure was 18.28 per cent. The surplus realised by the Company's operations amounted to £2376: 13: 8d which with the amount carried forward from the previous account made a total of £6222: 18: 8d available for allocation.

The report was considered very satisfactory.

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

Correspondence was read from District Court Clerks of New Ross and Wexford as to the committal to Industrial Schools of Mary O'Connor and Michael O'Connor, Rochestown, New Ross, and Mary McLoughlin, Rathjarney, Piercestown, and Margaret Mangan, Monroe, Crossabeg, to Industrial Schools.

Referred to Mr. Elgee, Solicitor.

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

A resolution was adopted that the following candidates were regarded by the Finance Committee as eligible to compete for University Scholarships:-

Patrick Breen, 24, McCurtain Street, Gorey.

John Dunphy, 21, Convent Hill, New Ross.

Martin L. Dunphy, Quay Street, New Ross.

Eileen J. Gantley, 5, Quay, New Ross.

Elizabeth Hogan, 69, South Street, New Ross.

James Kenny, 14, Pearse Street, Gorey.

Ivan Lynch, 17, St. John Street, Enniscorthy.

Michael F. O'Keeffe, 61, The Faythe, Wexford.

Patrick G. Redmond, Drumgoold, Enniscorthy.

In the case of Martin L. Dunphy and Patrick ^Q Redmond the Finance Committee in arriving at their decision were influenced by the fact of the large families in each case.

EXAMINATION FOR RATE COLLECTORS

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

"That we approve of the papers for Examination for Rate Collectorships in Nos. 4 and 5 Districts being prepared and marked by Mr. Myles Redmond, St. John's Road, Wexford, at a fee of £1: 1: 0d for each paper, viz., Irish, English and Arithmetic. Also that he be paid a further fee of £1: 1: 0d for supervising examination."

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES ACT

Sergeant Scanlan, Garda Siochana, Ex-officio Inspector under Weights & Measures Acts, wrote recommending that the premises of John Stephenson, Priory Street, New Ross, be retained for use as Weights and Measures Office at a rent of 10/- per week.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Culleton, seconded by Mr. Shannon:- "That provided it be not possible to obtain accommodation in the Courthouse, New Ross, for use of Ex-officio Inspector of Weights & Measures Acts, the premises of John Stephenson, Priory Street, New Ross, be rented at 10/- per week for the use of Inspector."

SHELMELIER HANDBALL CLUB: GOREY.

An application on behalf of above Club for the use of

disused handball alley situate at Gorey Workhouse was received. All expenses in connection with the carrying out of repairs would be borne by the Club which was also willing to pay a nominal rent.

A resolution was adopted that owing to the fact that the granting of the request of Shelmalier Hand ball club would cause a considerable amount of trespass the Committee regret that they cannot recommend the Council to agree to the request.

NEW ROSS URBAN COUNCIL AND MAINTENANCE OF URBAN
MAIN ROADS

The following resolution was read from New Ross Urban Council:- "That we do not enter into a Contract with the Wexford County Council for maintaining the main roads in the Urban area for the next twelve months as we consider the sums allowed to be totally inadequate. We would like to be informed why the sum allocated for Urban Roads has decreased as follows:-

This Year	(sum allocated)	£304
Last year	do	£357
Previous year	do	£510

While the County Council demand has increased as follows:-

This Year	(Demand)	£486: 8 : 4
Last Year	do	£376:18 :11
Previous Year	do	£297: 0 : 0."

The County Surveyor said that as the Estimate had been cut in all districts the amount for certain roads was reduced pro rata. But they could not cut the item for re-spraying road surfaces because as the Local Government Department pointed out the grant of 40% for main road maintenance was contingent on the Council doing a large proportion of re-spraying every year. On this work in New Ross Urban District the full amount was allowed. But the ordinary maintenance was reduced by an even percentage of $\frac{1}{333}$ per cent in each district Rural and Urban. The Urban Districts of Enniscorthy and Wexford were treated in exactly the same way as New Ross. There was a sum of £270 set aside in New Ross for respraying 300 perches and the price for doing that work was one

and a half times more than what was being paid in the rural portion of the County. The total length of main roads in New Ross Urban was 563 perches but from this had to be deducted New Ross Bridge (46 perches) and Chilcomb Railway Bridge (79 perches): Total 125 leaving a net of 438 perches for maintenance. As he had stated 300 perches of this were to be re-sprayed. This would work out at 18/- per perch instead of 12/- per perch paid in the Rural District.

There was an increase in the maintenance of New Ross Bridge of £30 which was to the advantage of the Urban district. There was also a special work of £152 and the Railway Company paid £71: 2: 0d per annum for maintenance of Chilcomb Bridge. Taking it all round New Ross had been better treated than any other district in the County. Of course the maintenance for 138 perches was on the small side but he considered that a little saving in the amount for re-spraying would help and the work done for the £152 special work should also help because the length dealt with would come out of what would have to be done otherwise.

The reason the amount allowed New Ross was smaller than in previous years was because a great deal of improvement work had been carried out in the district, and, of course, the maintenance of such work was bound to be small for some years at least, while the reason why the demand for road maintenance on the Urban Council was greater than in former years was because the amount of main roads to be improved in the whole County was greater than in former years and the Urban Districts had to contribute to all main road expenditure on a valuation basis.

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

"That the County Surveyor take over the maintenance of the main roads in New Ross Urban District should the Urban District Council persist in their refusal to enter into the agreement suggested by the County Council."

LOANS RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL BALANCES

Under date 26th April, 1930, the following was read from the Manager, National Bank, Wexford.:-

"I beg to inform you that my Directors sanctioned continuance of overdraft accommodation to the extent of £40,000 on the Subsidiary Account to the 30th June next.

'With regard to the two additional loans amounting to £18705 which represents debit balances of Enniscorthy (£6,631) and Wexford (£12074) Rural District Charges Account, I have been instructed to inform you the Board regret that they cannot see their way to sanction ~~their~~ this further accommodation.'"

It was decided that a further application be made to the Directors of National Bank for sanction to these loans and that their special attention be called to the fact that the amounts were to be applied towards the reduction of existing overdraft.

OFFICE ACCOMMODATION IN OLD JAIL

In connection with the application of County Registrar for office accommodation in the Old Jail when reconstructed the following Sub-Committee were appointed to inspect the premises and report to County Council Meeting on 26th May, 1930:- Messrs T. McCarthy, J. Colleton, James Shannon and James Hall.

DUPLICATE PAY ORDERS

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That duplicate pay orders on General Account No. 1133, £3: 10: 0d and No. 1141, £3, issued on 12th February, 1930, to John Doyle, Kilcavan, Carnew, Road Contractor, be issued, as original pay orders were lost by Solicitors acting for assignee, Messrs S. Carrell & Son, Carnew."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr O'Byrne seconded by Mr D'Arcy: "That the minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 22nd May, be received and considered."

Gorey-Courtown Road: It was decided that representations advanced by the Contractor in regard to changes in the Specification etc be considered in committee, and after full consideration the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Gaul, seconded by Mr Murphy. "That the recommendation of the Finance Committee as regards Gorey-Courtown Road be adopted"

This motion was passed unanimously.

The following report of Sub-Committee was submitted:

"On Wednesday, 21st instant the County Council Sub-Committee met Mr McNally by appointment in Courthouse, Gorey.

There were present:- Colonel Quin in chair, Messrs J.O'Byrne, T.F.D'Arcy, W.P. Keegan, the County Surveyor and Mr Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, and representing the Contractors - Mr McNally and Mr Barnard.

The "Fair Wages" Clause was discussed, and Mr McNally is satisfied to pay rates as paid for similar work in the County.

A deputation from Tarahill carters waited on the Committee asking that part of the material should be obtained in Tarahill Quarry. Mr Keegan stated that 50% of stone should be from Tarahill. The County Surveyor pointed out that the bye road would be cut up by this traffic. Mr McNally asked if the County Council would supply the prepared material as under clause 23 of Specification, either from one or both quarries. The County Surveyor said this was merely a permissive clause, and he now found that owing to the amount of Grant work on hands it would be impossible to supply material. Mr McNally said then he would not work two quarries as he would have trouble and loss in shifting his plant. It was then suggested by the County Surveyor that Mr McNally might come to terms with the Tarahill men to supply on the road the necessary rubble stone (about 1,400 cubic yards). Mr McNally arranged to meet the men in Tarahill and discuss the matter.

The Committee then travelled the Road to Courtown with Mr McNally and stopped at several places to inquire into the best procedure for the work etc.,etc.

Mr McNally then left for Tarahill Quarry: no arrangement was come to with the carters as they could not agree on terms."

Mr Keegan made a strong appeal to have steps taken to arrange that the Contractor should use material from Tara Hill Quarry which he said was unequalled by any other quarry in Ireland.

Colonel Gibbon proposed that the report submitted be received and adopted.

Mr Culleton seconded the resolution.

Mr Keegan said he would agree on condition the material was taken equally from Gorey Hill and Tara Hill Quarries.

Chairman - Are you going to upset the whole thing again ?

Mr Elgee pointed out once the Specification had been accepted by the Contractor it could not be changed without breaking the Contract, and in this regard they should bear in mind the correspondence which had been read from the Contractor that day.

After further discussion Mr Keegan said if his motion would interfere with the work he would withdraw.

The resolution confirming the report of the Sub-Committee was then put and passed.

University Scholarships: Mr Cooney proposed: "That the recommendation of the Finance Committee be confirmed and that the name of Ellen Mary Coughlan, Rosbercon, New Ross, be reinstated as an eligible candidate for a Ward of University Scholarship."

Mr Corish seconded.

Colonel Quin proposed: "That the recommendation of the Finance Committee be confirmed and that the name of Martin J. Dunphy, Quay Street, New Ross, be deleted from the list of candidates eligible for award of University Scholarships."

Mr Hall seconded.

Mr Cline proposed: "That the recommendation of the Finance Committee be confirmed and that Ellen Mary Coughlan and Mary B.

Murphy, 4 Main Street, Enniscorthy, be regarded as eligible to compete for University Scholarships."

This motion was not seconded.

A poll on Mr Cooney's amendment resulted as follows:

For- Messrs Cooney, Clince, McCarthy, Shannon, Walsh and Mr Corish-6.
Against.- Messrs Armstrong, Brennan, Colfer, Culleton, Doran, Hall, Hayes, Keegan, Meyler, Murphy, O'Byrne, Smyth, O'Ryan, Gibbon, Quin and the Chairman.-16.

Mr Gaul did not vote and Messrs Cummins, D'Arcy and Jordan were not present when poll was taken.

The amendment was accordingly declared lost.

A poll on Colonel Quin's proposition resulted as follows:

For- Messrs Armstrong, Brennan, Clince, Colfer, Cooney, Doran, Gaul, Hall, Hayes, Meyler, Murphy, Smyth, Corish, Quin, Gibbon and the Chairman - 16.

Against- Messrs Culleton, Keegan, McCarthy, O'Byrne, Shannon, Walsh and Miss O'Ryan-7.

Colonel Quin's amendment was declared carried.

Maintenance of Main Roads in New Ross Urban District: Colonel Gibbon proposed the following resolution which was seconded by Colonel Quin: "That the resolution of the Finance Committee at meeting of 22nd May relative to the maintenance of main roads in New Ross Urban District be confirmed."

Mr Corish proposed as an amendment: "That the resolution of Finance Committee relative to maintenance of main roads in New Ross Urban District be confirmed provided the rates of wages paid to workers are equal to those for the particular district.

After a discussion a poll was taken with the following result:
For the Amendment- Messrs Armstrong, Clince., Colfer, Cooney, Corish, Gaul, Hayes, Keegan, O'Byrne, O'Ryan, and Shannon- 11.
Against- Messrs Culleton, Doran, Gibbon, Hall, Meyler, McCarthy, Quin and the Chairman-8.

The Chairman declared the amendment carried.

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

seconded by Mr D'Arcy: "That the minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 22nd May, 1930, except in so far as same have been altered by decisions of this meeting, be confirmed."

ROADS' COMMITTEE.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr O'Byrne seconded by Mr McCarthy: "That the minutes of Roads' Committee in respect of meeting held on 28th April, 1930, and as submitted by the Secretary be received and considered."

The monthly meeting of the Roads Committee was held on 28th April, 1930, in the County Council Chamber, Wexford.

Present- Mr M. Doyle (Chairman) presiding : also, Colonel Gibbon, Messrs R. Corish, James Hall, W.P. Keegan, Sean O'Byrne, Myles Smyth, T.F. D'Arcy, Patrick Colfer, Thomas McCarthy, Colonel Quin and James Shannon.

The Secretary, the Co. Surveyor, the following Assistant Surveyors (Messrs John Kehoe, T. Treanor, R.J. Ennis, Thomas Cullen and Patrick O'Neill) and Mr Elgee Solr. were also in attendance.

The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

THE LATE MRS ELGEE.

Mr Hall proposed and Mr Corish seconded a resolution of sympathy with Mr Elgee., Solicitor, in the death of his sister-in-law, Mrs Elgee, widow of the late Mr Richard W. Elgee, who was for a number of years Solicitor to the County Council.

Mr O'Byrne, the Secretary and County Surveyor, also expressed their sympathy.

The Chairman said that all the members present associated themselves with the motion. Mrs Elgee was the widow of one of their oldest and best officials, and he (Chairman) was very sorry indeed that the occasion for the adoption of such a vote had arisen. They tendered to Mr John Elgee and his family their heartfelt sympathy.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

The following report was submitted by the County Surveyor:

"The Contractor for the Wexford-Ferrycarrig Concrete Road has now completed the slab over the whole length, and the road will be fully open to traffic on the 28th instant. The Concrete Kerb on footpath is also completed, but there still remains to be done a good deal of work in connection with raising footpath, side filling of road, and similar items. I already reported to the Council that there are a few minor defects in the surface of

the slab, and these must, of course, be made good before the work is finally taken over: with this exception I consider the work has been well done. When the entire job is completed I shall go in full detail into the question of cost etc., and shall report fully to the Council.

I was unable to start the slab on the Rosslare Road this week as I expected, but have now made arrangements to commence laying same on Tuesday next, 29th instant. I have no doubt that once we get into the swing of the work we will proceed rapidly and efficiently, and that the slab work will be completed by the end of June. I found it necessary, in order to get out materials rapidly enough, to get a second breaker in Kerlogue Quarry, and the two machines are now at work.

The work of Courthouse and Office Reconstruction at the Old Jail is proceeding well. The entire of the internal cell walls have been removed as specified, and the roof has been trussed up with the new steel trusses. The erection of the steel work in the East Wing is now proceeding, and generally the Contractor has been hurrying forward the job.

I have arranged with the District Justice Clerk in regard to alteration of his Office at Enniscorthy Courthouse, and also I have made arrangements for some alterations in the Gorey Office so as to obviate damage to the "Statutes" by damp. The District Justice's room in Gorey also requires some repairs which I have provided for. In connection with the matter of Enniscorthy Courthouse there has been a notification received from the County Registrar that the sitting of the Circuit Court will be held in Enniscorthy until Wexford Courthouse is available. Accommodation can easily be provided there except in so far as provision for possible prisoners. I suggest that the Caretaker's house be held available for these, and for extra accommodation as long as the sittings are held in Enniscorthy.

On the 15th instant I made special inspection and thoroughly examined section of the Gorey-Arklow Road to be improved under

Grant. I am satisfied that the money set out for the job is correct, and I shall be provided with full details for discussion at your meeting.

You will have before you Tenders for the Gorey-Courtown Road. I have had inquiries from three firms in regard to this work, and I have supplied specification and given all information possible so that intending Contractors should be thoroughly conversant with what was required, and the local conditions. In regard to haulage it will not be possible to require such work to be done by horses as the quantity is large, and the cost would be prohibitive.

The Electricity Supply Board has notified the Secretary regarding alteration of poles, and disturbance of footpaths in Ennis-corthy and New Ross. There can be no objection taken to the work if the surface be properly restored as is provided for. Of course the County Council jurisdiction covers only main roads running through the Urban Areas, and I suggest that the Urban Councils be notified separately.

I was recently in Courtown Harbour making inspection, and arranging as to the repair work required to make good damage by the Winter storms. I have arranged with the Assistant Surveyor as to how this work is to be carried out, and now ask for allocation from the Public Works Fund for the sum of £400. Also there should be allocated a sum of £30 for making good footbridge over the Harbour which is at present verging on the danger line in the event of congestion of traffic on the bridge. Both these sums were provided for in my Estimate.

Mr William Doyle, Auburn Terrace, Wexford, has made application to the Secretary for way leave for a drain through the garden premises of Fortview. I suggest that Mr Doyle be interviewed in regard to the possible coming to terms with the Council for right of way out of Fortview in consideration of the granting his request.

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

"That the report of the County Surveyor be received and considered."

Wexford-Ferrycarrig Road.

The County Surveyor said that at a previous meeting he was directed to hold back the amount of the penalty for delay which he did and had notified the Contractor to that effect. The latter wrote he intended disputing this action on the part of the Council. He (Co. Surveyor) allowed the matter to stand for the present, but undoubtedly when it came to the final wind up the Contractor would dispute the right of the Council to retain the amount under the Penalty Clause. They had been notified by the Local Government Department about expending the full amount of the Grant within the financial year and he had written to the Department explaining why this was not possible. No reply to this had been received to the present.

Mr O'Byrne asked what was the amount of the penalty up to now and the Co. Surveyor said about £1, 400. The expense of putting the back road into repair was between £700 and £800.

Colonel Gibbon proposed holding up the whole of the money to the Contractor for the actual full cost of putting the back road into order when ascertained. When they knew this the matter could be further considered by the Council.

Mr Keegan said that when Mr Hull (Contractor) came before the County Council meeting he assumed a defiant attitude and in the circumstances he (Mr Keegan) would like to know if they went to law with the Contractor what chance had they of winning their case. There was no use in throwing good money after bad.

The Chairman said the Contractor had nothing to say to the back road and there was no use in discussing it. The Council had the penalty of £10 a day to cover the delay and that was all they could touch.

Colonel Gibbon said the best course they could take would be to hold back the amount necessary to repair the back road and then let the Contractor go to law.

The County Surveyor said if it was not for the delay in the completion of the Ferrycarrig -Wexford Road it would have taken about £200 to have kept the back road in repair.

Mr Corish said the Wexford Corporation were entitled to some portion of the money which might be recovered from the Contractor for the damage which had been done to Slaney Street and Spawell Road and also to Hill Street.

The Chairman said the Corporation could send in any claim they had to the County Surveyor.

After further discussion it was decided to approve of the action of the County Surveyor in holding back the full amount under the penalty clause.

Rosslare Road.

The Chairman asked what was the delay in holding up the work last week.

County Surveyor- Because I could not get enough material.

Chairman- I understood it was applications from some of the hotel keepers that kept you from starting.

County Surveyor- I decided that I would not start until last Tuesday. The disturbance of the Easter traffic had nothing to do with the delay.

Chairman- It was very well circulated in our quarter that the hotel keepers did stop the work.

County Surveyor- That is not right. There were representations from those people but they had no effect on my mind.

Mr Hall- Then it was not the hotelkeepers held it up?

County Surveyor- I emphatically state it was not. I had not the stone on the road and therefore could not start.

Mr McCarthy- I happened to be down there and I don't think the County Surveyor facilitated the hotelkeepers in any way. There were piles of stones in front of the hotels and the steamroller was at work opposite one of them.

Chairman- It was circulated all round the district that

the hotelkeepers kept the work from starting.

County Surveyor- I emphatically state they did not. I can't be bound by exact times. I have the work laid out as well as can be done , and I will have, I anticipate, no difficulty in finishing within the specified time. I say that if it is necessary for the efficient carrying out of the work if I am a week or a fortnight late in starting , I am entitled to it. I had only sufficient stone on the road last week for about two days' work , and I want, when we start, to go right ahead. As a matter of fact I would not have been able to start this week only I got a second breaker.

Courthouse and County Council Office Reconstruction.

Mr Hall said he was under the impression that room was to have been provided for the County Library in the reconstruction of the old Jail, and he thought this was the impression of every member and the Committee.

Mr McCarthy- I don't think that was the case; it was not my impression. We expressed the hope that eventually room would be found for the Library in the old Jail but it was left in abeyance until the present job was done.

Colonel Gibbon- Mr McCarthy is quite correct.

Mr Hall said he might be mistaken in the matter.

In reply to Mr Keegan the County Surveyor stated he was quite satisfied with the progress which was being made by the Contractor carrying out the reconstruction work.

Enniscorthy Courthouse.

The County Surveyor mentioned that they would not be in a position to give possession of the caretaker's premises over to the newly appointed caretaker until Circuit Court business was finished in Enniscorthy Courthouse.

The County Surveyor then explained the nature of the small improvements which he was carrying out at the Courthouses of Enniscorthy and Gorey and said they would cost only a trifle.

Mr McCarthy pointed out the Council were going to gain on

the change as accommodation was being provided for the Inspector of Weights and Measures for whom an office at a weekly rent of 10/- per week had been formerly provided. He had heard that the present temporary caretaker was not anxious to carry out the duties any longer.

Mr Keegan proposed that in the event of the present temporary caretaker for Enniscorthy Courthouse ceasing to hold office, Mrs Ellen Walsh, Rectory Road, Enniscorthy, be appointed to the vacancy, her services to be retained until all Circuit Court business is retransferred to County Courthouse, her remuneration to be 5/- per week.

Mr Corish seconded.

The resolution was carried and it was decided that the County Surveyor make the necessary arrangements with Mrs Walsh.

Gorey-Arklow Road. Inch to Scarnagh.

In connection with reference in County Surveyor's report to above road the question of the amount to be spent on this section was raised by Mr D'Arcy at the last County Council meeting and referred to the Roads' Committee. Mr D'Arcy pointed out that in his opinion the amount was exorbitant in view of the fact that the length was 240 perches, practically only $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile of a road which had been already bottomed. The County Surveyor had stated over and over again at meetings that he had been able to carry out bottoming and steam rolling on a great number of roads at £2,000 a mile.

The County Surveyor pointed out that the sides of this road required very heavy strengthening as they had become bulged and this meant a considerable outlay.

After a long discussion Mr O'Byrne proposed the following resolution:

"That we approve of the recommendation of the County Surveyor as to the expenditure of £1,600 on the section of the Gorey-Arklow Road between Inch Creamery and Scarnagh."

He pointed out that the amount was a grant from the Minister of Local Government to finish this particular road and he did not find any other district in the County objecting to improvement of their roads. The County Surveyor explained that expenditure of the full grant was absolutely necessary and this had been confirmed by the Engineer of the Department.

Colonel Gibbon seconded.

Mr Keegan moved that the work be carried out at an expenditure of £1,000.

The County Surveyor said he could not possibly do the work at that figure.

Colonel Gibbon pointed out that the foundation of this road was similar to that part of the road between Farnogue Terrace and Alma at Wexford and in his opinion it would be waste of money to spend anything on it unless they were prepared to strengthen and bottom it properly, and not merely attend to the road surfacing.

The County Surveyor said the sides of this road at the present time required strengthening and they had the experience of fast traffic on it which drove out the sides at one portion where they had to put in concrete in order to prevent that. There were also a few places where the centre of the road required strengthening. Mr D'Arcy's contention that all the roads of the County were done at £2,000 a mile was quite wrong. The particular circumstances of each road and each particular class of road had to be taken into account in order to arrive at cost of material and bottoming, and of course, in some cases work was very expensive and in others it was done at average cost.

After further discussion Mr Keegan withdrew his motion and proposed that the work be carried out at £1,200.

Mr D'Arcy seconded.

Mr Treanor (Assistant Surveyor) pointed out that the statement that this portion of the road had been steamrolled and bottomed was not correct. Twenty perches of it had been patchrolled

the remainder was neither bottomed nor steamrolled at any time. The whole road required to be thoroughly strengthened and there was some very heavy trunking to be provided at the bridge.

Chairman- In your opinion do you think all this amount could be spent with economy ?

Mr Treanor- I believe it will take every penny of the money to do a proper job.

The County Surveyor then gave in detail the expenditure of the various items for material and labour etc, which reached a total of £1608 :15: 0:

Mr Keegan asked if the County Surveyor would supply by the next meeting a statement as to what part of the road between Byrne's Corner and Ashfield had been actually steamrolled and finished off, also, what parts had not been done between the years 1918-1930. This road was costing far more money than the Council could afford.

The County Surveyor promised to supply the information asked for by Mr Keegan.

Colonel Gibbon mentioned that instead of taking up the time of the meeting in raking up the past with the County Surveyor as to the manner in which work had been done, Mr Keegan and those in agreement with him should move that an Inquiry be held and that Mr Quigley, Engineer of the Department of Local Government, should be asked to come down and examine into the question as to whether the money of the Council had been properly spent or otherwise. If there was any doubt as to how the money was expended and the work carried out, and value not given for it, it would be much better to bring up this matter as a separate question and let the meeting content itself with considering what was to be done with the Gorey road.

Mr Corish said it would be foolish on the part of the Council to spend £1,200 on a job which the County Surveyor calculated could not be done under £1,600.

Colonel Gibbon mentioned that if Mr Keegan's motion was car-

ried he would move a further amendment that no money whatever be spent on the section of the road in question.

A poll was taken with the following result:

For Mr Keegan's amendment- Messrs Keegan , Smyth and D'Arcy-

3.

Against- Colonel Gibbon, Colonel Quin, and Messrs Shannon, Corish, O'Byrne, McCarthy and Colfer- 7.

Mr Hall and the Chairman (2) did not vote.

The amendment was declared lost and the resolution of Mr O'Byrne to accept the recommendation of the County Surveyor to spend £1,600 on this section of road was agreed to nem con.

Reconstruction Gorey-Courtown Road.

Regarding the reference in the County Surveyor's report to the reconstruction of Gorey-Courtown Road, two tenders for the work were received on the 26th April, 1930.

The South of Ireland Asphalt Company, 7 and 8 Lower Abbey Street, Dublin, tendered at £6422: 3: 4: but their tender contained a number of reservations as to use of sand and to the maintenance of the present road immediately after the signing of the contract.

The Pioneer Road Construction Company , East Wall, Dublin, tendered at £6195. On the 26th April, 1930, a telegram was received from this Company stating that they wished to reduce their tender by £227 and on the 28th April, 1930, a letter confirmatory of this telegram was also received. This letter stated that their proposal meant a reduction of the tender from £6195 to £5968.

The County Surveyor said that his estimate was £6000.

Messrs D'Arcy and Keegan referred to a statement which had been made at previous meetings in connection with the workings of Gorey Hill and Tara Hill Quarries to provide material for this work.

Colonel Gibbon suggested the County Surveyor might arrange on the day when he was inspecting Courtown Harbour with the local Committee for them to meet Mr McNally of the Pioneer Road Construction Company and discuss any outstanding points instead of

taking up the time of the meeting with their consideration now. He also suggested the County Surveyor might consult Mr McNally in order to obtain a price for concreting the portion of the Gorey-Arklow Road between Inch Creamery and Scarnagh which had been under discussion, as this would fit in with the work which was being carried out at Courtown Road.

Mr Corish said he would propose that the acceptance of the tender be deferred unless Mr McNally was prepared to pay at least 30/- a week to workers and that his employees would work only the same number of hours as those employed by the County Council.

After further discussion it was suggested that the resolution accepting the tender should contain a provision that acceptance be subject to the observation of the Fair Wages Clause, this provision to be inserted in the Agreement between the Pioneer Company and the County Council.

Mr Corish said he was satisfied to withdraw his motion if this was agreed to.

Mr D'Arcy complained that it had been definitely decided that the County Surveyor was to have the material provided equally from Tara Hill and Gorey Hill. Now Tara Hill was cut out altogether.

Colonel Gibbon said the Contractor could not afford to put in two loading plants in two quarries. It would increase the cost of the job enormously.

Mr Keegan mentioned that if the Contractor informed them that it would not be possible to obtain material from the two quarries he would be satisfied to allow the present arrangement to obtain.

Colonel Gibbon said if the Pioneer Road Company could meet the suggestion to work two quarries he was perfectly certain they would do it. Even Mr D'Arcy could not make the case of having two quarries worked if this would entail a whole lot of extra money.

After further discussion Colonel Gibbon proposed the fol-

lowing resolution , which was seconded by Mr Hall and passed.

"That the tender of the Pioneer Road Construction Company at £5968 for reconstruction of Gorey-Courtown Road as per specification prepared by County Surveyor be accepted on condition that in the agreement of Contract between the Pioneer Company and the County Council, a provision be inserted that the Fair Wages Clause relative to Contracts, must be effective.

ELECTRICITY SUPPLY BOARD.

In connection with the poles erected by the Electricity Supply Board, Mr Corish pointed out that from some of the poles the creosote was exuding and this would mean injury to peoples' clothes particularly in towns. He proposed the following resolution:

That the Electricity Supply Board be requested to "lathe" their poles in the four towns of the County.

Mr Hall seconded the resolution which was adopted.

Courtown Harbour.

Mr D'Arcy mentioned that no matter what the County Council might or might not do as regards Courtown Harbour the whole thing would go into the sea in a few years.

The County Surveyor contended that the main job which they had carried out was perfectly satisfactory. The blocks held Courtown from going completely.

Mr McCarthy proposed the following resolution:

"That we approve of the recommendation of the County Surveyor's report to expend £400 in repair work at Courtown Harbour and £30 to make good the footbridge there."

Mr O'Byrne seconded the resolution which was adopted.

Mr Keegan suggested that a Committee of the Councillors for the Electoral Area with the County Surveyor should go into the details of the work and consider how it was to be carried out.

This was agreed to and the County Surveyor was instructed to take the necessary steps to summon the Committee.

Way Leave at Fortview.

The County Surveyor said that if they could obtain the way leave suggested by him from Mr Doyle it would certainly add to the value of their present premises.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr O'Byrne, seconded by Colonel Gibbon:

"That the County Surveyor be instructed to interview Mr William Doyle of Auburn Terrace, in connection with his request as to way leave for sewer through garden premises at Fortview, and as to the possibility of the County Council getting right of way through Mr Doyle's premises in exchange."

The following resolution was then adopted on the motion of Mr O'Byrne, seconded by Mr D'Arcy:

"That the County Surveyor's report as submitted to this meeting be adopted."

Ballycarney Road.

Mr Corish said he had a letter from Mr Armstrong, County Councillor, with reference to the road between Enniscorthy and Bunclody in the neighbourhood of Ballycarney, which he said was in a very serious condition particularly owing to the fact that traffic was diverted on to it last year from the parallel road. The Bus people were talking about withdrawing their buses and this would be a grave inconvenience to the people of the district.

The County Surveyor said he would see what could be done to have some improvement effected.

ST. HELEN'S HARBOUR.

The Chairman said he had received a letter from the fishermen using St. Helen's Harbour wanting to know how the question of the proposed improvements now stood.

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

"That the Department of Fisheries be requested to reply to the resolution of the County Council, forwarded them on the 5th

March, 1930, in answer to their letter (D/14/15) relative to St. Helen's Harbour.

Mr Corish said that if the reply was not forthcoming within a reasonable time he would table a question in the Dail in connection with the matter.

CARNE PIER.

In reply to Colonel Gibbon the County Surveyor said that Carne Pier was absolutely sound and the story that Colonel Gibbon heard to the contrary was absolutely wrong.

ROAD TOMANINE, BALLYWILLIAM AND BALLYANNE.

Mr Shannon said he had been approached by several people as to the condition of above road particularly in regard to pot-holes. He wanted to know if anything could be done.

The County Surveyor said when the pot-holes were filled for a week the road was fairly good, but immediately after it became as bad as ever.

Mr Shannon held that the road should be repaired with tar and screenings.

The County Surveyor said that would be alright if he had money enough as when this class of work was started it had to be continued. This method was right enough on a main road where they could do a respectable section. He would try to use some tar on this particular road but it would be a small amount owing to finance.

DANGER POSTS.

Mr Shannon called attention to the necessity for a danger post at Fairfield adjoining the back gate of Mr Davis. A Child was nearly killed there a few evenings back.

Mr Keegan complained that a danger post was to have been erected at Craanford School months ago but nothing had been done.

The County Surveyor said he had to order these posts specially and would get them as soon as possible.

ROAD AT JONES' CROSS, ROSSLARE.

The Chairman mentioned with regard to diversion of traffic from the Rosslare Road on by Jones' Cross and Tagcoat that this

road should be looked after in time otherwise it would go to bits. There would be an extraordinary amount of traffic on it in the next two months and it was not very sound. As a matter of fact there was a wonderful amount of traffic on it at present although the Rosslare Road had not yet been closed.

FORD OF LYNG.

Under date 22nd March, 1930, Mr Elgee, Solicitor, wrote that he had written to the Ministry of Justice as to the appointment of Commissioners over the South Slob Lands under Section 46 of the Wexford Harbour Embankment Act, 1852, and enclosed a copy of letter received from the Ministry, under date 21st March. This letter (T.71045) stated that it would seem, as mentioned in the communication of Mr Elgee, that the Commissioners for the permanent maintenance of the works in question were constituted by Section 46 of the Wexford Harbour Embankment Act of 1852 which enactment did not apparently, confer on any Public Department any functions of controlling the appointment of such Commissioners.

Colonel Gibbon said the letter meant they were up against a stone wall. The first thing they had to consider was that the Government would not take action against the Slob people to compel them to rectify matters, and the second was that it was decided they could take action only against the Commissioners and Counsel had advised them they could not take such action as there were no Commissioners to take action against. They had asked the Government to deal with the appointment of Commissioners but the Ministry stated they had no power to do so. He suggested that the County Council should appoint a Committee, say, of the Chairman, himself and Mr Corish T.D., with the County Surveyor and Mr Elgee to obtain a further opinion from Counsel after a personal interview by the Committee to see if it was not possible to take action to protect the rights of land owners adjoining the Slob Lands. Since Mr Jelliffe K.C. had given his opinion a good deal of correspondence had taken place. Things were however, at an absolute deadlock and what they wanted was advice as to how they should

proceed to protect the rights of the Council and the farmers concerned.

Mr O'Byrne proposed: "That the resolution of this Council ordering Mr Elgee to proceed against the owners of the Slob Lands be put into operation. Mr Elgee did not do this but got Counsel's opinion without the instructions of the Council or any of its Committees.

Colonel Quin said there was no one to proceed against.

Mr O'Byrne said they could proceed against the people who were getting the benefit out of the Slob Lands.

Mr Hall- The people who are in possession of the land are the people to proceed against. If it was a poor farmer who was concerned they would soon proceed against him and succeed too.

Mr Corish said if the Slob people were responsible for flooding the road, the County Council should certainly take action against them.

County Surveyor- Apparently, the point is, we do not know against whom to proceed.

Mr Corish- If we are fully satisfied they are responsible for the flooding of our road and that the flooding is not caused through some other medium, I say we should take action. If the water flooding the road is coming directly from the Slob Lands we have a perfect legal right to proceed against them if it can be proved.

County Surveyor- I believe it can be proved. The Slob people are now trying to disclaim ownership of the place from which the flooding of the roads originates, but I have no doubt they are the owners of it.

Chairman- With regard to the place in respect of which they are now disclaiming ownership, lots of people remember that they would not allow anyone to meddle with the reeds or sedge there; that they cut these yearly themselves and carted them away. I saw it being carried away myself a hundred times.

Colonel Gibbon said the trouble was that a lot of the Slob property was tied up with mortgages and there were various claims on

it so it was difficult to get at the real owners. The Slob Act definitely and distinctly stated that any action with regard to the non-upkeep of the drainage would be against the Commissioners only. That was the real stumbling block. The owners denied any responsibility and the Council had been advised that no action lay against them. The Council had tried to get Commissioners appointed but failed. The only course open seemed to be the appointing of the Committee, he had suggested, to talk over the matter and go fully into it with Counsel. It would be very serious if the Council should enter lightheartedly into Chancery proceedings unless absolutely certain that they had the right people to take action against. He would certainly advise them not to enter into any proceedings until three of the members of the Council had an opportunity of going into the question with Counsel to find out exactly where matters stood. He suggested they should adopt his motion and arrangements could be made to interview Counsel during the Spring Show in Dublin.

Mr Hall seconded the resolution which was adopted.

The Chairman mentioned that about two or three hundred acres of the finest land in the Barony of Forth were destroyed owing to the flooding and the Slob people would do nothing to prevent it.

Mr Hall seconded the resolution of Mr O'Byrne : "That Mr Elgee take proceedings in respect of the flooding of the land and this was also adopted.

HAULAGE TENDERS.

Letters were received from Patrick Curran, Ballybeg, Screen, Peter Doyle and Andrew Doyle, Ballymurray, The Ballagh, and John Roche, Ballyhoo, Screen, protesting against the acceptance of the tenders of Mr Edward Kavanagh of Boolabawn, for haulage work.

Mr McCarthy stated they gave the haulage to the lowest tenders and where the tenders were equal they gave it to the most deserving .

PETROL PUMP LICENCES.

Mr Patrick C. Lett, Main Street, Ferns, made application for Petrol Pump licence in respect of the transfer of his petrol pump from yard to outside his hall/door.

Mr Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, forwarded sketch relative to proposed site and stated the street was 45feet wide. He saw no objection to the proposed position of the pump.

Mr Hall proposed and Mr O'Byrne seconded the resolution:

"That licence for Petrol Pump issue to Mr P.C. Lett, Main Street, Ferns." Passed.

Mrs Mary Murphy, Island Road, Enniscorthy, also applied for petrol pump licence. The pump was of the "Hand-~~oil~~" type.

The County Surveyor stated there was no objection to the issue of licence in this case.

It was proposed by Mr Shannon and seconded by Mr Hall and passed.

"That licence for petrol pump issue to Mrs Mary Murphy, Island Road, Enniscorthy, and that the question as to payment of fee for this pump which is in the wall of house and does not in any way encroach on the road be raised with the Department of Local Government (Roads).

WEXFORD TOWN FAIR.

With regard to notice of motion at the Wexford Corporation to rescind their decision that Wexford Town Fair should be held on the last Tuesday of each month, a letter was read from Mr J.J. O'Connor, Solicitor, under date 12th April, 1930, on behalf of the traders and dealers who were opposed to the rescinding of the resolution.

It was decided to refer the matter to the County Committee of Agriculture and Technical Instruction.

GREENHOUSE ADJOINING COURTHOUSE, ENNISCORTHY.

Mr Charles J. Lett, Mill Park Brewery, Enniscorthy, applied under date 12th April, 1930, for permission to erect a greenhouse in his garden, adjoining the Courthouse. The greenhouse

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would be of the lean-to variety and would be against that part of the Courthouse occupied by the caretaker. The dimensions would be 30 feet long by 12 feet high.

Proposed By Mr Hall, seconded by Mr Shannon and passed.

"That permission be given to Mr C.J. Lett for the erection of green house adjoining Enniscorthy Courthouse, the building to be erected to satisfaction of County Surveyor and also subject to a nominal rent of 1/- per year, and to the approval of the County Surveyor to any repairs or alterations which might be necessary to the gable end of the Courthouse. The County Surveyor is to be satisfied in all respects before the erection of the building is commenced.

ERECTION OF SHED.

Joseph Abraham, Ballinacoola, Craanford, Gorey, wrote asking for permission to erect a shed of concrete and iron to replace an old shed which adjoined the County Road at Ballinacoola. This he held would be a big improvement to the road as there was a curve at this point which he would remove. The present shed was also protected by a thorn hedge which would be cut down.

Mr Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, said the proposed building would be an improvement to the road.

Mr Hall proposed and Mr Keegan seconded the following resolution which was adopted.

"That no action be taken as regards erection of shed on the premises of Joseph Abraham, Ballinacoola, Craanford, Gorey, except that Mr Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, is to see and report after erection of building.

FLOODING OF LANDS.

Mr Patrick Quigley, Palace, New Ross, complained of the flooding of about an acre of his lands owing, to a defective gullet. The flooding formed a pond seven or eight feet deep which was dangerous to his cattle and pigs.

Mr O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor, stated the cause of the flooding had now been remedied.

Mr James Bent, Burrow, Rosslare, wrote complaining that a great part of his land was covered by the sea. He had asked the Minister for help but had been directed to apply to the County Council. If something was not done he would be washed out of his house, which was in immediate danger.

It was decided that Mr Bent be informed that he should bring his case before the Coast Erosion Committee.

TELEGRAPH POLES.

Under date 23rd April, 1930, the Chief Engineer, Department of Posts and Telegraphs, wrote that owing to the widening of the road between Killinick and Rosslare Strand, it would be necessary to shift a number of the Department's poles. An account for the cost of the necessary alterations would be furnished to the Council in due course.

It was decided that the County Surveyor should make the necessary arrangements in the matter.

SALE OF EMPTY TAR BARRELS.

Mr Keegan mentioned that some people believed it was not possible to purchase empty tar barrels from the Council. They would be satisfied to pay 6d. each for them and he considered they should be disposed of at that figure.

Mr Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, said the Survey staff would be glad to dispose of them at 6d. each.

Mr Keegan's suggestion was adopted.

Wexford-Rosslare Road: In reply to the Chairman, with reference to the progress of the work, the County Surveyor said that 1200 yards of concrete slab had been laid. There were altogether 5300 yards to be done in concrete, so that something between a fifth and a quarter of the concreting had been done.

Chairman- Are you still of opinion that you will be able to have it done by the end of June ?

County Surveyor- I hope so.

Chairman- You were very emphatic on the last day that it would be done.

The County Surveyor said that he had not been able to anticipate certain things that had happened. They had had a lot of delay in Kerlogue Quarry as they had to open a fresh face there. Another difficulty was that jaws could not be got from the makers, though ordered in the middle of March. An important part of the compressor plant smashed and this plant had not been giving satisfaction for some time past. Everything seemed to go against them.

Chairman- You have no misgivings that the amount of money will do the work ?

County Surveyor- No; I believe we are inside the money, though I have had to spend a lot of money on various parts. Still, other parts have worked out cheaper.

The Chairman asked if the County Surveyor had any idea of what one section of 400 yards of road had cost within the last three weeks in order to enable it to carry traffic. He suggested that the cost would be up to £300.

County Surveyor- I am sure it is over a couple of hundred.

Chairman- If that work continues do you think the amount of money will be sufficient ?

The County Surveyor said it depended on the amount of extra work they would have to do. They had happened on places where there was yellow clay that had to be dug out.

The Chairman said he did not think there could be a more destructive method of haulage over the road, and he thought by the time it was finished it would be the dearest undertaking that the County

Surveyor ever had. It seemed to him that tractors with one wagon would cut any road to bits. The road that practically £300 had been expended on within the last three weeks was almost impassable at present. They might add that amount to the cost of cartage, and he did not know what it was going to cost by the time all the material was out. If the material could be brought by traction engines he did not think there would be half the damage. They could not possibly keep any road in repair with the present system of haulage. There was a load of five tons on two little wheels about three or four inches wide, and they were going down, and shifting the road into the ditch. He hoped the work would be done for the money, but he had great doubts. He was not attributing the state of affairs to the County Surveyor.

The County Surveyor said the best method of traction was by the steam lorry of the Council.

County Surveyor- I did not expect that road to go to pieces.

Chairman- I think no one did.

Colonel Gibbon- Won't the damage fall off now that the weather becomes fine ?

County Surveyor- No; it is the clay soil and it bulges out. I have had to excavate the loose clay out of it.

Mr Gaul- Is it not possible to employ horse haulage ?

County Surveyor- If you had a hundred horses you would not get the same tonnage.

The discussion ended.

With regard to the diversion of traffic from the Rosslare road on by Jones' Cross and Tagoat, the Chairman said the road was deteriorating very fast. The amount of traffic was certainly doubled, and there was a lot of potholes now from Jones' Cross to Tagoat. He saw only three or four loads of gravel on the whole stretch of three miles, or two and a half miles anyhow, and if the County Surveyor was going to throw that into potholes without anything else he might as well throw it over the ditch. He thought the County Surveyor should try to get chippings and tar to do that road. All he asked

was that the County Surveyor should try to keep it in repair for the extraordinary traffic.

Referred to County Surveyor.

Courtown Harbour: The following report of Sub-Committee was submitted:

"The County Council Sub-Committee visited Courtown^{Harbour} on the 21st May, 1930. There were present:- Colonel Quin, Messrs J.O'Byrne, T.F. D'Arcy, W.P. Keegan, the County Surveyor, Mr Treanor, Assistant Surveyor and the Harbour Master.

The County Surveyor pointed out what he proposed doing to repair the beach in concrete wall and make good bank. He proposes heavy sloping blocks which if undermined will slip down and gradually take firm foundation. If settlement occurs it will only be necessary to add to the top making good the settlement. There should be no danger of these blocks overturning. An old local fisherman stated that rock foundation could be got at about five or six feet depth, and it was directed that the County Surveyor have trial pits sunk to verify this. It was directed that if rock could be got at a reasonable depth that the concrete wall should be founded thereon, but if no rock, then the sloping blocks should be used. Trial pits have been sunk to a depth of five feet and borings sunk for a further two feet six inches without discovering rock."

Proposed by Colonel Gibbon seconded by Mr O'Byrne: "That the report of Courtown Harbour Sub-Committee be received and considered.

Passed.

Mr Keegan said he had been informed that a good marl foundation had been found and in consequence he moved that the report of Sub-Committee be adjourned until the Sub-Committee make a further inspection and report to the next meeting of the Council, date of visit to be arranged by County Surveyor.

Wayleave at Fortview, Wexford: The County Surveyor said he had had an interview with Mr Doyle about the right of way but it was not feasible as Mr Doyle proposed building a house on the line. Some arrangement might reasonably be made to facilitate Mr Doyle in draining his premises. Mr Elgee had informed him (County Surveyor)

he thought the Council should allow wayleave for a drain at a small annual rent charge instead of disposing of the bit of land outright.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Hall seconded by Mr Shannon: "That we approve of wayleave to Mr William Doyle, Auburn Terrace, Wexford, for drain on the premises of the Council at a rent of 5/- per annum, drain, etc., to be laid to the satisfaction of the County Surveyor."

St.Helen's Harbour-Proposed Improvements: The following under date 28th April, 1930, (D/14/5) was read from the Department of Lands and Fisheries:-

"With reference to your communication of the 5th March and previous correspondence in relation to the construction of a shelter wall at St. Helen's, I am directed by the Minister for Lands and Fisheries to state he is satisfied that a reasonably permanent work cannot be carried out at a less cost than that set out in the Department's letter of 9adh Samhain last. In the circumstances the Minister is not prepared to consider any contribution from State sources towards the work contemplated; and in any event he would not be prepared to recommend any State grant in excess of a moiety of the estimated cost of a permanent and substantial structure."

In reply to the Chairman the County Surveyor said the Department estimated that the necessary work at the harbour would not be completed for less than £1,200. The figure he put on the work was £750.

The Chairman said they had the Minister of Fisheries at the Pier, and everybody concluded that the work could have been done to the satisfaction of the fishermen down there - taking into account that the local people were to do the haulage work- for, he thought, about £400 or £450. Now the amount had developed to £1200. The Council had laid aside £200 to supplement a grant from the Ministry, which the Minister himself said he would recommend to the Minister of Finance. He himself heard the Minister say that

He did not put it in writing, but he told them he would recommend the Minister for Finance to allow the balance if the Council would put up £200. The amount had since developed into £1200 and he (Chairman) was sure he was not going to force £600 on the rate payers. The work would be a great assistance to people of the locality, as farming had practically failed, and they had turned to fishing. Those on the spot said that if £450 was spent it would satisfy their requirements, but they had the Department coming along wanting to spend £1200, which he thought was a way to kill the proposal for improvements.

Mr Shannon- If they are prepared to put up £600, sure they aren't out to kill it ?

Chairman- Yes; but will the ratepayers be prepared to put up £600?

Miss O'Ryan said they certainly could not let the Minister force them to spend £600 if the people themselves did not think it necessary.

The Chairman suggested that there might be some use in drawing the Minister's attention to his own words.

Mr McCarthy- The Minister was not an engineer. He could not say what it would cost.

Chairman- No, but he said if we would put up £200 he would put up the remainder.

Mr Gaul- I suppose it is either a case of putting up the £600 or dropping the matter ?

Miss O'Ryan- We haven't the money to spend.

Chairman- The County Surveyor said £750.

Colonel Gibbon said he was at the Harbour on the day that the Engineer from the Department was there. The County Surveyor and Mr Birthisèle, assistant surveyor, put forward a very strong case that they could do the work for £750, but the engineer would have nothing of it. He said he had experience of that sort of work, and to put up a wall to stand the sea breaking against it would cost a certain amount, and he stated he would not recommend the work being done unless with that amount of money.

Chairman- Well, the engineer was sent down to kill the project.

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Mr Gaul- I respectfully suggest that the council put up £400.

Secretary- Where are you going to get the £400. You put £200 in the estimates. You aren't going to get £200 out of the sky.

Mr Gaul- It's a pity to let it drop.

Chairman- No one would regret it more than I would, but I am not prepared to recommend £600.

Mr Gaul- I didn't say £600; I said £400.

Chairman- I know, but the Ministry are very emphatic in the letter that the work could not be done under £1200.

Mr Gaul- Then they make nothing out of our County Surveyor. I hold we have as good a man as ever they had up there.

The Chairman remarked that the Secretary of the local committee concerned with the work had communicated with the County T.D.'s, and if the representations made by the T.D.'s had not the desired effect he believed that a meeting should be held in the locality of the harbour.

Colonel Gibbon- In any case, I don't think it is worth while spending a penny on the harbours until the Government do something to keep those French trawlers out.

The Chairman said it seemed to him that they had no principle in the Ministry of Fisheries. They would say they would do certain things, but when it came to finance they would put up some means to turn it down. If they got the question raised in the Dail, the first reply the Minister would give was that the work would cost £1200, and that the Council was only prepared to put up £200. That would kill the thing outright.

Mr Cummins said that the county surveyor had stated that the work could be done for £750. He thought it was an important question to raise in the Dail to show that the Minister was prepared to have the work done if the Council put up £200: There should be a resolution calling the attention of the five T.D.'s for the county to the necessity for the work, and to show the fallacy of the men running the Department in Dublin. It was no wonder that the people of the county were groaning under taxation when the Department wanted

to spend £1200 on work that it was stated could be done for £750.

The Chairman said he thought the best thing to do would be to let the matter stand over and see if the interview of the T.D.'s with the Minister would have any effect. The secretary of the local committee had put the matter very plainly before the T.D.'s within the last two ~~or~~ or three days, and they might have some information shortly. If the T.D.'s failed the council could take up the matter again.

Mr Cummins proposed that the attention of the T.D.'s be called to the matter.

Chairman- The council, by passing such a resolution, may strengthen the hand of the local people.

Mr Gaul- In view of the fact that the work is going to be a benefit to a very large extent to the people of St. Helen's I propose that the Council agree to spend £400 and that the Department be asked to send down the other half. You can advance the £400 out of the present rate, and raise it next year.

Secretary- You can't do it, because you have allocated this year's rate to other services.

Mr Cummins's proposition was seconded by Mr Hall, and adopted unanimously.

Ford of Lyng: Mr Elgee reported that, as directed, he with County Surveyor and Colonel Gibbon and Mr Corish attended on Mr Jellett K.C. and Junior Counsel and went very fully into the matter. According to directions of Counsel he (Mr Elgee) had written Messrs Meldon, Solicitors, for the Slob people, and they had now furnished the names of three of the owners of the Slob. They said there was another whose whereabouts they were not quite sure of, but they were to make further enquiries. Counsel advised that these ^{were} the parties who were liable for the damage, as Commissioners who to be appointed by the Drainage Act, were not in existence. Proceedings were now going on. After the interview with Counsel he (Mr Elgee) and Colonel Gibbon went to the Quit Rent Office and interviewed the superintendent who gave them certain information. They were to attend this office next week to go more fully into the matter.

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Colonel Gibbon said the maps in the Quit Rent Office undoubtedly served their purpose, but Counsel was anxious to obtain any old maps showing the position of the place prior to the establishment of the drainage system. There was a reference to high and low water in the relevant documents but if they had an old map which would show this before the drainage work at the Slob was carried out it would be of considerable help: also any correspondence showing any plans made immediately before and after the Slob was made or if complaints were then made as to the flooding.

The Chairman said he would make enquiries in the district on the lines suggested by Colonel Gibbon. Mr Elgee had the matter now under weigh. He was sorry he could not be present at the interview with Counsel, but unfortunately it was only when he returned from the Show that he found Mr Elgee's letter giving the particulars of the arrangement with Counsel.

Colonel Gibbon, Mr. Corish and I came away from the interview under the impression that Mr Jellett was taking a much more optimistic view of the position of the Council than he did previously.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Colonel Gibbon, seconded by Mr D'Arcy: "That Minutes of Roads' Committee in respect of meeting held on 28th April, 1930, be and are hereby confirmed."

SPECIAL ROAD MAINTENANCE. COMMITTEE REPORT.

Consideration of this report was adjourned to County Council meeting of 30th June, 1930.

APPOINTMENT RATE COLLECTORS NOS. 4 AND 5 DISTRICTS.

Applications for the position of Rate Collector for No. 4 Collection District were received from :-

John J. Devereaux, Rochestown, Drinagh, who had obtained first place at examination held on 20th May, 1930; with the following marks:- Irish, 77; Arithmetic, 100; English, 85; Total, 262, and Michael McCarthy, Gardimas, Ballycogley, who obtained tenth place

place on 2nd April, 1929, with the following marks:- Irish, 44; Arithmetic, 50; and English, 51; Total 145.

A poll was taken with the following result:-

For McCarthy - Messrs Armstrong, Cline, Colfer, Corish, Culleton, Cummins, Doran, Gaul, Gibbon, Hall, Hayes, Keegan, McCarthy, Murphy, O'Byrne, O'Ryan, Quin and Shannon - 18.

For Devereaux - Messrs Brennan, D'Arcy, Meyler, Smyth and the Chairman - 5.

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

The Chairman declared McCarthy elected.

The following resolution was then adopted on the motion of Mr Cummins, seconded by Miss O'Ryan: "That Michael McCarthy, Gardimas, Ballycogley, be appointed Rate Collector for No. 4 district on the terms of advertisement and of the conditions governing said appointment."

The following applications were received in respect of appointment of Rate Collector for No.5 Collection District:-

John J. Devereaux, Rochestown, Drinagh, 1st place at examination on 20th May, 1930. (was unsuccessful candidate for No. 4). Stephen Somers, Ballydaw, Marshallstown, Enniscorthy, marks at examination of 20th May, 1930, Irish, 55; Arithmetic, 66; English, 67; total, 188. Patrick Nolan, Ballycoursey, Glenbrien, marks at examination:- of 20th May, 1930 :- Irish, 37; Arithmetic, 86; English, 57; Total, 180. William Pettit, Rathmore, Tagoat, marks at examination on 20th May, 1930;- Irish, 36; Arithmetic, 56 and English 67; Total, 159.

A poll was taken with the following result:-

For Nolan- Messrs Cline, Colfer, Cooney, Cummins, Doran, Gaul, Hall, Hayes, Keegan, McCarthy, Murphy, O'Ryan, and Walsh- 13.

For Pettit- Messrs Culleton, Gibbon, Quin, Smyth, and the Chairman.- 5.

For Somers- Messrs Armstrong, Brennan, D'Arcy, and Shannon-4.

For Devereaux- Messrs Corish, Meyler and O'Byrne -3.

Mr Jordan was not present when poll was taken.

The Chairman declared Nolan elected as he had a clear majority, of those present and voting.

The following resolution^{ut} was then adopted on the motion of Mr Hall seconded by Mr McCarthy: "That Patrick Nolan, Ballycoursey, Glenbrien, be appointed Rate Collector, for No. 5 district on the terms of advertisement and of the conditions governing said appointment."

CINEMATOGRAH ACT. 1909.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Miss O'Ryan, seconded by Mr Brennan:

"That the following be appointed Inspectors under the Cinematograph Act, 1909:

Sergeant D. Cahill, Duncormick.

" James Crehan, Blackwater.

" Michael McCarthy, Ferns.

" John Hayes, Camolin.

" William Brett, Gorey.

ROAD IMPROVEMENT GRANTS ETC. 1930-31.

The following under date 8th May, 1930, (R/SGG/32) was read from the Department of Local Government (Roads):

"With reference to the County Surveyor's letter of 3rd instant and enclosures, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he has approved of the Scheme for the improvement of Main Roads proposed to be carried out by the Wexford County Council under the terms of the Minister's letter (SGG/201) of the 1st March, 1930.

The following Works Numbers have been assigned to the sections of the scheme and should be quoted in Requisitions (Form No. 97) for instalments of the Grant and in correspondence.

<u>Works No.</u>	<u>Route No.</u>	<u>Grant</u>
G. 851	T. 12	£3,300
G. 852	T. 7	2,300
G. 853	T. 12	2,529
G. 854	T. 7	1,600
	Total.....	<u>£9,729</u>

" The conditions regarding men to be employed attached to previous grants apply to this grant also."

" A statement will be required in due course giving the total number of men employed on the work distinguishing the number of demobilised men of the National Army. "

" A supply of Requisitions (Form No.97) is enclosed."

SANCTION OF CARETAKER. ENNISCORTHY COURTHOUSE
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The following under date 30th April,1930, (G.31177/1930. Loch Garman) was read from the Department of Local Government:

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that pursuant to the Local Offices and Employments Order, 1924, he sanctions the appointment of Mr. R. Whelan as Caretaker of the Enniscorthy Courthouse on the terms set out in the replies to Queries furnished. It is to be understood that the position is not pensionable. One set of Queries together with the Declaration Form which has been noted in this Department are returned, herewith."

STATE LANDS (WORKHOUSES) ACT, 1930.

Circular letter (P23/30 Llgh) under date 16th April,1930, re above from Department of Local Government was read.

TELEGRAPHIC LINE- PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CAMOLIN TO
NEW POST OFFICE CAMOLIN.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr McCarthy, seconded by the Chairman:- "That the Wexford County Council consents to erection of overground telegraphic line from Presbyterian Church, Camolin, to New Post Office, Camolin, provided work be carried out to the satisfaction of the County Surveyor."

INDEMNITY TO FINANCE DEPARTMENT.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr McCarthy, seconded by Mr Culleton:- "That the seal of the Wexford County Council be affixed to the Deed of Indemnity to the Finance Department in respect of the variation of the re-instatement

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condition attached to the award for compensation from the Old Courthouse site on Quay to the Old Jail site."

CONTROL OF DOGS ORDER AND REGULATIONS.

Under date 13th May, 1930, the Department of Agriculture wrote (L1440-30) that the regulations under the County Wexford (Control of Dogs) Order, 1907, required amendment in certain particulars and forwarded copy of Regulations approved for another County, and suggested the adoption of regulations on the same lines.

Mr Culleton proposed the adoption of the following Regulations:

"NOTICE is hereby given that the County Council of Wexford, being the Local Authority under the Diseases of Animals Acts, 1894 to 1914 for the County of Wexford, in exercise of the powers conferred on them by the County Wexford (Control of Dogs) Order of 1907, and of every other power enabling them in that behalf, have made the following Regulations:-

1.- No dog during any of the hours between sunset and sunrise shall be or be allowed to be outside the bounds of the Lands or Premises occupied by the Owner of such dog, unless such dog shall be under the control and in the company of its Owner, or of some person authorised by such Owner to accompany and control such dog.

2.- If a dog during any of the hours between sunset and sunrise is allowed outside the bounds of the Lands or Premises occupied by the Owner of such dog, and such dog is not under the control and in the company of its owner, or of some person authorised by such owner to accompany and control such dog, the owner of such dog, and the person, if any, for the time being in charge thereof, and any person causing, directing, or permitting such dog to be outside the Lands ~~the Lands~~ or Premises occupied by the owner of such dog, shall in each respect of his own acts or defaults be deemed to be guilty of an offence against the Diseases of Animals Acts, 1894 to 1914.

3.- Any dog in respect of which an offence shall be committed

against these Regulations may be seized and treated as a stray dog under the powers conferred by Section 3 of the Dogs Act, 1906.

4.- These Regulations shall apply to the whole of the Administrative County of Wexford, and to all the dogs therein.

5.- These Regulations shall take effect and come into operation immediately on their being submitted to and confirmed by the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland."

Mr Meyler seconded the motion which on a show of hands was carried by eight to six.

KILMANNOCK DRAINAGE SCHEME - REPAIR OF EMBANKMENT.

The following report under date 22nd May, 1930, was read from Mr Elgee, Solicitor:-

"I am in receipt of yours of yesterday enclosing Letter from the Irish Land Commission, and Copy Trust Deed, dated the 25th. July 1922, and Copy Order of the Land Commission dated the 8th. April 1930, dealing with this matter.

By the Deed dated the 25th July 1922, the sum of £400. was paid to the Public Trustee in Ireland to be held by that Department Upon Trust to pay the Income thereof to the Trustees of the Deed, such sums as the Trustees should require to be applied for the purposes mentioned in the first Schedule to the Deed, that was to say, to maintain in good order and repair the Embankment bounding the Lands of Kilmannock, and of the Drain and Sluices connected therewith, and of that Deed John Barnwell, Jeremiah Clancy, James Morgan Atkinson, Thomas Ryan and Michael Henahan were appointed Trustees for the purpose of applying the Income for maintenance as aforesaid.

By Sec.21 of the Irish Land Act, 1887, the Land Commission with the concurrence of the Minister for Local Government have power to order the County Council to undertake the maintenance of Drainage Districts.

The Land Commission have now by the Order dated the 8th. April 1930, with the concurrence of the Local Government Department as provided by the Land Act, of 1927, decided to appoint the County

Council the Trustees for the purposes of the Drainage District, and the County Council will now step into the place of the Trustees originally appointed by the Deed of the 25th. July 1922, and they, when they require work to be done to the Embankment can apply to the Public Trustee for such Funds as they may require for such maintenance, such Demand however, should not exceed the amount of the Income for any one year on the sum of £400: 0: 0. If a larger sum is required by reason of any sudden danger to the Embankment the permission of the Land Commission would have to be obtained in order to provide the necessary Funds out of Capital, but in no event can the Capital be reduced below the sum of £400 without such special permission. This being so, I see no alternative but that the County Council should accept the Trusteeship of the Scheme."

NATIONAL MONUMENTS ACT. 1930

Owing to the lateness of the hour consideration of provisions of National Monuments Act, 1930, was adjourned to meeting on 30th June, 1930.

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION BILL. 1930.

Resolutions from General Council of County Council with report on above Bill were read from the Irish County Councils General Council, also the following resolution from County Kildare Committee of Agriculture: "That we, the Committee of Agriculture for Co. Kildare, while welcoming the proposed scheme of Vocational Education, regret to note that it is proposed to finance the scheme from the County rates, and we hereby record our protest against any such proposal. We consider that the proposed scheme should be financed in a similar manner to the ordinary Education scheme."

A long discussion took place in the course of which Mr Jordan said that the construction put upon the rating provisions of the Bill was not quite correct. In the Bill at the moment the minimum rate was 2d. in the £., but he was in a position to say that amount

would be reduced. The amount struck already for Irish and Technical Instruction would go to make up the minimum. After that whatever the minimum will be, $1\frac{1}{2}$ or $1\frac{3}{4}$ or 2d. it will be absolutely in the hands of the local authority to strike a further rate. But any rate above the minimum was not compulsory. According to the public bodies the increased rate would have to be provided for yearly. But the increase over the minimum is absolutely in the hands of the local authority.

The Chairman pointed out that he could not see any provision in the Bill giving an option to the local authorities regarding the amount of rate they had to provide.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr McCarthy, seconded by Miss O'Ryan: "That as regards finance to be provided for Vocational Education Committees—should the Vocational Education Bill, 1930, become law—we are of opinion that any rate necessary to be struck in excess of the minimum referred to in the Bill, should be at the discretion of the local authority concerned."

REPORT GOREY STREET CROSSINGS.

This matter was postponed to next meeting of the County Council on 30th June, 1930.

BREA KING LIMESTONE GRAVEL BY HAND.

Mr Armstrong said that limestone gravel had been broken by machinery in Tombrick Quarry during the present month, and from information he obtained it was more costly than handbreaking. There were twentyfour men dependent on two gravel pits and if machinery breaking went on half of these would be thrown out of employment.

It was decided to refer the matter to the County Surveyor for report to Roads' Committee.

POISONS AND PHARMACY ACT LICENCES.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr

Gaul, seconded by Mr Shannon: "That licence under Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908, be issued to Myles Byrne, Market Square, Gorey, and Owen Kehoe, Raheenduff, Oulart, approval of Civic Guards to applicants and their premises having been received.

IRISH EXPORT AND IMPORT FREIGHTS COMMITTEE.

The report of above Committee having been read Miss O'Ryeh proposed the following resolution, which was seconded by the Chairman; and passed:- "That we approve of the steps taken by the Irish Export and Import Freights Committee to establish an independent shipping Company to compete against existing monopolies."

ANALYST'S REPORT.

From report of County Analyst for Quarter ended 31st March, 1930, it appeared that the total number of samples analysed during the quarter was :- Foods - 125 and Drugs - 55. Total - 180. The number adulterated was-Margarines - 2;New Milk - 2;Sausages-1; and Drugs- 1. Total- 6.

NATIONAL HOUSING BOARD.

The following was read from Offaly County Board of Health:

"That we the Offaly Board of Health respectfully urge the Government to enact legislation to establish a National Housing Board, financed and controlled by the Government; such Board to be empowered to engage in building operations, either directly or by contract, and operating so as to ensure the construction of 50,000 houses now required, within a maximum of 10 years."

This resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Cline, seconded by Mr Armstrong.

ROAD CONTRACTORS' PAYMENTS.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr McCarthy, seconded by Mr O'Byrne: "That the several proposals for payment submitted to this meeting by our Secretary including proposals for payment to Road Contractors on Form 22 be and are

hereby approved subject to the modifications and other orders noted thereon and initialled by the Chairman.

THE LATE MR. JAMES BERGIN.

Mr Gaul proposed a vote of sympathy with Mr Corish, on the death of his brother-in-law, the late Mr James Bergin, who was a very hardworking and industrious man.

Mr Shannon seconded. The Chairman said that members were sorry to hear of Mr Corish's bereavement.

The vote of sympathy was passed in the usual manner.

RAILWAY FACILITIES - ENNISCORTHY AND NEW ROSS.

Mr Shannon called attention to the fact that facilities which had been provided at the Railway stations of Enniscorthy and New Ross in regard to the loading of lambs, and which had been granted on the application of the County Council and of the County Committee, had been withdrawn recently. This was a great hardship on the owners of fat lambs. He wished the Secretary to correspond with the Manager of the Railway Company, and find out the reason of the change in order that if possible the facilities would be restored.

The Secretary said that Mr Shannon's suggestion would be adopted.

ROAD CONTRACTOR AND QUARRY.

Mr Shannon said he had been informed that Joseph Cullen, Road Contractor, was putting on his road material from a quarry which had not been approved by the County Surveyor. Brownswood Quarry was specified but the material was not been taken from this quarry. The road in question was from Oylegate Cross. If this thing was allowed other Contractors would follow suit.

The County Surveyor said he would look into the matter, and report as soon as possible.

DUNCANNON LINE.

Mr Gaul called attention to what he described as the awful

state of the Duncannon Line from Wexford to the top of the mountain.

The Chairman said he had travelled this road about eight days ago and could not see anything so extremely wrong with it.

Michael Doyle