

WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

MEETING 9TH MAY 1932

M I N U T E S

COUNTY HALL,
WEXFORD.

N. J. FRIZELLE,
SECRETARY.

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A meeting of Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, Co. Hall, Wexford, on 9th May, 1932.

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

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

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £15,084: 15: 2d was examined and signed.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That quarterly payments to Road Contractors amounting to £2,308: 0: 9d as recommended by Finance Committee and as certified by County Surveyor be and are hereby agreed to."

SYMPATHY WITH MR. ROCHE M.C.C.

The Chairman in proposing a vote of condolence with Mr. Roche M.C.C. in the death of his infant son and only child said that the County Council deeply sympathised with Mr. Roche in his bereavement.

Col. Gibbon seconded the motion which was supported by Mr. Corish, Mr. Shannon and the Co. Secretary and was passed in silence.

THE LATE REV. MICHAEL HAYDEN C.C.

Mr. Smyth proposed a vote of condolence with Surgeon Hayden, Dublin, in the death of his brother Rev. Michael Hayden C.C. a zealous and beloved priest who had laboured

for many years in the diocese of Ferns.

Mr. D'Arcy seconded the motion.

The Secretary said in support that in the loss of Fr. Hayden a dear and intimate friend had passed away.

The resolution was adopted in silence.

NEXT MEETING OF COUNTY COUNCIL

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Brennan:- "That next meeting of the county council be held on 30th May, 1932, instead of on 23rd May, 1932, the date already fixed for same."

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 21st April, 1932, were submitted as follows:-

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The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 21st April, 1932.

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

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

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

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £3,358: 15: 0d was examined and signed.

RATE COLLECTION

State of Rate Collection: The following gives the amount of collectable Rate outstanding to date:-

No. of District.	Name of Collector.	Amount.
2.	J. Quirke	£1,167
3.	P. Doyle	512
4.	M. McCarthy	243
5.	P. Nolan	615
6.	S. Gannon (M.Kelly's)	224
7.	J. Deegan	656
8.	J. Cummins	219
9.	P. O'Byrne	361
10.	S. Gannon	376
11.	W. Cummins	229
12.	T. Bolger (P. Donohoe's)	883
13.	J.J. O'Reilly	335
14.	T. Bolger	460
15.	A. Dunne	656

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No. of District.	Name of Collector.	Amount.
16.	J.J. Sinnott	£634
21.	P. Carty	218

The members spent some time examining the Rate Books in connection with outstanding items.

Mr. S. O'Byrne said that speaking for Gorey Urban Area which he knew best, there were a number of items which in his opinion could have been obtained prior to the 31st March. Speaking generally for that Electoral Division it appeared to him that the people who had paid were those considered badly off, while people who to all appearances could well afford to pay had not yet done so.

The Chairman, speaking for Enniscorthy District, considered that there were a number of persons whose Rates were outstanding and who would have paid if pressure had been brought to bear upon them. He proposed the following:-

"The Finance Committee must express their dissatisfaction with the manner in which numbers of items have been allowed to remain outstanding to date, and which they believe would not have occurred if the Collectors had carried out their work in an efficient and careful way. This expression of opinion is arrived at by the Finance Committee after making every allowance for the depressed ~~and~~ economic condition of the Country.

"That a list of the principal items which the Finance Committee believe should have been paid before the end of the financial year should be furnished to Collectors concerned for their explanation of the delay in securing payment. That Collection be closed finally on 11th May, 1932."

Poundage Fees: In connection with payment of poundage fees the following under date 13th April, 1932 (G.24192/32

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Loch Garman) was read from the Department of Local Government :-

"Adverting to your letter of the 7th instant, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he raises no objection to the County Council's proposal to make an immediate payment of poundage fees calculated at the authorised rate in each case on actual lodgments to those rate collectors (5) who have closed their 1931/32 warrants on or before the 6th inst.

"As to the proposal to pay poundage on the basis of the 1930/31 warrants the Minister would like to be informed of particulars as to what this involves. I am to remind the County Council that although the Collectors did not close their warrants for 1930/31 until the 21st May of that year the Minister conceded full poundage."

Proposed Amalgamation of No. 2 District: The Committee recommended the following to the Council:-

District Electoral Divisions of Ardavan, and Artramont to be added to No. 1 (J. Quirke).

District Electoral Divisions of Glynn, Kilbride, Kilpatrick, Killurin, and Whitechurch to be transferred to No. 19 District (Wm. Doyle).

District Electoral Division of Ardcolm to be added to No. 12 District.

District Electoral Divisions of Horetown and Carrigbyrne to be transferred from No. 19 District (W. Doyle) to No. 20 District (J. Curtis).

No. 6 District: In connection with No. 6 District the Committee recommended the Council to continue Mr. S. Gannon as temporary Collector for a further year, with the condition that should he give satisfaction this district will be amalgamated with No. 10 District for which he is permanent Collector.

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No. 7 District: The Committee recommended for approval the continuance in office for a further year of Mr. J. Deegan, present temporary Collector.

No. 12 District: It was decided to recommend the Council to advertise for a new Collector.

As regards Poundage Fees for this District Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Shannon seconded a resolution that the Council be recommended to fix poundage fees at 6d.

Mr. Hall proposed 5d and this was seconded by the Chairman.

On a poll Messrs O'Byrne and Shannon voted for 6d and Mr. Hall and the Chairman for 5d.

The Chairman gave his casting vote in favour of the last proposition which was carried.

Fidelity Guarantee Insurance: Under date 14th April, 1932, the Managing Director of the New Ireland Assurance Co., Dawson Street, Dublin, wrote:- (No. 28/414/32/DB/F Guarantee Department) that the Fidelity Guarantee Bonds of Collectors would be due for renewal on 31st May. Before proceeding to issue these renewals the Company asked for confirmation that the Council would carry out in full the provisions of the Public Bodies Order of the Local Government Department.

On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Hall it was decided to inform the New Ireland Assurance Co. that the provisions of the Public Bodies Order would be carried out by the Council. It was further decided to call the attention of the Rate Inspector and Rate Collectors to the communication from the Insurance Co. and to the reply of the Finance Committee thereto.

Bantry and Blackstairs Commons: Collector E.J. Murphy (No. 17) wrote applying for payment of £1: 3: 8d for posting notices and for motor hire in connection with the attendance at Rathmure Hall in respect of Inquiry by Valuation Department into Ratings of Bantry and Blackstairs Commons.

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The Committee recommended payment by the Council.

SANCTION OF OVERDRAFT.

Under date 7th April, 1932, the Department of Local Government and Public Health (G.22705/32 Fa. Loch Garman.) wrote sanctioning overdraft accommodation not exceeding £20,000 up to 1st June next, interest to be paid at the agreed rate.

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL APPLICATION

Notification was received from District Superintendent, Garda Siochana, Enniscorthy, as to application at Enniscorthy District Court on 28th April, 1932, for the committal of John Sharpe, Tomsallagh, Ferns, 13 years old, to certified Industrial School.

Referred to Mr. Elgee Solicitor.

CARRIGEEN QUARRY

Mark Kearns, Tobergal, Boolavogue, and Wm. Doyle, Carrigeen, Ferns, came before the meeting and complained they could not get employment at Carrigeen Quarry.

Kearns said there were 11 men idle in the neighbourhood of the quarry in which seven were employed, only two of whom were from the locality. The others came from a distance of from three to eight miles. A vacancy in the quarry men occurred about a year ago and had been filled by bringing in a man from outside the district. Of the 11 idle men in the district 9 were married. Kearns had formerly worked in Roskspring Quarry and Doyle had helped his father who had been a Road Contractor.

The matter was referred to the County Surveyor for report to meeting of County Council on 25th April, 1932.

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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting of 21st April, 1932, and as submitted to this meeting be and are hereby approved!"

The Minutes of meeting of Finance Committee held on 4th May, 1932, were submitted as follows:-

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The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee was held in the County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 4th May, 1932.

Present:- Mr. M. Doyle (Chairman) presiding: also Messrs James Hall, Sean O'Byrne, and James Shannon.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £3593: 17: 10d was examined and signed.

OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION

Under date 3rd May, 1932, the following letter was read from the Manager, the National Bank Limited, Wexford:-

"I submitted to my Directors your application for further Overdraft accommodation to the extent of £13,000 to 1st June next, in addition to the £20,000 already sanctioned in consequence of the deduction from Agricultural Grant of a similar amount in respect of arrears of Land Purchase Annuities as a result of which the County Council Budget shows an underestimate.

"The matter having been fully considered by the Board, I am sorry to inform you that they declined the application. "

It was decided on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall, that copy of letter from the Manager, the National Bank Ltd., Wexford, be forwarded to the Minister for Local Government & Public Health.

RATE COLLECTION

The Assistant Secretary stated that £4,908 of recoverable rate still remained outstanding. It was expected that this amount would be lodged by the Collectors within the next ten days. Two Collectors - J. Cummins and W. Cummins - had

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closed their warrants since last meeting.

POUNDAGE → PAYMENT OF BONUS TO COLLECTORS.

Under date 26th April, 1932, the following letter, No.G.27333/32, Loch Garman (Fa) was read from Department of Local Government & Public Health:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government & Public Health to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 18th instant and to state that he considers it preferable that any bonus to be allowed to Collectors in consideration of the reduced Rate Warrants for 1931/32, should be calculated with advertence to the extent of that collection.

In the cases of the five Collectors mentioned in your letter, who accounted for their warrants practically by the end of the financial year, the Minister sanctions a bonus of an additional penny on the sums collected and lodged."

It was agreed that payment of bonus calculated at 1d in £ on 1931-32 warrants be made to Collectors J. Quirke (No. 1 District); E.J. Murphy, Thomas Rowe, W. Doyle and J. Curtis.

The Chairman remarked that the amount approved by the Minister for Local Government & Public Health was in each case less than the sum agreed to by the County Council.

ALTERATIONS IN COLLECTORS' DISTRICTS

In reference to proposed changes in Collection Districts, the meeting considered further suggested alterations since those agreed to at last meeting would mean changing divisions from one Rural District to another.

The Assistant Secretary stated that Mr. McCarthy had given notice of motion for Co. Council meeting of 9th May, 1932, to have the alterations brought into effect.

It was decided to leave the matter to the general meeting of the County Council for decision.

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CLAIMS FOR REFUNDS OF RATES

Mr. Charles Barry, Rosslare, made application for refund of rates, amounting to £18: 10s. 0d. being over-assessment in respect of his holding for a number of years. The error arose through a misunderstanding by the Revising Valuer some years ago as to the actual house occupied by Mr. Barry which was formerly described as an old Church. There were two such buildings, in the townland, and Mr. Barry was wrongly rated for the larger and more highly valued building.

It was decided that refund be made to Mr. Barry of £18: 10s. amount over-assessed.

Under date 19th April, 1932, the following letter was read from Messrs M.J. O'Connor & Co., Solicitors, Wexford:

"We are informed by Mr. Benjamin Gainfort, Kilmore that his house at the Beak House, Kilmore, has been unoccupied for the last nine years. He tells us that he has been paying rates to the Council during all that time up to date but did not discover the fact until recently.

"We understand that he has reported the matter to the local collector and that he has been told he may be refunded one years payment or so. We write to ask you if the Council will be agreeable to refund to him the whole of the payments he has made in error through the faulty assessment and we would be glad if you would put the matter before the Council for their generous consideration."

After discussion the meeting considered this was not a case in which the Council were liable for refund and it was unanimously decided to refuse the application.

SALTEE ISLANDS

Under date 22nd April, 1932, the following letter (No.G.26339/32/Fa., Loch Garman) was read from the Department of Local Government & Public Health:-

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"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government & Public Health to state that your letter of the 14th instant addressed to the Department of Industry & Commerce regarding the Saltee Islands has been referred to this Department.

"In view of the very ample power for the recovery of rates already existing the Minister does not appreciate what further legal powers could be made available which would enable the Council to derive rating revenue from the Saltee Islands in their present derelict condition. The Minister would suggest that the circumstances be fully explained to the Department of Justice and an application be made to that Department for the preservation of these lands as a Bird Sanctuary under the Wild Birds Protection Acts."

It was decided on the motion of Mr. Hall seconded by Mr. O'Byrne that the Department of Justice be requested to consider the advisability of taking over the Saltee Islands as a bird sanctuary under the Wild Birds Protection Acts.

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL APPLICATION

The following report was read from Mr. J. Elgee, Co. Solicitor, regarding committal of Patrick Milne, 10 Nial Street off Manor Street, Dublin, to an Industrial School:-

"This case came before the District Justice at Dublin on Friday last when my Representative, Mr. C.S. Draper, attended on the hearing, and objected to the child being committed to an Industrial School as a Charge against the Wexford County Council.

"The District Justice, however, held against his contention on the grounds that it was only on the 18th March last that the child was brought to Dublin, and accordingly, he made an Order committing the Child to the School as applied for.

"I enclose copy of a Report from Mr. Draper on the matter.

"You will observe that his Fee is £2: 2: 0. and I have paid him this."

It was decided that Mr. Draper's fee of £2: 2: 0d be paid.

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The ^{Assistant} Secretary stated that the child was illegitimate and the whereabouts of the father unknown. It was born at Enniscorthy and had been boarded out with a Mrs. Turner, 69 Ross Road, Enniscorthy, up to December 1931. The mother went to reside with her brother on 18th March last.

BINDING MINUTES

The quotation of Messrs J. English & Co., Wexford, at 17/6d for binding minutes of County Council for year 1931 was accepted.

APPOINTMENT OF SHORTHAND - TYPIST

The Chairman asked what was the position regarding the filling of vacancy for Shorthand-Typist.

The Assistant Secretary stated that the appointment would be made at meeting of County Council on 9th instant. There were eight applicants four of whom complied with the conditions of the advertisement. The other candidates were under the prescribed minimum age, 20 years. The Secretary, on the advice of the Co. Solicitor, had notified the four applicants concerned that as they were under the age prescribed in the advertisement, they could not sit for the examination.

The Chairman stated he was not aware that the minimum age was 20 years.

Mr. O'Byrne stated that the minimum age mentioned was recommended by the Finance Committee after discussion as there was more likelihood of applicants of that age having previous experience.

The Chairman said it was quite possible a candidate might like to sit for the examination, though not otherwise qualified, in order to secure experience of such tests. He thought the Finance Committee might allow such candidates to sit on the understanding that they were not eligible for appointment.

This proposal was agreed to.

ROAD CONTRACTORS' PAYMENTS

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

"That the several proposals for payment to Road Contractors appearing on Form 22 and as certified by Co. Surveyor be recommended to the Co. Council for payment."

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The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Hall seconded by Mr. O'Byrne :- "That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 4th May, 1932, be received and considered."

Overdraft: The Chairman said that they should ask the Local Government Department for their observations on the letter of the National Bank, refusing this additional overdraft in the circumstances. The financial position of the Council had improved considerably. Even twelve months ago they had an overdraft up to £36,000 and now it was down to £20,000.

The L. G. D. should be asked to arrange with the Land Commission that as the annuities were repaid the money should be forwarded to the County Councils. The attention of the L. G. D. should be also called to the fact that in present altered circumstances the general body of ratepayers should not be held responsible for non-payment of these annuities. It was most unfair that people who were paying should be mulcted for people who were in default.

Mr. O'Byrne said that as the County Councils had no control over the collection of annuities they should not be held responsible for their payment.

Col. Gibbon said that the extra burden thrown on men who had paid was substantial. In his own case the defaulting annuitants were responsible for an addition of 12 per cent to his annuities.

The Chairman said that owing to these annuities remaining unpaid his rates had been increased by about £10.

Mr. Corish said that in all fairness to the local manager of the National Bank it was only right they should acknowledge that he was always prepared to facilitate public bodies in every way.

Chairman - The refusal of the overdraft is from the directors of the Bank and not from the Manager.

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Mr. Cummins said they should do - as he advocated years ago - ~~to~~ start a bank of their own. He now made the suggestion that the Dail should take steps to start a Bank. They would have no trouble in issuing their own notes and should also remember that an Irish note was not legal tender in England.

The Chairman proposed and Col. Gibbon seconded the following resolution:- "That we again call the attention of the Local Government Department to the resolution adopted at County Council meeting of 11th April, 1932, protesting against deductions from the Agricultural Grant and calling for the repeal of Section 6 of 54 and 55 Vic Chap. 48 (Purchase of Land (Ireland) Act) 1891. And that the Local Government Department be requested to make arrangements with the Land Commission that as the annuities are paid, the amounts will be forwarded to the County Councils concerned without undue delay."

"That the Local Government Department be also requested to furnish their observations on the letter from the National Bank declining to afford the Co. Council the necessary financial accommodation in consequence of the deduction from the Agricultural Grant."

Passed.

Payment of Rate Collectors' Poundage: In reply to the Chairman the Secretary said that the reductions in poundage to the five Collectors who closed calculating the figure at 1d bonus and ^{not} on the amount of last warrants were :- J. Quirke, £3:5:10d; E.J. Murphy, £6: 8: 8d; Thos. Rowe, £7: 12s. Od.; W. Doyle, £2: 5: 3d and John Curtis £6: 4: 2d.

It was decided on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Cline that the amounts of poundage according to decision of Local Government Department be paid in each case.

Alterations in Collectors' Districts: Mr. McCarthy moved the following of which he had given previous notice:- "That the following changes in Collectors' Districts be agreed to:-

Collector J. Quirke: Transfer of Electoral Divisions of Ardavan and Kilbride from No. 2 District, making Collector

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Quirke's Collection District in future to comprise
Aughwilliam, Carrick, Forth, Rathaspeck, Wexford Rural, Taghmon,
Ardcavan and Kilbride.

Temporary Collector Wm. Doyle: To be transferred from No.
19 District to portion of No. 2 Collection District as Permanent
Collector, Collector Doyle's District in future to consist of
the following Electoral Divisions, to be known as No. 2 Collection
District:- Ardcorm, Artramont, Glynn, Killurin, Kilpatrick and
Whitechurch.

Collector Curtis: That the Electoral Divisions of Adamstown,
Barronstown, Carrigbyrne, Horetown and Kilgarvan formerly known
as No. 19 Collection District, be transferred to Collector John
Curtis, who will retain in addition three of the former Electoral
Divisions collected by him, viz., Clongeen, Newbawn and Tintern,
these eight divisions being regarded as Mr. Curtis' Collection
District No. 19.

Collector T. Rowe: Electoral Divisions of Dunmain and Inch,
formerly included in Collector Curtis' Collection District to be
transferred to Collector T. Rowe whose area will continue to be
known as No. 18 Collection District and will comprise the follow-
ing Electoral Divisions:- Carnagh, Kilmokea, Oldcourt, White-
church, Dunmain and Inch.

(Rochestown E.D., formerly in Collector Rowe's area will
be transferred to Collector E.J. Murphy).

Collector E.J. Murphy: Electoral Division of Rochestown,
formerly included in Collector Rowe's District, be added to
Collection District of Collector E.J. Murphy, which district
consisting of eight Electoral Divisions will be numbered as No.
17 Collection District.

Collector P. Carty: Collector P. Carty's Collection District
formerly known as No. 21, to be now called No. 20 Collection
District.

In moving his motion Mr. McCarthy said that the Finance
Committee in making these recommendations were endeavouring to

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reward Collectors who had closed their warrants, who had small districts and who had always carried out their duties to the satisfaction of the County Council. These men deserved consideration.

Mr. O'Byrne seconded.

Miss O'Ryan opposed as so many men who would make good Rate Collectors were idle.

Several other Councillors also opposed the motion and after considerable discussion a poll was taken with the following result:

For the motion: Messrs Brennan, Cooney, Cummins, D'Arcy, Doran, Gibbon, Meyler, McCarthy, O'Byrne, Quin, Shannon, Walsh and the Chairman - 13.

Against: Messrs Clince, Colfer, Corish, Gaul, Hayes, Keegan, O'Ryan, and Smyth - 8.

Mr. Hall (1) did not vote.

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Mr. Keegan then gave notice of motion for meeting of County Council on 30th May, 1932, to move that the resolution amalgamating the districts be rescinded.

In connection with the proposal to appoint new Collector for No. 12 district Mr. Corish moved and Col. Gibbon seconded the following resolution which was adopted nem con: "That examination in Irish, English and Arithmetic be held in respect of appointment for Rate Collector for No. 12 District and that Mr. Myles Redmond, St. John's Road, Wexford, Secondary Teacher, act as Examiner and Supervisor."

Saltee Islands: Col. Quin stated that if the Islands were made a bird sanctuary they would be exempt from rates.

The Chairman stated that at the meeting of the Finance Committee he was rather opposed to hand over the Islands as suggested, as he was of the opinion that somebody might come along and take them, and then the Council would be in the position of being able to recover rates.

Mr. O'Byrne stated the rates were accumulating without any chance of getting payment which was penalizing the Collector

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and giving the county a bad name so far as irrecoverable rates were concerned.

The Chairman stated the Council understood the position of the Collector.

Col. Quin - The Islands were handed over to a pauper who had no means. You have two cases of that in the county at the present time.

Industrial School Cases: Miss O'Ryan referring to the case of Patrick Milne said that when the mother had obtained employment she should be obliged to contribute something to the support of the child. It would be a saving if such children were boarded out and she proposed that the Garda Síochána should be requested in all cases of children eligible for committal to an Industrial School to make enquiries in the first instance to have the children boarded out.

Mr. Brennan seconded and the motion was adopted.

Appointment of Shorthand-Typist: The Secretary reported that none of the five candidates who sat for examination qualified in all subjects and it would be necessary to re-advertise.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Hall seconded the following resolution:- "That the position of Shorthand- Typist in Co. Council Office be re-advertised and that age limits be from 18 to 30. "That the other conditions already agreed to by the Council as regards this appointment be confirmed. That appointment be made at meeting of Co. Council on 30th May, 1932, and that Examination in Irish, English and Arithmetic be conducted by Mr. Myles Redmond, St. John's Road, Wexford, and in Shorthand and Typing by Mr. Thomas Fane, "The People" newspaper." Passed.

Miss O'Ryan proposed and Mr. O'Byrne seconded the following resolution which was passed nem con: "That pending the permanent appointment of Shorthand-Typist our Secretary be empowered to make a temporary appointment at a salary of 30/- per week, the person selected by him not to be a candidate for

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the permanent position."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Brennan:- "That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 4th May, 1932, unless where same have been altered or amended by resolution adopted at this meeting be and are hereby approved."

DEVELOPMENT OF COUNTY BUILDINGS

The following motion of which he had given previous notice stood in the name of Mr. O'Byrne:- "That the Council apply to their Treasurer for a loan of £2,000 (Two Thousand Pounds) for the purpose of developing the right wing of the old County Jail to allow of portion of these premises being utilised for County Library accommodation, etc."

This was circulated to members of the Council on 4th day of April, 1932.

By permission of the meeting Mr. O'Byrne added the following to his motion:- "And that portion of the top floor of right wing when developed be offered to the Co. Wexford Vocational Education Committee for offices etc provided a satisfactory arrangement as to the rent to be paid by this Committee to the Co. Council for the accommodation provided be arrived at."

Mr. Shannon seconded.

Miss O'Ryan said she thought the Co. Surveyor had a proposal with regard to the reconstruction of the wing referred to. That wing could be put to very good use. There was a proposition that the Library Committee would be responsible for the repayment of £1,000. In the case of the Vocational Education Committee the Chief Executive Officer would be coming back to Wexford in a short time, and the accommodation he had was most unsuitable. The Vocational Education Committee would not require a whole floor of the wing but they might require half a floor. In any case they would be prepared to take over a certain amount of accommodation.

Mr. O'Byrne said the Library Committee would take respon-

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sibility for the repayment of £1,000 of the loan. They thought the place should be got into repair for £2,000, and it certainly would be money well spent. The wing had to be maintained at present and it would be better to make use of it. They believed that in that wing they would have a place they could be proud of as a Library.

The Co. Surveyor said they would advertise for tenders for the work. The estimate of £2,000 was only in round figures but he believed the work should be done in or about that.

Mr. D'Arcy opposed the carrying out of the proposed work because it was probably going to mean a loss of £80 or £90 a year to the Council. He asked what rent the Library Committee was paying at present.

The Chairman replied that the net rent was, he thought, about £40 a year.

Mr. D'Arcy said that he had thought the proposed work would have meant the effecting of an economy, but he failed to see the economy now.

Col. Gibbon said that undoubtedly in the near future, some extra accommodation would be required for the library.

The Secretary pointed out that the Vocational Education Committee would pay rent for the offices.

Miss O'Ryan said that they had been given to understand that the work of reconstruction would cost £3,000, and it was on the basis of being responsible for one-third of the cost that £1,000 was mentioned on behalf of the Library Committee. She thought the Library Committee should be responsible for only one-third of the outlay, because they would only take one-third of the accommodation available.

Mr. O'Byrne said he certainly believed that the Library Committee should still take the responsibility for £1,000.

Miss O'Ryan said that the accommodation which the reconstruction of the wing would provide for the Library Committee would mean a saving. Occasional grants came to the Committee

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for development, and they could get an immediate grant of, roughly, £250 or £300. In another six years they would receive another grant, and they would probably be able to pay off their total outlay in three periods, after which the place would be rent free so far as the Committee were concerned. Another point for consideration was that there would be better accommodation. There was no doubt that the Vocational Education Committee is going to grow and it would be a big thing before it is finished.

Mr. D'Arcy expressed the hope that it would not grow too fast for the people's pockets.

Mr. Keegan said he thought the proposal to reconstruct the wing could be left over for ~~six~~ months. He suggested that the people would not like the idea of £2,000 being expended on the renovation of the old Jail, and he thought they should be educated into the matter for a while. He proposed that the matter be postponed for ~~six~~ months.

Mr. Smyth seconded.

Miss O'Ryan said there was a grant to be given to the Library Committee and unless they definitely decided on what was going to be done with the grant they would lose it. If the matter was postponed for six months the Library Committee would lose the grant.

Mr. Keegan - They will pick it up again.

Miss O'Ryan - They won't.

Mr. D'Arcy asked if the old Jail would be a suitable location for the library from the point of view of the people of Wexford.

The Chairman said he agreed with Mr. D'Arcy to a considerable extent that the people in Wexford who took out books would be severely inconvenienced by the bringing of the library to the old Jail. The library was designated a rural library but it was serving the townspeople just as much as the rural areas. He did not believe they were going to lose financially by carrying out the proposed work, but he was looking at the matter from the

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point of view of suitability.

Mr. D'Arcy - I venture to say that by the time it is finished we will be a good deal out of pocket.

The Chairman said the Council made a terrible mistake when they disposed of the building which formerly housed their offices. They were going to spend £2,000 now, while they got only £1,000 for a place which would have provided much more accommodation.

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

For: Messrs Brennan, D'Arcy, Gibbon, Keegan, Meyler, Smyth and the Chairman - 7.

Against: Messrs Cline, Colfer, Cooney, Corish, Cummins, Doran, Gaul, Hall, Hayes, McCarthy, O'Byrne, O'Ryan, Quin and Shannon and Walsh - 15.

The Chairman declared the motion lost.

The original resolution was then put and passed nem con.

HAULAGE OF MATERIAL AND EMPLOYMENT OF MEN ETC.

Mr. Corish said there were complaints with reference to the haulage of material for the New Ross-Wexford road over by-roads at Glynn and Carrigmannon.

The Co. Surveyor said he had heard of the complaint on Saturday, but had not heard of it before then.

Mr. Corish said there was also a complaint there that a contractor was doing the haulage while a lot of small farmers and workers were idle.

Col. Quin - But don't contractors do it much cheaper.

Mr. Corish - That's all right but maybe they can afford to do it cheaper.

The County Surveyor said it was absolutely out of the question that carts could do the work and bring the amount of material required.

Chairman - Would you think it economic to get cartage done at eighteen miles with horses.

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Mr. Cooney - It could be done.

Chairman - But what would it cost. Remember you curtailed the amount considerably in order to enable you to do another road. There are three roads being done instead of two.

Miss O'Ryan said she would ask the County Surveyor to pay attention to the point raised by Mr. Corish with regard to the by-roads. When the Co. Surveyor was allocating money for main roads he should also put something aside for by-roads that were being damaged. There was a lane close to where she resided and it had been cut up during two winters. There should be a certain amount put aside for the restoration of the damaged by-roads.

With reference to the matter of preference being given to married men in connection with work on the New Ross Road, Miss O'Ryan said she believed that under the conditions of the grant the men employed had to be married. That was carrying the matter very far. She was certain they could always make exceptions. There were four unmarried men who had been in the Carrigbyrne district for twelve or fourteen years as road workers. Each of them would probably have as many dependents as men who were married and had families, but because of the new order they were turned down. She knew that the order provided that married men were to be taken from the Labour Exchange, but she thought they should vary the order when there was a distinct case of hardship.

The Co. Surveyor said that the Manager of the Exchange in New Ross had told him that he was bound to select married men with dependents first.

Miss O'Ryan said she was certain that if as a Council they made representations to the manager the representations would have the desired result. Single men with dependents in the Carrigbyrne district had been replaced by men who had been brought from ^{distances} districts of seven or eight miles.

Mr. Corish said he thought the manager of the New Ross Labour Exchange was interpreting his orders incorrectly. As far as he (Mr. Corish) knew the order only applied to a grant given for the relief of unemployment. He knew the men referred to were efficient men and that they had dependents.

The Co. Surveyor said that they were bound to get any extra men they required for the improvement grant through the Labour Exchange.

The Chairman said that it had been stated repeatedly at meetings that when people had been in employment constantly for twelve or fourteen years they should give a chance to other people. There were men who had been twelve or fourteen years employed and because they were ~~not~~ continued in employment some of the members were not satisfied.

Mr. Cooney remarked that the men referred to were only employed casually and had no employment benefit to get.

Mr. Corish said that the grievance was not that new men were being brought in but that men from other areas were being brought in.

Miss O'Ryan remarked that men who never worked on roads before were being brought in.

Chairman - Probably men that never worked on a road before are entitled to a job.

Miss O'Ryan - They may be entitled to a job.

Chairman - Why discard them then?

Miss O'Ryan proposed that single men with dependents, who had hitherto been ordinarily employed as road workers, and who had no other work to go to, should be considered.

Mr. Cooney seconded and the proposition was passed.

In reply to Mr. Cooney with reference to the question of the manager of the New Ross Exchange being under a wrong impression, the Secretary said they would try to clear up the point,

EXTENSION OF GOLF HOTEL PREMISES ROSSLARE

Under date 7th May, 1932, Messrs M.J.O'Connor & Co., Solic-

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itors, on behalf of Mr. James Sinnott, Golf Hotel, Rosslare, wrote as regards the instruction of the Co. Council that the extension of his premises which were within ³⁰~~three~~ feet of the public road should be removed that the facts had not been fully placed before the Council. He felt assured that if the place were inspected by a committee of the Council they would see that no useful purpose would be served by asking him to remove the little building. If the Committee thought it might be necessary to further widen the road in later years for traffic purposes and that it would be then necessary to take down the building he would be quite prepared to do so. They (Messrs O'Connor & Co.) understood that a number of buildings had been built in Rosslare within the prescribed limits laid down by the Council and if the Council decided that Mr. Sinnott's place should be taken down they must decide likewise in respect of the other buildings.

The Co. Surveyor stated that under the 1925 Act if a person erected a building within thirty ^{yards}~~feet~~ of the road centre without having the plans approved and authority given the structure could be taken down without compensation being given to him in the event of it becoming necessary to widen the road. In Mr. Sinnott's case it was not a question of wanting to widen the road.

Mr. Corish stated the question at issue was not governed by the widening of the road. Mr. Sinnott had been notified by an official of the Council when the building was commenced.

The Co. Surveyor stated the building was six feet from the edge of the concreted road.

Mr. Hall proposed:- "That a Committee be appointed to inspect and report as to extension of premises at Golf Hotel, Rosslare."

Mr. Keegan seconded.

Mr. Cooney said that everyone would be starting to build in the same manner if the Council declined to take action.

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Mr. O'Byrne moved that the Council adhere to their decision at the previous meeting. He did not see what had altered the position in the meantime to depart from their order.

Mr. Shannon said that in view of the Council having decided to compel a man to take down a house which was erected outside Enniscorthy he did not see why there should be any distinctions made in carrying out the law. If a Committee inspected the building erected at Rosslare and they decided that it should not be removed he would move that no further action be taken in the case of the house erected outside Enniscorthy.

Mr. Corish said he did not think it was right to allow any man to go ahead building after he had been advised to the contrary by an officer of the Council.

Mr. Walsh - Messrs O'Connor & Co. in their letter direct attention to the fact that there are other buildings in Rosslare in the case of which the statutory requirements have been infringed.

A poll was taken on the question of appointing a committee to inspect Mr. Sinnott's premises and the voting resulted:-

For: Messrs Colfer, Cummins, Gaul, Hall, Keegan, Mayler, McCarthy, Walsh, Miss O'Ryan and the Chairman - 10.

Against: Messrs Brennan, Clince, Cooney, D'Arcy, Doran, O'Byrne, Shannon and Smyth - 8.

Mr. Corish and Mr. Hayes (2) did not vote.

Col. Quin and Col. Gibbon (2) were not present when poll was taken.

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Mr. Hall proposed and Mr. McCarthy seconded the following which was adopted nem con: "That the County Councillors for Wexford County Electoral Area act as the Committee to inspect and report as to extension of premises at Golf Hotel Rosslare. And ~~that~~ they meet at the premises on Tuesday 17th

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May at 5 p.m. (Summer Time) and report to the meeting of the Co. Council on 30th May, 1932."

ST. MICHAEL'S ROAD GOREY

The following under date 7th May, 1932, was read from Mr. J. J. Stafford, Town Clerk, Gorey:-

"I am directed by my Commissioners to forward for submission to your Council the following resolution, passed at their meeting held on the 3rd inst.

Proposed by Commissioner L. Browne and seconded by Commissioner W. Walsh:-

"That we call upon the Co. Council to immediately proceed to put St. Michael's Road, Gorey, in proper repair. This roadway is most important, being the direct way to Church, Schools and Railway Station, and in its present state when motor traffic pass over it, the mud is thrown onto the fronts of the houses adjoining. I send you herewith letter received by Commissioners and signed by the people directly concerned."

The communication was referred to the Co. Surveyor for report.

TEMPORARY CLOSING OF ROADS

Under date 28th April 1932, the Department of Local Government (Roads) forwarded Sealed Order (Uimh. IR/107/1932) under date 26th April, 1932, closing the following roads for the periods specified in each case:-

1. New Ross-Wexford Road between Butlerstown Cross and Piggott's turn from 1st May, 1932, to the 30th June, 1932 (inclusive).
2. New Ross-Wexford Main Road between Ballynabola and Raheenvarren Cross Roads from 21st May, 1932, to 21st October, 1932 (inclusive)
3. Bunclody - Enniscorthy Main Road between Coolattin Bridge and Tombrick Bridge from 1st May, 1932, to 30th September, 1932 (inclusive).

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MAIN ROAD UPKEEP GRANT

The Department of Local Government wrote (RGM/201/32) under date 2nd May, 1932, stating that a provisional allocation had been made for a grant on the basis of 40 per cent of the cost of the upkeep of Main roads for current financial year the amount of grant being £11,678 and which would be regarded as the maximum contribution under this head of service. No payment would be made except by way of recoupment of sums actually expended out of revenue. Expenditure of borrowed moneys, or/repayment of loans, establishment and other similar charges would not be recouped.

Payment might be withheld by the Minister if in his opinion in-adequate return is being obtained for the expenditure on the roads of the County or if the general administration of the road work was unsatisfactory.

The allocation was conditional on compliance with the following conditions:-

- (a) The sum actually expended on the repair of the roads of the county must conform generally with the Road Works Scheme.
- (b) The surface dressing included in the Road Works Scheme must be carried out expeditiously and efficiently.
- (c) The surface dressing materials for all roads must be purchased only from the official contractors for those materials.

IMPROVEMENT ROAD GRANT

Under date 29th April, 1932, the Department of Local Government (Roads) wrote (S.G.H. 32) that payment of £3,217 was being made in respect of Road Improvement Grant, this being the final payment.

COURTOWN HARBOUR

The following under date 25th April, 1932, was read from the Department of Lands & Fisheries, 3 Kildare Place, Dublin:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Lands & Fisheries to inform you that he has received representations through Deputies Corish and Allen regarding the urgent need for dredging the

entrance to the harbour of Courtown. He is having a survey made by the Commissioners of Public Works, who have been asked to furnish him with a report and estimate of the cost of removing the sand which has accumulated in the entrance. A copy of the report and estimate will be furnished to the Council when received, but in the meantime as the work is very urgent, the Minister would wish to know if the Council is prepared to contribute half the cost of the necessary dredging up to a limit of £100 in the event of a State Grant for the remainder being forthcoming."

The following under date 26th April, 1932, was read from Co. Surveyor and copy of which had been forwarded Department of Lands & Fisheries:-

"I am in receipt of copy of letter from the Department of Lands & Fisheries, dated 25th instant, which you sent me. In connection with this work I beg to point out that the Co. Council has already allocated a sum of £600 for dredging work at the Harbour. This is conditional on the Department making a Grant of a similar amount. The proposal now to clear the entrance, as stated in the Department's letter, I think should be delayed until work at the gates is completed. Otherwise, the dredger would not be able to get into the inner basin, and would only do the small job at the entrance which I do not consider would run to the expenditure of £200 as contemplated. I have a survey of the basin and sounding taken there, and propose, submitting these to the Minister if he receives the Co. Council deputation as proposed. If the Commissioners of Works send an Engineer to make survey I shall be glad to meet him and go into the matter in detail at the place."

The following which was signed by 53 fishermen was read:

"At a meeting of the fishermen of Courtown Harbour held on Sunday 8th May, it was decided to request the Co. Council to press forward the work on the sluice gates at Courtown and to request the Contractor, Mr. Lee of Arklow, to rush the work and

to get the gates in working order as soon as possible so that the fishermen may get a chance to earn a living.

"We beg to draw your attention to the following facts:-

The winter herring fishing has been a failure due to the fact that the Courtown boats, even when the weather was favourable, could not get to sea.

The flat fishing season usually starts in February. It is now the middle of May and although there are ten trawling boats in Courtown at present, with a crew of five in each boat and with 200 dependents, not one of these boats has yet gone to sea, due to the state of the bar and the inner basin.

"We believe that if the work of the gates was rushed that immediate employment would be given to the fishermen of Courtown whose living depends solely on the sea.

Last year up to this time, £400 worth of flat fish had been disposed of. This year not one penny worth has been disposed of."

Mr.W.H. Kearon, Wave Crest, Arklow, who had been in negotiation with the Co. Surveyor, as to taking away gravel from the foreshore was in attendance.

Mr. Kearon said he had a contract for 12 months for the supply of beach gravel to Liverpool. Lord Fitzwilliam had promised to ship slate flour from ^{Courtown} ~~there~~ and he would also import some tar macadam for mixing with slate dust. There was a further possibility of shipping bricks from Courtown as this trade owing to existing cross channel freights would not be developed. He (Mr. Kearon) took it for granted that a certain number of coal cargoes would be landed and which would have the effect of cheapening coal. In his opinion if the improvement of the harbour at Courtown could be effected there was no reason why it should not be like Arklow self-supporting.

The Co. Surveyor said that the dredger of the Commissioners of Public Works could not dredge the channel at Courtown as owing to the position of the dredging pipe she would be unable

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to cut her way in. They would require a dredger with the pipe right at the bow. The Contractor for the erection of the gates had a big pump on the ground for drying out the lock chamber and he (Co. Surveyor) was anxious to try it at the entrance channel. He had had a letter from Mr. C.S. McNeill, Engineer to the Office of Public Works, recommending this and expressing a wish to be present when the trial took place. He (Co. Surveyor) would arrange a definite date for this experiment and would notify Mr. McNeill. If the pump was able to dredge the channel the suction dredger of the Commissioners of Public Works would then be in a position to dredge the inner basin.

Col. Gibbon suggested they should adjourn further consideration of the matter until the Co. Surveyor and Mr. McNeill were in a position to carry out the experiment with the pump.

The Co. Surveyor in reply to Mr. Keegan said that one of the dams was in position and the other was ready to go in. He had notified the Contractor for erection of the gates last October that the work should be finished. As it was then considered too late to put up the dam the work was postponed till Spring. He (Co. Surveyor) wrote the Contractor in January, February and March to finish the work. The Contractor had been seriously ill during March. The gates had been finished and erected but the cill was not dry.

After further discussion the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Keegan seconded by Mr. Brennan:-

"That the members of the Co. Council representing Gorey Electoral Area acting as a Committee visit Courtown Harbour on 10th May, 1932, and consider all matters relating to this Harbour including the dredging of the channel and inner basin and the proposal to allow Mr. Kearom, Arklow, to take gravel from selected portions of the beach. That they report to the meeting of Co. Council on 30th May, 1932.

"That the Co. Surveyor and Mr. Kearon be requested to accompany the Committee.

HOUSE AT TOMGARROW CROSS ROADS

The following report under date 6th May, 1932, was submitted by the Co. Surveyor:-

"The Committee appointed by the County Council to deal with this matter met on the 27th ultimo, and there were present: Colonel Quin, Messrs Hall, Jordan and Keating.

The Committee having considered the circumstances of the case, and believing that there was doubt as to the owner being fully aware that the house must be thirty feet from the centre of the road, decided to recommend the County Council to take no action. Col. Quin dissented from this opinion."

Mr. D'Arcy proposed and Mr. Smyth seconded the following resolution:-, "That the report of Committee in connection with erection of house at Tomgarrow Cross by Mrs. Swaine, Ballycarney, be received and adopted." Passed.

Messrs Colfer and Corish dissented.

Col. Quin was not present when the matter was under consideration.

POISONS AND PHARMACY ACT LICENCES

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Gaul:- "That licence under Poisons and Pharmacy Act 1908 be issued to Mr. Walter Boggan, Merchant, Kilmuckridge."

"That renewal of licence under said Act be granted to Mr. N. Tackaberry, Merchant, Bunclody."

RAILWAYS (VALUATION FOR RATING) ACT 1931

The following under date 16th April, 1932, from Mr. John Elgee, Solicitor, was referred by the Finance Committee to the general meeting of the Council:-

"As directed I have now looked into the Provisions of the above Act.

"Since the passing of the Act the Valuation of the Railways has been placed upon an entirely new basis.

"In the first place the Commissioner of Valuation at the Quinquennial Revision ascertains the average net receipts of such Company as a whole over a period of five years, estimated as provided by the Act.

"The Commissioner will also at the Quinquennial Revision make a Valuation of the Railway property based on the assumption that the property had not been adapted for Railway purposes - such Valuation will be a "Minimum Valuation".

"When at a Quinquennial Revision the net Annual value is Nought, or is equal to or less than "the Minimum Value" - then the Minimum Valuation shall be the Valuation of such Railway hereditaments for the purposes of such Revision.

"When the net annual value exceeds the minimum value, then such net annual value shall be the valuation of the Railway for the purposes of such Revision."

No order.

MOTEYBOWER LANE

The following report from Mr. T. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, for the district, was submitted by the County Surveyor:-

"I made an inspection of Moteybower Lane on 3rd instant, when I found that work required to be done before County Council took over repair has now been carried out, and Council may now approve of work under proposal being put in hands.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. D'Arcy:- "That the Co. Surveyor in view of report from District Surveyor, be instructed to proceed with repair of Moteybower Lane as already agreed to by the Council."

RELIEF GRANT WORK

In connection with the work of cutting corners under Relief Grant the following report as to corner at Loggan on

Road No. 111 was read from Mr. T. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor for the district:-

"I have gone through list of men registered as unemployed with Manager, Labour Exchange, Gorey, in Loggan Area, and found only one man who is unmarried. In view of this I think it would be well to get consent of Department to allow road widening and removal of bad turn at Ballingarry on road No. 120 which is a more important road, and in an Area where there are many men out of work."

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

"That the proposed work of easement at Loggan Corner (Road 111) be dropped and the work of removal of bad turn and widening road at Ballingarry on Road 120 be substituted therefor."

"That the Department of Local Government be requested to sanction this proposal."

Michael Doyle

WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

MEETING 30TH MAY 1932

M I N U T E S

COUNTY HALL,
WEXFORD.

N. J. FRIZELLE,
SECRETARY.

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A meeting of Wexford County Council was held in Co. Council Chamber, Co. Hall, Wexford, on 30th May, 1932.

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

The Secretary, Co. Surveyor, Co. Solicitor and the following Assistant Surveyors were in attendance:- Messrs T. Treanor, J. Kehoe, T. Cullen, J.F. Birthistle, and P. O'Neill.

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

During the reading of the Minutes Mr. Doyle (Chairman) attended and presided for the remainder of the business.
The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £14,221: 16: 7d. was examined and signed.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS VOTES OF CONDOLENCE

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That letter of acknowledgment from Surgeon P.E. Hayden, 20 Fitzwilliam Sq., Dublin, of vote of condolence in the death of his brother, Rev.M.C. Hayden, as follows be recorded on this day's minutes."

"Please convey to Mr. Smyth, Mr. D'Arcy and the members of the County Council my very best thanks for their resolution of sympathy."

"I wish you also to accept my expression of gratitude for your kindness and sympathy,"

Acknowledgments of votes of condolence in the death of his infant son was received from Mr. M.M. Roche, County Councillor, and from Mrs. W.A. and Mrs. John Redmond and

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family in the death of Capt. W.A. Redmond T.D.

STRIKING OF RATES FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 1932-33

This was the special business of the meeting.

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

"That as set out on Forms 42 and 43 and as appearing on Minutes of meeting of Wexford County Council held on 29th March, 1932, and also as advertised in "The People", "Free Press" and "Echo" newspapers of 7th May, 1932, we hereby strike the Rate for General and Separate Charges for financial year 1931-32 the general Rate being fixed at 8/8 $\frac{1}{2}$ d in the £.

"The sum payable by the occupiers of Agricultural Land will be reduced owing to additional Agricultural Grant 1932 by a further 5/2 $\frac{3}{4}$ d in the £.

, "That the amount of Rates for Separate Charges be as set out on Form 43 which accompanied Agenda for meeting held on 29th March, 1932, and as set out on Minutes of meeting of 14th March, 1932."

"We allow and make the same as assessed in the 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 subject to allowances granted under Housing Acts, Local Government Act 1925 (Rating of New Buildings Order) 1925 and Local Government Act 1927."

"That the allowance of said Rates as entered at 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 countersigned by the secretary.

"That we hereby strike the Drainage Rate for Kilmannock Drainage District 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 Wexford County Council of the 29th March, 1932, at an

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additional sum of £40 be raised for works of maintenance on the various proprietors in the proportion of the sums payable under the Charging Order.

"That Warrants for collection of all Rates included in this resolution be sealed and signed.

"That the demands 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	£2,881: 14: 4d.
New Ross	£2,726: 0: 0d.
Wexford	£6,132: 18: 0d."

NEXT MEETING OF COUNTY COUNCIL

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Col. Quin seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That owing to the Eucharistic Congress in Dublin the meeting of County Council fixed for 27th June, 1932, be cancelled."

CO. SURVEYOR'S REPORT

The following report was submitted by the Co. Surveyor:-

"The three improvement Grant works are now in progress. On the New Ross Road a considerable length of the concrete slab has already been laid, though there was some delay owing to extremely bad weather, recently, this work is now going on satisfactorily. Quarry work in connection with it is well advanced, and the broken stone and sand are going out on the road in a satisfactory manner; well in advance of the slab work. On the Bunclody road the preparation work is well advanced, and quarrying in progress, and when this is finished there will be no difficulty in running in the slab without delay. The preparation of material at St. Helen's Quarry for the Rosslare Road is well in progress, and the broken stone is now being brought to the road.

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"On the 23rd instant I visited Courtown Harbour and found that the high tide with freshet in the river had partially carried away dam being erected by the Contractor, and I now hear from my Assistant that the Contractor is restoring this. There is a communication from the Public Works with reference to the dredger visiting here which will be before you. I issued a new advertisement in connection with the discharging boat for Courtown Harbour, and have received one tender which I shall submit to the meeting. I shall also submit to the meeting tenders for supply of stove for the harbour-master's house.

"On the 17th instant the Committee appointed by the County Council met at Rosslare in connection with the extension built at Golf Hotel. There were present:-

Mr. Ml. Doyle, Chairman, Colonel Gibbon, as well as the Co. Surveyor and Assistant Surveyor. The two members of the Committee present will submit their report to the meeting.

"I submit copy letter received from Messrs M. O'Connor and Company, Contractors for the painting of New Ross Bridge. I understand from Mr. Elgee that the Bond has not yet been signed.

There is a communication from the Local Government Department with reference to the proposed library extension at the County Hall; plans and specifications are asked for. This matter will come up on the Minutes of the Finance Committee.

I reported to the Finance Committee that damage had been done to the windows in the Old Courthouse on the Quay, and was directed to submit particulars of the cost of sheeting up these, which I shall do at the meeting.

"I have received a communication from the Local Government Department requiring my attendance on Tuesday next at the Government Offices to discuss the Relief Schemes with the Minister. I have also now just received a communication from the County Surveyor's Association notifying me that it is proposed to have a meeting of the County

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Surveyors on Monday next to consider the whole matter of the allocation of these Relief Schemes previous to our interview with the Minister. As it is an important matter that a considered scheme should be submitted to the Minister I consider it well to attend the Surveyor's meeting as well, and shall not, therefore, be in attendance at your meeting. All the Assistant Surveyors will be present at the County Council meeting and will be able to deal with any matters which may arise.

"I have now received copy of communication from the Minister of Fisheries with reference to St. Helen's Harbour, and if the Council directs I shall take necessary steps to obtain the information required."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Hall seconded by Mr. O'Byrne :- "That the report of Co. Surveyor be received and considered."

Courtown Harbour: In reply to query Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, said that Mr. Lee, Contractor, had put in one of the dams on the 28th May and expected to be in a position to pump on 31st inst.

Mr. Keegan said at the last meeting of the Council it had been stated that the work would be finished in a fortnight. He was at Courtown on the 30th and the work was not now as forward as it was a fortnight ago.

The County Surveyor said that the Contract was to have been finished some time last autumn.

Mr. Keegan contended it was neglect of duty to allow this Contract to have run on so long without any action having been taken to proceed against the Contractor to compel him to finish. Owing to the delay in finishing the work at the gates the fishing had been held up and there were now 40 families representing 160 people at Courtown ready to go to the County Home. He asked that the terms and conditions of the Contract should be produced.

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The County Surveyor said these were in the custody of the County Solicitor. The weather was so bad last autumn that he (Co. Surveyor) thought it better to have the work postponed until the Spring, when it could have been done, but the Contractor had been seriously ill for a couple of months.

Mr. Corish said the matter should be brought to a head without delay. The deputation that went to the Ministry looked foolish when they were told that owing to the dam not being finished by the County Council the place was not ready for the dredger. The weather from January to May had been magnificent and there was no reason why the work was not finished in that time.

The following under date 20th May, 1932 (9330/32) was read from the Office of Public Works:-

"We are in receipt of your telegram asking for the immediate despatch of our Dredger "Fag-an-Bealach" to Courtown Harbour. Prior to the receipt of this telegram representations had been made to us by the Department of Fisheries regarding the urgent need for dredging the entrance channel at Courtown Harbour and we arranged with the Secretary to the Department of Fisheries to experiment with the pumping plant which is at present at the harbour with a view to seeing whether the dredging of the channel could be carried out satisfactorily with it. It is extremely doubtful if the Dredger "Fag-an-Bealach" is suitable for the proper dredging of the entrance channel.

"If, on trial, the pumping plant proves to be satisfactory, we shall arrange for the completion of the clearing of the entrance channel by this means."

Col. Quin said he had been told that a large portion of the difficulty as regards the gates arose through bad work which had been done three or four years ago.

The County Surveyor said that the present work had nothing to do with any work which had been carried out at the harbour for the past 60 years. The gates could not be properly fixed until the gate chamber had been dried out.

Mr. D'Arcy said a time limit to finish the work should be given the Contractor and if the work was not done in that time he should clear out and make way for some one who would finish the work at his expense.

The Chairman said that steps should be taken to have the work finished immediately.

Mr. Keegan said that the channel would not have been blocked up if the gates had been up. If it was going to cost £200 now to clear the channel the Contractor should be held responsible and the £200 should be applied to dredging the inner basin.

The County Surveyor said they could put the matter in the hands of the County Solicitor. The main thing the Contractor had to do was to lay bare the gate chamber.

Mr. Keegan suggested that portion of the overflow should be taken down to allow the boats to go to sea.

Mr. Treanor in reply to the Chairman said that in his opinion the Contractor was really making an honest effort to carry out the work.

Mr. Elgee suggested that the Council should adopt a resolution calling on the Contractor to complete the work within a fortnight or proceedings would be taken against him.

The following resolution was proposed by Mr. D'Arcy seconded by Mr. Brennan:- "That Contractor for erection of sluice gates at Courtown Harbour be called upon to complete the work within a fortnight from this date and in the event of his failure that Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor, take proceedings against him."

Mr. Hall, as an amendment, proposed:- "That the County Council take proceedings at once against the Contractor for erection of sluice gates at Courtown to compel him to fulfil his obligations under the Contract."

Mr. O'Byrne said that with regard to the suggestion made at last meeting that the work should be finished within

a fortnight a storm occurred in the meantime and swept away the dam.

After further discussion Mr. Hall withdrew his amendment and the resolution of Mr. D'Arcy was put and unanimously adopted.

Mr. Keegan considered that the cost of carrying out the trial of the pump should not be debited to the work.

The Chairman considered that if the experiment was a success they should pay for it as it would have scoured out the channel.

The County Surveyor said that the biggest job was the shifting of the pump. Working it for three hours would tell if it would be successful.

Mr. Corish pointed out that as the dredger was in Wexford at the moment and was, after completing her work there, due to proceed to Buncrana, they should see that the experiment at Courtown was carried out before the dredger left Wexford.

The following order was then made:- "That if Contractor for erection of sluice gates at Courtown has not placed pump in position to dry out cill chamber, we direct the County Surveyor to arrange for the experiment of clearing out the channel by means of this pump. If the latter has been erected and is in position to work at the sluice gates we cannot ask the Contractor to proceed with the experiment of pumping the sand out of the channel entrance."

Proposed removal of gravel from Courtown foreshore: The following under date 24th May, 1932, from Mr. W.H. Kearon, Wave Crest, Arklow, to the Co. Surveyor was read:-

"The Board of Works sand sucker called into Arklow last night on her way to Wexford. She is going to work there for a couple of weeks. I saw the Captain last night, and he is willing to go over to Courtown any Saturday evening or Sunday, to inspect the place. I would advise you to see him and

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decide when you would go over.

Will you please put my offer before the Council to see if they will give me permission to ship gravel when the harbour is open for trade. I would be willing to stop shipping if they see it would cause any damage."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Keegan:- "That Mr. W.H. Kearon, Wave Crest, Arklow, be allowed to remove gravel from the fore-shore at Courtown Harbour in accordance with his letter of 24th May, 1932, and his proposals on this matter to the County Surveyor."

"That the resolution with copy of any further correspondence from Mr. Kearon and Co. Surveyor be furnished to Department of Industry & Commerce (Transport & Marine Branch) for their information."

Discharging Boat for Courtown Harbour: The County Surveyor said he had received two tenders for construction of boat - one was very complete but very dear: the other was not so complete but considerably cheaper. The latter which gave very little information had been received the morning of the meeting. He suggested writing to the tenderer for fuller details. Certainly the boat would not be as heavy or staunch a boat as according to the first tender.

It was decided on the motion of Mr. Hall seconded by Mr. O'Byrne that further consideration of the matter be adjourned till next meeting and in the meantime Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, obtain from the person offering the cheaper tender all the details considered by the County Surveyor to be essential."

Golf Hotel - Extension of Premises: The Chairman said that Col. Gibbon and himself had inspected these premises as a Committee. They appeared to them to be fitted up as a Bar purely and simply. Mr. Sinnott held that he could not have such a thing in his premises and that it was only for other

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classes of refreshment. The Committee came to the conclusion that it was no situation for a Bar - right on the edge of the road. A person under the influence might walk into the place and when coming out be killed by a motor. In fact it could become a deathtrap. Mr. Sinnott had assured the Committee that he was not going to use the place as a Bar or to have any alcoholic drink sold there. It was to be used for the sale of farm produce, butter, eggs, etc., and had removed from his mind any idea of selling intoxicating drink there. In these circumstances, provided an undertaking to this effect was given by Mr. Sinnott, he (Chairman) and Col. Gibbon agreed that they would recommend the Co. Council to take no action, as regards the removal of the structure. There should also be a provision in the Undertaking that if the place was ever used as a Bar the Council would take steps to have it removed. Mr. Sinnott had given concessions to the Council by putting back his boundary fence five or six feet which added considerably to the appearance and width of the road. He (Chairman) considered on that account the Council might make some concession to Mr. Sinnott. They were satisfied that the house was not an obstruction.

Col. Gibbon said the agreement provided that the place should never be used as a Bar and also that no intoxicating drink should be sold there or kept on the premises. Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor, could prepare an agreement on these lines. If, at any time, this agreement should be broken, the Co. Council could take action and have the house removed.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Hall seconded the proposal of the Chairman viz.:- "That the County Council take no action as regards removal of structure recently erected at Golf Hotel, Rosslare."

The following under date 11th May, 1932, was read from Mr. James J. O'Connor, Solicitor, Wexford:-

"Mrs. Bridget Turner, Rosslare Strand, has instructed me to write you and say that she objects to the building which has been erected by Mr. James Sinnott, Golf Hotel, Rosslare

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Strand. My client also objects to the opening of a Bar Door in line with her premises, and she will be glad therefore if the County Council will take whatever steps are necessary in connection with this matter and have the building taken down."

Mr. O'Connor appeared on behalf of his client.

Mr. Kavanagh, Solicitor, of Messrs M.J.O'Connor & Co., Wexford, appeared for Mr. James Sinnott, Golf Hotel, who was also present.

Mr. Kavanagh held that the question of the distance of a building from the centre of the road did not apply to such places as Rosslare where it should be purely a question of obstruction. Eight or nine buildings - from seven to fifteen feet of the road centre had been recently erected in Rosslare and no steps had been taken about it. The first objection by the Assistant Surveyor to Mr. Sinnott was ten days after work had been started and when £66 had been spent. Owing to improvements made by Mr. Sinnott the valuation of the Hotel premises had been raised from £39 to £65.

Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor, said that Mr. Kavanagh had mentioned that the work was started on the 7th March. He (Mr. Birthistle) met Mr. Sinnott on the following day and informed him that objection would be taken to the erection of the building.

Mr. Walsh said as the Council had not taken action in other cases he did not see why they should interfere in the present instance.

Mr. O'Connor, Solicitor, said that Mrs. Turner objected on legal grounds as the place was erected within 30 feet of the centre of the road and Mr. Sinnott was having a Bar and a Bar door to the place thereby reducing the value of Mrs. Turner's premises. If the County Council agreed to allow Mr. Sinnott's place to remain Mrs. Turner did not see why she could not have a lock-up shop on the same line of build-

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ing as Mr. Sinnott. If the County Council were to carry out their duties they should not permit this building of Mr. Sinnott's to remain. He (Mr. O'Connor) considered it was mandatory on the Council to take action against Mr. Sinnott.

Mr. Sinnott said he was prepared to give an undertaking that no drink would be ever supplied at the place.

Col. Gibbon suggested that in future an assistant Surveyor, as soon as he saw a building being erected in the manner in question should serve a provisional notice on the person concerned and warn him to proceed no further with the building. Afterwards the matter should be referred to the County Surveyor and Legal Adviser, and if, in the opinion of the latter, the erection of the building came under the Act, he should through the Co. Surveyor, give a formal legal notice to the person that he was not to go on with the building, and that he would be under penalty if he did. A report should then be made to the Council. On two or three occasions there had been a dispute as to the date a verbal notice was given that building was to stop. He desired to know, if under the Act, the Council were compelled to take action, or if anyone else could.

Mr. Elgee said the Guards had power and any common informer, as described in the Act, had power. The Guards could take the proceedings.

Col. Quin said it was absolutely necessary that streets should be kept as wide as possible and in no circumstances should the Council agree that the width should be encroached even to the extent of an inch. They should consider the law which appeared up to the present to be more honoured in the breach than in the observance. An undertaking not to carry on a bar had nothing to do with the business they were discussing: they could not have an undertaking about an illegal thing. He could not see why it should be incumbent on the Assistant Surveyors to go round the country to stop illegality. Everybody interested knew the law and knew that actions such as that

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under discussion could not be done. They might say they did not know but that was only an excuse. The real thing was that some people said "other people had been allowed to do it and why shouldn't we ! " Rosslare was one of the very special places in which not one inch should be allowed to be taken off the streets.

Chairman - In this case nothing has been taken off the street, but there has been an addition of five feet to it.

Col. Quin - But if you want to open the street later you can't do it.

Mr. Hayes said that when Mr. Sinnott erected the building in ignorance of the law it would be a hardship to make him take it down.

A poll on the Committee's recommendations that the Council should not take action resulted as follows:-

For the adoption of the resolution: Messrs Armstrong, Brennan, Colfer, Cummins, Gaul, Gibbon, Hall, Hayes, Jordan, Keegan, Meyler, McCarthy, Murphy, O'Byrne, O'Ryam, Shannon, Smyth, Walsh and the Chairman - 19.

Against: Messrs Cooney, Culleton and Quin - 3.

Declined voting:- Messrs Clince, Corish and D'Arcy.(3).

The Chairman declared the resolution carried.

Mr. Cooney said they should have the matter either one way or the other. He proposed that no further notice be taken of reports with regard to the erection of houses.

Mr. Clince seconded.

Col. Gibbon said that what the Council were interested in was the maintenance and safety of the roads. If someone were going to put up a house on a corner he held they should stop it at once. They should take action unhesitatingly in any case where a roadway was being obstructed, interfered with or rendered dangerous.

Mr. Cooney said he wanted to show up the farce of the whole thing, and would drop his proposition. The whole thing was a farce.

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Painting New Ross Bridge: The following under date 11th May, 1932, was submitted by the County Surveyor from the Contractors for the painting of New Ross Bridge:-

"In reply to your letter re Contract for New Ross Bridge Mr. Murphy has gone over to London to see a sprayer demonstrating with a view to purchase, and will be back end of this week. We are hoping for a more settled outlook for weather and will let you know when the men are going on to Ross. The bond only came yesterday to be signed and the date of completion is June 30th. We would be obliged if that could be extended to 30th July."

In reply to Mr. Cooney the Co. Surveyor said the Contractor had two months in which to carry out the work.

Mr. Cooney - The Contract was accepted six or seven weeks ago and nothing has been done yet.

Co. Surveyor - The job was not to commence until the 1st May.

Mr. Walsh - What was to prevent the scaling of the old paint being done. The bond was to have been signed weeks ago. If we had known of this delay we could have got another Contractor.

Mr. Cooney considered if the bond was not signed forthwith the Council should cancel the Contract and proceed to carry out the work by direct labour.

Col. Quin proposed:- "That the time for completion of the painting of New Ross Bridge be extended to 30th July, 1932."

Mr. Walsh proposed as an amendment:- "That^{if}/the work of scaling New Ross Bridge in preparation for painting be not begun within seven days ~~the~~ Contract entered into by this Co. Council with Messrs M. O'Connor & Co. Wexford, be cancelled and advertisements be issued for New Contractors."

Mr. Brennan seconded.

Mr. Cooney and Mr. Corish raised objection to~~the~~ employment of a paint sprayer on the grounds that this method of carrying

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out the work had not been specified when tenders were invited, and that if the Council had known that it was to be used when tenders were under consideration it would not have been accepted as it would have cut down employment.

Col. Quin and the Co. Surveyor considered that with the use of a proper sprayer better work could be effected than by using hand brushes.

Mr. Cooney disputed this and held that any one of experience knew that hand work was preferable.

After considerable discussion it was decided that Mr. Elgee Co. Solicitor, should look into the terms of the specification as regards the use of a paint sprayer and report to the Council, **and Mr. Walsh's resolution was adopted.**
Development of Right Wing of Co. Hall: Under date 13th May, 1932, the Department of Local Government wrote (G.34441/32 - Loch Garman Pa.) asking to be furnished with copy of specification of works to be undertaken and a detailed estimate of their cost in connection with the development of the right wing of the Co. Hall to provide accommodation for Co. Library etc.

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

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

"The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Shannon seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That we recommend the Council to procure the services of a draughtsman in order to prepare specification etc of improvements of right wing of Co. Hall at an inclusive fee of ten guineas."

Old Courthouse, Wexford: It was decided that the question of protecting old Courthouse, Wexford, should be adjourned to next meeting.

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ST. HELEN'S HARBOUR

The following under date 27th May, 1932, (D/14/5) was read from the Department of Lands & Fisheries:-

"With reference to this Department's letter of 18adh Meitheam last, and previous correspondence on the subject of repairs to harbour works at St. Helen's, I am directed by the Minister for Lands & Fisheries to state that the Commissioners of Public Works are of opinion that it would not be advisable to expend any money on the deepening of the inner harbour or dock unless the breakwater outside the entrance were rebuilt.

No reliable estimate of the cost of rebuilding this breakwater can be formed until it is definitely ascertained at what depth a solid foundation can be obtained: and I am to request the Council to have the necessary survey made, and the information required supplied to the Commissioners of Public Works."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Col. Quin seconded by Mr. Walsh:- "That the Co. Surveyor be directed to prepare for the information of the Commissioners of Public Works the survey of St. Helen's Harbour asked for in letter of Department of Lands & Fisheries under date 27th May, 1932 (D/14/5)!"

Mr. D'Arcy proposed and Mr. Brennan seconded the following resolution:- "That the Co. Surveyor's report submitted to this meeting be and is hereby adopted except in so far as same has been altered by any resolution or order adopted at this meeting."

CARRIGBYRNE QUARRY

Miss O'Ryan referred to a resolution that single men with dependents were to be given employment in Carrigbyrne Quarry and said nothing had been done to put its terms into effect. The men concerned approached Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor, who told them that there had been nothing about giving them employment.

Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Co. Surveyor, stated he had not heard anything about the resolution.

Miss O'Ryan commented that this was going on constantly in regard to resolutions passed by the Council. The men concerned were genuine cases of people with dependents and when it was believed that they would not be eligible for employment on State works it was decided that they be given work in the quarry. When they spoke to Mr. O'Neill he told them it was idle talk.

Mr. O'Neill stated the Co. Surveyor was speaking to him about the resolution.

Mr. Cooney - How could it be idle talk then ? There are three or four men down in the hall here today who cannot get any work. They are after telling me that men have been brought to work in the quarry from Ballyhogue.

Miss O'Ryan - And from Oylegate.

Mr. Cooney - I cannot understand why the Labour members are so quiet on this matter.

The Secretary stated as it was held by some members that the regulation made by the State as to the employment of married men with dependents applied to Relief work only and not to improvement works or works of maintenance. He wrote to the Manager New Ross Branch Employment Office who replied:-

"The interpretation at this office is that where a work is being carried out by the Local authorities or their Contractors when the cost is borne either wholly or partly by Government funds preference must be given to married men with dependents."

Miss O'Ryan stated that the Co. Surveyor agreed that if single men with dependents could not be employed under the grant they would be put to work in the quarry. Those men could not get any other class of work as they had been always road men.

Mr. Cooney - The irony of it is that there are single men brought to work in the quarry from places miles away.

Mr. Corish stated he knew the three particular men re-

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ferred to. They were with him repeatedly since January last. Promises were made to them that they were to be given employment. These men were absolutely dependent on road work for a living and had been engaged on it every season for a considerable time. They alleged that other single men were employed in preference to them. He saw Mr. Lemass, the Minister for Industry & Commerce, who informed him that the manager of the employment bureau was putting too strict an interpretation on the matter.

The Co. Surveyor stated that the men whom he employed were put on special jobs because of their fitness and of the nature of the work.

Mr. Cooney suggested that the men on whose behalf he was speaking be allowed to come before the Council.

The Co. Surveyor stated there was one unmarried man who was about to be discharged by the Assistant Surveyor, but he (Co. Surveyor) declined to have that done because he was one of the best spreading men they had. They were only bound to employ men if suitable.

Mr. Cooney stated that in the work of reconstructing the surface of the quay at New Ross the men employed were all local men and that none were brought from outside places.

Chairman - I know single men in my district looking for work too and they cannot get it.

Mr. Corish said he had been promised by the Minister for Industry & Commerce a copy of the regulations and when these were at hand the matter could be raised again.

It was decided that further consideration of the matter be adjourned until Mr. Corish had received the regulations of the Government directing the employment only of married men with dependents on County Works which were subsidised by the State.

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ROAD BALLYCARNEY TO CLOHAMON
(Nos. 47 and 284.)

The following report from Mr. R. J. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, was submitted by the Co. Surveyor:-

"The road from Ballycarney to Clohamon (Nos. 47 and 284), to which the main road traffic is now diverted will naturally require a considerable amount of extra expenditure if it is to be kept in reasonable order. I would suggest that a sum of £60 be granted to cover this.

"I have some money on hands, and am doing some work on these roads at present. At the same time, it is necessary that I should know about this extra money now, so as to be able to make plans ahead."

Proposed by Mr. D'Arcy, seconded by Mr. Hall and adopted:-

"That in consequence of increased traffic on Roads 47 and 284 owing to diversion caused by work of improvement on Main Road from Enniscorthy to Bunclody a sum of £60 be taken from appropriate Contingency Fund to keep these roads in proper condition."

CUSH GAP BLACKWATER

Mr. Corish asked if anything had been done to repair the road at Cush Gap.

The County Surveyor said the whole cliff had been cut away and it would be necessary to do something.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish seconded by Mr. Colfer:- "That a sum of £20 be withdrawn from the appropriate Contingency Fund for repair of road at Cush Gap, Blackwater."

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

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SAND FOR CONCRETE WORK ON ROADS

In reply to Mr. Murphy the Co. Surveyor said he had not submitted the sand at Ballynabola to test though a resolution to that effect had been adopted at last meeting of the Council. He examined the sand very carefully and found it a very middling sort of sand and not worth the spending of the money for the test. There was not very much of it in the locality: it was only here and there over a big area and before it could be obtained it would be necessary to make a road into a bog.

Mr. Murphy said the Council could see the Co. Surveyor had not submitted this sand to test though he was instructed to do so. The Co. Surveyor had also stated at last meeting he would not use Ballykerogue sand at Ballygarvan Bridge repair but the Co. Surveyor had never used this sand as it had never been offered to him by the owners.

The Co. Surveyor said he had been informed that sand which was at Ballygarvan Bridge was from Ballykerogue and this was the sand which he had declined to use.

Mr. Murphy said the Co. Surveyor could not have been referring to Ballykerogue sand and asked that the statement made by the Co. Surveyor that he would not use this particular sand at Ballygarvan Bridge should be withdrawn.

The Co. Surveyor said in his previous statement he had been referring to sand which he had been informed was Ballykerogue sand. He had had the latter tested since and it was not half as good as Slaney gravel.

Mr. Cooney - Yet it was good enough for the concreting of the quays of New Ross which is a good job.

AMALGAMATION OF RATE COLLECTORS' DISTRICTS.

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

"That the resolution of the Council, adopted on 9th May,

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1932, for the re-arrangement and amalgamation of certain Collection Districts, be rescinded, and that the Council proceed to make arrangements for the appointment of a new Collector."

Mr. Keegan said that at the moment they should not do anything to try to lessen employment. Although it had been explained that the remuneration in the district concerned was under £100, and that it was not enough for a Collector, he held that it would relieve someone and some family.

Mr. D'Arcy seconded.

Mr. Cooney suggested that the former decision to amalgamate the district with others did not mean reducing employment. Everyone would like to give a decent living wage. They had Collectors in New Ross who were paying high rent and taxes, and surely Mr. Keegan would not say that the amount in question was a decent wage for anyone, especially for a man living in a town. They all knew that the New Ross Collectors were the best in the county, and he believed the district in question was hopelessly in arrears. He did not see why what was done in New Ross district could not be done in every other district. It was only fair to men who were doing their duty to give them some encouragement and allow them a decent wage.

Col. Quin entirely agreed with the resolution of the Council rearranging the districts, because it led to efficiency. They had a lot of defalcations and wrong with Rate Collectors in the past and if they got decent pay they were much less likely to go wrong in future.

Mr. Cummins thought the Finance Committee would not recommend anything to the Council unless they found it to be absolutely necessary, and that it would benefit not only the Collectors, but the ratepayers.

A poll was then taken on the motion with the following result:-

For:- Messrs Armstrong, Clinee, Corish, D'Arcy, Gaul,

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Hall, Hayes, Keegan, O'Ryan and Smyth - 10.

Against: Messrs Brennan, Colfer, Cooney, Culleton, Cummins, Gibbon, Jordan, Meyler, McCarthy, Murphy, O'Byrne, Quin, Shannon, Walsh and the Chairman - 15.

The Chairman declared the motion lost.

COLLECTION DISTRICT NO. 12.

The following motion of which he had given previous notice was moved by Mr. Hall:-

"That the Council re-instate Mr. P. Donohoe, as Rate Collector for No. 12 District, and request the Local Government Department to sanction this proposal."

Mr. Hall in moving his motion said that Mr. Donohoe had been a Rate Collector for Enniscorthy Guardians before he came over to the Co. Council for whom he acted for a number of years. Mr. Donohoe on the abolition of his first office through amalgamation of unions could have claimed a couple of hundred pounds but he never looked for the money. During his term of office with the County Council he was never a penny short ~~was~~ He had been backward in closing his collection but this arose because the district was a backward one. They should not forget when other people refused to collect for the Council Donohoe performed his duties and helped the Council to carry on during a very trying time. The Finance Committee had asked Donohoe to lodge £150 each week - an impossible task - and when he did not carry this out he was suspended. The Local Government Department confirmed the suspension, and removed him from office under the Public Bodies Order. By notice of motion a resolution of his (Mr. Hall) for the re-instatement of Donohoe was carried by 18 to 3 at the County Council meeting but the Department then wrote that the Minister's decision removing Donohoe from office was final, and could not then be withdrawn. The size of the majority which voted for his re-instatement proved that the Council were not in favour of Donohoe's removal from office.

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Mr. Keegan seconded the resolution.

A poll was taken with the following result:-

For:- Messrs Brennan, Clince, Culleton, Cummins,
D'Arcy, Gaul, Hall, Keegan, Murphy, O'Ryan and Smyth - 11.

Against: Messrs Armstrong, Colfer, Cooney, Corish, Gibbon,
Hayes, Jordan, Maylor, McCarthy, O'Byrne, Quin, Shannon and
Walsh - 13.

Declined voting - The Chairman (1).

The Chairman declared the motion lost.

ELECTION OF RATE COLLECTOR FOR NO. 12 DISTRICT

The Secretary reported that the following was the result
of the examination for Rate Collector for No. 12 District and
which had been held on 25th May, 1932:-

Name.	Address.	Irish.	English.	Arith.	Total.
1. Crean Matthew.	Grange, Rathnure.	88.	89.	90.	267.
2. Kavanagh Edwd.	Boolabawn, Screen.	79.	88.	80.	247.
3. Doyle James.	Ballylucas, Ballymurn.	69.	70.	100.	239.
4. Murphy Matthew.	Crosshue, Blackwater.	74.	68.	55.	197.
5. Somers Stephen.	Ballydaw, Marshalstown.	55.	67.	66.	188.

(Stephen Somers passed Exam. held on May 20th, 1930.)

FAILED.	Irish.	English.	Arith.	Total.
2. Dempsey John, Killencooley, Kilmuckridge.	21.	36.	30.	87.
3. Leacy Owen, Killilla, Blackwater.	11.	38.	20.	69.
7. Hughes John, Clone, Monamolin.	20.	37.	95.	152.

The following was read from Patrick Donohoe, Ballinabarna,
Enniscorthy, under date 24th May, 1932:-

"In the event of my application for re-instatement as
Rate Collector for No. 12 District not being successful I beg
to make application for the position as advertised in local
Press."

The following is the result of the ~~first~~ Poll:-

For Crean: Messrs Armstrong, Brennan, Cooney and Shannon

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For Donohoe: Messrs Cummins, Hall, Jordan and Keegan - 4

For Kavanagh: Mr. D'Arcy and Miss O'Ryan - 2.

For Doyle: Messrs Clince and O'Byrne - 2.

For Murphy: Messrs Colfer, Corish, Culleton, Gaul, Gibbon, Hayes, Maylor, McCarthy, Murphy, Quin, Smyth, Walsh and the Chairman - 13.

For Somers: No vote.

As Murphy had a majority of those present he was declared elected by the Chairman.

The following resolution was then adopted on the motion of Mr. Gaul seconded by Mr. Colfer:- "That Matthew Murphy, Crosshue, Blackwater, be appointed, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government & Public Health, Rate Collector for No. 12 District, on the terms and conditions governing said appointment and which was supplied to said Matthew Murphy. Also to the terms and conditions of the advertisement for this position and which appeared in the three county papers."

APPOINTMENT OF SHORTHAND - TYPIST

The Secretary stated that the following applicants for the position of Shorthand-Typist in County Council Offices sat for examination on 27th May, 1932:-

1. Byrne Katty, Seaview House, Moneylands, Arklow (21) Pitman Shorthand.
2. Browne Agnes, Convent of Mercy, Wexford. (21) Pitman.
3. O'Connor Eveline A., 9 Cathedral Street, Enniscorthy (20) Gregg Shorthand.
4. O'Farrell Anna, M., Lower Church Street, Enniscorthy (20) Gregg.
5. Morris Vera, Hospital Road, Wexford. (20) Gregg.
6. Kavanagh Mollie, Kyle, Borris, Co. Carlow (18) 22nd June under age (Pitman).
7. Murphy Greta, Cornmarket, Wexford. (20) Pitman.
8. Doyle Julia, Ballyadams, Ballylinan, Athy. (19½) Gregg.
9. Browne Majella, 9 George's St., Wexford. (18) Pitman.
10. Kehoe Agnes, Old Ross, Ballynabola. (19) Pitman.
11. Gardiner May, Kilrane, Wexford. (20) Pitman.
12. Hore Margaret, Hill Street, Wexford. (18) 8th June.

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13. Forde Rita, Delta Cottage, Gorey (20) Pitman.
 14. Scanlon Kathleen, St. Kevin's House, 42 Parnell Sq. Dublin.
(20) Gregg.
 15. Roche Margaret A., 25 Upper John Street, Wexford. (18). Pitman.
 16. Killeen Dorothy B., 14 Lower John Street, Wexford (20)
Pitman.
 17. Walsh Peggy, Paradise Row, Wexford. (22) Pitman.
 18. Kelly Cathleen, Maudlintown, Wexford. (21) Pitman.
 19. Molloy George, Faythe, Wexford. (19) Pitman.
 20. Cleary Michael J., 33 High St. Wexford. (23) Pitman.
 21. O'Donohoe Angela, 2 King St., Wexford. Pitman. (20).
 22. Ryan Nora, Kilcommon Cross, Thurles. (23) Pitman.
 23. Nealon May, 1 Rowe Street, Wexford (23) Pitman.

The following is the result of the examinations, the numbers corresponding to those, given on list of applicants:-

No.	Shorthand.	Typing.	Irish.	Engl.	Arith.	FAIL.	PASS.	Total Marks.	Order of Merit.
1.	31	20	32	53	51	F.			
2.	39	30	55	57	65	F.			
3.	88	52	75	66	98		P.	379	2.
4.	60	25	81	75	78	F.			
5.	55	20	89	54	54	F.			
6.	38	14	56	28	61	F.			
7.	70.	53.	19.	34.	4.	F.			
8.	70	30	83	71	43	F.			
9.	33	22	55	68	20	F.			
10.	35	22	64	65	58	F.			
11.	23	9	84	69	80	F.			
12.	37	36	78	66	46	F.			
13.	41.	17	89	73	85	F.			
14.	82	60	57	69	53		P.	321	4.
15.	68	32	58	26	13	F.			
16.	90.	85.	54.	57.	98.		P.	384	1.
17.	51	35	66	52	68	F.			
18.	78	70	73	59	88		P.	368	3.
19.	37	None	52	40	14	F.			

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No.	Shorthand.	Typing.	Irish.	Engl.	Arith.	FAIL.	PASS.	Total Marks.	Order of Merit.
20.	39	25	38	44	77	F.			
21.	45	None	46	36	44	F.			
22.	19	18	62	46	68	F.			
23.	22	7	64	48	56	F.			

Pass Mark for Irish, English and Arithmetic 50 % in each case.

It appeared that 13 candidates failed in Shorthand; 18 in typing; 4 in Irish; 8 in English and 7 in Arithmetic..

The following were the successful candidates:-

Order Merit. No. on List.

No. 1.	No. 16.	Dorothy B. Killeen, 14 Lower John Street, Wexford. 384 marks.
No. 2.	No. 3.	Eveline A. O'Connor, 9 Cathedral Street, Enniscorthy. 379 marks.
No. 3.	No. 18.	Cathleen Kelly, Maudlintown, Wexford. 368 marks.
No. 4.	No. 14.	Kathleen Scanlon, St. Kevin's House, Parnell Sq. Dublin. 321 marks.

A vote was taken with the following results:-

For Miss Killeen:- Messrs Colfer, Cooney, Cummins, Gibbon, Hayes, Maylor, Murphy, O'Byrne, O'Ryan, Quin, Walsh and the Chairman - 12.

For Miss O'Connor: Messrs Armstrong, Brennan, Cline, Culleton, D'Arcy, Hall, Jordan, Keegan, McCarthy, Shannon and Smyth - 11.

For Miss Kelly: Messrs Corish and Gaul.- 2

For Miss Scanlon: Nil.

Misses Kelly and Scanlon having dropped out a poll was taken as between Miss Killeen and Miss O'Connor, with the following result:-

For Miss Killeen: Messrs Colfer, Cooney, Corish, Cummins, Gaul, Gibbon, Maylor, Murphy, O'Byrne, O'Ryan, Quin, Walsh and the Chairman - 13.

For Miss O'Connor: Messrs Armstrong, Brennan, Cline, Culleton, D'Arcy, Hall, Hayes, Jordan, Keegan, McCarthy, Shannon and Smyth - 12.

The Chairman declared Miss Killeen elected.

Mr. Cummins proposed and Mr. Gaul seconded the following-

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resolution:-

"That Dorothy B. Killeen, 14 Lower John Street, Wexford, be appointed subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government & Public Health, Shorthand-Typist in County Council Offices, on the terms and conditions set out in the advertisement dealing with the position and which appeared in the three county papers."

"That if Minister for Local Government consents the Secretary be empowered to employ Miss Killeen in a temporary capacity pending sanction."

The successful candidate furnished references from Board of Health in whose offices she had been employed temporarily, and from Skerry's College, Dublin, stating that she held Pitman's Shorthand Certificate for 140 words per minute, was a good and accurate typist and had a speed of 70 words per minute in this subject. She was painstaking and industrious at her work, studious and attentive in class, punctual and regular in attendance. Her conduct as a student from September 1929 to November 1930 was always satisfactory.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Col. Quin seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That we approve of the action of our Secretary in employing Miss Hilda Cardiff, Westlands, Wexford, at the rate £90 per annum, from 10th May, 1932, to 28th May, 1932 (inclusive) as Shorthand-Typist in County Council Offices."

VACANCY ON MENTAL HOSPITAL COMMITTEE.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Walsh:- "That Rev. Canon W. G. Squires, Monart, Enniscorthy, be appointed a member of County Mental Hospital Committee vice Rev. R. Talbot resigned."

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

The following applications for award of University Scholarships were considered:-

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Byrne, Joseph, "Bayview", St. John's Road, Wexford.
Cadogan, Ellen Jane, Newbawn, Wexford.
Cogley, Thomas, Bulgan, Glynn, Wexford.
Costello, John, South Street, New Ross.
Doyle, Patrick, Quay Road, Duncannon.
Forde, Thomas Joseph, Kilrane, Co. Wexford.
Hall, Thomas F., 10 Cornmarket, Wexford.
Hall, Thomas C., Old Church Road, Enniscorthy.
Kehoe, Ita Mary, Abbey View, Ferns.
Kenny, James, 14 George's Street, Gorey.
MacDonald, Rita, Kilmuckridge, Gorey.
Meade, Josephine, Parochial House, Rosbercon, New Ross.
Meyler, William, Blackhall, Glynn.
Mitten, Catherine Frances, Ardavan, Wexford.
Murphy, Winifred, Clonmore, Ballycanew, Gorey.
Murphy, John J., 4 Main Street, Enniscorthy.
Nix, Eamonn T., 48 South Street, New Ross.
O'Malley, Olga, Taghmon, Wexford.
O'Sullivan, Mary, 22, Ard na Greine, ^{New Ross.} ~~Wexford.~~ X
Redmond, Eileen Frances, Glenview, Enniscorthy.
Whitmore, George, Bishopswater, Wexford.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Hall:-, "That we consider the candidates for award of University Scholarships submitted to this meeting, are, with the exception of Miss Meade, Parochial House, Rosbercon, eligible to compete for University Scholarships. We believe that Miss Meade does not come within the provision of the Scheme, that University Scholarships are open for competition to the children of ratepayers who have resided in the County for a period of five years preceding the 1st January, 1932."

IRISH TOURIST ASSOCIATION - REPRESENTATIVE OF
COUNCIL.

Under date 13th May, 1932, letter was read from Irish
Tourist Association, asking the County Council to nominate

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a representative on the Board of Directors for the year ending 31st March, 1932.

The following resolution was proposed by Mr. Walsh and seconded by Mr. Hall and unanimously adopted:-

"That Mr. Richard Corish T.D., be re-appointed Representative of this Council on the Board of Directors of Irish Tourist Association for year 1932-1933."

RELIEF OF RATES ON AGRICULTURAL LAND

The following letter under date 21st May, 1932 (G.37,600/1932. Ilgh.) was read from Department of Local Government :-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government & Public Health to advert to the announcement made by the Minister for Finance in his recent Budget speech to the effect that it is intended to provide additional relief for agricultural ratepayers and to explain that it is not contemplated that there should be any alteration at the present juncture in the normal machinery for the ascertainment and assessment of the rates upon the individual ratepayers.

"In any County where the rate may not yet have been struck it should forthwith be made on the basis of ascertained requirements exclusive of the grant now in contemplation. In all cases the rate warrants and Demand Notes should be completed and served upon the ratepayers without delay and without advertence to this grant. In fact in the majority of counties it is too late for any alteration in the Demand Notes in view of the requirements as to discount in the Local Government (Rates on Small Dwellings) Act, 1928.

The allocation of the additional grant is at present engaging the attention of the Government with the object of limiting its application to the first £10 or lesser valuation in each case. I am, therefore, to request that you will be good enough to prepare and furnish to this Department with the least possible delay a list of the ratepayers occupying small farms not exceeding £10 in the valuation of the land. In compiling

this list care should be taken to exclude any farmer who may be in occupation of more than one holding where the combined valuations of the lands would exceed £10. A statement should also be furnished showing the total valuation of the remaining land in the county and the number of rated occupiers thereof including in this number those mentioned in the previous sentence. If there be any Urban Districts in the county entitled to a share in the original Agricultural Grant similar particulars should be obtained in relation to the agricultural lands in those Districts.

"When the allocation of the new Grant has been decided particulars of the method of allocation will be conveyed but it may be indicated that the present intention is that this should be done by way of a credit note system so as not to interfere with the rate demand notes already issued or on the point of issue."

Under date 24th May, 1932, the following letter (No.G.37,600/32. Ilgh.) was read from Local Government Department:-

"Further to my Circular of the 21st instant, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to explain that the intention of the Government is that the new Grant should be allocated between counties, including those Urban Districts (if any) already entitled to a share in the original Agricultural Grant on the basis of the total valuation of small farms in separate occupation valued at or under £10 together with £10 per larger agricultural land holding.

"For the purposes of apportionment therefore, it would suffice if, instead of submitting the detailed lists of holdings under £10 valuation (including of course the valuations) already asked for, a certified statement were prepared and furnished showing:-

(a) the total valuation of all small farms valued

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at or under £10 excluding cases where two or more farms are in the same occupation with total valuations exceeding £10; and

(b) the total number of other farms exceeding £10 in valuation reckoning as a unit each case of multiple holdings where the total land valuations exceed £10.

It will however be desirable for Rating Authorities, to whom the Grant will be paid, to make such arrangements at this stage as will enable them in due course to issue readily to the individual ratepayers concerned the appropriate credit.

The plots of land attached to labourers cottages should be included under heading (a) if the entire land held is eligible under the valuation limit even though the Grant will be payable by way of credit to the Board of Health. It is not however intended that share in the Grant should be afforded to the occupiers of land such as small gardens attached and clearly ancillary to dwelling houses. It will be left to Rating Authorities to exclude such cases at their discretion."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Cummins seconded by Col. Gibbon (Col. Quin dissenting):-

"That, in the opinion of this Council the agricultural community, as a whole are entitled to participate in the relief of rates on agricultural land on their total valuation for land. There should be no discrimination between valuations: each farmer is entitled to this relief on exactly the same footing as obtained for the original agricultural grant and the additional relief given by the late Government. This Council understood that all agricultural land was to be de-rated. The proposals of the Local Government afford negligible relief to the farmer holding a fair quantity of land and providing employment. He belongs to the class which has been hardest hit by the present economic depression. The complete de-rating of his land would have enabled him

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to carry on and we must express our keen disappointment that the Government have not come to his rescue. The Department should give serious attention to the position of a large number of farmers in this County who have had to plough up their beet and to whom financial relief is a necessity."

ROAD GRANT

Under date 9th May, 1932, the Local Government Department (Roads) wrote that a payment of £1,283 final payment of grant towards cost of maintenance of main roads for year 1931-32 had been forwarded to the Treasurer of the County Council on 9th May, 1932.

RELIEF GRANT - BALLINGARRY QUARRY

The County Surveyor submitted letter under date 13th May, 1932, (R/RU/32) from Local Government Department stating that no objection would be raised to the proposal to expend £35 out of the Relief Grant on the Ballingarry Road corner instead of at the corner at Loggan, already approved.

COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH AND PUBLIC ASSISTANCE - AUDITOR'S REPORT.

Under date 25th May, 1932, the Department of Local Government forwarded (A.32687/32) report of their Auditor in respect of the Accounts of the above mentioned body for the five half years ended 30th September, 1931.

LOCAL AUTHORITIES (OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES) ACT 1926

Under date 26th May, 1932, the Department of Local Government wrote (L.G. Circ. 82/32) that as regards Section 5 Sub-Section I it had been decided in the case of the Local Government and Public Health v Cork Mental Hospital Joint Committee ^{authority} that a local/ before making an appointment by promotion must obtain the prior sanction of the appropriate Minister. A local Authority had no power to make such an appointment until such sanction has been obtained.

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SALTEE ISLANDS AS A BIRD SANCTUARY

Under date 14th May, 1932, the Department of Justice wrote that the Minister had no power to agree to the proposal of the Council that the Department should take over the Big Saltee Island for the purpose of a Bird Sanctuary.

No order.

LOAN FOR GOREY SCHOOL

The following under date 17th May, 1932, (4474/32) was read from the Department of Education (Technical Instruction Branch):-

"With further reference to the Department's letter of the 5th instant (No. 4186-32) relative to the proposal of the Wexford County Council to raise a loan of £2,200 from the Local Loans Fund under Section 51 of the Vocational Education Act, 1930, for the purpose of enabling the Council to make a grant of that amount to the County Wexford Vocational Education Committee towards the cost of erecting a Technical School at Gorey, I have to inform you that the Minister for Finance has now intimated that in the event of the County Council raising a loan for the purpose in question with the approval of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health he will be prepared to consent to a refund being made to the Council out of State Funds under Section 51 (6) of the Act to the maximum extent permitted by the Section, viz., fifty per cent of the actual re-payment charges."

The Secretary stated that application for approval to the loan had been made to the Local Government Department.

PIERS AND HARBOURS IN SOUTH WEXFORD

Mr. Cummins proposed and Mr. Colfer seconded the following resolution which was adopted nem con:- "That as the harbours of Fethard, Duncannon, Arthurstown and Slade are urgently in need of dredging the County Surveyor be instructed to prepare for submission to an early meeting of the Council

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a report as to their condition with a view to approaching the Department of Lands & Fisheries to make arrangements for dredging these harbours."

"That Mr. Corish T.D. be requested to help in obtaining Government assistance for this much needed work."

INCOME TAX

Letter under date 17th May, 1932, (I.R.10409/6) Circular to Bankers, Paying Agents, Secretaries of Public Companies etc as to Income Tax adjustments in consequence of the increase in the rate of tax from 3/6d in the £ to 5/- in the £, was read.

APPROVAL APPOINTMENT OF LAY SHEEP DIPPING INSPECTORS

The following under date 26th May, 1932 (L.5262-31) was read from Department of Agriculture:-

"With reference to your letter of the 28th ultimo, I have to inform you that the Minister for Agriculture will offer no objection to the appointment of the undermentioned persons to act as Dipping Inspectors during the dipping periods of the current year, with remuneration at the rate of £1 per week, and refund of expenditure on postage, viz:-

Patrick Ormonde, Thomas Prendergast, James Murphy, Myles Roban, M.J. Hennessey, and James Hayden.

BUILDING GRANTS

Mr. W.R. Devereux, Hon. Sec. Farmers Union, forwarded the following resolution:- "That this meeting of the County Wexford Executive of the Irish Farmers Union protest against the burden laid on the rates by grants being given for building by the Co. Council."

Applications for Grants under Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1931 were received from the following:-

Patrick Doyle, Coolnaboy, Oylegate; Andrew Kelly, Clonamona, Craanford, Richard Browne, do and James Casey,

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Ballinamona, Foulksmills.

The Chairman gave notice of motion for next meeting/^{to move} that the resolution of the County Council agreeing to provide building grants of £20 from Rates under the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1931 be rescinded.

Consideration of applications for grants was adjourned pending the decision of the County Council on the Chairman's motion.

NEW ROSS - FETHARD ROAD -----

Mr. Walter Power, Dunmain, Cassagh, New Ross, wrote under date 17th May, 1932, that the road leading from New Ross to Fethard and from Nolan's Kiln to the cross of Dunmain was in a very bad state - in fact practically impassable, for any kind of vehicle. It was not fair to allow it to be neglected as it was. He could not understand why this was not a link road as it carried more traffic on it than other roads in the County.

Mr. Power's letter was countersigned by seven who are ratepayers or motor men.

It was decided to refer this communication to the County Surveyor for report to next meeting of the Council.

MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS -----

Dangerous Corner: Col. Quin called attention to a very dangerous corner about half a mile outside of Ferns on the turn to Ballycarney.

The matter was referred to the County Surveyor for report.

Breaking quarry material: In connection with an application from men in the district offering to break material in Curraduff quarry by hand it was decided to refer the matter to the Finance Committee for recommendation, the Committee to consider the general question of hand breaking of material in quarries.

Slippery Road: Mr. Culleton called attention to the slippery condition of the tar macadam road at Kerlogue near Wexford.

Mr. Birthistle said he would spread chippings on this road during the week.

Cummer Quarry: Mr. D'Arcy held that half the amount of material produced in this quarry should be broken by hand.

Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, for the district said that 80 % of this material went on the main road for tarring purposes and for which hand broken stuff could not be utilised.

Mr. D'Arcy proposed and Mr. Gaul seconded the following resolution which was passed:- "That 20 % of the material produced in Cummer Quarry be broken by hand."

Col. Quin dissented.

THE BEET INDUSTRY AND CO. WEXFORD.

Mr. Shannon said he had been given to understand that four big sugar factories were to be established in the Free State in the near future, and he thought that, as Co. Wexford was an important tillage county, and a county that could produce enough beet to keep a factory going, the Council should make a move to have a factory established in the county. It would be a great boon to the farmers and workers. He proposed that they send a resolution with reference to the matter to the Department concerned.

The Chairman said he understood there was a move to call a conference in Enniscorthy in reference to the matter, and he suggested it would be more advisable to send delegates from the council to that conference.

Mr. Cummins seconded Mr. Shannon's proposition and remarked that no matter what conference was held the County Council was the premier body in the county. He regretted to have to draw the attention of the council to that fact that a number of people had sown beet, but were ploughing it up. They had one of the directors of the Sugar Manufacturing Co.- Col. Gibbon - at the meeting, and he thought they should get some information from him as to the position in which the growers would be. It appeared that the seed that had been sent to them was useless.

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Mr. Murphy (Co. Councillor) had informed him that a consignment of fresh beet seed had come to Campile station, but would there be any use in sowing it now.

Mr. Murphy said there was going to be a lot of hardship on beet growers, Some had sown from two to four acres, and at present the beet was dead in the land. Twentyfive or thirty cwts. of seed had been sent to Campile to be redistributed.

Mr. D'Arcy thought the hardship on beet growers, whether under £10 valuation or otherwise, should be seriously considered under the additional relief grants.

Mr. Murphy said that the Factory wrote to people whom they thought might not have finished sowing their beet to say not to use the seed they sent down as they would send a fresh supply.

Mr. Corish - The Minister for Agriculture would probably have something to say to that.

Chairman - I don't think the Minister has anything at all to say to it.

Col. Quin - Isn't this a matter for the County Committee of Agriculture ?

Mr. Cummins - I admit that, but I think the County Council should take serious action immediately.

Col. Gibbon - I know that my seed met a bad season. Some is doing all right, but one or two fields met a bad season, and I have had to resow one anyhow. I take it is entirely due to the weather.

Mr. Murphy - In answer to Col. Gibbon why should the Factory send around a Circular asking that if people had not finished sowing their beet they should send for a fresh supply.

Col. Gibbon - I would say to Mr. Murphy and any of you, that if you miss the season for sowing swede turnips you sow white turnip seeds.

The Chairman said he had no expert knowledge, but he and the loading agent had been testing the beet and mangolds that were sown at practically the same time, and the mangolds were

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affected in the very same way as the beet. He was not going to say that his beet was not going to grow - he thought it would. He was sure there must have been some fault in the seed, but he could not understand why the mangolds had become affected in the same way. He received a letter telling him not to use the balance of what seed he had, that a fresh supply would be sent.

Mr. Brennan - Growers that got this seed are all notified to sow again.

Chairman - It is an awful calamity. The whole Barony of Forth is affected. I heard Mr. Roche's beet was very good, but I don't know how true that is. With that exception I have not heard one single individual saying he had an offer of a crop. The beet came up and stayed there, and it is still there, and the roots have got all blackened and appeared as if corroded, but the roots of young mangolds are similar.

Mr. Brennan - Only two counties are affected - Kildare and Wexford.

Mr. Cummins proposed that the serious attention of the Department be drawn to the plight the farmers were in.

Mr. Hall said he thought that everyone in the county should do all possible to have a beet factory established. Mr. Shannon's resolution was then put and passed.

Mr. Gaul suggested that Mr. Shannon's resolution should be forwarded to the conference.

Chairman - I have no objection whatever to the matter, on the grounds that if there are factories to be established Co; Wexford should use its best endeavours to procure one. I have another opinion altogether about the beet and its continuation in this country. My opinion is that beet is not a thing that we ought to propagate at all. It is a product that will never stand on its own without a subsidy from the Government or somebody else, and I don't think such product is a great one to uphold. However, if there are factories to be established, we should do our best to get one. My op-

inion is that later on you will be trying to get rid of the factories.

Mr. D'Arcy proposed that the whole Council be appointed to attend the conference.

Mr. Hall seconded and the proposition was passed.

Michael Doyle