

WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL.
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MEETING HELD ON 14TH NOVEMBER, 1927.
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N. J. FRIZELLE,
SECRETARY.

FORTVIEW,
WEXFORD.

The monthly meeting of the Wexford County Council was held in Co. Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford, on 14th November, 1927.

Present:- Mr. T. McCarthy (Chairman) presiding; also Messrs William Boggan, Patrick Byrne, James Cline, Patrick Colfer, John Connors, Thomas Cooney, Richard Corish, James Gaul, Colonel C. M. Gibbon, James Hall, Patrick Hayes, Michael Jordan, David Kavanagh, Aidan Mernagh, Nicholas J. Murphy, John O'Byrne, M. M. O'Donoghue, John Pender, Colonel Quin, James Shannon, William Thorpe, James E. Walsh, and John White.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

A letter was received from Mr. M. Doyle, M.C.C., apologising for non-attendance as he was unwell.

THE LATE CARDINAL O'DONNELL.

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On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Colonel Quin, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That we express our sincere regret at the demise of His Eminence, Cardinal O'Donnell, one of the greatest Irishmen of our time, a ripe scholar and an outstanding patriot of the truest type. We desire our sympathy to be conveyed to Most Rev. Dr. Codd, Lord Bishop of Ferns, the Clergy of Armagh, Dr. O'Donnell, Dublin (brother of deceased) and Mother M. Benedict, Loreto Abbey, Gorey (sister of deceased).

LATE MR. KENNEDY.

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

"That the following letter from Mr. James Gaul, M.C.C., be inserted on the Minutes of this day's meeting:-

I beg to acknowledge your vote of sympathy passed to me by your Council occasioned by the death of my Late Brother-

"I am extremely grateful to yourself and staff
for your kind expression of sympathy also".

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

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Finance Committee

The following Minutes of Meeting of Finance
Committee of 13th October, 1927, were read:-

The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee was held in Co. Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford, on 13th October, 1927.

Present:- Mr. Thomas McCarthy (Chairman) presiding; also Messrs Sean O'Byrne, Aidan Mernagh, William Thorpe, Patrick Hayes and J. E. Walsh.

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

The minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

Letter was read from Colonel Gibbon apologising for his absence at meeting owing to other business.

PAYMENTS.

Treasurer's Advice Note for £11,146: 18: 0d was examined and signed.

STATE OF RATE COLLECTION.

The state of Rate Collection to 11th October, 1927, was considered showing the following percentages lodged:-

E. J. Murphy 85 per cent; J. Quirke 76; J. Curtis 76; J. J. Sinnett 70; T. Rowe 67; J. J. O'Reilly 66; P. J. Fitzpatrick 65; J. Cummins 65; B. Cleary 64; J. J. Kelly 64; W. Cummins 63; P. Furlong 62; Sean Gannon 61; M. Kelly 60; P. O'Byrne 60; M. Deegan 60; J. Doyle 59; T. Sutton 58; P. Walsh 57; P. Donohoe 56; C. McCarthy 46.

PAYMENT OF POUNDAGE.

Under date 8th October, 1927, Mr. J. J. O'Reilly, Rate Collector, wrote asking for payment of poundage for collection to March 1927 which he had closed.

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

"That as Collector J. J. O'Reilly has closed his collection in respect of March 1927, amount of poundage due to him in respect of said period be paid to him"

The following resolution was proposed by Mr. Mernagh, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:-

Harbour lights.

After some discussion Mr. Thorpe withdrew his resolution and the amendment was unanimously agreed to.

GORNEY COURTHOUSE.
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Under date 1st October, 1927, the following letter was read from the Secretary, Gas, Water & Electricity Supply Co.,

"We are informed by our Manager, that the water supply to Gorney Courthouse has been used by the Contractor, and connections have been made to use same.

"We have had no payment for supply since 1921-1922 although the water has since been used by the caretaker and we wrote you in 1922 when you stated in reply that the Council were not responsible (this was after it was burned down). Will you kindly let us know if it is the County Council who are liable for the rentals for water?"

The following was read from Mr. Elgee, Solicitor to the County Council:-

"I am in receipt of yours of the 3rd instant with copy of one from the Secretary of the Gorney Gas, Water and Electricity Supply Company, Ltd, as to the supply of water to Gorney Courthouse and with reference thereto I write to say it appears to me that as the Caretaker has been using the water all the time he has been in the premises that the water should be paid for, but the question then arises whether the man whom the Secretary describes as Caretaker is our Caretaker at all or not, or whether he was in as Caretaker for the Owner of the premises before we took them over.

"In any event the County Council would only be liable for the Water Rate from when they took it over, that is about two years ago. With regard to the water used by the Contractor while he was rebuilding the Courthouse I think he should pay for the water used by him."

The following resolution was adopted:-

"That Co. Council accept responsibility for payment of water rate for Gorey Courthouse only from the time the new Courthouse was opened. That the Secretary, Gorey Gas, Water & Electricity Supply Co., be informed that the Contractor for erection of Courthouse is responsible for payment of water used by him"

The following, under date 7th October, 1927, was read from Mr. Thomas O'Ryan, Gorey Branch Gaelic League:-

"The Gorey Branch of the Gaelic League has instructed me as their Secretary to apply to you for use of Courthouse for the purpose of holding "Eire Og" classes twice weekly; instruction to be given by Mr. O'Donovan, Irish Teacher."

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

"That we recommend the Council to allow "Eire Og" classes to be held in Gorey Courthouse provided Mr. O'Donovan, Irish Teacher, takes responsibility for the care of the premises while classes are being held".

PROPOSED TELEPHONE CALL OFFICE AT DUNCORMACK.

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Under date 11th October, 1927, letter was read from Ministry of Posts & Telegraphs that the estimated receipts from a telephone call office at Duncormack would not justify the extension except under a guarantee of £31 per annum for a term of seven years.

After discussion the meeting decided they could not recommend the Council to assume responsibility for the amount of the guarantee asked for".

COURTHOUSE CARETAKERS.

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

"That we recommend the Co. Registrar to fix the

following salaries for caretakers of Courthouses of New Ross, Enniscorthy and Gorey:- £13 per annum in each case with free apartments; Co. Council to be responsible for actual cost of coal and light for court premises. Courtkeepers not to be allowed to keep live stock or poultry without special permission. That Assistant Surveyors hold their offices in these Courthouses.

That the Finance Committee would be glad to discuss with the County Registrar the question of caretaking premises if he approves.

Letter under date 12th October, 1927, was read from Mr. Denis Corish, District Court Clerk, New Ross, that Mrs Corish had withdrawn her application to be appointed caretaker of New Ross Courthouse.

SANCTION OVERDRAFT CO. COUNCIL.

Under date 11th October, 1927, the Department of Local Government wrote (Finance Committee G.46715/27 Wexford County) that the Minister had sanctioned the County Council overdrawing their account up to the extent of £28,000 for the period from 1st October to 31st December, 1927 with Interest at the agreed rate.

LOCAL AUTHORITIES (COMBINED PURCHASING) ACT, 1925.

Under date 10th October, 1927, the Department of Local Government (S.47258/1927) wrote requesting payment of the amount assessed on Wexford County under above Act.

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

"That £141: 14: 1d assessed on Wexford County under Combined Purchasing Act 1925 be paid to Local Government Department at first opportunity".

LOCAL AUTHORITIES (OFFICERS & EMPLOYEES) ACT 1926.

Under date 16th September, 1927 letter (S.41205/1927) asking

for payment of £25: 18: 10d assessed on Wexford Co., for year ended 31st March last was received.

It was decided that this matter be further adjourned pending an explanation of the delay in appointing medical officers to Bunclody and Carrigbyrne Districts.

IRISH TOURIST ASSOCIATION - PUBLICATION OF OFFICIAL GUIDES.
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Under date 9th October the Secretary, Irish Tourist Association, wrote asking that the Council would give them the sole rights for at least two years to issue their official guide, the Council not to be responsible in any way financially.

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

"That we recommend the Co. Council to agree to the request of Irish Tourist Association to grant them for two years the sole rights to issue official guide to the Co. Wexford on the understanding that the Co. Council will not be responsible in any way for publication etc."

RECOUPMENT OF PROSECUTORS & WITNESSES' EXPENSES.
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In connection with outstanding account of £60: 14: 10d for recoupment of Prosecutors and Witnesses Expenses, the Secretary stated that these expenses were in respect of half year ended 30th September, 1920.

The Secretary stated that these vouchers were burned in an armed raid in October 1922. The Auditor stated that the certificate which he had to sign to enable recoupment to be made provided that he should have seen the vouchers. Secondary evidence in the shape of a certificate from Co. Council's Treasurer showing that the payments had been made was submitted. The Auditor, however, was precluded from accepting this as conclusive.

It was decided that the Secretary interview Messrs Jordan and Corish relative to having the matter put before the Department of Finance in order to secure recoupment.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Colonel Quin, seconded by Mr. Shannon:-

"That the Minutes of Meeting of Finance Committee of 13th October, 1927, be received and considered".

Courtown Harbour Mastership

In reply to Colonel Quin, the County Surveyor stated that the Harbour Master was in charge of the whole place, acted as a sort of caretaker and reported to the County Surveyor in connection with any small repairs, took charge of the men and kept their time. He also looked after the public weighbridge there and acted as Secretary to the local Harbour Committee.

Mr. O'Donoghue contended that the night watchman, Andrew Byrne, was able to perform the duties.

The County Surveyor stated he reported to the Finance Committee that he did not believe Mr. Byrne was suitable for the position.

The Chairman held it was absolutely necessary to have some responsible person in charge of the Harbour.

Mr. Boggan proposed the following, which was seconded by Mr. Hall:-

"That a Harbour master be appointed for Courtown at a salary of 10/- per week, with free house, on which the County Council will pay rates. That the Harbour Master be obliged to look after the lights of the Harbour when required without extra remuneration."

The Chairman proposed and Mr. Sean O'Byrne seconded:-

"That the County Council advertise for a Harbour Master at Courtown, remuneration 15/- per week, and free house on which the County Council will pay rates. That the Harbour Master be responsible for attending, when required, to the Harbour lights without extra pay".

On a show of hands the Chairman declared this last mentioned resolution carried.

Mr. Hall demanded a poll.

A poll was taken on Mr. Boggan's proposal (which was regarded as the amendment) with the following result:-

For:- Messrs Boggan, Colonel Gibbon, Hall, Kavanagh, Murphy, O'Donoghue, Colonel Quin, Thorpe, Walsh and Whyte - 110.

Against:- Messrs P. Byrne, Clince, Colfer, Connors, Cooney, Corish, Gaul, Hayes, Mernagh, Sean O'Byrne, Pender, Shannon and the Chairman - 13.

Mr. Jordan was not present when poll was taken.

The Chairman declared the amendment lost and, on his resolution being put to the meeting, it was carried without dissent.

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

"That the appointment of Harbour Master at Courtown be made at the December meeting of the County Council. That the position be advertised and that the County Surveyor draft a list of duties."

Proposed Telephone Call Office at Duncormack.

Mr. Whyte proposed:-

"That in connection with the request from the Ministry for Posts and Telegraphs for the provision of £31 per annum as an annual guarantee for re-opening Duncormack Telephone Call Office, we consider that the amount obtained by this Department from the sale of the poles formerly used for this line should be sufficient to provide at least one year's guarantee. We are of opinion that the amount asked for is entirely too high and suggest that the Post Office Department should accept a guarantee of £20 per annum which would probably be put up by the local people concerned."

Mr. Murphy seconded: Passed.

Courthouse Caretakers.

Mr. Corish proposed and Mr. Cooney seconded:-

"That we recommend the County Registrar to fix a salary of £13 per annum, with free house, coal and light, for the caretakers of Enniscorthy, Gorey and New Ross Courthouses. "

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

For:- Messrs P. Byrne, Clince, Colfer, Connors, Cooney, Corish, Gaul, Hayes, Mernagh, Pender and Shannon 11.

Against:- Messrs Boggan, Colonel Gibbon, Hall, Jordan, Kavanagh, Murphy, Sean O'Byrne, O'Donoghue, Colonel Quin, Thorpe, Walsh, Whyte and the Chairman13.

The motion was declared lost.

Irish Tourist Association - Publication of Official Guides.

In connection with proposed publication of Official Guides, the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish, seconded by Mr. Colfer:-

"That we recommend to the Tourist Association that the Official Guide for County Wexford be printed in the County".

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

"That the Minutes of Meeting of Finance Committee of 13th October, 1927, as submitted to this meeting, be and are hereby confirmed, except in so far as same have been amended by resolutions adopted at this meeting".

The following Minutes of Finance Committee of 27th October, 1927, were read:-

The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee of the Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford on 27th. October 1927.

Present: In the Chair:-Mr T. McCarthy (Chairman), also, Messrs Sean O'Byrne, A. Mernagh, Wm Thorpe and P. Hayes.

The Secretary, the Assistant Secretary and the Co. Surveyor were in attendance.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

TREASURER'S ADVICE NOTE.

Payments amounting to £9041-4-0 were examined and passed.

RATE COLLECTION.

The following state of Rate Collection for ^{first} ~~second~~ moiety of Rate to October 27th 1927 was submitted:-

E.J. Murphy 91: J.J. O'Reilly 85: J. Quirke 84: J. Curtis 82: J. Doyle 77: T. Rowe 77: P. Fitzpatrick 74: J.J. Sinnott 74: W. Cummins 71: J. Cummins 71: P. Furlong 71: M. Deegan 70: B. Cleary 70: T. Sutton 69: J.J. Kelly 68: S. Gannon 68: M. Kelly 67: Patrick Walsh 65: P. O'Byrne 64: C. McCarthy 60: and P. Donohoe 58.

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

"That any Rate Collector who has not 80 per cent of first moiety of his warrant for 1927-28 collected by 7th November be directed to attend the meeting of Finance Committee to be held on 10th November next."

Under date 26th October 1927, Mr E. J. Murphy, Collector for No. 17 District wrote that he was doing all he could to close his warrant. All outstanding amounts were in the hands of his Solicitor for collection. Civil Bills in these cases would be heard early in November.

Mr B. Cleary, Collector for No. 21 Collection District wrote that he would not be able to close on 31st October as he found it very difficult to collect money. He could not under present circumstances raise money from the Banks for the purpose of closing.

He would, however, make a special effort to close as soon as possible. He would put all outstanding rates after this week through the Courts. His brother had been very ill and he (collector) had not been able to be out since last checking day.

CARETAKERS DISTRICT COURTS.

Mr Scallan, Co. Registrar attended in connection with the proposed appointments of caretakers for Enniscorthy, Gorey and New Ross District Courts.

It was agreed that the remuneration in each case should be at £13 per annum with free apartments, County Council to be responsible for actual cost of coal and light for Court premises. Courtkeepers will not be allowed, unless they obtain previous special permission to make any alterations in existing premises or put up any structure or building, to keep live stock or poultry or take in lodgers. Caretakers are in each case to be responsible for the cleaning and lighting of fires in offices of District Court Clerks and Assistant County Surveyors, also court rooms or offices when used on County Council business.

The Committee expressed their appreciation of the manner in which the Co. Registrar had met their recommendations in view of the fact that appointments of the three caretakers were to be made by him.

BONDS OF RATE COLLECTORS.

The Committee adopted a resolution that bonds for Rate Collectors shall, in all cases terminate on 31st May in each year and that the Secretary arrange with Insurance Companies concerned accordingly.

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME.

Under date 18th October 1927, Mr Robert Ranson, Junior House, St. Patrick's College, Maynooth wrote:-

"In your letter of the 19th September you informed me that your County Council does not allow Scholarships to ecclesiastical students. I would be very glad if you could let me know as soon as possible if there is any possibility of the Scholarship

"being allowed to me. After all, I think it is very unfair not to allow me this Scholarship simply because I am an Ecclesiastic. I am doing exactly the same course here in Maynooth as I would be doing in the University, and for that reason I would like to be able to avail of the Scholarship. It would be much different if I were attending an ecclesiastical college in which Degrees were not conferred.

I hope you will let me know definitely as soon as possible and would be grateful if you would use your influence in my behalf."

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

"The Finance Committee regret they cannot see their way to recommend the County Council to rescind their ruling refusing University Scholarships to students taking an ecclesiastical ~~course~~ career."

INQUIRY- RESTRICTIONS ON VEHICULAR TRAFFIC.

Under date 12th October 1927, the Department of Local Government wrote (8187/27 Igh) stating that £51-11-9 was due by Wexford County Council to ~~them~~ them in connection with the Inquiry held on 10th November 1926 into proposed restrictions in vehicular traffic and requesting that a Pay Order for the amount should be forwarded to the Department.

The amount was made up as follows:-Advertising £39-9-3: Shorthand Writing £8-19-6: Inspector's services £3-3-0, making total of £51-11-9.

It was decided to recommend the County Council to pay the amount.

REGISTER OF ELECTORS-CLAIM BY DEPARTMENT OF POSTS AND TELEGRAPHS.

Under date 25th October 1927, the Department of Local Government wrote (F. 48188/1927 Ilgh(R.S)) that £13-6-0 was due by Wexford County Council in respect of the free postage of Forms E.A.I, the distribution of forms of claim through Post

Offices and the insertion of postal addresses in the Register of Electors.

~~WEXFORD~~ Recoupment of a moiety of the amount ^{would} ~~be~~ be made in due course.

Supplemental claim for the payment of the amount was read from the Registration Officer.

It was decided that the amount be paid.

CENTRAL MIDWIVES BOARD.

Under date 12th October 1927, letter was read from the Secretary, Central Midwives Board, stating that the proportion payable by Wexford County Council under Section 13 of the (Midwives (Ireland) Act 1918 was £19-3-8 which amount had been certified by Auditor.

It was decided that the amount be paid.

LOCAL APPOINTMENTS COMMISSION

MEDICAL OFFICERSHIPS FOR BUNCLODY AND CARRIGBYRNE.

Under date 22nd October 1927, the following letter (D.4/388 /27) was read from the Secretary Local Appointments Commission:-

"I am directed by the Local Appointments Commissioners to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 12th inst relative to the complaint of the Wexford Council regarding the delay in recommending suitable candidates for the posts of Medical Officers for the Carrigbyrne and Bunclody Dispensary Districts.

In reply, I am to state that, while every effort is made by the Commissioners to reduce to a minimum the period which must elapse between the date upon which a request is received by them for a recommendation to a vacant post and the date upon which the recommendation is submitted to the Local Authority, the procedure which must be followed to enable the Commissioners to discharge the statutory obligations imposed upon them necessarily occupies a considerable time even in the most favourable circumstances. In this connection it is of importance to remember that an adequate interval must be allowed between the date of advertisement and the latest date for receiving applications, that after

that date has passed, candidates have to be summoned to interview by Board of Selection and the reports of these Boards scrutinised by the Commissioners, and that when these processes have been completed, the selected candidate has to be cleared in respect of age, health and character before the Commissioners can forward their recommendation to the Local Authority.

The procedure in filling local appointments which was introduced by the Local Authorities (Officers and Employees) Act was entirely new, and involved the consideration of both by Local Authorities and the Commissioners of many points of doubt and difficulty inevitable at the outset of any new scheme of the kind and not likely to recur in the future. Moreover, by the time the Commission was set up, a large number of appointments had fallen vacant throughout Saorstát Éireann which had been temporarily filled in view of the introduction of the new Act. The statutory applications by Local Authorities for the filling of these posts were all presented to the Commission shortly after the passing of the Act, before the Commission had adequate opportunity of working out the new procedure to a satisfactory conclusion. In addition, therefore, to other difficulties, the Commissioners were faced with the problem of having to deal with an abnormal arrear of cases before the Local Authorities and they themselves, could become acquainted with the lines on which the new system should be worked. At the inception of the system, delays were caused in many cases by the failure on the part of Local Authorities to supply complete particulars of an appointment in the first instance; by delays on the part of referees to reply to communications addressed to them regarding the health and character of selected candidates, and by other causes outside the control of the Commissioners. Steps have, however, been since taken and further measures are in contemplation by which it is hoped that these delays may be avoided in future.

In the particular cases referred to in the letter under reply, the Commissioners desire me to point out that the period

which elapsed between the receipt from the County Board of Health of the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to the filling of the Carrigbyrne vacancy and the issue of the Commissioners' recommendations was approximately three and a half months. The extra delay in this case was mainly occasioned by reason of the fact that the candidate originally selected for recommendation ultimately decided to decline the post.

This necessitated a further review by the Commissioners of the Report of the Board of Selection and the usual inquiries which had been completed in the case of the first selection had again to be undertaken in regard to the candidate finally recommended.

The case of Bunclody is on a somewhat different footing. Although the Board of Health first communicated with the Commissioners on the 29th December 1926, sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health was not communicated to them until 4th March 1927. It was only when the advertisement was about to issue that the Commissioners were informed that the late Medical Officer for that district also held a Dispensary appointment in the adjoining district of Clonegal in Co. Carlow, and that it was desired to continue this arrangement. In the circumstances, it was necessary that a request should also be made by the County Carlow Board of Health in respect of the latter district, and this request was not received until 22nd April 1927. The recommendation of the Commissioners was issued to both Local Authorities on 16th August 1927. Some delay was occasioned by reason of the fact that the Selection Board set up to deal with the applications were requested, for reasons of economy, to deal also with a number of similar appointments which were advertised at the same time, and for which certain of the candidates for the Wexford vacancy were also applicants. In addition, a somewhat longer time than usual was occupied in completing the clearance inquiries.

The Commissioners trust that the statement conveyed in this letter will afford the Council all the information they require by way of explanation of the delay in regard to the appointments referred to in your letter."

The meeting considered that the explanation of the delay in filling the two appointments concerned was reasonable.

FOOD & DRUGS ACT- ADVANCE TO EX-OFFICIO INSPECTORS.

Under date 21st October 1927, letter was read from Chief Superintendent, Garda Siothchana asking if the Council had yet reached any decision concerning the advance of money to the Inspectors to enable them to carry out their duties in a more satisfactory manner.

On the advice of the Finance Committee, the Co. Council had agreed to forward to the Chief Superintendent in April last Pay Order for £20 for Imprest A/C, but the Chief Superintendent declined to accept the Pay Order which he requested should be handed over to the Divisional Superintendent at headquarters. The work under Food & Drugs Acts was generally carried out by this officer.

The Finance Committee considered this request on receipt but did not see their way to alter their decision to place the £20 in charge of the Chief Superintendent.

The position at present is that the Inspectors have to provide cost of samples from their own pockets and wait for recoupment for a considerable time.

The Committee did not consider this practice would tend to the efficient working of the Acts and after discussion, adopted the following resolution:-

Wexford "That Pay Order for £20 as Imprest A/c be forwarded to the District Superintendent, Garda Siothchana, to allow of advances to Ex-officio Inspectors under Food & Drugs Acts, expenditure to be vouched in the same manner as ordinary expenditure under these Acts at present.

COUNTY LIBRARY SERVICE.

The Secretary reported that he had received on 26th inst, Minutes of Library Committee for 17th September 1927, also annual report of Librarian.

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

That the Minutes of Finance Committee of 27th October, 1927, be received and considered.

University Scholarship Scheme.

In connection with the resolution of the Finance Committee declining to recommend the Council to allow Ecclesiastical students to hold University Scholarships, Mr. Murphy complained that the action of the Finance Committee was not reasonable. From Kerry County Council there were two students in Maynooth holding University Scholarships. Maynooth was a constituent College of the National University and it was unfair to prevent a student who might never become a clergyman from taking his Degree there.

After discussion Mr. Murphy gave notice of his intention to move at next meeting a resolution to allow of Ecclesiastical students holding University Scholarships from Wexford County Council.

Local Appointments Commission.

In connection with the letter from the Appointments Commission the following resolution was read from Waterford Corporation:- "That we call upon our Deputies in An Dail to co-operate for the purpose of repealing the Local Authorities (Officers and Employees) Act 1926."

Mr. Thorpe proposed and Mr. Gaul seconded the adoption of this resolution.

After considerable discussion the Chairman proposed the following resolution which was seconded by Mr. Clince and adopted:-; Colonel Quin dissenting:-

That the Appointment Commissioners, if they have the power within the provisions of the Local Authorities (Officers and Employees) Act of 1926, submit to Local Authorities the names of all candidates, who in their opinion, are qualified

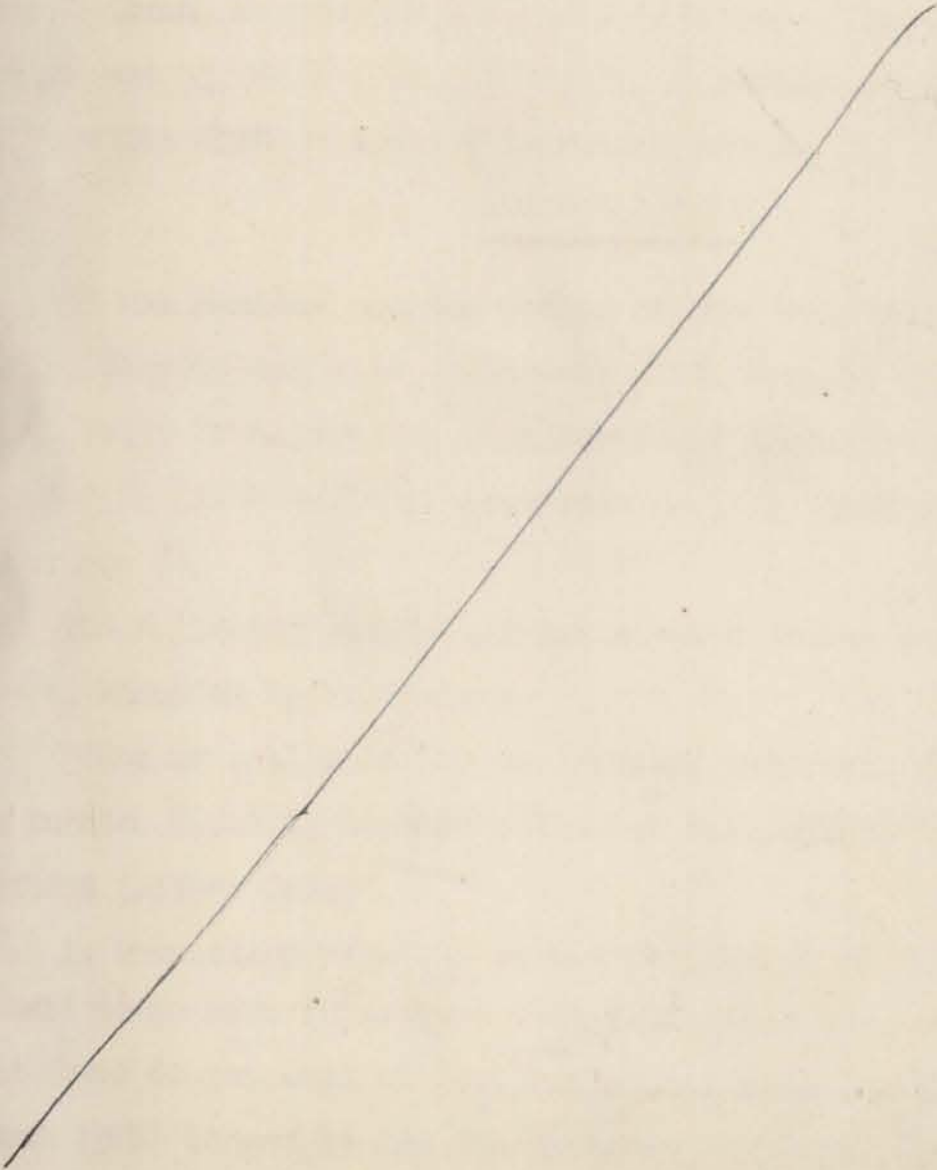
for vacant positions.

Mr. Thorpe and Mr. Gaul then withdrew their proposal to confirm the Waterford Corporation resolution relative to the repeal of the Local Authorities (Officers and Employees) Act 1926*.

The Chairman proposed and Mr. Sean O'Byrne, seconded the following resolution/^{which} was adopted:-

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee of 27th October, 1927, be and are hereby adopted".

The following Minutes of Finance Committee Meeting of 10th November, 1927, were read:-



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The fortnightly meeting of Finance Committee of Wexford Co. Council was held in Co. Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford, on 10th November, 1927.

Present:- Mr. T. McCarthy (Chairman) presiding; also Messrs A. Mernagh, Sean O'Byrne, W. Thorpe, J. E. Walsh and P. Hayes.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

PAYMENTS.

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Treasurer's Advice Note for £5098: 0: 3d was examined and signed.

COURTOWN HARBOUR.

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The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Sean O'Byrne:- "That we approve of payment of £6: 8 : 6d for repair of paddles of sluice gates at Courtown Harbour damaged in recent storm.

RATE COLLECTION.

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It was decided, on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Thorpe, that Rate Collectors E. J. Murphy, Cleary and J. J. Kelly be allowed to transfer their Fidelity Guarantee Bonds from Irish National Assurance Co., to the New Ireland Assurance Co.

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

"That we call upon the New Ireland Assurance Co., Dublin, to furnish Fidelity Guarantee Bond of Collector Sean Gannon without further delay".

In connection with the recent resolution of the Finance Committee to have interviews with collectors who had not ~~collected~~ 80 per cent of first moiety of rate (March 1927 to March 1928) lodged by the 7th November, five Collectors - Messrs P. Donohoe, Sean Gannon, John J. Kelly, Patrick Walsh

and Bernard Cleary appeared before the meeting with their Books.

Outstanding items in the latter were examined by the Chairman.

Mr. Donohoe (District No.12) who had 72.81 per cent collected stated that he was doing his best to get in the money but many people were waiting to thresh their corn. Numbers of ratepayers in his district were dependant upon pig raising and the bacon and pork trades were very depressed at the moment and people were not making anything out of it.

The Chairman pointed out to Mr. Donohoe that the latter would have to take more drastic steps than he had done up to the present in order to close his collection.

In reply to Mr. Walsh the Collector said he had not made seizures under his own warrant but he had proceeded in the Courts and had even sent one defaulter to Jail. He ~~understood~~ undertook that, in future, he would use the powers which he had under his own warrant.

It was decided that Mr. Donohoe should have at least 85 per cent of warrant for first moiety collected and lodged by the end of November.

Mr. Gannon (District No.10) pointed out that in one case in which the land had been taken over by the Land Commission and divided amongst a great number of farmers there was £110 due. The persons who had taken various portions of the estate were not satisfied to pay until they knew the exact valuation fixed for their holdings by the Valuation Department. He never used the powers under his own warrant.

It was decided to direct Mr. Gannon, who up to the present had 75.17 per cent of first moiety collected, to have at least 85 per cent of first moiety warrant ~~collected~~ collected and lodged by 24th November.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Thorpe:-

"That we request the Land Commission, when taking over Estates, to arrange with the General Valuation Department to

have valuations for the new tenants fixed as soon as possible and issued to the Council without delay. In many cases in this County Rate Collectors have been hampered in the discharge of their duties by lack of knowledge of the valuations for incoming tenants."

P. Walsh (District No.3) with 76.84 per cent of first moiety collected, stated in reply to the Chairman that a large number of people were waiting payment for their corn to meet their rates. In reply to Mr. Walsh the Collector said that he had not exercised the powers of his own warrant.

Mr. Walsh - If you make one or two examples under your own warrant you will find it will have a salutary effect.

The Collector said he was aware that those who had not paid up to now were not able to do so except in very exceptional cases.

It was decided that Mr. Walsh should have ~~received~~ by 24th November at least 87 per cent of first moiety warrant collected and lodged.

Mr. J. J. Kelly (District No.14) who had 78.84 per cent collected, stated he had never previously performed such an amount of travelling in connection with his collection. The people were not able to pay at present but he would get most of the rate when ratepayers had received amounts due them for corn. He had not utilised the powers under his own warrant but had obtained decrees against a number of defaulters in the Courts.

It was decided that Mr. Kelly should have at least 89 per cent of his collection lodged by 24th November.

Mr. Cleary (District No.21) stated he had now 80% collected. He had not been able to lodge the full amount to bring him to that figure as the bank was closed when he reached Wexford. Up to the 9th November he had lodged 79.05 per cent. He had used the powers under his own warrant but had not been very successful,

It was decided that Mr. Cleary should have 90 per cent of his warrant collected and lodged by 24th November.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Thorpe:- "That in view of the large amounts which have been found outstanding on Rate Collectors' warrants at the close of each financial half year, we direct the Collectors to use the powers given under their warrants and must insist that these powers will be ~~so~~ exercised in the future so as to secure the closing of the collections within a reasonable time"

ENNISCORTHY AND GOREY COURTHOUSES.

Under date 7th November, 1927, Mr. Elgee, Solicitor to the Co. Council wrote enclosing draft from the Ministry of Finance for £730: 12: 9d made up of £720 expended on Enniscorthy Courthouse as per the certificate of the County Surveyor and £10: 12: 9d amount awarded him (Mr. Elgee) for Costs and Expenses in connection with the application for the Award. He asked that Pay Order for the £10: 12: 9d should be made out in his favour.

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

"That the Council be recommended to pay Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, £10; 12: 9d amount of Costs and Expenses allowed to him in the application for Compensation Award for Enniscorthy Courthouse"

The Secretary reported that he had received from the Ministry of Finance Certificates of Inscription - 5 per cent Compensation stock - £200 for Enniscorthy Courthouse and £50 for Gorey Courthouse.

It was decided to recommend the Co. Council to sell this stock through Mr. James Keating, Stockbroker, Rowe Street, Wexford.

LOCAL ADVERTISING.

In connection with advertising in the three local papers the Committee decided to request the Chairman to negotiate with the proprietors of the papers with a view to having a contract entered into as it was considered the present arrangement of 6d per line for advertising was not satisfactory.

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UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME.

Mr. Thomas Keegan, 6, Francis Street, Wexford, County Council University Scholar, wrote applying for extension of his Scholarship for a further year to enable him to obtain the degree of B.A and the Higher Diploma in Education. He had already secured the B.Comm. Degree.

Professor George O'Brien (Economics) National University wrote strongly recommending the Council to accede to the application.

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

"That the Co. Council be recommended to extend University Scholarship of Thomas Keegan, B.Comm., 6, Francis Street, Wexford, for a further year to enable him to obtain B.A.degree and also Higher Diploma in Education."

TEMPORARY CLERKS - CO. COUNCIL OFFICE.

Under date 31st October, 1927, the Department of Local Government wrote (G.48363-1927 Wexford County) sanctioning the temporary employment of Messrs J.Maloney and P. Hawkins as Clerks in Co. Council Office for a further period of twelve months from the 1st October, 1927.

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The Chairman proposed and Mr. Hall seconded the following resolution:- "That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting of 10th November, 1927, be received and considered".

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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee of 10th November, 1927, be and are hereby confirmed".

Roads Committee.

Minutes of Meeting of Roads Committee of 31st October, 1927, were submitted as follows:-

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The monthly meeting of the Roads Committee of Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford on 31st October 1927.

Present:-Messrs T. McCarthy (Chairman) presiding: also, Messrs W. Boggan, P. Colfer, R. Corish, Col Gibbon, James Hall, Sean O'Byrne, Col Quin and James Shannon.

The Secretary, the Co. Surveyor, the six Assistant Surveyors and Mr Elgee, Solicitor were in attendance.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

The following monthly report was submitted by the County Surveyor:-

"The Roads Inspection Committee has finished its round of inspections, and draft report will be before the meeting of the Roads Committee. I submit bill for hire of motor covering the journeys taken.

On the 19th inst, the Secretary and County Surveyor accompanied by Mr Forbes, representative of the Forestry Department visited Camolin and inspected the Park Road. We shall deal with the result of the visit at the Roads Committee meeting. I submit bill for hire of motor for the inspection.

At last meeting of the County Council I was directed to make inspection of the Sow Drainage Area, but subsequently at the meeting it was decided that the Board of Works should be asked for complete plans so that I might check over the work on the ground with them. Up to the present these plans have not come to hand, and on looking over my former report I find that I informed the Council I was satisfied from observations on the ground that the works were not complete, and I have no reason to vary this opinion now.

Up to the present I have been unable to take levels and prepare plans for the suggested bridge at the railway crossing at the Slob Road, and I shall do so as soon as possible.

The construction of temporary bridge at Mountgarrett is

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now approaching completion. Up to the present there has been no dismantling of the old structure, nor has any concrete work been put in hands. The contractor is proceeding with the work, I believe, in a satisfactory manner.

A number of planks in New Ross Bridge are at present in a very defective condition, and I am taking steps to have them replaced and later shall submit details of same.

The Department of Industry and Commerce have notified us that fencing should be provided for protection of the Slip at the Quay at Kilmore. I may note that the place apparently required to be fenced now is one that never formerly had protection, though the Harbcur has been in existence, and under Government control for many years. I estimate that the work would cost in or about £10.

I have communications from the District Justice with reference to matters in the Gorey, Enniscorthy and New Ross Court-houses and submit copies for your consideration.

The County motor car for use in connection with the Machinery has now been in use for a number of years (since 8/8/22), and during that time has not cost anything for repairs other than those carried out by the Machinery Overseer himself. It is now in a worn out condition and will require a general overhaul at an estimated expenditure of £63. Even with this overhaul it will not be entirely satisfactory, and I recommend that a half-ton motor van be purchased instead of it. This will be of great use in bringing around machinery parts and so forth and will allow the machinery Overseer to visit the various machines throughout the county. Of course, in making a new purchase there would be an allowance made for the old car of about £20, and I shall submit particulars at the meeting.

At a former meeting of the County Council I was authorised to purchase overalls and boots for the tar workers. Owing to an error in the Trade Department's Schedule I priced the overalls very much below the actual cost, and accordingly these have not been obtained. The men working at the tar whose clothes have been

injured have asked to get some compensation against damage, and I would suggest that I be authorised to deal with this matter which will not be any great cost.

Recently I have dealt with payments to Road Contractors and have carefully gone through reports with the Assistant Surveyors. The payments will be dealt with at the Co. Council meeting on the 14th proximo, but, in the meantime, I submit list of Contractors who have defaulted in their work, and ask for authority to take proceedings against them. I have not included in the list contractors who are making any reasonable effort to carry out their work, but only those who have entirely defaulted.

In a number of instances I find that the proposals do not provide sufficient money for the proper upkeep of the roads. In some instances, I have sufficient balances on other accounts that may be transferred, but in other instances it will be necessary to supplement proposals from the Contingencies Fund. I shall submit list of these at the ~~xxx~~ meeting.

During the bad storm last night damage was done at the Old Jail premises. One of the large windows in the back hall was blown in, and I am now taking steps to have it repaired, pending possible reconstruction work."

Motor Hire.

It was decided that motor hire amounting to £17: 1: 0d for Roads Inspection Committee work and for visit to Camolin Park Road be paid.

Sow Drainage.

In connection with this matter, the following letter under date 21st October 1927 was read from Mr Peter Cullen, Killisk, The Ballagh, Enniscorthy:—

"As a person interested in the Sow Drainage question, which came before your last meeting, I would like to bring to your notice the fact that the drains responsible for the drainage of the townland of Killisk have not yet been cleaned. This matter was brought before one of your meetings over a year ago by Mr Michael Doyle (who had been in communication with the Board of

Works in connection with same). Mr Barry, Co. Surveyor then stated he visited these drains and reported that in his opinion they should have been included in the recent improvement scheme carried out, as he had no doubt that both these drains were originally sunk by the Board of Works. The same opinion was held by Mr Davis, foreman of the drainage work, who went so far as to forward an application to the Office of Public Works to have them included, as he considered them most important. The Office of Public Works refused to allow Mr Davis to expend the money on these drains pointing out that they were outside the Drainage area maintainable by the Trustees and were not included in the Final Award. I cannot see that this need have prevented them being included, as I am informed on good authority, that none of the drains which were cleaned were maintainable by the Trustees and only three of them were included in the Final Award. As you will observe (when you see the map as used by Mr Davis) all drains on the north side of the river were cleaned while the drains of which I write were left undone, although as stated, Mr Davis had marked them as important and recommended that they be done while the money was available, as in his opinion they should be cleaned in preference to several of these done on the north side.

Now, as the Charging Order is being prepared, I trust this matter will receive your attention with a view to having it remedied, as I consider that it is most unfair to expect people to pay rates for work which does not in the least benefit them while the work for which they are supposed to be paying is left undone. I also wish to inform you that the Office of Public Works gave me to understand that they would be prepared to have these drains done if we could prove that they were sunk originally by the Board of Works, so in view of Mr Barry's report to you, you must allow that our claim to have these drains cleaned (before we are called upon to pay drainage rates) is a just and fair one. Trusting your Council will give this matter due attention."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Sean O'Byrne seconded by Col Quin:-

"That the five T.D's for the County, viz, Messrs O.G. Esmonde, R. Corish, M. Jordan, Dr Ryan and Denis Allen be requested to arrange for a deputation to be received by Mr S. Burke, Parliamentary Secretary, in charge of the Office of Public Works, in order to put before him the unsatisfactory position of the various Drainage Districts of the County, particularly that dealing with the River Sow, which it is understood is about to be handed over to the County Council under Charging Order.

That the Trustees of the various drainage schemes be requested to name a Representative who would accompany the deputation and that said Representative be furnished by the Trustees with all necessary information regarding each scheme."

New Ross Bridge.

It was decided that the Co. Surveyor be empowered to replace the defective timber in decking of New Ross Bridge.
Fencing at Kilmore Quay.

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

"That a sum not exceeding £10 be placed in the hands of the Co. Surveyor for erection of fencing directed by the Department of Industry and Commerce to be provided at Kilmore Harbour."

Gorey and Enniscorthy Courthouses.

The Co. Surveyor submitted the following letter under date 27th October 1927 from Mr Fahy, District Justice relative to Enniscorthy Courthouse:-

"I saw the new building to-day and I would be glad if the following suggestions were adopted if not too late.

1. Enniscorthy District is easily the heaviest from the point of view of Court and Office work, and the District Court Clerk usually has two assistants. Under the circumstances the office proposed for his accommodation will scarcely be roomy enough. There is bound to be much access to the office from Solicitors' assistants, Gardai and members of the public. If therefore, the room on the left were set apart for the District Court Clerk's Office it would be more convenient and suitable in every way. It would mean transferring the Assistant Surveyor to the room on the right.

"2. An entrance, either small door or gateway from the side street where the building abuts on the wall, would be very serviceable- and if the Court Clerk's Office be on the left hand side of the building (facing its front) would be very serviceable.

3. A suitable Press box opposite the witness stand. "

The Co. Surveyor said there was no objection to the room on the left being given to the District Court Clerk and that on the right to the Assistant Surveyor.

With regard to the entrance from side street, Committee did not consider same necessary.

In connection with Press Box, the Co. Surveyor said he would provide a special place for the representatives of the Press.

As regards Gorey Courthouse, the District Justice wrote:-

"So far no coal has been supplied. The entire building "wept" copiously, I am told, in the recent damp weather."

The Co. Surveyor stated he would see to providing coal for the Courthouse. The building was only finished and it was only natural to expect that in the recent abnormally wet weather the walls would show signs of damp. As a matter of fact a letter had been read at the Finance Committee on 27th October from the caretaker that he had lit fires in the building in preparation for next day's Court.

The following under date 25th October 1927 was read from the District Justice relative to New Ross Courthouse:-

"I found it very difficult to-day to read documents on the bench in New Ross Courthouse owing to the poor light. It was very bad. Probably the dullness of the morning made the situation more noticeable. Another fault needing attention is the want of heating. There is a stove behind the bench and I think it would take very little to make it workable, provided of course the necessary fuel be also got.

Will you kindly arrange if possible to have both these matters attended to at once as owing to the near approach of winter the matter is now urgent."

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

"That the Co. Surveyor be directed to have New Ross Courthouse lit with electric light and that he submit quotation from New Ross Urban Council as to cost of fittings."

As regards stove, the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Colfer seconded by Mr O'Byrne:-

"That the Co. Surveyor examine old stove and have same repaired if this can be done at a reasonable cost; otherwise that a new anthracite stove be procured for New Ross Courthouse, cost with fittings not to exceed £20."

County Motor Car.

It was decided that County Surveyor submit to next meeting of Roads Committee particulars of cost of various makes of half-ton motor van.

Boots and Overalls for Workmen.

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

"That the question of compensation to workmen whose clothes have been injured through tarring operations be adjourned to next meeting of the Committee to enable the County Surveyor to submit particulars in each case which he recommends for compensation."

Defaulting Road Contractors.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Col Quin:-

"That the Co. Surveyor be instructed to proceed against the following Road Contractors should he find it necessary in order to have the roads for which they are contractors properly maintained:-

Enniscorthy District.- 72E James Molloy, Corragh, Bunclody: 152E- James Kenny, Effernogue, Ferns: 169E Joseph Hyland, Coolgarrow, Enniscorthy: 170E Same: 171E James Doyle Ballymurry, The Ballagh: 173E- Joseph Hyland, Coolgarrow, Enniscorthy: 176E William McGill, Ballingown, Blackwater: 177E James Rossiter, Tubberlamina, Blackwater: 178E James O'Brien, Ballytarsna, Oulart: 182E William McGill, Ballingown, Blackwater

Enniscorthy District(continued)

201E Edward Roche, Ballyvadden Garryvadden, Blackwater: 202E Richard Ormonde, Inch, Blackwater: 204E Bryan Murphy, Ballyhought, Blackwater: 205E Joseph Hyland, Coolgarrow, Enniscorthy: 253E Michael Foley, Killanne, Enniscorthy: 278E John Leonard, Moneytucker, Cain: 301E John Dempsey, Ballygilliestown, Davidstown: 302E Same: 328E Patrick Cosgrave, Ballybrennan, Bree: 353E Thomas Hayes, Cloroguebeg, Kiltale. Gorey District.

63G Patrick Higgins, Parkbawn, Gorey: 78G William Farrell, Kilmichael, Inch, Gorey: 125G Patrick Keane, Torduff, Killena; Gorey: 150 G Patrick Hughes, Mangan, Killena: 155G David Doyle senr, Ballinagar Clonewin: 177G Myles Ennis, Cahore, Clonewin. New Ross District.

61R Michael Bytne, Ballinaberna, Ballywilliam: 88R Richard McGrath, Knockroe, Palace: 122R Nicholas Pender, Raheen, Adamstown: 145R Terence Doyle, Timnecarrig, Foulksmills: 149R Thomas Cleary, Coolcliffe, Foulksmills: 153R Same: 171R Terence Doyle, Timnecarrig, Foulksmills: 186R Edward Byrne, Rath mney, Gusserane: 191R James Furlong, Coolroe, Ballycullane: 192R Same: 240R Edward Byrne, Rathimney, Gusserane: 247R Thomas Power, Grange, Fethard: 266R Patrick O'Neill, Shelbaggan, Ramsgrange: 282R John Egan, Ramstown, Fethard: 288R Patrick Kennedy, Ballyvergin, Adamstown: 289R Same. Wexford District.

141W James Wade, Danescastle, Barnow: 153W John Sinnott, Robinstown, Duncormack: 156W Edward Furlong, Knockstown, Duncormack: 171W James Murphy, Newbog, Murrintown. Road Proposals.

In connection with the amounts allocated for proposals for roads, the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr O'Byrne seconded by Mr Hall:- "That the following transfers in respect of road accounts be and are hereby agreed to:-

Mr Callen's District- From H to I £80: From A/c 22 to 25 ££50.

Mr Ennis's District - From Contingencies to A/C I £110: From Contingencies to A/C 8 £90.

Mr Kehoe's District- From Contingencies to Slade Harbour £50.

Mr O'Neill's District- From A/C 6 to A/C 12 £30: From A/C 5 to A/C 12 £10: From A/C 23 to A/C 12 £20: From Contingencies to A/C 12 £100.

Mr O'Neill's District(contd)

From A/C A to A/C I £30: From A/C to A/C I £30: From A/C B to A/C I £10: From A/C D to A/C I £10. "

It was also agreed that a sum of £30 be allocated for repair of Edermine Bridge.
Storm Damage at Old Jail.

The meeting approved of the County Surveyor repairing any storm damage at Old Jail which he may consider necessary.

GOREY UNION BUILDINGS.

Under date 29th October 1927, the following was read from Mr Treanor, Assistant Surveyor:-

"Considerable damage was caused by last night's storm to above. I made inspection of place to-day with Mr O'Byrne M.C.C. when we decided to at once have roof over Chapel repaired and part over Sacristy re-roofed as that portion was completely demolished by collapse of chimney adjoining. I would strongly recommend the taking down of all chimneys not likely to be used, as most of them are in a bad way and a storm such as last night's might mean very serious damage if further collapses take place."

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

"That we approve of the necessary repairs being carried out at Gorey Union buildings and that as suggested by Mr Treanor the chimneys that are not likely to be used be taken down."

ROSSLARE SLOB ROAD.

The Co. Surveyor stated in reply to Col Gibbon that he had not yet had time to deal with the question of taking levels, etc. at the level crossing over old Slob-Wexford Road.

WEXFORD-ENNISCORTHY ROAD.

In reply to Col Gibbon, the Co. Surveyor said that the portion of the road to Ferrycarrig would be complete within a couple of weeks. The road was open from Arran Cottage to the cross at the Fox and Goose. He had inspected the road four times since Mr Quigley's visit.

Col Gibbon said it had been stated in the Press that he

was entirely satisfied with the thickness of the concrete. He was satisfied if Mr Quigley says that the contractors could not be forced to make the concrete thicker so as to give a minimum depth of six inches above embedded stones in the surface. He was then satisfied that it was preferable to have a less thickness than six inches as compared with digging up the foundation of the road to allow for the greater depth.

POSITION OF WEXFORD COURTHOUSE.

The Chairman ~~proposed~~ proposed the following resolution which was seconded by Col Quin and adopted:-

"That as the question of having the compensation for reconstruction of Wexford Courthouse applied to the renovation of the Old Jail ~~for the purpose~~ has been hanging over for a considerable time, the Council would be glad to have a definite ruling in the matter from the Ministry of Finance."

DANGEROUS CORNER AT BALLYGALVERT.

Mr Shannon pointed out that there was a dangerous corner near Boland's house at Donard, Ballywilliam which it was very necessary should be improved for the safety of the public.

It was decided that Mr O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor for that district should furnish to next meeting of the Roads Committee report on same.

MOTOR LORRY TRAFFIC.

Mr Shannon mentioned that the roads used by heavy lorries were being badly cut up, mainly because the lorries went on the "one track." That day he found owing to this cause that tracks up to six inches had been caused. There were three large motor owners concerned- Odum's, Stafford's and Davis's. He suggested the County Surveyor should communicate with the three gentlemen in question and ask them to instruct their drivers not to go in the same line of the road. This might have the desired effect.

The Committee approved of Mr Shannon's suggestion.

REFLECTORS FOR WARNING SIGNS, ETC.

Under date 29th October 1927 the following was read from Trade Section of Local Government Department (Ref No. C 27):-

"Please note, as the results of tests made by Roads Department, it has been decided to have "24 hours" Reflectors fitted to the Warning and Danger Signs for which Macroon Engineering Company, Macroon, Co. Cork are the official contractors.

This reflector will cost 3¹/₂d fitted complete.

Nine to be fitted to each Warning Sign and twelve to each Triangle Danger Sign.

The work of supplying the Signs ordered from the Macroon Engineering Co. will now be proceeded with and Road Authorities who have not yet sent their orders for Signs are requested to do so at once."

Order-Referred to County Surveyor with instructions that he procure the necessary signs.

Under date 14th October 1927, Very Rev Canon Dunne P.P. Castlebridge wrote calling attention to having warning notices erected outside schoolhouses of which playgrounds~~2~~ open on to the road. In Castlebridge, the school children were in constant danger from motorists.

Rev W.F. Wilkinson, Rector, Killegney wrote under date October 21st 1927 that what might have proved a fatal accident took place on October 20th as some of the schoolchildren at Killegney were going out of the gate, as a passing motor ran into a number of them knocking down three and injuring one, providentially only slightly. He asked the County Council in view of preventing future accidents to the schoolchildren to provide and erect danger posts within say 20 or 30 yards on either side of the School.

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

"That the Co. Surveyor be instructed to erect danger posts in the neighbourhood of schools for the protection of school children."

BRISTOWES TARVIA, LTD.

Under date 29th October 1927, the following letter was read from Mr H.J. Jones, Solicitor, Waterford:-

"I have been instructed to take proceedings for recovery of the sum of £55-2-6 due by your Council to the above on foot of their contract. I notice that the balance of 25% is to be paid on the Co. Surveyor's certificate on the termination of the maintenance period. In order to save expense of both parties, namely having to proceed against the County Surveyor and then against your Council, I write to enquire whether your Council is prepared to waive the clause in the contract as to County Surveyor's certificate so that the action may be taken against your Council on a quantum meruit basis, the other conditions of the contract so far as possible in the absence of the certificate clause being regarded.

This is a case where the only question involved is whether the work charged for was properly done, and in my view your Council will not be prejudiced in the least by waiving the question of the Co. Surveyor's certificate and allowing the action to come for hearing as to whether my clients are entitled to be paid the amount claimed."

It was decided that copy of the letter be furnished to Mr Elgee, Solicitor for reply.

WORKING OF COMPRESSOR PLANT.

The Co. Surveyor submitted comparative figures as to working of steam drill as against compressor plant. The working of steam drill cost £29-10-2 for a 50 hour week or 11/9¹/₂d per hour and the compressor plant £24-17-0 for a 50 hour week or 9/2¹/₂d per hour.

The four quarries at which both equipments were employed were:-Kerlogue, Ballybrennan, Cherryorchard and Clonhaston.

The cost per foot for compressor plant was 2/2¹/₂d and for steam drill ~~11/9¹/₂d~~ 5/10¹/₂d per foot.

STRAND ROAD ROSSLARE.

Under date 27th October 1927, the Department of Local Government (Roads) wrote (Ref R.G.32B) forwarding copy of letter from Rosslare Development Association relative to the condition of the road from Rosslare Railway Station to Rosslare and requesting to be furnished with the observations of the Co. Surveyor

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in the matter. So far back as March last, a Grant of £1000 was notified for the improvement of the road in question. The Minister asked what was the cause of the delay in completing this small matter.

The following under date 23rd October 1927 is copy of letter from the Secretary to Rosslare Development Association:-

"I have been instructed by the members of the Rosslare Development Association respectfully to call your attention to the shocking condition of the only approach from the Railway Station to Rosslare. It is more like a large open sewer than a public road and at times it is absolutely impassable.

For the purpose of remedying this outstanding grievance, you graciously granted £1000 over six months ago, but up to now nothing has been done, although the attention of the Wexford County Council has several times been called to our urgent need in this matter, also attention has been called to it in the public Press.

A similar sum was granted at the same time for a similar purpose, namely the Courtown-Gorey Road and this work has been completed. I would be very thankful on behalf of my Association if you would give this matter your immediate attention."

Mr Elgee said that a Mr Swan with whom the Council had agreed for the purchase of some land necessary to obtain the widening of the road had sold part of the plot to a Mr Rossiter who now refused to sign the conveyance of the plot to the Council. It would not be possible to proceed with the work unless Mr Rossiter's consent was forthcoming.

KERLOGUE QUARRY - COMPLAINT OF WORKMEN.

The following under date 17th October 1927 was read from William Doyle who was lately employed in Kerlogue Quarry:-

"While working for Wexford County Council at Kerlogue Quarry, after working for a period of nine weeks, at 5-10p.m. on 30/8/27 Ganger Boggan came to me while using a shovel for safety, I have seen every man that was put trimming stones using the shovel for that purpose. When Ganger Boggan came to me he said it wasn't with a shovel that ~~the~~ stones were trimmed.

I replied to Boggan that I was using the shovel only

"at times when the stones were hanging from the top. The purpose of using the shovel then was to be a distance away so as to keep the fall from catching the person.

Ganger Boggan replied that if I could not trim stones without a shovel I could get my coat and consider myself sacked. Ganger Boggan again replied that I had not stones enough trimmed and again told me to get my coat and go. I got my coat and went to the men that were working at the breaker. I told them to take account of what stones I had trimmed that Boggan had sacked me for not trimming enough stones and using shovel for same: then left the quarry. On the same date Boggan left the quarry at 10-30 for the direction of Wexford and returned in the evening. When Boggan came to me in my work there was a strong smell of liquor from him. I hardly believe that a man of his creed would have the nature of sending a man after two years hunger and a wife and seven children depending on the relief of the few weeks that was got in Kerlogue Quarry, and then to say that I was sent home to my wife and seven children without a just cause. Now taking everything into consideration, a man with a wife and children could not have many sixpences to throw away.

During my nine weeks working in Kerlogue Quarry there were three mornings when all hands were standing idle on account of Ganger Boggan not being there to open the door of the hut and Matthew Doyle who is working at Kerlogue Quarry took the chance and told all hands to go to the quarry without tools in case anyone would come along and make them believe they had tools.

There were eight men on the scene:- Pat McLoughlin, Joseph Maloney, James Browne, M. Broaders, James McLoughlin, T. Cousins, John Maguire and M. Murphy."

Doyle came before the meeting and adhered to the statement in his letter. He produced a testimonial from Ganger Murphy that during his service on the Drinagh-Rosslare Road he was a good time-keeper and an excellent workman.

Mr Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor said that on receipt of Doyle's complaint he had visited the quarry and from what he

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saw of the stones there was no necessity for a man to use a shovel.

The amount of material which Doyle had dealt with appeared to be particularly small. It proved that Doyle could not have been working very hard. This man had been previously working on the Drinagh-Rosslare Road and they had trouble with him there. He had every confidence in the manner in which Boggan was discharging his duty.

Col Gibbon said he passed the quarry constantly and he always saw Boggan there.

Boggan was then called before the meeting and said he had Doyle under observation for half an hour and considered he was not working as satisfactorily as he should. He directed Doyle, as the heap was only 4½ feet high, to pile the stones by hand. He (Boggan) showed Doyle how they should be trimmed. Doyle declined to carry out the instructions given and said he would go. When he (Boggan) was absent from the quarry he was in the Co. Surveyor's Office with the time sheets. He was always at the quarry before 8 o'clock and sometimes at 7-30. He was a few minutes late one morning in the summer when his bicycle broke down.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Col Quin seconded by Mr Colfer:- "That having heard the complaint of William Doyle and reply of Ganger Boggan we are satisfied that the latter was justified in dismissing Doyle when the latter declined to carry out instructions."

BALLYCALE MILL.

The following under date 24th October 1927 was read from Mr Treanor, Assistant Surveyor:-

"On Saturday morning, 22nd inst, road at Carriganeagh was badly flooded owing to sluice gates not being kept open. Some time ago, Mr Cousins, Mill owner, was written to or directed by you and Mr Elgee to make a spillway twelve feet by about eighteen inches. As this has not been done, road is in consequence subject to flooding and Mr Cousins should again be warned by Mr Elgee to have work as above carried out."

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

"That Mr Elgee inform Mr Cousins, Mill owner, Ballycale, Gorey, that unless he erects at once spillway at his mill to prevent flooding of the county road at this point, the Co. Council will be compelled to proceed against him."

KILMORE HARBOUR DREDGING.

Under date 26th October 1927, the following was read from the Department of Fisheries (D /73/ 1):-

"With reference to your communication dated 17th inst on the subject of the proposed dredging at Kilmore Harbour, I am directed by the Minister for Fisheries to state that he regrets it is not possible to depart from the condition attaching to all State contributions for such purposes, and that, consequently, unless the Wexford County Council can undertake to pay at least one moiety of the expense involved, he will not be in a position to help them in the case."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Sean O'Byrne seconded by Col Quin:-

"That we recommend the Co. Council to guarantee a moiety of the total cost of dredging Kilmore Harbour and which total has been estimated at £400, in view of the necessity of having the work carried out. The Council should point out to the Department of Fisheries that they consider they should have accepted the offer of 25% by the Council in view of the fact that the Council are working the Harbour at considerable loss."

TELEGRAPH LINE-CIVIC GUARD BARRACKS, BALLYWILLIAM.

The Department for Posts and Telegraphs wrote under date 20th October 1927 asking for the consent of the Wexford County Council to the erection of an overground telegraphic line from a point on the railway line to Civic Guards Barracks at Ballywilliam.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Col Quin:-

"That the County Council be recommended to agree to erection of telegraphic line from a point on the railway line to the Civic Guard Barracks, Ballywilliam as set out on sketch which accompanied letter from the Department of Posts and ~~Telegraphs~~

Telegraphs under date 20th October 1927 on condition that the poles in connection with the line are placed at points approved by the County Surveyor."

FORD OF LYNG

Mr Elgee, Solicitor submitted the following letter from Messrs McMahon & Tweedy, Solicitors, 13 Hume Street, Dublin under date 22nd October 1927 re above:-

"We are in receipt of your letter of 20th inst, enclosing portion of Ordnance Sheet showing where the flooding complained of takes place. The marsh edged brown on this map is part of the Estate of Mrs Waller who was formerly Miss Tynte. There never was a water channel on this property. The marsh referred to (and which is known as the Pill of Rathdowney) was an arm of the sea originally. Owing to its level it could never be reclaimed and is nothing more than a swamp. The Ford of Lyng is no part of our client's property. The map would seem to show a sort of channel on the land between the road which you have marked with crosses on the one side and the Pill of Rathdowney on the other. We do not know who owns this land which is contiguous to the road but it certainly is not portion of our client's property. We observe that the land at both sides of the road you have marked with crosses is shown on the Ordnance map as being "liable to floods."

We can see nothing to connect the flooding with any default or neglect on our client's part in the user of her property and are prepared to defend any proceeding you may see fit to bring against her."

Mr Elgee explained that he had written Messrs McMahon and Tweedy, Solicitors, that the flooding was caused owing to a channel which was originally on this property having been allowed to become choked up. He had not had any reply to his letter. They had been trying for the last 30 years to get this place drained but no work has been done at this particular place during that time. Now it seemed to him that having regard to the lapse of time the Council might not succeed in compelling Mrs Waller to do it. When he received a reply to his letter he would submit it to the Committee.

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CARRIGANEAGH QUARRY.

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

"That the Seal of the County Council be affixed to the Agreement between the Earl of Courtown and the County Council relative to the acquisition of plot for the working of Carriganeagh Quarry."

GOREY HILL QUARRY.

Mr Elgee mentioned that he had not yet been able to obtain a copy of the Court Order as to roadway in connection with Gorey Hill Quarry. In the Judge's notes, the roadway was mentioned as to be of fourteen feet.

It was decided to defer action until a copy of Court Order was at hand.

BALLYBRENNAN QUARRY SUB-COMMITTEE.

It was decided that the sub-committee consisting of the Chairman, Mr Hall and Mr Shannon should interview Mrs Deacon, Ballybrennan re proposed purchase of land required for quarry purposes.

PREMISES ADJOINING NEW ROSS COURTHOUSE.

Mr James Rossiter, Upper Mary Street, New Ross tendered to repair the roof over the Bridewell at New Ross Courthouse for £115 or in the alternative to remove and stack existing slating and timber of the roof over the Bridewell for £48 and in the event of slating being removed, level off in cement the masonry on the outside of the masonry arches for £16.

It was decided that the Co. Surveyor readvertise for tenders for the removal of the slates and subsequent cementing of the masonry of the arches, the person whose tender was accepted being allowed to retain the slates.

John Burke, 29 Cross Lane, New Ross wrote offering £2-5-0 per annum for garden on north side of New Ross Courthouse taking into account the portion of the Bridewell opening thereon. He would be prepared to pay an increase that might be considered reasonable should the buildings be put into repair.

On the motion of ~~THE CHAIRMAN~~ Mr Colfer seconded by Mr

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Hall it was decided that the matter should be referred to the County Council.

GOREY WATERWORKS SCHEME.

Under date 25th October 1927, Mr T.D. Sinnott, Secretary County Board of Health wrote stating he was directed by his Board to apply to the County Council for the necessary permission to open up Gorey streets for the purpose of laying the mains and connections required for the scheme of waterworks which the Board had undertaken at Gorey. The Board would make the necessary arrangements for watchmen, lighting and third party Insurance.

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

"That the County Council be recommended to agree to the request of the Co. Wexford Board of Health as to laying mains and connections required for Gorey Waterworks Scheme on the terms and conditions of letter of County Board of Health under date 25th October 1927 and also on condition that streets are opened and surface replaced to the satisfaction of the County Surveyor."

GOREY COURTHOUSE AWARD.

Under date 27th October 1927, Mr Elgee, Solicitor, wrote forwarding Pay Order for £2100 being on account of the amount of £2515 conditional award in respect of the damage to Gorey Courthouse. The amount certified by the Co. Surveyor in respect of the building of this Courthouse was £1957-10-0 so that the amount paid is actually £142-10-0 over what has been expended to date.

The Secretary mentioned that the Ministry of Finance wrote (404/946a a-Form P.T.15B) that the National City Bank had been authorised to inscribe £200 in 5 per cent Compensation Stock in the name of the Wexford County Council. This amount represented a payment in respect of the 10% increase authorised under the provisions of the Damage to Property (Compensation) (Amendment) Act 1926.

Under date 20th October 1927, the Co. Surveyor submitted report as follows from the caretaker, New Ross Bridge, Thos Lee:-

"This morning (15th October), when opening the bridge for the motor vessel, Haparees to go through (she got through Railway Bridge at 10-55) at 11-5 waiting for her to come in sight, Neill McMahon, Fruit Merchant, Henrietta Street, Waterford, Car No. W.I. 535 told a chap named Ryan, Ustalo Terrace, Waterford, driver of B. Alyward groceries lorry No. W.I. 702 to take down the chains which he did and McMahon's motor drove in on the bridge. We had only screwed up the jacks and I went over to him and he refused to go back and said it was alright wasn't the bridge swung. I then went to Ryan and asked him did he take down the chains. He said yes Neill McMahon told him and admitted he knew no better and Ryan gave me McMahon's name and address and his own. When McMahon saw me taking the number of motor he backed out and I put up the chains. We were tied to time as there was a train due at 11-45 and I had no time whatever to spare. The bridge was turned in twenty minutes. When passing over he gave impudence and said we had a right to take our time.

I think you should prosecute as these Waterford people are the limit and think they can do as they like."

It was decided that Mr Elgee be instructed to prosecute on the report of the caretaker.

Mr Elgee said the difficulty would be to trace the by-laws dealing with the matter.

ENNISCORTHY URBAN DISTRICT - ELECTRIC LIGHTING POLES.

The Co. Surveyor submitted the following application from Mr Casey, Town Surveyor, Enniscorthy:-

"We propose putting up three wooden poles as standards for electric light and power mains at points (i.e.) from the last pole in Williams Row, which is in the Urban area, to a point just at Vinegar Hill Lane. The length of the line is 108 yards.

The poles will be placed alongside boundary wall of Old Church Graveyard. At the other point, five poles are to be erected from the existing pole at Boreen Hill and continue along roadway to Cross Roads at Summer Hill.

"Will you kindly let me have permission for the above purpose immediately as we desire to proceed with the work at once."

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

"That permission be given Enniscorthy Urban District Council to erect wooden poles for electric light standards as per letter received from Mr Casey, Town Surveyor, Enniscorthy on trunk road provided that the work be carried out to the satisfaction of the Co. Surveyor and that the poles be removed at any time on notice from the County Council."

PETROL PUMPS.

Applications were received for licences for petrol pumps from Harry Ellis, 28 John Street, New Ross and Matthew Harte, Campile.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Col Gibbon seconded by Mr Hall:-

"That Messrs Ellis and Harte be informed that their applications for licences for petrol pumps will not be considered by the Roads Committee until they have submitted a proper plan drawn to scale showing the position of road and situation of pump and tank for same."

CINEMATOGRAH LICENCE.

Under date 22nd October 1927, John McGurk, Rosslare applied for Cinema Licence.

Mr Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor reported that the machine which Mr McGurk intended using for projection of pictures was a new Gaumont Cine de Luxe which was to be erected outside the Picture Theatre. He (Mr Birthistle) reported in favour of the application.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr O'Byrne seconded by Mr Shannon:- "That Cinema Licence be issued to Mr John McGurk, Rosslare Strand, subject to completion of the building receiving the approval of the Co. Surveyor and that no additional structural improvements or alterations be made at the premises without the consent of the County Council."

ERECTION OF BUILDING ADJOINING THE ROAD.

The following letter under date 5th October 1927 was read from Michael Horan, 10 Boyce Terrace, Arklow:-

I beg to inform you that I have started to erect a store adjoining the county road at Inch, Co. Wexford. At the time I started I was not aware that in order to do so it was necessary to apply to your Council to erect same until your Assistant Surveyor informed me of the facts. I now respectfully ask you to give me permission to do so. I can assure you that I will be only too willing to carry out any regulation laid down by your Surveyor."

The Co. Surveyor stated he did not consider that the building as proposed would be an obstruction to the road or to the view and the Roads Inspection Committee which had seen the place were of the same opinion.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Col Gibbon seconded by Col Quin:-

"That the application be adjourned until Mr Horan has submitted a proper plan of the proposed structure."

WASTE GROUND AT TAGHMON(97W).

The following report was read from Mr Birthistle, Asst Surveyor under date 30th October 1927:-

"Rev. T. Scallan P.P. Taghmon asks permission to enclose a waste piece of ground at the junction of 97W and 99W opposite the schoolhouse at Taghmon. I am informed he wishes to use the ground as an auxiliary playground for the schoolchildren. He proposes to erect a concrete wall around same.

I will submit a sketch to the meeting showing full details."

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

"That the application of Rev T. Scallan P.P. Taghmon to fence off waste piece of ground in Taghmon be agreed to provided that the wall proposed to be erected does not exceed 4½ feet in height and that trees will not be planted on said ground."

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Colonel Quin, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the Minutes of Meeting of Roads Committee of 31st October, 1927, be received and considered:-

Wexford-Rosslare Road.

The County Surveyor reported that he had been dealing with this matter and found that the height of the proposed tunnel between the water level and the existing railway bridge would be 9ft 6 ins. This was the maximum head room and was rather low.

Colonel Gibbon considered it sufficient as the level crossing would remain for traction engines.

The County Surveyor in reply to Colonel Gibbon stated that he had not yet forwarded the plans to the Local Government Department as he had not had time to deal with them.

On the motion of Colonel Gibbon, seconded by Mr. Gaul, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That application be made to the Department of Local Government for a grant in order to finish the portion of the Rosslare-Wexford Slob road at the Rosslare end. That it be also pointed out to the Department that, in order to make the thoroughfare effective a tunnel would have to be made underneath the railway bridge and for which the County Surveyor had plans at present in hands. The Council would communicate with the Department later as regards this tunnel. In the meantime, they desire to point out that it is essential that the unfinished part of the road should be dealt with, as, otherwise, the work already done would be useless for traffic"...

Wexford-Enniscorthy Road.

In reply to Colonel Gibbon, the County Surveyor mentioned that eight miles of this road had been completed. The present frost was interfering with the work. He had arranged for thermometers to be placed at the various mixers to register frost, and his order was that they should be started

until the temperature had risen four degrees over freezing point, and in the evening that work was to be stopped when the thermometers registered below forty degrees.

In reply to Colonel Gibbon the County Surveyor said that one section of the road, Ferrycarrig to Arran Cottage, was four weeks completed, but he had arranged with the contractors not to open until the end of six weeks, as owing to the weather it was better to allow extra time. He expected that the road between Ferrycarrig and Oylegate would be open at the end of the present month.

Mr. Hayes - I am informed that there are a lot of cracks in the new road. What effect are they going to have on the road ? and what is the cause. ?.

Mr. Corish - Because the road is not reinforced.

County Surveyor - A big reinforced road at Clontarf is cracked but we don't know why.

Mr. Hayes - Are the foundations sinking ?.

The County Surveyor said the foundations were not sinking With regard to the cracks they would adopt the usual procedure and fill them with bitumen.

Mr. Boggan - Has Mr. Quigley, the Local Government Engineer's attention been called to those cracks?.

Colonel Gibbon - There was only one when he was there, and we showed it to him.

Chairman - He saw the crack, and he didn't think it serious.

County Surveyor - You can't avoid cracks, as far as I understand.

Mr. Boggan asked if any cracks had occurred in the concrete of Wexford Main Street.

Mr. Corish - Not one.

Mr. Corish - Who is liable now ? Is it we or the contractor ?.

County Surveyor - The contractor, under maintenance.

In reply to Mr. Corish the County Surveyor said that liquid cement would not be better than bitumen for the cracks.

It was decided that the inspection Committee, consisting of Mr. Corish, Colonel Gibbon, Messrs Gaul and Doyle should again visit the road on Saturday, 19 Nov.

Colonel Gibbon referred to the difficulty experienced by farmers in Edermine district in bringing their beet to the railway owing to the work on the Enniscorthy road. The agent of the company, Mr. Rossiter, was to have been written to to inform him how the beet could be got away, but Mr. Rossiter had told him (Colonel Gibbon) that he had no information and that the beet could not be got away.

The County Surveyor said he had arranged the matter and Mr. Martin, the Resident Engineer, whom he interviewed, told him he had seen all the men and had arranged with them as to haulage.

Colonel Gibbon said he did not think that that understanding had been carried out because one man was sent the whole way back to his farm with the beet.

The Chairman suggested that perhaps that occurred before the arrangement was made.

Colonel Gibbon said he was told it only occurred last week, and he had seen the County Surveyor before that about the matter.

Mr. Boggan said that the matter was one that should be remedied. The people had to get their beet away.

It was decided that the County Surveyor should find out if any grievance existed in this matter at present.

Tarvia Contract.

Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, said he had written Mr. Jones, Solicitor, that the Council would not waive any of the clauses in the contract. No proceedings had been taken against the Council up to the present.

Rosslare Strand Road.

Mr. Elgee mentioned that Mr. Swan with whom the Council had agreed to purchase the necessary land was in Rosslare last

week and some arrangement had been arrived at by which Mr. Rossiter's consent to the sale of the plot to the Council would be obtained.

New Ross Courthouse.

The County Surveyor mentioned that he would arrange to have copy of specification as to repairs with Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor, in his office at New Ross, so that local contractors could inspect same.

For the repair of caretaker's premises at New Ross Courthouse, James Rossiter, Upper Mary Street, New Ross, tendered at £38: 5: 5d and Patrick Lynch, Builder and Contractor, New Ross at £32: 5: 0d.

The latter tender was accepted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Sean O'Byrne,.

In connection with the proposal of John Burke, ~~SQUARE~~ 29, Cross Lane, New Ross to rent garden etc., at New Ross, Courthouse for £2 per annum the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the proposal of John Burke to rent garden etc., at New Ross Courthouse be not accepted but that the council retain the premises in their own hands for storage of machinery etc."

The Chairman proposed and Mr. Hall seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That the Minutes of Roads Committee of 31st October, 1927, be and are hereby confirmed in so far as same have not been amended by resolutions at this meeting."

COURTOWN HARBOUR SLUICE GATES.

Col Quin stated that, when he last visited Courtown, he went to see the sluice gates and was informed that they were no good and that the boats could not get out. Probably there was a certain amount of exaggeration in the statement.

The County Surveyor stated that the sluice gates were not working properly and the bar was constantly changing. There would never be any satisfaction in dealing with this place unless by a little constant dredging.

Mr P. Byrne mentioned that it was very unfair to the fishermen that the harbour was not put into proper order. One of their Deputies had been informed through a question in An Dail that a Grant would be forthcoming in order to have the harbour put into such a condition as would make it of some use to the fishermen. He proposed:-

"That the County Council make representations to the Government to provide a Government Grant to carry out essential work at Courtown Harbour. That the County Surveyor make an inspection of the place as soon as possible in order to obtain data on which to base the application of the Council for a Grant."

Mr Sean O'Byrne seconded the resolution which was adopted.

On the motion of Mr Corish seconded by Mr P. Byrne the following resolution was adopted:-

"In view of the complaints made to this Council by the fishermen of Courtown Harbour, we request the Department of ~~XXXXXX~~ Fisheries to send down their Engineer, Mr Hassard, to consult with the Co. Surveyor at Courtown Harbour to see what can be done to enable the place to be put into a position to allow the fishermen to pursue their calling."

ROADS INSPECTION COMMITTEE.

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

"That report of Roads Inspection Committee be printed and circulated to Co. Councillors and considered by meeting of Roads Committee to be held on 28th November 1927."

The following report of Sub-Committee re above was accepted and approved on the motion of Mr Sean O'Byrne seconded by Mr Hall:-

"The Sub-Committee appointed to interview Mr Deacon (owner) relative to purchase of plot at Ballybrennan Quarry met at the latter place on 31st October 1927. There were present, Messrs Thos McCarthy, James Hall, James Shannon and Thos Cullen, Assistant Surveyor. The plot in question is about a statute acre in area and extends between the road and the Boro river from the southern end of the quarry to the bridge at the northern end. After an inspection of the land proposed to be acquired the Sub-Committee met Mr Deacon and it was eventually decided to recommend the County Council to give him £35 for his interest. In agreeing to recommend this sum, the Sub-Committee took into account the fact that the Council had been using this field for a number of years free and that the quarry could not be properly worked without acquiring it."

GOVERNMENT GRANTS.

Mr Corish inquired from the Co. Surveyor if they were working on all the Grants they got from the Government. He wished to know if there was any money that they were not using at the moment. The reason he asked was that the Minister for Local Government had mentioned that there was a million and a half waiting to be spent, and that the County Councils were not taking any advantage of it. As far as he (Mr Corish) knew, the County Surveyor was only too anxious to take advantage of any money that was offering, but he wanted to know if there was any money that was not being used.

The Co. Surveyor said there was not. They were working on all the Grants but they had been held up. When he put forward a requisition for £16,000 for the Enniscorthy Road they only got £10,000 because apparently the Department had not the cash.

In further reply to Mr Corish, the Co. Surveyor said they were now held up by the frost and bad weather but they had

been working on all the grants. They had taken all the money allocated to them, but they had not expended it, and the reason they had not done so was that they had missed the two best months of the year as the result of late notification of the allocation of Grants.

Mr Hayes asked if the Co. Surveyor contemplated steam-rolling the road from the borough boundary of Wexford to Rosslare. If there was any money available he thought the Co. Surveyor should use it because some men in Kerlogue Quarry had been dismissed and the others were under notice to leave this week.

The Co. Surveyor said they had no money for that work at the present time.

The Co. Surveyor gave details ~~of~~ as to the amounts of the various Grants and how far work in connection with each had been carried out.

Mr Corish asked if the Co. Surveyor, in the interests of the unemployed, could take greater advantage of the Grants allocated.

The Co. Surveyor said they could not. The big portion of the money that had not been taken up at present was allocated for the road between Enniscorthy and Palace, and the time for the completion of that work was December 1928. They could not expect to do thirteen miles of grouting in one year.

Mr Corish-How much money have you at the moment available for tar-spraying-money you could not attempt to spend until June?

County Surveyor- From £12,000 to £14,000.

Mr Corish said he did not see anything wrong in view of widespread unemployment in applying to the Department and asking their permission to transfer money, for instance, for reconstructing work in a road which was deteriorating rapidly thereby giving much needed employment. They could replace the money next year from a Grant they would get. He then proposed the following resolution:-

"That in view of the widespread unemployment prevailing in this county, the Minister for Local Government and

"Public Health be requested to allow the Wexford Co. Council to utilise at once the portion of Government Grants allocated to Co. Wexford for the present year (and which cannot be expended on tar grouting work until next summer) for special improvement on trunk and main roads in order to relieve existing distress. That on receipt of Grants for roads which are the subject of special improvement work under this resolution, recoupment be made to the various Grant accounts from which sums have been withdrawn."

Mr Colfer seconded the proposal which was passed unanimously.

SEWERAGE IN SMALL TOWNS AND VILLAGES.

Mr Corish mentioned that complaints were received from ~~xxx~~ time to time from residents in small towns and villages in the county as to lack of sanitary accommodation. A sum of £150,000 had been set aside by the Government for the relief of unemployment. The Minister for Finance in dealing with the question, stated that so far as possible, they would get away from road work in connection with this Grant and give it to Public Bodies for sewerage and development of water schemes, etc. This was a unique opportunity for the Co. Council to make an application for a Grant for the sanitary improvement of such places as Taghmon.

The Co. Surveyor pointed out that the Council had before them several times the position of the sanitation of Taghmon. It was most necessary that something should be done in that locality.

Mr Corish proposed:-

"That the County Surveyor be instructed to get into touch with Mr Flood, Engineer to the County Wexford Board of Health, with a view to drafting a scheme for the improvement of the sanitation of Taghmon village, same to be put before the Minister of Finance as ~~seen~~ an application for a subsidy from the £150,000 Unemployment Grant."

Mr Boggan seconded.

Passed.

SOW DRAINAGE SCHEME.

In connection with above, the following letter (21202/27) under date 3rd November 1927 was read from the Board of Works:-

"We enclose for your information copy of a general statement prepared by our Engineer setting forth the work done in restoring the district in 1925-26 together with a tracing from which to follow the description. In consideration of the views which have been urged upon the County Council we are prepared, if the Council so desire, to defer the preparation of the Charging Order until the Council has sent a deputation to see us on the subject, provided the Council let us know early whether they propose to send the deputation or not after considering this letter.

The extent of the restoration work to be carried out in any Drainage District is a matter for our discretion (subject to the directions of the Minister for Finance). That discretion should be and is exercised in the interests of the owners of land in the district: the more complete the restoration carried out the larger the payments they will have to make, and it might well be that an incomplete restoration would be more in their interests than a complete one. It so happens however, that in the case of the Sow District a complete restoration was desirable and was carried out with the addition of some small improvements. The representations to the contrary which have been made by the Drainage Trustees are based on a misapprehension of the facts.

Work done in restoration 1925-26.

Main River Outfall to Castlesow Bridge cleared of obstructions.
From Outfall to Coolamain Bridge. A large number of heavy trunks

of trees removed from river, banks trimmed and shoals removed.

Coolamain Bridge to Aughar Bridge. Banks trimmed, shoals removed.

Aughar Bridge to Kilmallock Bridge do do

At Kilmallock Bridge Rock shoal removed.

Kilmallock Bridge to A on tracing. Banks trimmed, shoals removed.

A to Ballinkeele Bridge and to B on tracing, do.

B to top of D.D. Banks trimmed and river scoured.

All bushes and other growths on banks removed along whole length of river. All drains marked red were trimmed cleaned and deepened where necessary."

Under date 11th November 1927, the following was read from Mr Peter Cullen, Killisk, The Ballagh:-

"In reply to yours of 9th inst, I would like to draw your attention to the fact that so far as we on the south side of the River Sow are affected, the Trustees in charge of the river have done nothing on our behalf, as there is no representative on the Trustees Board from this side. The landlord (Capt Maher) has not acted for these past number of years so there is no one to look after our interests as he was the only one appointed from this side. The map of the work carried out by Mr Davis will show clearly that this side was neglected altogether and as far as we know, the Trustees were mainly responsible for same. As there are over twenty landholders affected by the drains in question it would be well to have the matter dealt with satisfactorily as all these will be opposed to paying Drainage Rates until there is something done on said drains, and as there is no use in depending on the Trustees in the matter, I should like to know what step you would recommend us to take. Any further particulars you may require I shall be delighted to give you at any time."

"The following deputation from the Trustees was received by the Council:- Messrs Walter Mernagh and Patrick Murphy, both of Clonmore and William Gahan, Oulartleigh.

Mr P. Murphy stated the Trustees maintained that the Board of Works had carried out an imperfect job. As regards the drains on the south side referred to by Mr Cullen, they were never in any other state than as at present though they looked to be part of the scheme. They were not on the original map which unfortunately had been lost. They were never cleaned by the Trustees and were not in the Award.

Col Gibbon stated that the truth of the matter with regard to some of these drainage schemes was that the Trustees who had a scheme handed over to them, never spent a penny in cleaning up the side-drains.

Mr P. Murphy pointed out that the river Sow was not sunk to the depth which existed when the scheme was begun. They were

obliged to pay 2/5d per acre for fifteen years for imperfect work. It was 70 years since the scheme was first begun and the drains on the Award were cleaned up to some extent every year since. The amount spent by the Board of Works was £3200, but the drainage was no better. No doubt, the work was carried out with the consent of the Trustees though there was no written agreement. The Board of Works sent down an engineer and he promised to put the river in the same condition as it was when the Scheme was first finished. This was not done. Those concerned were satisfied to pay the amount as the land was beginning to be of no use owing to the flooding. It was flooded still though not to the same extent. If they agreed to the payment of £3200, it was on the understanding that the lands would be free from flooding in the future. The main river was not able to take away the water. It was admitted that the flooding had decreased to some extent in consequence of the new work.

After further discussion, the following resolution was proposed by Col Quin seconded by Mr Boggan and passed unanimously:-

"That the following sub-committee be appointed to inspect and report re Sow drainage :- The Chairman, Col Gibbon, Messrs D. Kavanagh, M.M. O'Donoghue, N.J. Murphy and M. Doyle to meet at the Ballagh village at 11a.m. on the 18th inst.

It was arranged that the Trustees should meet the sub-committee.

Mr Murphy expressed his thanks to the Council for the lengthened hearing they ~~had afforded~~ had afforded the Trustees

It was decided that Mr Burke, Parliamentary Secretary be requested to receive on 24th November 1927 at 12 o'clock noon at the Office of Public Works, Dublin the following deputation from the County Council in connection with the various drainage schemes of the county, viz, the Chairman, Col Gibbon, Messrs David Kavanagh, M.M. O'Donoghue, N.J. Murphy and M. Doyle with Representatives of Trustees of Drainage Boards and others interested and that the five T.D's of the County be requested to introduce the deputation.

CAHORE DRAINAGE SCHEME.

The following resolution was adopted ^{on the motion of} ~~by~~ Mr Sean O'Byrne seconded by the Chairman:-

"In view of the large number of unemployed persons in the Cahore district and the fact that, in our opinion it is impossible for the local people to provide sufficient funds to put the local drainage scheme into even fair order, we request the Department of Local Government, in conjunction with the Office of Public Works to provide a Grant for the purpose of carrying out much needed work on the drainage scheme of this district and which would also relieve the acute distress prevailing there."

ERECTION OF BUILDINGS, ETC.

The following motion of which he had given previous notice was moved by Col Gibbon:-

"That in all cases in which a permit or licence is necessary from the County Council for a proposed building, erection, encroachment, plant, etc, the application shall be accompanied by the following in duplicate:-

- (a) written specification: (b) map of the locality in scale of 25" to the mile: (c) plan of the proposal in scale of 1" to 8'.
- (d) front elevation in scale of 1" to 8'. (e) cross section in scale of 1" to 8'. "

Col Quin seconded.

After considerable discussion, the motion was by consent altered to the following and passed:-

"That in all cases in which a permit or licence is necessary from the County Council for a proposed building, erection, encroachment, plant, etc, the application shall be accompanied by the following in duplicate:-

- (a) a general written description. (b) a map of the locality on a scale of 25" to the mile. (c) a plan of the proposal on a scale of one inch to eight feet (d) a front elevation on a scale of 1" to 8 feet. (e) a cross section on a scale of 1" to 8 feet."

APPLICATION FOR INCREASED REMUNERATION.

Application for increased remuneration from Mr Timothy Moore, Clerk in County Surveyor's Department, ~~for~~ which was ~~ad~~ adjourned from last County Council meeting was read.

The application was grounded on the increased work which he had to perform in connection with grant work for roads. His salary was £3 per week without increments and when he was appointed (ed (in September 1923) there were no works on hand outside those covered by the normal county expenditure. His predecessor was paid £3-18-5 per week.

In support of the application, a letter was read from Mr J. F. Birthistle, Secretary of the Wexford Branch of the Irish L.G. Officials' Union which dealt in detail with the nature of Mr Moore's work.

In reply to the Chairman the Co. Surveyor said that every second week between Saturday and Thursday there was always a rush to get out pay sheets.

Mr Thorpe- Is there more of a rush now than in former times? Co. Surveyor- I believe there is because there are more items of payment.

Chairman- If we gave him an allowance for overtime in connection with these grants could we pay it out of grants?

Secretary- If the Local Government Department would agree to it.

Mr Hayes said he thought the application was a fair one. Mr Moore was appointed at 18/- per week less than his predecessor, and it was evident there was a large amount of work in his Department owing to grants and certainly he should be entitled to some consideration on account of the increased work.

Mr Hall- What was he appointed for? Was it for any special work and no work besides that?

Co. Surveyor- He was generally chief clerk of the office. Mr Thorpe- And isn't this part of the chief clerk's work? Mr Hall- If you advertised the position to-morrow you would have

Co. Surveyor- You might have twenty applicants and still would not have one of them serviceable. I know that this man is serviceable.

The Chairman remarked that no matter how good a salary they gave a young fellow, he was not going to continue being satisfied with it. The mistake in making appointments is in not providing for increments.

Mr Boggan- If this young man made a special effort could he not get through all his work within working hours?

County Surveyor- I don't think he could.

Mr Boggan- Are you quite sure of that?

Co. Surveyor- I don't see him wasting any time.

Mr Boggan- You aren't looking at him very often.

Co. Surveyor- No, but it is very easy to know if a man is a slacker and he certainly isn't that.

Mr Gaul proposed and Mr Shannon seconded the following resolution which was adopted nem.con. :-

"That Mr Timothy Moore, Clerk in Co. Surveyor's Department, be granted a sum of 7/6 per week while Government Road Grants are being received by the Council which amount is to be paid out of amounts provided for Grants, this proposal to be subject to the sanction of the Local Government Department."

OLD AGE PENSION SUB-COMMITTEE NO. 5.

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

"That as recommended by Old Age Pension Sub-Committee No. 5, Mr William K. Stamp, Market Square, Enniscorthy and Mr James Shannon M.C.C. Rathnure Lower, Enniscorthy be appointed members of the Committee in the room of Rev P.K. Lyle and Rev T. Cloney C.C. respectively who have left the district

ROAD GRANTS.

Communications received since last meeting were read from the Roads Section of the Department of Local Government notifying payment of the following Road Grants :-

£10,000: £12,039: £542: £1221: and also £81-13-4, the latter being on behalf of Enniscorthy Urban District.

REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON POOR LAW.

It was decided that the consideration of this report be deferred until Mr M. Doyle M.C.C. is able to attend.

ENNISCORTHY COTTAGES -TRANSFER TO COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Sean O'Byrne seconded by Col Quin:-

"That an Order be made under the Seal of the Wexford County Council transferring folios 6223 and 7559-Land Registry-Co. Wexford to the County Board of Health and Public Assistance for the County Health District of Wexford."

BALLINGLY QUARRY.

Mr Hayes raised the question as to the employment of hand-breaking in this quarry. The men who were disemployed were almost on the verge of starvation, and he thought something should be done to provide employment for them. The cost of hand-breaking in this quarry had been from 4/- to 4/6 per cubic yard.

In reply to Col Quin, the County Surveyor stated that machine broken stone cost 3/6 to 3/9 per cubic yard.

Mr Gaul and Mr Hayes pointed out that when men were disemployed the rates suffered to the extent of the amount that had to be provided by way of home assistance to their families.

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

"That hand breaking of material be arranged for in all quarries under the County Council provided the work be done at a cost not exceeding 4/- per cubic yard."

University Scholarship Scheme.

The following results of the Autumn Examinations of students holding Scholarships from Wexford County Council during Session 1926-27 were furnished by the University College, Dublin:-
Howlett Michael J. Passed Part I of the Third University Examination in Medicine.
Stedmond Michael G. Passed the First University Examination in Engineering.

Keegan Thomas Passed the B. Comm. Degree Examination.

Whelan Patrick Passed the B.Sc. Degree Examination with Second Class Honours."

RAILWAY BRIDGE AT CHILCOMB.

In connection with this matter, the County Surveyor stated he had made arrangements with the Engineer of the Railway Company on the lines suggested in the correspondence which had been submitted to the ~~Company~~ County Council meeting on 10th October 1927.

POISONS AND PHARMACY ACT.

New licence under Poisons & Pharmacy Act was granted to Mr Alexander Kinsella, 24 Main Street, Gorey on the motion of Mr Cline seconded by Mr Sean O'Byrne.

PAYMENTS TO ROAD CONTRACTORS.

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

"That payments to Road Contractors submitted on Form 22 to this meeting, be and are hereby agreed to and that Paying Orders issue for same from this meeting."

ANALYST'S REPORT.

Miss Phyllis Ryan, County Analyst, submitted report in respect of the quarter ended September 30th 1927 from which it appeared 51 samples of drugs, 78 samples of food and 7 samples of water had been analysed: 3 samples of drugs, 5 samples of whiskey, and 2 samples of butter had been found to be adulterated and 5 samples of water had been condemned.

SMALL POX (IMPORTATION OF CLOTHING, ETC) TEMPORARY REGULATIONS, 1927.

The following resolution from the Waterford and New Ross Port Sanitary Authority was adopted on the motion of Mr Thorpe seconded by Col Quin:-

"That We, the Waterford and New Ross Port Sanitary Authority desire to bring under the notice of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health the heavy expenses entailed, for which no provision has been made, by the operation

"of the Small Pox (Importation of Clothing, etc) Temporary ~~XXXX~~ Regulations, 1927, and to express the opinion that the interests of public health could be effectively safeguarded by the Minister insisting upon all second-hand clothing imported into the Free State being disinfected before shipment. The present practice of handling these articles at the Port before being disinfected is in itself a menace to public health.

We view with alarm, having regard to the slender ~~xxx~~ resources of this Board, the expenses incurred in carrying out these Regulations amounting to date to £35-16-6 or approximately at the rate of £350 per annum. Furthermore, we object to the principle of bearing the expense of disinfecting articles belonging to outside areas without any provision being made for recouping this Authority for the expenses so incurred."

It was decided to request the Authority to pay the travelling expenses of the members from New Ross District who attended their meetings.

Wm. Carthy
Dec 72 1927
