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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

MONTHLY MEETING, 11TH NOVEMBER, 1935.

M I N U T E S

County Hall,
WEXFORD.

N. J. FRIZELLE,
Secretary, Wexford County Council.

The monthly meeting of Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 11th November, 1935.

Mr. D. Allen, Chairman, presided, and there were also present Messrs. J. J. Bowe, Patrick Colfer, John Connors, Richard Corish, C. Culleton, Wm. Cullimore, John Cummins, J. Day, Ml. Doyle, Col. C.M. Gibbon, W.P. Keegan, John P. Kelly, Wm. Kinsella, Jas. Lawler, T. McCarthy, T.J. Meyler, Philip Murphy, Sean O'Byrne, Ml. Redmond, T. Redmond, Patk. Ronan, Myles Smyth and Miss N. O'Ryan.

The County Secretary, County Surveyor, County Solicitor, Rates Inspector and the five Assistant Surveyors were also in attendance.

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

PAYMENTS

Treasurers' Advice Notes for £352. 16. 8 (Ordinary Salaries) and for £17947. 12. 0 (General payments - including payments to Road Contractors) were examined and signed.

VOTES OF CONDOLENCE.

On the motion of Mr. Colfer seconded by Mr. Kelly the following replies to votes of condolence in the death of his wife from Mr. Philip Doyle, Rate Collector, and from Mr. Wm. Doyle, Rate Collector in the death of his father were directed to be inserted on the Minutes of the day:-

Mr. Philip Doyle wrote:-

"Please convey to Miss O'Ryan, Mr. Corish and the other Members of the County Council my very sincere thanks for their kind vote of sympathy in recent bereavement.

I also wish to than you personally for your kind sympathy."

Mr. Wm. Doyle wrote:-

"I beg to acknowledge with thanks, the vote of condolence

passed at your last meeting of the County Council with me in the death of my father.

I also wish to return thanks to you for your personal sympathy."

DEATH OF DR. GEORGE BASTIBLE.

Mr. Cummins moved a vote of condolence to Dr. Christopher Bastible, County Medical Officer of Health in the death of his brother, Dr. George Bastible, County Medical Officer of Health, County Kerry. The sympathy of the whole County, Mr. Cummins pointed out, would be extended to Dr. C. Bastible in his great bereavement.

Mr. Corish seconded and said that although not natives of Wexford County the Bastible family had been identified with the County for a number of years and were held in the highest possible esteem.

Miss O'Ryan, in supporting the motion, said that since his appointment as County Medical Officer Dr. Christopher Bastible had carried out most valuable work in safeguarding the health of the people while the family had played a very prominent part in national affairs in the struggle for independence.

The Secretary added his tribute to the work accomplished in the County by Dr. Bastible.

The resolution was adopted in silence, all members standing.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF FINANCE COMMITTEES.

MEETING 25TH OCTOBER, 1935.

Minutes of Finance Committee held on 25th October 1935, were submitted as follows:-

The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 25th October, 1935.

Present:- Messrs. D. Allen (Chairman) presiding, also, Messrs. P. Colfer, R. Corish, Wm. Cullimore, W. P. Keegan, John P. Kelly, Wm. Kinsella and Sean O'Byrne.

The Secretary, the Assistant Secretary, County Surveyor, County Solicitor, Rates Inspector and Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, were also in attendance.

Mr. Sweetman, County Councillor and Mr. Jordan, Engineer were also present.

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

PAYMENTS.

Treasurer's Advice Note for £4,482. 9. 4d. was examined and signed.

RATE COLLECTION.

STATE OF - The following shows the state of the Rate Collection to date:-

	<u>Amount collected.</u>	<u>Percentage.</u>
E. J. Murphy	£1964 - 8 - 8	39.0
S. Gannon, No.6.	1114 - 9 - 8	30.7
M. Kehoe	1318 - 17 - 5	30.5
Patrick Carty	1332 - 17 - 5	28.3
J. Curtis	1559 - 19 - 9	28.1
S. Gannon, No.10.	1084 - 2 - 9	27.8
J. J. O'Reilly	1528 - 11 - 3	27.6
J. Cummins	1582 - 14 - 8	27.4
D. Kenny	1284 - 12 - 4	27.2
W. Cummins	1420 - 17 - 5	26.3
J. Flood	1043 - 7 - 10	26.2
P. Nolan	2151 - 10 - 7	26.0
J. Deegan	1816 - 0 - 4	25.2
A. Dunne	2147 - 11 - 5	23.8
P. Doyle	1435 - 11 - 2	22.7
W. Doyle	1307 - 4 - 8	21.8
M. McCarthy	1287 - 8 - 9	21.2
J. Quirke	1997 - 3 - 1	20.9
M. Murphy	694 - 14 - 2	17.4
J. J. Sinnott	1115 - 19 - 5	16.1
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	£ 29188 - 2 - 9	25.3
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The total amount of warrants including arrears is £115,748. 12. 0d. and the amount now outstanding £86,560. 9. 3.

It was decided that Collectors Quirke, M. Murphy and Sinnott be summoned to next meeting of Finance Committee to explain in detail why their collections were so backward.

It was also decided that the Rates Inspector should devote all the time he could spare from Office work in accompanying these three collectors with a view to expediting the collection in these areas.

It was further agreed that in future the Rates Inspector would have for presentation to the Finance Committee, the explanations advanced by backward Rate Collectors with his comments thereon. The Committee also expects that the Rates Inspector will in all such cases impress on collectors the necessity for proceeding with all their energy and the risk they run of having their services dispensed with should they continue apathetic in the discharge of their duties.

The Committee regarded the state of the Collection as anything but satisfactory and decided that explanations should be obtained from all Collectors who have less than 25% of their warrants collected.

COUNTY COUNCILLORS AND PAYMENT OF RATES - Under date 21st October, 1935, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (Circular No. G.103/1935) that the terms of the circular of 24th May 1934 (58/1934) as to non-payment of rates by members of rating authorities should be brought before the County Council. The names of the members from whom any rates were due for last year with the amounts should be ascertained, submitted to the next meeting of the authority and a copy furnished the Department.

Circular No. 58-1934- under date 24th May 1934 from the Department of Local Government and Public Health was

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read. It pointed out that attention had been drawn to the failure of some members of local rating authorities to pay their rates. This default, the Minister considered, on the part of a member of a local authority should be regarded as a more serious matter than default by ordinary ratepayers, as the example was an embarrassment to the Rate Collector and had generally a very bad effect. A public representative, who failed to meet his rate obligations could not press for active measures against persons who, like himself, had not paid their rates. The fact that he himself, is in default precludes him from insisting on other defaulters being compelled to pay. By his failure he became unfitted to be a guardian of the revenues of the local authority. The Minister hoped that that evil was not of serious dimensions. But, whatever its extent it was in the public interest that the facts be brought to light. The Secretary was directed to ascertain the names of the members of the authority from whom any rates were due in respect of the year with the amount. The particulars should be submitted to the Local Authority and a copy sent to the Department, the names of members who had paid no rates being distinguished from those who had paid a moiety.

The Secretary stated that copies of both circular letters had been furnished the Rate Collectors who were instructed to furnish the necessary information which would be submitted to next meeting of the Finance Committee.

RATE COLLECTORS CALLING ON RATE-PAYERS - A statement by Mr. Culleton, County Councillor, at last County Council meeting that a Rate Collector had directed a ratepayer to pay him at an office in Wexford, while the Ratepayer contended that as it did not suit him to go to Wexford the Rate Collector should call on him for the amount, was referred to the Finance Committee for a general recommendation.

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The Secretary produced copies of Circular letters sent Rate Collectors from time to time pointing out to them that they were expected to call personally on ratepayers to ensure that rates were paid when due.

The following resolution was adopted:- "That instructions be issued to Rate Collectors that they are bound to call personally on the ratepayers of their districts for payment of rates.

AMENDMENT OF EMPLOYMENT ALLOWANCE CLAIMS - Under date 24th October, 1935, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (G.168077-35, Loch Garman) that the proposal that amended claims for employment allowance should be admitted at this stage could not be approved. The intention in prescribing a period within which employment allowance claims must be lodged was to enable the Council to determine finally the amounts required for Supplementary Allowances, and, once the supplementary allowance rate is determined the Council cannot increase its commitments in respect of the other allowances. Furthermore, ratepayers receive adequate notice of the necessity for lodging their claims within the prescribed period, and failure to do so debars the ratepayer from the benefit to which he might otherwise be entitled.

RATEPAYERS ASKING FOR CONCESSIONS - John Doyle, Wilton, Bree came before the meeting and asked the Committee to accept his rates with a substantial reduction. His farm had been sold for £330 but he owed in ordinary debts £346. His wife died on the 29th July last and he had seven young children. He was not the owner of a shilling.

Mr. Elgee stated that neither the Finance Committee nor the County Council had any power to agree to a reduction in amount of rates. The farm in question was offered for sale on the understanding that all rates and rent was to be paid. The Council were bound by law to collect the amount of rates

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in full.

Mr. Patrick Doyle, Moneyhore, came before the meeting with Mr. John Doran, Moneyhore, ex County Councillor, and complained that a seizure had been made at his place in March last for £61 rates. The seizure realised £44 but up to the present Doyle had not received credit for that payment. Some short time ago he received demand note for current rate and £80. 5. 1, arrears, which did not take the £44 into account. Doyle had written the Rates Inspector in the matter but had not received a reply so he did not know where he stood.

The Rates Inspector said he did not remember the letter referred to; the matter must have been overlooked by him.

Mr. Doyle said he was speaking to Mr. Dale of County Registrar's Office about the matter about five weeks ago. Mr. Dale told him he would let him know in a week's time how the matter stood but so far no information on the point had been received. He did not owe rent annuity.

After interviewing Mr. Dale, the Rates Inspector said the money was sent Messrs. O'Flaherty & Son, Solicitors for Rate Collector Gannon on the 20th October, which was the reason Mr. Doyle had not received any credit for it to date.

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

"That the County Registrar be requested for explanation as to why £44, proceeds of a seizure for rates on the holding of Patrick Doyle, Moneyhore, Davidstown, in March last was not forwarded to the Solicitors for Rate Collector until 20th October 1935."

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

"That Rate Collector Gannon be directed to furnish information as to the steps (if any) taken by him to see that the £44 resulting from seizure on the holding of Patrick Doyle, Moneyhore, Davidstown was not paid over to his Solicitors

until 20th October, 1935."

The Chairman said that in similar circumstances or in any abnormal matter in connection with the Rate Collection, it was the duty of the Rates Inspector to consult with the Secretary as to what steps should be taken in the matter.

PRINTING RATE BOOKS - Tenders for printing Rate Books for 1936-37 were received from Redmond Brothers, Enniscorthy and "The People" Office, Wexford at £33 each.

Mr. Colfer proposed and Mr. Kelly seconded the following resolution:- "That the quotation of Redmond Brothers, Enniscorthy for printing Rate Books for next year at £33 be accepted as this firm carried out similar work last year."

Passed.

MENTAL HOSPITAL IMPROVEMENTS.

The following under date 11th October, 1935, was read from Dr. Lyons, R.M.S., Mental Hospital, Enniscorthy:-

"Adverting to the County Council's resolution of the 7th June last regarding above, I beg to transmit the following resolution which was adopted at meeting of my Committee of Management on the 8th instant:-

"That, in accordance with resolution of the County Council of 7th June last requesting this Committee to submit an improvements scheme independent of suggestions by the Department, and subject to sanction by the Department of Local Government of the plans and specifications, the County Council be requested to approve of this Committee carrying out the following list of improvements under the Hospitals Commission Scheme for the equipment and improvement of Mental Hospitals:-

"	Proposed Improvement	Estimated Cost
"1.	Installation of Refrigerator	600 0 0
"2.	Installation of Steam Generating Plant and Central Heating Plant ,	15,000 0 0
"3.	Installation of Laundry Machinery. 3,600	0 0
"	Contingencies.....	1,000 0 0
"4.	Building an Admission Hospital ...	19,000 0 0
"5.	Providing adequate Bathing Accommodation	5,250 0 0
"6.	Equipment for production, transmission and usage of electricity from Kilcarberry water-power, including cost of Stand-by Plant.	11,790 0 0
"7.	Installation of Water Supply Plant	5,500 0 0
"	Total Cost of Scheme	<u>£61,740 0 0</u>

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As compared with the Committee's original scheme it is seen that water supply and electric power schemes have been substituted for building of nurses' home and building of chapel. A Summary of the Committee's reasons for these changes is attached."

"The following is a summary of the Committee of Management's reasons for substituting water supply and electric power schemes for building a nurse's Home and building a chapel in the general scheme of improvements to be carried out under the Hospitals Commission Scheme.

Water Supply.

Owing to an outbreak of Enteric during the past summer a portion of the institution's water supply, which was found to be contaminated had to be cut off, while another portion is only allowed to be used pending the installation of an adequate supply. As a result the Committee have had to employ an expert to recommend a water supply scheme for the institution.

Mr. P. H. McCarthy, Consulting Engineer, recommended two schemes (a) taking a supply from the town reservoir (b) taking a supply from the Committee's mill-race on the Boro at Kilcarberry. The estimated installation of the town supply is £4,000 and installation cost of the Kilcarberry scheme £5,500. As taking in the town supply would entail an annual rent charge to the Urban Council of not less than £300 the Committee adopted the Kilcarberry scheme.

Electric Power.

The existing power plant is worked by the water wheel at Kilcarberry and direct current system of electricity. The wheel in question is very old and is costing heavy outlay on repairs every two or three years to keep it in working condition. As well the present system of generating is only making partial use of the water power. Mr. Michael Jordan, Consulting Engineer, has made investigations with a view to the better development of Kilcarberry for electric power and recommended the replacement of Mill-Wheel with turbines for generating and changing from direct to alternate current, thereby discarding storage battery for lighting and its consequent upkeep charges, while the continuous day and night working of turbines would produce a surplus of current over that required for lighting and power purposes which could be utilised for heating purposes. The estimated cost of the scheme including stand-by plant is £11,790. As the alternative to this is Shannon power which according to meter readings (installed for the purpose) would cost close on £1000 a year the Committee adopted Mr. Jordan's recommendations."

In reply to Mr. O'Byrne, Mr. Sweetman said that the Mental Hospital Committee had not asked for any quotation from the Electricity Supply Board as regards the lighting. The figures of the Electricity Supply Board were in the calculations and were taken as they stood in 1930, but as the cost per unit had since been increased from 6d to 7½d it was manifest any quotation received now from the Electricity Supply

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Board would be considerably higher than that calculated on by the Mental Hospital Committee.

Mr. O'Byrne held that he and others had allowed the resolution to go through at the meeting of Mental Hospital Committee on the understanding that a quotation from the Electricity Supply Board would have been available at the meeting of the County Council.

Mr. Corish said that if the Electricity Supply Board secured the contract for lighting the Mental Hospital it was possible they would agree to light the Sanatorium at Brownwood for a small sum. He (Mr. Corish) had asked the Solicitor of the Mental Hospital Committee if they could supply electricity to Brownwood Sanatorium though controlled by the Board of Health and the Solicitor was looking into the matter.

Mr. O'Byrne said the Department of Local Government and Public Health would not agree to the electric power side of the scheme unless they could show a very considerable saving over the figures of the Electricity Supply Board, and they could not do that unless they had the Electricity Supply Board figures before them.

Mr. Sweetman contended that the scheme as outlined would for electricity not cost a quarter of what the Electricity Supply Board would quote. He was certain the Electricity Supply Board could not go within 50 per cent of the figures given by the Committee, even with any concession they were prepared to offer. It was admitted that the Electricity Supply Board could compete with steam or oil but not with water power.

After a long discussion as to the figures of the scheme the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Colfer:-

"That the scheme submitted to this meeting from Mental Hospital Committee for improvements at Mental Hospital be approved and reported to the County Council for adoption

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contingent on quotation from Electricity Supply Board showing no saving on the scheme as outlined by the Committee. That after allowance for amount to be received from Hospitals Trust Fund, we recommend the County Council to raise by loan the balance of the amount required to carry out the proposed improvements."

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

"That the Mental Hospital Committee be requested to obtain from the Electricity Supply Board quotation for the supply of electricity to the Mental Hospital and the County Board of Health quotation from Electricity Supply Board for supplying electricity to the Sanatorium at Brownswood, Ennis-corthy, in the event of the Shannon current being laid to the Mental Hospital."

ILLNESS OF MR. R. MALONE V.S.

Under date 17th October, 1935, the Department of Agriculture wrote (E.1272-35) that in regard to the letter of 7th instant relative to the illness of Mr. R. Malone, M.R.C.V.S. and to the resolution passed by the County Council the further medical Certificate concerning Mr. Malone had not yet been received and it was requested that it should be furnished without delay.

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

"That the Department of Agriculture be informed the Finance Committee have made repeated applications to Mr. Malone, V.S., for Medical Certificate required by them and they desire to inform the Department this certificate has not yet come to hand. It will be forwarded when received."

BOVINE TUBERCULOSIS ORDER.

Under date 21st October, 1935, the Department of Agriculture wrote (E.1886-35) that somewhat recently instances had come under the notice of the Department in which postmortem

specimens together with related reports were forwarded to the Veterinary Research Laboratory, Dublin, by certain Veterinary Inspectors under the Diseases of Animals Acts working under Local Authorities, purporting to show that the specimens had been taken from animals slaughtered under Bovine Tuberculosis Order. Examination at the Laboratory supplemented by local inquiries carried out by a Superintending Veterinary Inspector of the Minister established that the specimens were taken from animals that had died naturally. Compensation under the Order is payable to owners in respect of animals slaughtered in accordance with the provisions of the Order. The action taken by the Veterinary Inspectors in the instances referred to, involving the furnishing of misleading reports, was calculated to result in the expenditure of public funds in a manner not justified by the terms of the Order. The Minister has taken a grave view of these irregularities and disciplinary action had been taken accordingly. This matter should be brought to the notice of the local Veterinary Inspectors so that they would fully realise the responsibilities and obligations that devolve upon them under the Order. Any similar offence in future will entail the dismissal of the offending official from office. It was therefore requested that the terms of the Department's letter be made known to their regular Veterinary Inspectors and to any Inspectors who might be employed from time to time for the purpose of these Acts and that the Department be informed in due course as to the steps taken in this matter by the Local Authority.

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

"That copy of letter of Department of Agriculture under date 21st October 1935 (E.1886-35) be furnished the Veterinary Inspectors of the County Council for their information."

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ACOUSTICS OF COUNTY COUNCIL CHAMBER.

The following report on the Acoustics of the County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, was submitted by Mr. P. O'Callaghan, Glanville, 28 St. Alban's Park, Ballsbridge, Dublin:-

"The Council Chamber is approximately 42' x 24½' x 14' high. The partition wall and ceiling are "Nofrango", the gable wall is "Nofrango" faced, all plaster work is cement and the floor is of reinforced concrete. The furniture in the room consists of a rostrum, a chair and small table for each Member of the Council, some forms and a table. The floor is covered with battleship linoleum.

The acoustical defect of the Council Chamber is mainly due to the hard non-porous surfaces of the ceiling, walls and floor. These surfaces reflect over 95 per cent of the sound energy that strikes them so that a sound wave started in the room is reflected back and forth, to and fro, up and down many times before enough of the energy is absorbed to make it inaudible. This continued reflection produces a trail of sound which lingers after the source has ceased and is known as reverberation. In a reverberant room, like the Council Chamber, syllables of speech do not die out quickly but continue to be heard along with the succeeding ones. This persistence of each syllable masks the following ones and at times a mass of indistinguishable separate sounds is audible in the room.

The poor hearing conditions existing in the Council Chamber on account of this excessive reverberation can be remedied by introducing into the room materials which will absorb sound energy and thereby reduce the number of reflections before the sound becomes inaudible. When the walls and floor are treated as suggested below the reverberation will be reduced to about the accepted value for good hearing of speech in such a room.

Floor This should be covered with a heavy pile carpet laid on thick felt.

Walls The entire wall space to be covered with Celotex Building Board.

Windows A heavy pair of curtains should be installed for each window.

In calculating the area to be covered by the Celotex Building Board it has been assumed that this material will not be oil painted when the room is being decorated. Allowance has, however, been made for treatment with distemper or water paint and for the moderate use of timber stripping or moulding so that the walls may be finished in panels if desired."

In reply to the Chairman the County Surveyor said that the cost of Celotex Building Board would be about £20, the fitting £15, Curtains £12 and the Bill of Mr. O'Callaghan £25.

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

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"That the County Council be recommended to expend £75 for the purpose of improving the acoustic properties of the County Council Chamber and for fee and expenses of expert, Mr. P. O'Callaghan."

SCHOLARSHIP SCHEMES.

UNIVERSITY - Miss Ellen Cogley to whom a University Scholarship was awarded at last County Council meeting wrote that she was unable to avail of the award.

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

"That vacant University Scholarship be awarded James M. Druhan, Lady's Island, Broadway, next in order of merit."

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

"That in future, holders of University Scholarships must when proposing to change their residences furnish the County Council with letters of approval to new residences from University Dean of Residence; otherwise the County Council will not agree to the changes."

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

"That Thomas Walsh be allowed to reside at the Munster Hotel, 44 Mountjoy Street, Dublin, which is approved by the Dean of Residence."

SECONDARY AND VOCATIONAL SCHEME - The following under date 19th October 1935, was read from the Department of Education:-

"I am to convey the Department's sanction for the renewal, in respect of the School Year 1935-36, of the Scholarships awarded by your Council, to the undermentioned pupils:-

Loreto Convent, Wexford.

Kathleen Ennis (Intermediate Certificate Honours, 1935)
Bridget T. O'Donnell
Margaret D. O'Leary
Katherine O'Regan
Eily O'Neill (Intermediate Certificate Honours, 1935).
Mary T. Mulligan
Bridget T. Doyle

Mr. D. Radford, County Surveyor's Department, and agree that revised scale of salary as set out in letter of Department of 22nd October 1935 (RS/32) begin as from the date of the close of probationary period.

On a show of hands four voted for the resolution and four against.

The Chairman gave his casting vote against and the motion was declared lost.

COUNTY COUNCIL WORKERS.

The following extract from Minutes of Finance Committee of 11th October, 1935, came up for consideration:-

"Michael Cooney, Grange, Rathnure, wrote that he noted
 "his application for re-employment as road worker was beaten
 "on a vote at last County Council Meeting. It was not true
 "as Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, stated at that meeting
 "that he had a son-in-law working on the roads. His son was
 "working on the roads but was a married man with five small
 "children and lived more than five miles away. He could not
 "give any contribution from his wages. As regards the state-
 "ment that another son had a road contract this was for main-
 "tenance of a mountain lane at £6 per annum. He further
 "denied the statement of Mr. Ennis that he was not in the
 "constant employment of the Council. He had been constantly
 "employed until the area was transferred from Mr. Cullen,
 "Assistant Surveyor to Mr. Ennis, when the men were "knocked
 "off" for a time after which they were all taken back except
 "Cooney. The latter claimed he had given to Mr. Cullen com-
 "plete satisfaction as road worker for ten years and his dis-
 "missal was unfair as he had a wife and boy to support. He
 "asked that his case should be reconsidered.

" It was decided that this communication be referred to
 "next meeting of Finance Committee to which Mr. Ennis, Assis-
 "tant Surveyor will be summoned."

Mr. Kelly said that Cooney was a permanent employee of the Council while the road section was in charge of Mr. Cullen and he had been regarded as an efficient worker. Since his case had been under consideration by the Council no work had been offered to him although two other permanent men had been taken on in the meantime. Mr. Kelly then pointed out that he understood there was a resolution on the County Council records that no permanent man could be dismissed without an appeal to the Council.

Mr. Ennis explained that he had made a mistake when he stated Cooney's son-in-law was living with him tho' that was not a matter of much importance. It was only recently his son left him. Cooney himself was Contractor for the lane referred to in his statement at the time he was disemployed. The "boy" Cooney had to keep was the contractor for the lane and was over 30 years old. His object in road work was to employ the men for about 10½ months full time and let them depend on their stamps for the rest of the year. Having made a calculation he found that someone in the section would have to be disemployed and he believed Cooney would suffer least of all the workers. He found also there was a heavy stock in the quarry and this had to be liquidated and of course, this meant less employment. The two new men were employed on strong local representations and were as workers considerably before Cooney while they were the support of large families.

Mr. Corish held that Cooney should have been employed before other permanent men were taken on.

Mr. Ennis said he did not consider Cooney the most suitable man for the work. He would be prepared to give him employment when the "breaker" was in the district.

After further discussion Mr. Kelly proposed and Mr. Corish seconded the following resolution, which was adopted:-

"That Thomas Cooney, Grange, Rathnure, be given an equal

share of road work with other men in the section."

Mr. Ennis said this resolution would break up the whole working of the section. The only thing he could do would be to put Cooney at some special work such as clearing gripes etc.

In connection with the case of James Murphy, Courtnacuddy the following extract from the Minutes of Finance Committee of 11th October 1935 was submitted:-

"Mr. Kelly said that last April a definite order had been made by the County Council that James Murphy, Courtnacuddy should be taken on for work under the Council but this had not been done. There appeared to be no use in making orders so far as this Assistant Surveyor was concerned as the orders were never carried out.

" It was decided that this matter be considered at next Finance Committee meeting, Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, to be summoned to attend."

Mr. Ennis denied that a resolution directing him to employ Murphy had been adopted. When he took over the section in 1933 he found Murphy entirely useless and made up his mind that he was not suitable. He could never have been regarded as a permanent employee of the Council.

In view of the opinion of Mr. Ennis in regard to Murphy's capabilities as a worker no order was made.

ANNUAL MEETING OF COUNTY COUNCILS GENERAL COUNCIL.

It was decided that at the annual meeting of above schemes such as that submitted by the County Surveyor for the utilisation of workers who were receiving unemployment assistance should be considered and if possible recommendations offered to the Government in the matter.

The County Surveyor said he had been informed that somewhat similar schemes were in operation in Limerick and Galway and that it was proposed to start a scheme in Kerry. The Government were giving 40% of the expenditure.

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS.

Under date 14th October 1935, letter was read from the Department of Local Governemtn and Public Health (H.167312/35-Loch Garman) approving of the following advances under the above Acts:-

Michael O'Reilly, Kilmichael, Gorey, £75 and Joseph Doyle, Ballyhogue, Enniscorthy, £135.

It was reported that a house at Rosslare Harbour for which a loan of £150 had been granted for Mrs. Catherine Donohoe was let to Sergeant McGrath (G.S.). A borrower was expected to reside in house for which loan was granted for a period of 3 years.

The meeting decided that the County Solicitor should take the necessary steps in the matter.

Under date 22nd October 1935, the Department of Local Government and Public Health (H.172691/35 Loch Garman) wrote that the two houses being erected by John J. Holbrook, Temple-shannon, Enniscorthy, and Jeremiah Clare, Custodium, Inch, were eligible for payment of Government Grants of £70 each. In the circumstances, and having regard to the estimated market value of the holdings, the Minister considered that the amounts proposed to be advanced by the Council were excessive and suggested they should be reduced accordingly.

The Secretary stated that in Holbrook's case, the loan was £200 and a grant of £70 would leave a credit of £270. The value of the house was estimated at £230, and that of the site at £20, a total of £250.

It was decided on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Cullimore that the amount of loan in this case be reduced to £180, and that it be pointed out to the Minister that in addition to the erection of the house, the applicant had to incur expenditure for connection with sewerage and laying in of water.

In the case of Clare, the amount of loan was £180 and

the Government Grant £70, making a total of £250. The value of the house was estimated at £200 and value of farm held by applicant at £300.

On the motion of Mr. Corish seconded by Mr. Colfer, it was decided that the advance in this case should be reduced to £150.

In connection with house erected under loan from Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts by Michael McGrath, Storekeeper, Mental Hospital, Mr. Elgee stated he had written to the Clerk of the Mental Hospital Committee asking if any arrangement could be made by which a portion of McGrath's wages could be deducted for the money he owed to the Council. The clerk replied that this matter was outside his province.

It was decided that Mr. Elgee should inform McGrath he must take steps at once to complete the house and reside therein and also to pay for any portion of the loan which was due. Further that Mr. Elgee lay the circumstances of this case before the Mental Hospital Committee for their consideration.

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL APPLICATIONS.

Applications for the proposed committal of James Whitty, New Ross, to Kilkenny Industrial School and an illegitimate child named Farrell, mother Annie Farrell, Charleton Hill, New Ross, to Industrial School, were referred to Mr. Elgee.

APPLICATION COMPENSATION CRIMINAL INJURY.

Application was received and referred to Mr. Elgee, from Bridget Kirwan, Mary Street, Wexford, for compensation of £272. 6. 10, for malicious damage to Distillery House, Wexford.

DUPLICATE PAY ORDER.

It was decided on the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. Corish that duplicate Pay Order for £3. 8. 9 issue to John Connors, Senior, Glasslacken, Newtownbarry, to replace order

issued from Subsidiary Account No. 8574 on the 1st March last,
and which was lost in course of post.

The Secretary stated original order had been estopped.

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

"That the minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 25th October, 1935, be received and considered."

COUNTY COUNCILLORS AND PAYMENT OF RATES. The Secretary reported that all Collectors had been asked to report if any County Councillors in their districts owed rates and as no reply had been received it was to be assumed that rates were not due by any Councillor.

MENTAL HOSPITAL IMPROVEMENTS. It was stated that no information had been received as to quotations of Electricity Supply Board from the Mental Hospital Committee or the County Board of Health.

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

"That consideration of recommendations of Finance Committee relative to improvements to be effected at the County Mental Hospital be adjourned until quotations are available from the Electricity Supply Board for power and lighting of Mental Hospital and of Brownswood Sanatorium."

MR. RADFORD - COUNTY SURVEYOR'S OFFICE. The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Colfer seconded by Mr. Culleton:-

"That we dissent from the recommendation of the Finance Committee as regards date of commencement of new salary of Mr. Radford and that the Minister be asked to reconsider his decision as regards date upon which Mr. Radford should be placed on a scale of £200 salary as in the opinion of this Council he is entitled to have this date fixed immediately as from the termination of his probationary period."

COUNTY COUNCIL WORKERS. Mr. Ennis said he did not believe he used the word "useless" as applied to Murphy. What he meant to convey was that Murphy was not an industrious worker.

The Secretary stated he had no doubt whatever that Mr. Ennis stated that Murphy as a workman was entirely useless.

On the motion of Mr. Corish seconded by Mr. Colfer, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That minutes of meeting of Finance Committee of 25th October, 1935, be and are hereby confirmed, except in so far as same have been altered or amended by resolution adopted at this meeting."

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING 8TH NOVEMBER 1935. The Minutes of this meeting of Finance Committee were submitted as follows:-

The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford on 8th November, 1935.

Present:- Mr. D. Allen, Chairman County Council (presiding). Also, Messrs. Patrick Colfer, Wm. Cullimore, W. P. Keegan, John P. Kelly, Wm. Kinsella, Sean O'Byrne and Miss O'Ryan.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

PAYMENTS.

Treasurers' Advice Note for £2912 - 14 - 6 was examined and signed.

RATE COLLECTION.

STATE OF:- The state of Rate Collection to date was submitted as follows:-

		<u>Percentage of Warrant</u>
1.	E. J. Murphy	44.1
2.	P. Carty	37.1
3.	M. Kehoe	37.0
4.	S. Gannon No. 10.	36.5
5.	J. Curtis	36.2
6.	S. Gannon No. 6	36.0
7.	J. J. O'Reilly	33.8
8.	D. Kenny	33.5
9.	J. Cummins	33.4
10.	J. Deegan	32.0
11.	Art Dunne	30.7
12.	M. McCarthy	29.7
13.	W. Cummins	29.7
14.	P. Nolan	29.6
15.	J. Flood	28.4
16.	P. Doyle	28.2
17.	W. Doyle	26.5
18.	J. J. Sinnott	26.4
19.	J. Quirke	25.7
20.	M. Murphy	24.1
Average		31. 4

The total amount collected is £36051. 4. 1 and the amount uncollected £79697. 7. 11.

Collector Philip Doyle (District No. 3) wrote that he had served six-day notices on all whom he thought were in a position to pay. Most of them had paid and he expected to collect a good deal of money during the coming fortnight.

Collector John Deegan (District No. 7) wrote that it was not possible for him to do any more than he was doing to expedite his collection. He was always on the road making personal calls and leaving six day notices. A number of the Ratepayers in Electoral Divisions of Tombrack, Kilrush and Moyacomb had not yet delivered their barley, but he was informed tho' there was a hold-up on it buying would soon restart.

Collector Art Dunne (District No. 15) wrote that he had called on all ratepayers in his collection area during the past month; in practically all cases six-day notices had been served and a number of cases are now in hands of Solicitor. The Council had recognised that there was a large amount of arrears in his district which were not collectable, as they were on derelict and semi-derelict farms. Decrees in these cases had been obtained and had been lodged with the sheriff more than once. If these were excluded he believed his collection would compare with most districts in the County.

INTERVIEW WITH COLLECTORS:- Collectors M. Murphy, Quirke and Sinnott came before the meeting by directions of the Committee.

The Rates Inspector said that he had spent a good deal of his time in the district of Mr. Murphy lately, and the collection was proceeding satisfactorily. Everyone who knew the district would realise that the corn was not yet sold. It was very difficult to get it away during the past fortnight but the next fortnight would be very much better. He did not think they need be alarmed about the Collection in this district.

Mr. Kinsella said that threshing outfits were unable to reach a number of the people in this district.

The Chairman said that while there was an improvement the collection in this district was still unsatisfactory.

The Chairman addressing Collector Quirke said that his collection was very bad and the Finance Committee were compelled to take a very serious view of the matter. Taking the percentage of the amounts collected it was not really possible to explain why one Collector should have 44 per cent collected and another Collector to be 20 per cent behind that. The three collectors who were present could not possibly close their warrants in time. Though there was an improvement in the three districts the collection was entirely too low. They wished to know from the Collectors whether the areas were getting beyond them or whether they would be able to improve the position. For some years past arrears were mounting up and in the three districts the biggest percentage of arrears in the County had been carried forward.

Collector Quirke said the arrears were a milestone round his neck, and on account of their being merged with the current rate it was not possible to get the latter. Kilbride and Forth Electoral Divisions were the worst he had. In the case of three or four seizures the Land Commission received what was realised.

The Chairman asked would it be possible to make a deal with the Land Commission by which the amount realised would be divided equally between the Commission and the County Council.

In reply to the Chairman Collector Quirke said he did not know of anything which the County Council could do to help him in his collection. Some of the land was almost derelict.

The Chairman said that if an inspection had been made in June last cattle would have been found grazing on most of what was described as derelict land.

In reply to the Chairman Collector Quirke said he did not seize under his own warrant; he would prefer to secure payment through the Court.

Collector Sinnott said it was not a fact that cattle had been grazing in the summer on the derelict farms in his district. There were four farms which were not claimed but people made claims to the others. If rates due on derelict farms were excluded his collection would be as good as in previous years. He honestly believed the people were doing their best to pay.

Mr. Keegan said that it was only a week ago that threshing was carried out on a number of farms in the district.

Collector Murphy said he agreed with the statement of the Rates Inspector as regards his district. He admitted that a number of ratepayers who owed half year or a year went on the arrears list for the first time.

The Chairman said it looked as if when ratepayers went on the arrears list they would remain there for all time.

Collector Murphy said he had decrees in all cases of ratepayers who had not paid. He expected the close of his collection would be as good as last year. He would be able to get the current year's rates.

The Chairman said he felt that the districts might get beyond the three collectors. Although they would not wish to do anything against the Collectors the Council would have to take action to improve the position. In his opinion there was not a single derelict farm in the County. Somebody was making a living out of them. The Council would have to bring about a state of affairs so that people grazing these so called derelict farms would have to pay rates.

Collector Quirke mentioned that he had been informed he could not make a seizure on grazing land which had been set by an Auctioneer.

Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, said that the Collector could on his own warrant seize any stock on such land but the Sheriff could

only seize the property of the man who owed the rates.

It was decided that Collector Quirke submit the particulars of this case to Mr. Elgee who would advise the Council on the matter.

SEIZURE AT MONEYHORE - Under date 5th November 1935, Collector Gannon (District No. 10) wrote that as regards the seizure at the holding of Patrick Doyle, Moneyhore he was informed by his Solicitors (Messrs. O'Flaherty & Son) that letters had been written to the Sheriff on 16th May, 24th May and 24th July and finally on the 9th October in which it was pointed out that their "client was constantly enquiring" for a return of the proceeds of the sale, and there were also telephone calls. They received a cheque on the 22nd October and handed him £36. 11. 6 (which included other amounts as well as what was received from Doyle).

From this it could be seen that his Solicitors and himself took every step possible to expedite payment of the amount realised. He had also several interviews with Mr. Doyle and advised him to take certain action.

He further reported that in the case of a seizure on Mr. Timothy O'Connor, Drumgoold, in which a sum of about £85 was paid for stock there was nothing paid towards the rates.

Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, stated that he called to Sheriff's Office as regards delay in the payment of Doyle's seizure and found there were outstanding claims for payment for accommodation for stock in lieu of pound fees and sanction had to be obtained from the Department of Finance before these could be paid and the matter closed.

In the case of Timothy O'Connor, there were several outstanding decrees which were dealt with in order of priority. The decree for the Land Commission was first in and it absorbed all the available money.

APPOINTMENT TEMPORARY CLERK - Under date 26th October 1935, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote the Minister was not satisfied that the necessity existed for the appointment of temporary clerk as proposed by the County Council. The Minister is unable to agree that the volume of the office work would prevent Rates Inspector from devoting the necessary time to the outdoor duties covered by the terms of his appointment.

It was decided to refer this matter to the County Council meeting.

SEEDS AND FERTISISERS SUPPLY.

The Secretary reported that of the amount which had been advanced by the County Council under above £74. 4. 11 a sum of £56. 11. 8 was collected and £17. 13. 3 still outstanding. There were five cases outstanding and decrees had been obtained in four of these. In the fifth case, Laurence Whelan, Ballinagore, Blackwater, it was decided to write the Rate Collector and enquire what steps had been taken to secure payment.

Mr. Kelly said that Edward Clancy, Tomfarney, Clonroche, who owed £3. 16. 6d was a road contractor and would agree to pay the amount out of his next road payments.

The Secretary stated that under date 31st March 1933, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (Circular 89/33) that the Government were anxious to encourage tillage and as it was realised that it is not always possible to recover the full expenditure for supply of seeds and manures it had been decided that the State would undertake liability for one half of any loss in carrying out such a scheme this year.

It was decided that Mr. Elgee ascertain what steps (if any) had been taken by the Sheriff in connection with the decrees in each case, and also to apply to the Department of Local Government and Public Health for a refund of half of

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any amount which is irrecoverable.

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS.

Under date 28th October 1935, James Murphy, Kilmurray House, Gorey, wrote stating that he had permission from the Council to sell his house in Gorey erected under above Acts but he could not get enough money to cover all expenses and consequently did not sell. He had made an agreement with the detective in Gorey to occupy the house for some time. He asked the Council to agree to this. He had paid his instalments to September.

It was decided to recommend the County Council to inform Mr. Murphy that he could not be allowed to set the house but no objection would be made to Mr. Murphy refunding balance of the £135 loan which he had obtained from the County Council and then setting or selling the house as he wished.

In connection with house erected by Mrs. Catherine Donohoe, Rosslare Harbour, Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, wrote that Mrs. Donohoe explained to him that when Sergeant McGrath (GS) went to Rosslare Harbour there was no house available for him and accordingly, Mrs. Donohoe allowed him into the house in question for a period of twelve months and at the end of that time he was to give up possession. Mrs. Donohoe built the house specially for her daughter who was about to be married but the wedding was not to take place until this time next year, and when the marriage did take place the daughter would live in the house. In these circumstances, Mrs. Donohoe asked that Sergeant McGrath be allowed to remain on as tenant in the house as otherwise it would be vacant until her daughter be allowed to occupy it.

It was decided that the same ruling as in Murphy's case be made.

In connection with house of Michael McGrath in Enniscorthy, it was stated that McGrath had paid the instalments due up to August last and promised to pay the balance when he

received his salary from the Mental Hospital Committee.

Mr. Kelly said he understood the reason why McGrath was not residing in the house was because he owed the contractor £126 and the latter would not give up the keys until he got his money. It was decided to refer this case to Mr. Elgee, Solicitor.

In regard to application of Thomas O'Reilly for erection of house at Blackstoops, Enniscorthy, a loan of £180 had been agreed to and also a Government grant of £70, total £250. The house was valued by Assistant Surveyor at £240.

It was decided that amount of loan provisionally approved be reduced to £170.

With regard to house to be erected at Blackstoops, Enniscorthy, by Mary A. Corcoran (now Mrs. Pender), Attendant, Mental Hospital, Enniscorthy, a loan of £200 had been provisionally agreed to. The Government grant in this case was £70, total £270. The house was valued by Assistant Surveyor at £240 and plot £20, total £260.

It was decided to reduce the amount of loan provisionally approved to £190.

Mr. Kelly made application for advance of loan of £80 to Joseph O'Leary, John Street, Enniscorthy, Insurance agent, who was spending £200 on erection of house at Old Church, Enniscorthy. The house was costing £180. A Government grant of £20 was forthcoming and Mr. O'Leary was putting up £80 of his own money so that with a loan from the County Council of £80 he would be able to finish the house.

Miss O'Ryan opposed. The Council had decided that if any money was available under the old scheme they would examine all the unsuccessful applications.

The Chairman said that Insurance Companies were building houses for their agents and that Mr. O'Leary should be able to secure the £80 he required from his Company.

Mr. Kelly said he had studied the terms of the building

schemes of these Insurance Companies and no one could touch them.

It was decided to refuse the application.

APPLICATION FOR INCREASE OF SALARY.

The adjourned application of Mr. J. Lynch, V.S., New Ross, dated 20th February, 1935, for increase of his salary from £60 to £87. 10s., amount received by his predecessor, was considered. He pointed out that there was no body hit harder than Veterinary Surgeons owing to the depreciated value of live stock.

The Chairman proposed and Mr. Kelly seconded the following resolution which was adopted, Mr. Colfer dissenting:-

"That the application of Mr. J. Lynch, V.S., New Ross for increase of salary be adjourned for a further six months."

ILLNESS OF MR. R. MALONE, V.S., WEXFORD.

Under date 4th November, 1935, the Department of Agriculture wrote (E.1272-35) that unless a further medical certificate was submitted immediately by Mr. Malone he must be regarded as having resigned his position as Veterinary Inspector under the County Council. In the event of a further medical certificate being furnished by Mr. Malone, absence on sick leave could be only approved up to the 31st December next but unless he is then able to resume duty his resignation must take effect as from 1st January next inclusive.

Medical Certificate under date 2nd November, 1935, (received on 5th November) from Dr. Walker, Portlao, Co. Waterford, stated that Mr. Malone was still unable to work. He had made progress since the date of last certificate but was not likely to be able to resume duty before the end of another three months and Dr. Walker recommended that Mr. Malone be granted an extension of sick leave for that period.

Miss O'Ryan proposed and the Chairman seconded the following resolution:-

"That Mr. R. Malone, V.S., Wexford, be granted further sick leave until the end of the year and unless he then resumes duty his office be declared vacant."

Mr. Kinsella proposed:- "That Mr. R. Malone, V.S., Wexford, be granted an extension of sick leave for three months as recommended by Dr. Walker."

Mr. Colfer seconded.

On a show of hands Miss O'Ryan's motion was carried by four to three.

KILMANNOCK DRAINAGE DISTRICT.

Under date 28th October, 1935, the following letter (18343/35) was read from the Office of Public Works:-

"With reference to the resolution adopted by your Council on the 12th August last we regret that we are not in a position to remit the whole or any portion of the charge raised in the Charging Order dated 19th January 1927, in respect of the cost of the works undertaken by us on the Kilmannock Drainage District under the provisions of the Drainage Maintenance Act 1924."

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

"That the County Council be recommended to apply to the Office of Public Works for approval to a spread over for four years (as in the case of Sow Drainage Area) of the arrears of loan due by Kilmannock Drainage Ratepayers."

SCHOLARSHIPS IN SECONDARY AND VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS 1936.

Under date 31st October, 1935, the following letter (F.41241) was read from the Office of National Education:-

"I am directed to refer to the scheme for the award of scholarships in Secondary and Vocational Schools in County Wexford for 1936, and to say that, subject to the under-mentioned corrections being made, and to the contents of the recent circular letter 39424/1/35 being introduced, formal

approval of the scheme submitted by you is given by the Department.

Clause 3(d) A candidate in whose case the terms of section 2 have been complied with is eligible for admission to the examination. In the circumstances, therefore, it would appear that this clause should be deleted.

Clause 6 line, "conducted by the Minister for ..." should read "conducted by the Department of ..."

Clause 8 In connection with this clause I am to say that, as previously notified to your Council, should any case arise in connection with the award of a scholarship to a pupil teacher or preparatory college student, it will be open to full consideration by the Department.

Clause 9 line 2. It is suggested the words "to the six" should be deleted, and the following words inserted "in the four obligatory subjects (a) Irish, (b) English, (c) Arithmetic, (d) History and Geography."

Clause 11 6th February should be 1st February.

Subjects of examination should now read as follows:-

Subjects of Examination

The following shall be the subjects of examination (a) Irish, (b) English, (c) Arithmetic, (d) History and Geography, (e) Algebra, (f) Geometry, (g) Drawing, (h) Rural Science and Nature Study, (k) Needlework.

All candidates must present themselves in (a), (b), (c) and (d) above. In addition candidates may present themselves in one or two, but not more than two, of the subjects (e), (f), (g), (h) and (k).

A candidate who uses Irish instead of English in answering the Examination in any subject other than Irish, English and Drawing may obtain excess marks in the subject. In the case of History and Geography and Rural Science and Nature Study, excess marks not exceeding 10 per cent of the total marks gained in the subject may be scored, and in the case of Arithmetic, Algebra, Geometry and Needlework, excess marks not exceeding 5 per cent of the total marks gained in the subject may be awarded provided that in each case the candidate has answered wholly in Irish.

Conditions for passing the Examination

To be eligible for the award of a scholarship a candidate must pass the examination.

In order to be regarded as having passed the examination, a candidate must secure not less than 30% in each of the obligatory subjects viz. (a) Irish, (b) English, (c) Arithmetic (d) History and Geography and not less than 50% of the aggregate marks assigned to these subjects.

For the purpose of placing in order of merit those candidates who pass the examination the total marks obtained by each candidate in the four obligatory subjects will be

reckoned, and, in addition, the total marks obtained by him (or her) in any optional subject (not exceeding two in number), in which he (or she) obtains at least 20% of the maximum mark assigned to that subject".

Appendix should now read as follows in accordance with terms of recent circular letter.

Subjects of Examination

I. OBLIGATORY SUBJECTS

(a) Irish (300 marks)

- Oral (150 marks)
- (1) General conversation
 - (2) Reading with explanation
 - (3) Recitation, with explanation,
of 100 lines of poetry.

- Written (150 marks)
- (1) Composition and letterwriting.
 - (2) Suitable exercises in Grammar.

(b) English (200 marks)

- Written (200 marks)
- (1) Composition and letterwriting.
 - (2) Suitable exercises in Grammar.

(N.B. There will be no Oral Test in English.)

(c) Arithmetic (200 marks)

(d) History and Geography (200 marks)

(History - 100 marks; Geography - 100 marks).

II. OPTIONAL SUBJECTS. (Any two, but not more than two may be taken by candidates).

- (d) Algebra (100 marks).
- (f) Geometry (100 marks).
- (g) Drawing (100 marks)
- (h) Rural Science and Nature Study (100 marks)^x
- (k) Needlework (100 marks).

^x Primary Schools Programme. Syllabuses A and B Rural Science; or Syllabuses A and B Nature Study; or Syllabuses C and D Nature Study, - according to type of school.

All candidates must present themselves for examination in (a), (b), (c) and (d) above. In addition candidates may present themselves in one or two, but not more than two, of the subjects (e) to (k) inclusive.

With reference to the recommendation made in your communication of the 18th instant to the effect that scholarships should be awarded for the following four subjects, Irish, English, Arithmetic and History and Geography, I am to say that the Department is not in a position to make any further modification in the examination conditions, other than those indicated in the circular letter 39424/1/35 which was sent to all Councils in September last.

After full consideration of all the circumstances it has been decided that it is not desirable to make any alteration in regard to the optional subjects. Having regard to the class of pupils concerned and to the course which they will normally follow afterwards in the Secondary Schools it would be unwise to limit the scope of the examination by removing any of the optional subjects from the programme."

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

"That the recommendations set out in letter from the Office of National Education of 31st October 1935 (F 41241) for Secondary and Vocational Scholarship Scheme be approved and that the scheme be printed and circulated."

It was decided to communicate with the Superiors of Secondary Schools and request them to lose no opportunity of preparing the Scholars of the Council for examinations under Civil Service, etc., and thus prevent as far as possible these scholars having to face blind-alley employment at the termination of their School course.

NEW ROSS URBAN ROADS.

The following report of Conference between representatives of Wexford County Council and of New Ross Urban Council was submitted:-

A conference between Representatives of the Wexford County Council and of New Ross Urban District Council was held on 26th October, 1935 in Tholsel, New Ross.

The following represented the County Council:-

Messrs. D. Allen (Chairman), R. Corish (Vice-Chairman), Thomas Redmond, County Secretary, County Surveyor, R. Ennis and P. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyors.

The Urban District was represented by the following:-

Messrs. P. N. O'Gorman, (Chairman), Jas. Prendergast, A. Cullen, Thomas Cooney, Thomas Martin, William Ronan, Town Clerk and Town Surveyor.

Mr. T. C. Courtney, Chief Engineer, Department of Local Government and Public Health presided.

The Conference was called to consider (a) the proposed Order to be issued by the Minister under Section 24(3) of the Local Government Act 1925 under which, as from 1st April, 1936, the repairs/^{and} maintenance of all the streets in New Ross would be taken over by the County Council, (b) the arrangements which would be necessary in consequence of this transfer, and (c) the expenditure of £4,000 for streets improvement - half from the State and the other moiety by loan raised by the Urban Council.

Mr. Courtney pointed out that under the Order the cost of Road maintenance in the Urban area would still be borne by the Urban ratepayers, but the work of "making and mending" these roads would be carried out under the County Council. This arrangement was in force in several urban areas and had resulted in securing better roads and in some instances at a lesser cost. Tipperary, Nenagh, Thurles and Templemore Urban districts had handed over road maintenance to their County Council paying for this work the amount estimated by the County Surveyor. The matter of cleansing and scavenging could be dealt with by either body - County or Urban Council - as agreed on. In Tipperary the County Council did the cleansing as the Urban Council were unable conveniently to employ the number of men and provide the

tools, etc., to have the work carried out with the necessary expedition.

Men who lived in the town were on market and fair days brought in from the rural road sections on which they worked, and when the cleansing was completed they returned to their rural centres. Of course this arrangement might not suit in every district.

Mr. Cooney pointed out that the live stock fair in New Ross was held in the one place, the Irishtown, and was not scattered through the streets as happened in other places. The Urban Council were anxious to retain the lighting, cleansing and scavenging in their own hands.

In reply to Mr. Redmond, the County Surveyor said he would be prepared to forward copy of his annual road estimate to the Urban Council and would give every consideration possible to any recommendations or suggestions made to him.

Mr. Corish was of opinion that some arrangement could be made by which the Urban Council would be able to retain their roads and have the proposed £4,000 set aside for their improvement spent by them, the County Council lending their machinery and men for the purpose.

The Town Surveyor said that the Urban Council were at present maintaining six and a quarter miles of streets at an annual cost of £570.

In the course of further discussion, Mr. Courtney pointed out in answer to a query that the Urban Council would be in no worse position financially by the County Council expending the £4,000 than if the Urban Council spent it themselves. When the Order was issued a request by the Urban Council to have the roads handed back would not be acceptable.

The County Surveyor, in reply to further questions said he was working the streets in New Ross which were main roads by Urban labour with "key men" from the Rural area. He paid

the latter, when working in New Ross town, the Urban wage rate and the men from the town were paid on the same basis. He would continue that practice after the issue of the Order. As regards special works he should be at liberty to employ men who were specially suited to deal with them.

The following heads of agreement were then considered and it was agreed they should be submitted to both bodies:-

1. The Urban Council of New Ross agrees to the County Council taking over all the streets in New Ross town hitherto maintained by said Urban Council, and the County Council agrees to take over the repair and maintenance of said streets this to be the full extent of their responsibility.

2. That so far as it be possible recruitment of labour shall be from the Urban area, the County Surveyor reserving the right to engage "key men" from any outside district. The provision of road material, etc. and employment and dismissal of men to be entirely in the hands of the County Surveyor; wages for all employees under the scheme to be on Urban Wages basis.

3. Cleansing, scavenging, sewerage and lighting, etc. shall be carried out by the Urban Council as at present.

4. Fees to be paid County and Assistant Surveyor O'Neill for additional work owing to adoption of the Scheme to be agreed to between both bodies later. The Department of Local Government and Public Health will examine the figures under this head obtaining in connection with Orders under section 24(3) of the Local Government Act 1925 in other counties and furnish these as a guide to the two bodies with suggestions as to what they consider a fair basis of remuneration of both officers. The amounts as agreed to will be included in annual road estimate.

5. The County Surveyor shall carry out the work to be specified for the expenditure of the £4,000 (grant and Loan) and the County Council will be prepared to do anything in their

power to facilitate the work.

The County Council point out they are accepting the scheme to help the Urban Council to effect the necessary street improvements as it is generally admitted these thoroughfares require urgent and immediate attention.

The Chairman of the Urban District Council at the close of the Conference proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Courtney for presiding in such a satisfactory manner and for all the information he had placed at their disposal. On behalf of the Council he also offered their thanks to Mr. Courtney for the manner in which he had placed his practical knowledge and every detail of similar schemes before the deputation which waited on him in Dublin.

Mr. Allen (Chairman of the County Council) in seconding said that Mr. Courtney attended the Conference at great inconvenience to try and get the work under way and bring about an amicable arrangement between the two bodies. He (Mr. Allen) was sure the present proposals would be found to work out favourably for the interests of the ratepayers of New Ross, and that if they had any further conferences on other matters the representatives of both Councils would be on the same good terms as had marked their proceedings that day.

In replying, Mr. Courtney said there was - from the business-like manner in which the various questions had been approached by the representatives of both bodies - very little for him to do. The general experience in the rest of the country was so much in favour of the scheme of transfer he could not believe but that it would be found the proposals now outlined would be in the best interests of the ratepayers and of road users and make for a very decided improvement in the condition of New Ross streets. He would be always most willing, if called upon, to give any further assistance he could to put the scheme on a working basis."

The report was, on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Kinsella adopted and directed to be submitted to the County Council for approval.

Under date 2nd November, 1935, the Town Clerk, New Ross, wrote that the report of the Conference was confirmed nem.con. at a meeting of New Ross Urban Council on 29th October, 1935.

POUNDS FOR LIVE STOCK.

Under date 7th November, 1935, the following was read from the County Registrar:-

"I have received the Approval of the Minister for Justice for the Requisition of Pounds under the above Act. Pursuant to same I beg to notify that I require a Pound in Ballycullane and Gorey.

I require the present Pound in Bunclody to be repaired. As the Council must have a Certificate from me as to the suitability of the Pound it will be necessary for the County Surveyor to consult with me before hand as to my requirements."

Referred to County Surveyor for report.

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL CASES.

Notification as to his application to Childrens' Court at Wexford for the committal of Mary Josephine Brogan, Sarah Brogan, Catherine Brogan and Mary McCarthy and Anna Eliza McCarthy to Industrial Schools was received from the Inspector for the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children. Referred to Mr. Elgee, Solicitor.

APPLICATION FOR COMPENSATION FOR CRIMINAL INJURY.

Application from Michael Stedmond, 2 Island Road, Enniscorthy for £75 compensation for malicious damage to house at Bree was referred to Mr. Elgee, Solicitor.

EMPLOYMENT OF ARCHITECTS.

Under date 25th October 1935 the Royal Institute of the Architects of Ireland, 8 Merrion Square, N., Dublin, wrote:-

"I am directed by my Council to draw your attention to the desirability of taking full advantage of the growing architectural skill which is available in the I.F.S., and so to ensure that all public works which involve architectural design shall be entrusted only to adequately trained architects, possessing at least those qualifications demanded from applicants for employment by the State in architectural capacities."

The communication was approved on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Colfer.

OLD COUNTY COURTHOUSE - DANGEROUS CHIMNEY.

The County Surveyor submitted letter under date 7th November 1935, from Mr. John Martin (Wm. Walker & Son, Ltd.) North Main Street, Wexford, calling attention to chimney on gable end of old County Courthouse overlooking the yard of the firm. It was in a very dangerous condition - cracked from top to bottom. It appeared to be in imminent danger of collapse into their yard.

The County Surveyor said that Fr. Butler, Wexford, on behalf of the Scouts, who were occupying portion of the premises had promised to have the chimney repaired. He also believed they should have some written agreement as to the tenancy of the place by the Scouts.

It was pointed out that in resolution giving permission to the Scouts to utilise the premises there was a provision that the premises should be surrendered to the County Council on demand.

It was decided that the County Surveyor should communicate with Fr. Butler as to the repair of the chimney and that Mr. Elgee prepare an agreement as to the utilisation of the premises by the Scouts.

ELECTRICITY SUPPLY BOARD.

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Colfer the application of the above Board to erect wood poles at Rosslare

Pier for the purpose of carrying a low tension network was approved, work to be carried out to the satisfaction of the County Surveyor.

COUNTY LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

Letter under date 4th November, 1935, was read from County Librarian that the Committee had unanimously agreed that Miss Eileen Doyle, Assistant Librarian, should be granted the necessary leave of absence to allow her to take up the position of Temporary Librarian in Co. Cavan and to the employment of Miss Kathleen Murphy, M.A., 4 Main Street, Enniscorthy to discharge Miss Doyle's duty during the latter's absence, remuneration to be at the rate paid Miss Doyle.

The proposals of the Library Committee were approved on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. O'Byrne.

EASEMENT OF CORNER.

Under date 23rd October, 1935, Patrick Breen, Kiltely wrote:-

"I am claiming £5 for a piece of land, which was taken off my field some time ago, by the County Council or its representatives, to widen a corner at Kiltely. There was a hedge of White Thorn destroyed also, which was worth a good deal as regards, shelter for my cattle, and shelter for my crops. I received no compensation or got any return for yet, so, I am writing to you (Sec.) about it. I think £5 reasonable enough and I hope you will oblige by giving your attention to it as soon as it is possible with you."

The County Surveyor said that the work at the corner was carried out by Mr. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, but since then the section had been transferred to Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor. He would have a report in the matter for next meeting of the Finance Committee.

The Chairman and Miss O'Ryan contended that it was

inequitable that the money of the ratepayers very (often in excessive compensation) should go for very small pieces of land required for the easement of dangerous corners for public safety and convenience.

After discussion Miss O'Ryan proposed and the Chairman seconded the following resolution which was adopted nem.con.:-

"That any amending measure of Local Government which the Government purpose introducing should contain a clause that no money be payable for small patches of land taken for easement of corners and that where any appreciable portion of land has to be made available the compensation should be on the basis of the valuation of the holding.

HOUSE AT BREE.

The County Surveyor submitted from Mr. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, sketch showing situation of house on Road 502 erected by Matthew Connolly, Bree, Enniscorthy, and which was too close to the centre of the road. The building which was constructed of timber and corrugated iron, looked like a temporary structure.

Mr. Elgee was instructed to call on Mr. Connolly to remove the house immediately and, if he fails to do so, that proceedings be instituted against him.

LONDON ROAD CONGRESS.

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Kelly resolution was adopted appointing the County Surveyor as delegate of County Council to the Road Congress to be held in London on 18th November, 1935, the Department of Local Government and Public Health having agreed to be responsible for locomotion etc. expenses. The County Council were recommended to pay one guinea, the registration fee to Congress.

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

"That Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 8th November, 1935, be received and considered."

RATE COLLECTION - SEIZURES FOR RATES. The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Miss O'Ryan seconded by Mr. Culleton:-

"That we protest against the delay which occurred in lodging the proceeds of seizure for rates in the case of Patrick Doyle, Moneyhore, and if this delay was caused by the neglect of the Department of Finance in dealing with sanction for certain portions of expenditure we request the County Registrar to inform this Department that the County Council are not satisfied that such a length of time should elapse in furnishing the necessary approval."

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

"That in cases of seizures for rent and rates we are of opinion that at least half the proceeds should go to the payment of rates. We believe local administration should have equal rights with the debt to the State. That representations in the matter be made to the Land Commission."

RATES INSPECTOR AND PROPOSED APPOINTMENT OF CLERK. Mr. Doyle said that in view of the Department having refused to sanction the appointment of Clerk for Rates Department it was not necessary to move his motion asking the County Council to rescind the proposal to appoint such a clerk. But if there was any move by the Council to carry the matter further he would certainly move his resolution.

The Chairman said he would be inclined to accept the ruling of the Department for the moment if Mr. Doyle withdrew his motion. If the council felt that there was any necessity for the appointment it could be brought on again.

Mr. Doyle said that on the undertaking of the chairman that the matter would not be brought forward that day he would withdraw his motion.

The Chairman said it would be well if an expression of opinion were given by the council as to what was expected from the Inspector in regard to going around the different districts and reporting on the condition of each collector's area. The council were aware that a big number of farmers were paying no rates.

Mr. O'Byrne said that when an Inspector was first appointed it was with the intention that he would help the collectors in the different areas. The Inspector told them he had two days in each week available, and if he could afford two days he could do a good deal of the inspection, and if well utilised he could do all the inspection required.

The Chairman said they also wanted information in regard to the large number of farms on which nothing was being paid.

Mr. O'Byrne - That could be done on the inspection.

Mr. M. Redmond said he believed that the appointment of a temporary assistant would pay, because, as the result of the rates not coming in, the council were paying on large overdrafts. If the collection could be speeded up there would be a saving in regard to the overdraft.

Mr. Keegan held that the Inspector should concentrate on districts in which rates were not coming in.

The Chairman asked if it would be possible they would get results from two days per week which the Rates Inspector said was the most he could give.

Mr. Doyle said there were cases in which there seemed to be six or seven years' arrears of rates. He did not know how those people carried on, or how that occurred, or did the collector call continuously on those people at all. He saw cases of six years' arrears, and in one case he saw eight years' arrears, and those people were still carrying on the

same as their neighbours - he did not see any material difference. Where a case like that came up he thought there must be some neglect somewhere. He (Mr. Doyle) knew that he could not escape for six years.

Miss O'Ryan said that in regard to a case in her area she noticed that there was a big amount of rates due, while there was a lot of very valuable stock on the farm. She asked the rate collector about the matter, and he said that the land was set by auction, and that all the money went to the Land Commission. She referred to the question of the desirability of the rate collectors seizing under their own warrants.

Mr. Doyle said he knew that plenty of people were not able to pay, but where a case ran to six or seven years, and none of the land was set, and where people were working that land, it was a different proposition. People who were making every effort to pay could see other people skedaddling without any rates for six or seven years.

Mr. Culleton said it was not fair, when other farmers were endeavouring to meet their liabilities, to have some people able to go on for years flouting the council and every authority. Some means should be devised to make those people realise their responsibility.

The Chairman said that rate collectors had power under their own warrants to seize anything on a farm, no matter how it came there.

Mr. Cummins, referring to cases in which there were six or eight years' rates due, said that when the Rates Inspector came into office there were five or six years of those rates due. What steps had been taken to find out if those people could pay?

Miss O'Ryan said it would be most important that a rate collector should attend every place at which there was a setting of grass. The auctioneer set probably only half a

farm, and afterwards the remainder was set privately. If the collectors attended they would be able to put down the amount concerned in the public auction.

Mr. Kinsella said that if collectors seized on their own warrants no man in the County could set his grass as no one would take it.

The Chairman said that a certain amount of demoralisation had set in during the last three or four years. Economic conditions were partly responsible for that, and a number of ratepayers had taken advantage of it. That was spreading more year by year, and how to come to grips with it was the question. He thought it should go out from the meeting that they would take every step no matter how land was set, and would force their officials to take steps to see that the rates were paid on the land.

Mr. Bowe - People taking land should be warned.

Chairman - That's a matter for the auctioneer. We are going to press for rates off all ~~the~~ land. There is not a single man who takes grass in the county but realises the risk he is taking.

Mr. Kinsella - Not up to the present. They thought that when land was set by an auctioneer they were safe.

Mr. T. Redmond suggested that it would be wise for the Council to instruct the Rates Inspector to concentrate on the cases mentioned and report to the next Finance Committee Meeting.

The Chairman said that three-quarters of the ratepayers of the County paid, though they might be hard set enough to pay, but one-fourth paid no rates at all, and those were the people who were giving the Council trouble and were the ones that they wanted the Rates Inspector to look after. If they were more insistent with the Collectors they would get more rates.

The Rates Inspector said he would not like it to go out

that even where there were six or seven years' rates due, nothing had been done to collect them. He knew places in Mr. Doyle's district and he made inquiries from the rate collector, who told him he had decrees in all those cases, and he could not do very much more in those cases.

Chairman - He can seize on his own warrant.

The Rates Inspector said that in many cases the collectors had two and three decrees.

Mr. T. Redmond - Wouldn't it be wise for the Inspector to call on those people?

Chairman - I think he should report on those cases as to what action has been taken.

The Chairman added that he heard of a man who had three days' threshing, and who did not intend to pay any rates, and who had not paid for years.

On the proposition of Mr. T. Redmond, seconded by Mr. Ronan, it was decided that the Rates Inspector and collectors should concentrate on the particular cases referred to by Mr. Doyle and other Councillors and report result to the Council.

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS. Miss O'Ryan said the inspection of houses and holdings generally, as to the amount of security the Council had in the case of loans, had been, she thought, referred to there before. She thought that some of the houses were not put up in a very substantial way - in a way that they would look upon as security for the money given. The surveyors in the first instance did not jump at the job of inspecting the houses, but they did it to oblige the Council, and got a very small sum for doing so. They could not expect the surveyors to give constant inspection. If they paid for the right supervision they might save themselves the risk of allowing houses to be built that were not security for the amount borrowed.

The Secretary said that the County Council had passed a resolution that the surveyors should get an extra guinea,

but that would only apply to the next scheme. The Government paid the Grants only on the certificate of their appointed Officers.

Miss O'Ryan - I move that until we have a scheme that will satisfy us that we have security for the money lent, no further money be lent.

The Secretary said that any money they had under the last two schemes had been allocated.

Miss O'Ryan said she thought that a small sum of money should be kept back, and they should ask for a certificate of completion before the last amount was paid.

The Secretary said they advertised the scheme under certain conditions, and how were they going to provide money for further inspection under the present scheme? They could not take any more out of the loan than they had provided to take out.

Miss O'Ryan said she held it would be money well spent if they provided extra money for a final certificate. If they had a ramshackle building how could they secure their money?

Mr. Corish said he agreed with Miss O'Ryan in regard to the desirability of their seeing that a building would be all right for 35 years. It would be well to know what the functions of the appointed officers were, and where the Council were in the matter.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish seconded by Mr. Kelly:-

"That we request the Department of Local Government and Public Health to inform us what are the functions of appointed officers under Housing Acts and that copies of the various periodic reports of these officials be furnished the County Council in respect of all houses for the construction of which loans have been advanced by the County Council."

Mr. Culleton said that, the Government having passed such a valuable Act, the least one would expect was that they should see to it that proper work would be done. Without proper supervision they could not get proper work.

Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor, said he thoroughly agreed with the remarks of Miss O'Ryan, Mr. Corish and Mr. Culleton. With regard to the plans, they were prepared by another engineer, and he (Mr. Birthistle) thought that engineer should look after the construction. There ought to be something in the way of a uniform specification to cover the houses. The whole thing struck him as being loose.

In reply to Mr. Culleton, Mr. Birthistle said that some one would have to be present almost every day while the work was being carried out.

The Chairman said that as far as the Department was concerned they paid a guinea to the appointed officer for approving of the plans in the beginning, and also inspecting the house when finished. That guinea was paid out of the grant given to the people. The Council had a more serious problem. They advanced about 90 per cent of the value of the house, and they had no means of supervising its erection unless they appointed a clerk of works for each house, and they would have to charge that to the loan, which would be very serious for the borrower. In regard to the suggestion of Mr. Birthistle that a specification be got out, and that people be compelled to build according to that, probably they would have some means of finding out that when the surveyors periodically inspected the houses, and that otherwise they would not advance the money - that was the only way he could see out of it.

Mr. Corish said that a uniform plan would not suit but there could be a general specification as to thickness of walls, windows, doors, etc.

Mr. Doyle held that in view of the amount advanced by the Council they should see that the houses were built to last.

The Chairman said that in regard to any future scheme he thought there should be a general specification as to strength of concrete, thickness of walls, quality of timber and manner of workmanship, and that the County Surveyor should advise the Council in the matter before they gave any loans.

The following resolution was, after further discussion, adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Miss O'Ryan:-

"That Rate Collectors be asked to furnish the names of persons occupying houses which have been erected through loans advanced by the County Council under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.

That the attention of Finance Committee be called to any case in which the house is not occupied by the original borrower."

ILLNESS OF MR. R. MALONE, V.S. Mr. Kinsella moved:-

"That we dissent from the recommendation of Finance Committee in regard to illness of Mr. R. Malone, V.S., Wexford, and that subject to the sanction of the Department of Agriculture he be granted three months further sick leave as from the date of Dr. Walker's certificate, at the expiration of which the position can be reviewed."

Mr. Doyle seconded.

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

For:- Messrs. Bowe, Colfer, Connors, Corish, Culleton, Day, Doyle, Gibbon, Kelly, Kinsella, Meyler, McCarthy, Murphy, O'Byrne and Smyth. - 15.

Against:- Messrs. Cullimore, Keegan, Lawlor, O'Ryan, M. Redmond, T. Redmond, Ronan and the Chairman. - 8.

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

APPLICATION - INCREASE OF SALARY. MR. LYNCH.V.S. Mr. Redmond proposed that Mr. Lynch's salary be increased to £80 subject to the sanction of the Department of Agriculture. The present salary was £27.10. 0 less than that of his predecessor. He would like the Council to bear in mind that Mr. Lynch's duties had increased threefold since his appointment, and he would also like them to bear in mind that owing to Mr. Lynch's political activities the British forces, during the fight for independence, forbade him to use his motor car, which placed him at a very great disadvantage in regard to carrying out his professional duties.

Mr. Cummins seconded, and said that Mr. Lynch was first appointed under New Ross Board of Guardians and he (Mr. Cummins) believed that he would have got the increase long ago if they had remained^wexistence. Mr. Lynch had done his duty satisfactorily, and when he was wanted to be a man he was one.

In reply to Mr. Kinsella, the Secretary said that the salary of the V.S. in Wexford was £90; in Gorey, £90; in Enniscorthy, £75 and the second man in New Ross (Mr. Taylor) had £36. Mr. Taylor had only a piece of New Ross district, and had areas in County Carlow and Co. Kilkenny also, for which he was paid by the Councils concerned.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed the adoption of the Finance Committee's recommendation, and said that it was in view of a possible readjustment of salaries that the Finance Committee recommended adjournment for six months.

Mr. Kinsella seconded.

Mr. T. Redmond said that Mr. Lynch had very important duties to perform as far as the health of the people was concerned. He had a very big district to cover, and the fact of another man being appointed in New Ross area for a small portion of it did not take much from Mr. Lynch's duties.

He held that Mr. Lynch had as much ground to cover as the man who had £90, and he would ask the Council, in fair play to adopt the resolution unanimously.

Mr. Kinsella said he understood that shortly there would be a revision of the whole thing by the Local Government Department.

Mr. T. Redmond - I have it on the best of authority that such a thing is not contemplated, and won't be for years.

After further discussion a poll was taken on Mr. O'Byrne's motion to confirm the recommendation of the Finance Committee with the following result:-

For: Messrs. Bowe, Connors, Day, Doyle, Gibbon, Kinsella, Meyler, McCarthy, O'Byrne and Smyth. - 10.

Against: Messrs. Colfer, Corish, Culleton, Cullimore, Cummins, Keegan, Kelly, Lawlor, Murphy, O'Ryan, M. Redmond, T. Redmond and Ronan. - 13.

The Chairman, who did not vote, declared the motion lost.

Mr. Redmond's proposal to increase the salary by £20 was then put and adopted nem. con.

MAINTENANCE NEW ROSS STREETS. Mr. T. Redmond stated that the New Ross Urban Council had now finished with the question. When the special scheme of £4,000 expenditure on the streets was carried out by the County Council, to whom the future maintenance of the streets was transferred, the thoroughfares would be improved to a great extent. The County Council would have the responsibility of maintaining the streets from April 1st. The point of remuneration was not settled at the conference.

Secretary - Mr. Courtney (Engineering Inspector) stated that he would obtain the figures paid for similar work in other centres, and would furnish it to the Urban Council and the County Council. He (Secretary) was sure there

would not be any difficulty in arriving at an agreement.

Mr. Redmond - As far as the Urban Council is concerned they have left the entire matter in the hands of the County Council.

Mr. Cummins referred to the positions of Mr. Shortall, Town Surveyor, New Ross, and Mr. O'Neill, Assistant County Surveyor, under the scheme.

Mr. Redmond stated had had no personal interest in the matter. As far as he could see the best means of carrying out the work was arranged, and if some people were to suffer by reason of the new scheme he did not see how it could be avoided. There might be a method of adjustment.

Chairman - I don't think there is any use in the Council considering the matter further to-day, seeing that certain information is to be furnished by Mr. Courtney. I can see Mr. Cummins' point, but I don't think it is opportune.

DANGEROUS CORNER. The County Surveyor said he believed there had been an agreement with Breen and he would have it for next meeting of the Finance Committee.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Keegan seconded by Mr. Kelly:-

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 8th November, 1935, be and are hereby confirmed, except in so far as same have been altered or amended by resolution adopted at this meeting."

FOOTPATHS IN FERNS.

The following notice of motion stood in the name of Mr. Connors:-

"That the footpaths in Ferns be repaired with tar and chippings and that the footpath from Ferns to the Railway Station be completed. That Chapel Lane, Ferns (No. 290-Section 12) be linked up with street in order that it be steamrolled and tarred."

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On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Colfer it was decided that this matter should be included for consideration in Provisional Road Works Scheme.

ANNUAL LEAVE - COUNTY MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

Under date 26th October, 1935, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (P.H.165753/35 Loch Garman/A.) stating that Dr. Bastible, County Medical Officer of Health was on annual leave of absence from 26th August to 2nd September and requested that copy of the County Council minute sanctioning this leave, be forwarded to them.

Under date 31st October, 1935, the Secretary, Board of Health, in reply to query from County Secretary wrote that owing to staff holiday leave, application to County Council for sanction to the granting of leave to Dr. Bastible was neglected.

Minute of the Board of Health in respect of meeting held on 19th August, 1935, agreed to this leave; the Assistant County Medical Officer of Health to perform the duties in the meantime.

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

"That we confirm the resolution of County Wexford Board of Health and Public Assistance agreeing to Dr. Bastible, County Medical Officer of Health, taking portion of his annual leave from 26th August to 2nd September, 1935, and to the employment of Assistant County Medical Officer of Health acting as locum tenens.

"That any further necessary leave be granted to Dr. Bastible, County Medical Officer of Health in connection with the lamented death of his brother, Dr. George Bastible, County Medical Officer of Health for Kerry."

HARBOUR MASTER - KILMORE.

Under date 22nd October, 1935, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (G.M336/35 Loch Garman) sanctioning the appointment of Mr. Patrick Kehoe, as Harbour Master, Kilmore Quay, with remuneration at the rate of £65 per annum plus 5% commission on harbour dues collected, the position to be "part-time" and non-pensionable. Duties to be such as may be assigned from time to time by the County Surveyor.

Mr. Kehoe should be required to furnish a personal bond of £10 for the due and proper discharge of his duties.

Mr. Colfer proposed and Mr. Lawlor seconded:-

"That Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, be instructed to prepare the necessary bond for Mr. Kehoe, Harbour Master, Kilmore."

Passed.

WATER SUPPLY - BARNTOWN.

Under date 16th October, 1935, (No. P.H.151,194/1935) the Department of Local Government and Public Health forwarded Sealed Order declaring that the provision of a water supply and maintaining of same at Barntown ~~to~~ be a charge on Wexford Dispensary District.

TELEGRAPH AND TELEPHONE OFFICE AT BREE.

Under date 16th October, 1935, Sealed Order was received from the Department of Local Government and Public Health (No. 116,541/1935) fixing the District Electoral Division of Bree as area of charge for any loss which may be incurred by the Wexford Board of Health and Public Assistance in pursuance of an undertaking to pay a sum not exceeding £53 for a term of seven years to the Minister for Posts and Telegraphs as a guarantee in connection with the extension of the Post Office system of telegraphs and telephones at Bree Post Office.

ROAD IMPROVEMENT GRANT.

The Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) under date 5th November, 1935, wrote forwarding particulars of £9224 Road Improvement Grant.

This has been already before the Council.

The County Surveyor submitted letter under date 5th November, 1935, (R/S.G.O./32) from Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) stating that no objection would be raised to the transfer of the total allocation of £2000 for Fethard Road L159A.

TACUMSHANE LOUGH.

Col. Gibbon referred to the proposed work of cutting a bank at Tacumshane Lough. If they had a South-Westerly storm the lough would fill up and be at a certain maximum height, and unless they had the plans of the work ready, and the grant they were to get from the Government, to proceed with the work at the proper time, the opportunity would be gone and might not arise again until much later. It was very important to get the bank cut in the earlier part of the winter, when the days were not too short. The bank would have to be cut at the top of spring tide. He suggested that the County Surveyor get out plans and estimate of the proposed work, decide on where the cut in the bank was to be made, the number of men to be employed, etc., and get the Government to tell them how much money they were to get and give them permission to use that money when the opportunity arose.

The County Surveyor said that the Government Department had not committed themselves, but they had left him under the impression that they would get a grant for the job when conditions were suitable. He appreciated the point made by Col. Gibbon that they should be ready to start the work as soon as conditions were suitable.

Miss O'Ryan proposed that they ask the Chairman and Mr. Corish to point out to the Office of Public Works, when in

Dublin during the week, the important aspect of affairs and that the work would have to be done at a certain time. If the Department agreed to the work they should be asked to grant the money so that it would be available when the Council decided to start the work.

The Chairman said it was a matter of getting the money in hands and having it ready when the opportune time to start the work came.

Mr. Colfer seconded Miss O'Ryan's proposition, which was passed.

ROAD AT KILMUCKRIDGE CHURCH.

Mary Mangan, The Church, Kilmuckridge, Gorey, wrote under date 5th November, 1935, as to the urgent need of repair to part of the Road to Kilmuckridge Church. She stated it had not been repaired by the County Council for a long time. It was about 6 yards long from the Main Road. The public were continually complaining of it.

It was decided that the County Surveyor submit report in this matter to the next meeting of Finance Committee.

CLONROCHE FLOODING.

Mr. M. Redmond stated that the matter of flooding in Clonroche at Malone's place had been before the Council on a previous occasion and since then nothing had been done to remedy it.

Mr. T. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, stated he had arranged to start the work. Tar was being got out for the job and he was waiting for dry weather.

CURRACLOE ROAD.

Under date 6th November 1935, the Hon. Secretary, Curracloe Development Association, wrote calling attention to the road between Curracloe and Fahy's Cross. The Local Development Committee pointed out that Curracloe as a seaside resort was becoming very popular and visitors were being

catered for by two hotels, two Restaurants and thirty boarding houses. There was a bus service from Wexford four days per week. All the other seaside resorts in the County were served with first class roads, while Curracloe was the only holiday resort of importance served with a third class road. The Committee were most anxious to attract a greater influx of visitors but lack of a good motor road was a serious handicap. The Council should earmark portion of the Improvement Grant for the purpose of putting the road from Fahy's Cross to the Strand in a proper state of repair.

The County Surveyor stated as regards the Road Improvement Grant he suggested the road mentioned by the Curracloe Development Committee as an alternative to other works but the Local Government Department turned the matter down, as Curracloe Road was not a Main Road. He wrote to the Tourist Association and they said they were taking steps to try and get a Tourist Grant. He considered the road between Fahy's Cross and the village of Curracloe for the most part fairly good.

Mr. Kinsella held there was a couple of miles of it in a very bad condition.

The County Surveyor denied this and said the bad portion did not extend more than half a mile. In fact there was none of it really bad, but there was half a mile which compared badly with the rest of it.

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

"That the County Surveyor forward copy of letter from Curracloe Development Committee to the Irish Tourist Association and ask them to take steps to secure a grant for repair of this road. And that he also point out the attention of the Tourist Association has been called to this matter on several occasions."

MINOR RELIEF SCHEMES.

In reply to Mr. Kelly, the County Surveyor stated he had that day received instructions from the Board of Works to proceed with the Minor Relief Schemes Vote of £2,000 as soon as possible. There were only nine jobs recommended by the Council passed. He believed he would be able to start in a week.

ANALYST'S REPORT.

Report of Analyst for the Quarter ended 30th September 1935, showed that the following analyses had been effected:-

Foods	194
Drugs	48
Waters	9
Total.	251

Number adulterated - Butter, 1; Waters condemned - 3.

DEFAULTING ROAD CONTRACTORS

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

"That the following Road Contractors, who have not carried out any work on their contracts be proceeded against or that the County Surveyor terminate their contracts and take whatever steps he considers necessary in the interests of the roads:-

Thomas Kelly, Skeeter Park, Clearestown.
Roads (Nos. 933, 936, 1013).

Henry Long, Seaview, Barntown.
Roads (Nos. 765, 780, 891).

Thomas Barnes, Cools, Barntown. (Road No. 763).

Peter Barry, Lake, Rosslare. (Road No. 1012).

James Clegg, Shanoule, Foulksmills. (Road No. 743).

Patrick Kennedy, Ballyvergin, Foulksmills.
(Roads Nos. 745, 750).

Mark Hanlon, Clongeen, Foulksmills, (Roads Nos. 747, 748, 751)

Martin Wickham, Forestmoors, Palace. (Road No. 472).

Thomas Wall, Kilbraney, Gusserane. (Road No. 721).

PAYMENTS.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. Ronan:-

"That the several proposals for payment submitted to this meeting, including payments to contractors for maintenance of roads and public works as certified by County Surveyor on Form 22, be, and are hereby, approved."

Dennis Kelly

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