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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL.

MEETING 12TH OCTOBER 1931.

M I N U T E S.

COUNTY HALL,
WEXFORD.

N.J.FRIZELLE,
SECRETARY.

A meeting of Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 12th October, 1931.

Present - Mr M. Doyle Chairman, presided, and there were also present:-

Messrs James Armstrong, John Brennan, James Clince, Patrick Colfer, Thomas Cooney, Richard Corish, John Culleton, John Cummins, Timothy F. D'Arcy, James Gaul, Col.C.M. Gibbon, James Hall, Patrick Hayes, Thomas Maylor, Thomas McCarthy, John Murphy, Sean O'Byrne, Miss Nellie O'Ryan, Col.R.P. Wemyss Quin, James Shannon, Myles Smyth and James E. Walsh.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £17,920: 19: 9d (Ordinary payments and payments to Public Bodies), £28,708: 15: 0d (Payments to Public Bodies) and £240 loan for extinguishing ground rent paid Mr John Codd for old Co. Courthouse.

THE LATE MR. M.J. FINN

Mr Murphy proposed and Mr Cummins seconded the following resolution which was adopted in silence:- "That we express to the relatives of the late Mr M.J. Finn, Ex-Town Clerk, New Ross, our deep sympathy with them in his demise."

In proposing the motion Mr Murphy said that Mr Finn had held the position of Town Clerk for over 30 years and was for many years official checker of Rate Collectors a/c's for the New Ross District under the County Council. He was an upright, conscientious and able man and one of the best known public officials of the County.

The Secretary on behalf of himself and staff re-

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ferred to the long connection between the deceased and the Council. The late Mr Finn was not only a fine public official but his kind and gentle manner made it a pleasure to do business with him.

THE LATE CANON SULLIVAN

The following resolution was proposed by Mr D'Arcy seconded by the Chairman and adopted in silence:- "That we deplore the loss of the Very Rev. Canon Sullivan, Bannow, and offer his relatives our heartfelt condolence in their bereavement."

Mr D'Arcy paid a high tribute to the great work which Canon Sullivan had performed for the Church.

The Chairman, who seconded, said he had the pleasure of enjoying the friendship of Fr. Sullivan for very many years, and held him in great esteem and affection.

The Secretary for himself and staff referred to Canon Sullivan's many fine qualities and the great work which he had carried out for the Church and the people of the County generally. He was a great public loss.

THE LATE MR C. B. WALDRON

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr O'Byrne seconded by Mr Hall:- "That the following reply of Mr Terence Waldron, Mountnorris, Bray, ~~under date~~, in reply to vote of condolence by this Council in the death of his brother, Mr C.B. Waldron, be placed on the Minutes of this day's meeting:-

"Please convey to the members of the County Council and also to the members of the Co. Agricultural Committee the very best thanks of my sister and myself for their very kind votes of condolence and sympathy in the sad loss caused by the death of my brother R.I.P.

"We acknowledge gratefully, as Charlie often did in his lifetime, that his success was due in large measure to

the exceptionally hearty welcome he received from Wexford men all over the county, and the whole-hearted encouragement and assistance he received from public bodies like yours.

Knowing also how deep was his friendship and love for you and your family, we realise how deep is your own sorrow and sympathy, and your promise of constant remembrance in your prayers is a source of great consolation, to us."

DEPUTATION TO PRESIDENT OF EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

The following under date 8th October, 1931, was read from the Secretary to the President of the Executive Council:-

"I am desired by the President to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 30th September, in which you convey the request of the Wexford County Council that the President should receive a deputation to discuss recommendations adopted at their Meeting on 28th September. Some of the recommendations have already been examined at length, others fall for consideration in connection with budgetary arrangements, and in any event they cover too wide a field to be susceptible of useful discussion in the manner suggested. The President is prepared, however, to receive memoranda setting forth the views of your County Council on these subjects for consideration by the Departments of State concerned."

The Chairman said the Council were aware that a small Committee of the Council had drawn ^{up} memoranda in connection with matters which might form the subject matter for discussion between the deputation and the President with the Ministers for Finance and Agriculture. According to the letter just read the President had refused to receive the deputation. He would, however, receive some documentary evidence on the subjects dealt with by the deputation if the Council was inclined to send it.

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Col. Quin thought the President's views very sound. The matters referred to could not be disposed of in a talk of five minutes but it would take three or four hours. The only thing for him to do was to call for an Inquiry.

Mr Cummins said that the deputation would have been able to give the Ministers, if they wanted the information, knowledge of the circumstances of the County. The people wanted immediate relief. It was not by an Inquiry or by a Commission such as the Tariff Commission this could be brought about. This Tariff Commission had been sitting for the past three years and with little result. He (Mr Cummins) did not expect anything to come out of the visit of the deputation even if it had been received.

Mr Hall considered that as the President had refused to receive the deputation there was no use in going any further in the matter. He was under the impression that the deputation would have been received.

Mr Cummins - They would give you a Coercion Bill quicker.

Chairman - My reply would be on the same lines as Mr Hall - abandon it all together.

Mr McCarthy thought they might refer the matter to the Chairman and Secretary to draw up a memorandum.

Chairman - I don't see the use of going any further in the matter seeing that he has refused to receive the deputation.

Mr Hall then proposed the following resolution which was seconded by Col. Quin:- "That owing to the refusal of the President of the Executive Council of the Government to receive a deputation to put before him the views of the Council in connection with the present economic crisis no further action be taken in this matter."

The Chairman said that the deputation could have given the Ministers considerable information on many vital matters

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in a short time.

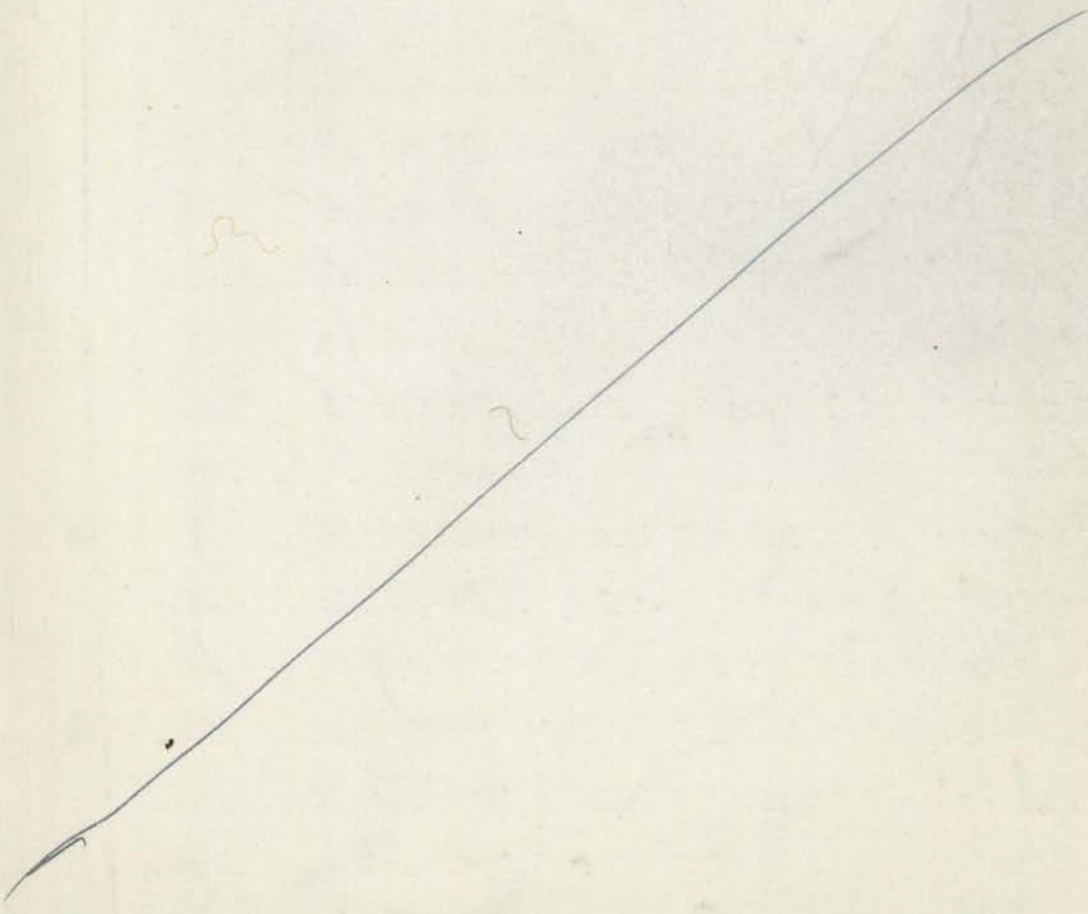
Mr D'Arcy said they should take a very serious view of the attitude of the President in refusing to receive the deputation. It looked very like as if they were not the people of the country at all according to the President. If the deputation had gone to Dublin it would be for the purpose of helping Ministers and not to dictate to them. But it appeared these people did not want any help but were dictators themselves.

The Chairman - We would not have done anything but explain the state of the Country and its poor economic condition so far as we knew.

The resolution was then put and passed without dissent:

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF COMMITTEES

Finance: The Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 24th September, 1931, were submitted as follows:-



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The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 24th September, 1931.

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

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

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

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £2,709: 0: 6d was examined and signed.

RATE COLLECTION

The State of Rate Collection up to 23rd September, 1931, was submitted as follows:-

Name of Collector.		Percentage of Warrant collected.
1.	J. Curtis	39.
2.	E.J. Murphy	35.2
3.	P. Carty	33.2
4.	W. Doyle	31.8
5.	J. Quirke (No. 1)	31.4
6.	J. Cummins	30.9
7.	M. McCarthy	30.0
8.	T. Rowe	30.0
9.	P. Nolan	29.5
10.	Art Dunne	29.0
11.	P. O'Byrne	27.2
12.	J.J. O'Reilly	26.5
13.	J. Deegan	26.2
14.	W. Cummins	25.8
15.	Sean Gannon (No. 6)	25.2

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	Name of Collector.	Percentage of Warrant Collected.
16.	P. Doyle	25.0
17.	T. Bolger (No.14)	25.0
18.	Sean Gannon (No.10)	23.6
19.	J. J. Sinnott	21.9
20.	J. Quirke (No. 2)	21.6
21.	T. Bolger (No.12)	18.5

Mr Culleton complained that, although Mr McCarthy, speaking at last County Council on behalf of the Finance Committee stated there were ^{only} two or three people who were refusing or neglecting to pay their rates a wholesale issue of Six Day Notices had taken place. He was in favour of the resolution but never expected it would be interpreted by the Rate Collectors so as to lead to the distribution of a very large number of Six Day Notices.

After discussion the meeting considered it would be inadvisable to interfere with the discretion of the Rate Collectors as regards issue of Six Day Notices.

It was reported that, of the Collectors who had been asked for an explanation of their failure to collect 25 per cent of warrant by 31st August, the following had not replied:- A. Dunne, T. Rowe, J.J. O'Reilly, E.J. Murphy, John Deegan, P. O'Byrne and J.J. Sinnott.

The following resolution was adopted:- "The Finance Committee cannot understand why seven Rate Collectors have failed to furnish the explanation required by the Finance Committee as to their failure to lodge 25 % of their warrant by 31st August, 1931, and direct that explanations in these cases be furnished forthwith."

The explanation given by the remaining Collectors stated that they had not been able to comply with the instructions of the Committee owing to the scarcity of money caused by the fall in the price of farm produce and the

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impossibility of disposing of live stock, all markets being extremely depressed.

In connection with additional Guarantee Bonds of £450 for Collector Gannon (for No.6 District) the New Ireland Assurance Co. Ltd wrote under date 14th September, 1931, (16/914/31/M.D./M & H.) that as Mr Gannon had failed to supply suitable counter sureties which was an essential condition to the issue of Bond the Company could not now furnish same.

Under date 17th September, 1931, Mr Gannon wrote that he could not agree to the terms asked by the New Ireland Assurance Co. but had succeeded in securing bond from the Hibernian Insurance Co. which he hoped would be approved by the Council.

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

"That subject to the sanction of Local Government Department we recommend the Council to approve of Rate Collector Gannon entering into additional fidelity guarantee bond with the Hibernian Fire and General Insurance Co. Ltd, 48 Dame Street, Dublin."

FURTHER LEAVE OF ABSENCE - MR T. MOORE

Under date 17th September, 1931, Mr T. Moore, County Surveyor's Department, wrote from Anchor Hotel, Newcastle, Co. Wicklow, applying for a further month's sick leave.

Dr. Hanan, Newcastle Sanatorium, certified under date 16th September, 1931, that Mr Moore had done very well indeed during the previous month and while almost fit to resume duty he (Dr. Hanan) strongly recommended that Mr Moore should remain in the Sanatorium for a further four weeks as from 27th September. There was every hope of complete cure in this case.

Mr O'Byrne proposed and Mr Shannon seconded the follow-

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ing resolution which was adopted:- "That we recommend the County Council to grant Mr T. Moore (County Surveyor's Department) a further month's sick leave as from 27th September, 1931."

SCHOLARSHIP SCHEMES

Under date 17th September, 1931, letter was read from Department of Education (Secondary Education Branch) sanctioning the renewal of Secondary Scholarships to James Donnelly, Johanna Cooney, Katie Doyle, and of bursary to Patrick Sheehan.

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

"That the County Council be recommended to approve of renewal of Secondary School Scholarships to Johanna Cooney and Katie Doyle and of bursary to Patrick Sheehan, Gorey. As James Donnelly has taken up residence at Rockwell College under Pupil Teachership Scheme he cannot be awarded renewal of County Council Secondary Scholarship."

In connection with University Scholarships the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr O'Byrne, seconded by Mr Shannon:-

"That in view of satisfactory reports from the Academic Council, University College, Dublin, the County Council be recommended to grant renewals of University Scholarships to

1. John Dunphy, 21 Convent Hill, New Ross.
2. John J. Hunt, Seafield, Duncormack.
3. Catherine Kickham, Abbey House, Enniscorthy.
4. Arthur J. Nix, 7 South Street, New Ross.
5. Ml. J. O'Keefe, 61 Faythe, Wexford.

TOMNAHELY BRIDGE

Under date 16th September, 1931, letter was read from Messrs P.J. O'Flaherty & Son, Solicitors, Enniscorthy, on

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behalf of Maria Keyes, Tomnahely, a small portion of whose land was taken five or six years ago for the purpose of improving approach at Tomnahely bridge. Messrs O'Flaherty pointed out that a Civil Bill had been issued against the County Council for £15 by Mrs Keyes, but it was not preceded with as their client had no means to employ an Engineer. They thought the Council should pay £5 at least as compensation.

The County Surveyor said that an understanding had been arrived ^{at} with a near relative of Mrs Keyes that no compensation would be payable by the Co. Council in view of the great convenience to Mrs Keyes effected by the improvement work.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr O'Byrne seconded by Mr Hall:- "That in view of the fact that by the improvement carried out by the County Council the value of Mrs Keyes' holding was increased by certainly over 100 per cent, we cannot see our way to recommend the Council to award her any sum as compensation."

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

Notification was received as to the committal to an Industrial School of Catherine Doyle, aged one year and six months, child of John Doyle, an agricultural labourer, working with J. Murray, Acllamon, Cassagh. The mother of the child was dead.

It was decided to institute inquiries as to how many children were in the family.

Notification was also received as to application by Very Rev. Canon Hickey P.P. Clongeen, for the committal of three children of Elizabeth Meyler, widow, Garryrichard, Foulksmills, to Industrial Schools on the ground that the mother was unable to support them.

The application was to be heard in New Ross on 29th

September, 1931,

This case was referred to Mr Elgee, Solicitor.

It was also decided that Mr Shortall, Superintendent Home Assistance be furnished with copies of applications for committals of children to Industrial Schools and that he be asked to furnish his observations thereon to the County Council.

LOCAL AUTHORITIES (COMBINED PURCHASING) ACT 1925

Under date 18th September, 1931, application (B64096/1931 - Ilgh Tractala.) for payment of £161: 5: 10d the valuation proportion of Wexford County towards the payment of £4792: 12: 9d expenses for financial year 1930-31 under above Act was received from L. G. Department.

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

"That the County Council be recommended to pay under protest, £161: 5: 10d County assessment under Local Authorities (Combined Purchasing) Act 1925 for financial year 1930-31. In our opinion this Act should be repealed."

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Mr Hall proposed and Mr Culleton seconded the following resolution:- "That the Minutes of Finance Committee for 24th September, 1931, as submitted to this meeting be received and considered."

Local Authorities (Combined Purchasing) Act, 1925: Mr Cummins pointed out that at the Mental Hospital recently tenders for tea had been received at lower prices than the quotations given in the Trade List while the quality was better. Up in Dublin they talked about corruption of Co. Councils but it looked like that the corruption was above there.

Mr McCarthy mentioned that as regards the tea Contract of the Mental Hospital, the Committee had given the Contract to the trader whose sample was first on the selected list. They had not followed the Department's list at all in this instance, but when the supply of tea ran out they did take tea from the Contractor mentioned in the list because there was no time to advertise and a supply was urgently required.

Mr Cummins proposed and Mr Hall seconded the following resolution which was adopted unanimously:-

"That the recommendations of the Finance Committee relative to Combined Purchasing Act be confirmed and that copy of the resolution of Finance Committee be forwarded to all County Councils in An Saorstat."

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

"That the recommendations of the Finance Committee from meeting of 24th September, 1931, considered at this meeting be and are hereby confirmed."

The following Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 8th October, 1931, were submitted:-

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The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 8th October, 1931.

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

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

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

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

PAYMENTS -----

Treasurer's Advice Note for £6103: 11: 5d was examined and signed.

RATE COLLECTION -----

State of: Rate Collection to date was submitted as follows:-

No.	Name of Collector.	Percentage of Warrant collected.
1.	J. Curtis	46.5
2.	E.J. Murphy	43.7
3.	J. Quirke No. 1	42.5
4.	J.J.O'Reilly	40.3
5.	Art Dunne	39.1
6.	Wm. Doyle	38.8
7.	T. Rowe	38.4
8.	P. Doyle	37.7
9.	M. McCarthy	37.1
10.	J. Cummins	37.1
11.	P. Carty	36.0
12.	Patk. Nolan	36.0
13.	Sean Gannon No. 6	35.4
14.	J. Deegan	34.8
15.	T. Bolger No. 14	34.7

No.	Name of Collector.	Percentage of Warrant collected.
16.	P.O'Byrne	34.5
17.	W. Cummins	33.6
18.	J.J. Sinnott	32.3
19.	Sean Gannon No. 10	31.9
20.	J. Quirke No. 2	31.3
21.	T. Bolger No. 12	27.6

It was pointed out that the following had not lodged a sum equivalent to 40 % of the current Warrant including arrears.

P. O'Byrne....38 %

P. Carty.....37.7 %

J. Deegan.....35.6 %

J.J.Sinnott...35.7 %

T. Bolger Nos.

14 & 12.....32 %

S. Gannon.....34 %

Payment of Poundage: After discussion the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Hall seconded by Mr O'Byrne:-

"That the Local Government Department be requested to sanction the following proposal for payment of poundage:- Collectors who have already lodged 40 % of Warrant to be paid 90 % on their lodgments to the end of September; other Collectors to be paid in a similar manner when their Collections are up to the 40 % of Warrant."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Shannon seconded by Mr Hall:- "That as the Finance Committee realises that the present method of irregular and infrequent payments of poundage have a disheartening effect upon the work of the Collectors, we recommend the County Council to request the Local Government Department to sanction payment monthly of a sum equal to 90 % of poundage on actual lodgments for each month."

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In connection with the resolution of the County Council demanding an explanation from Collectors who up to the 31st August had not lodged 25 % of Warrant, it was reported that all Collectors had forwarded the requisite explanation with the exception of Collector Rowe (No. 18).

The reasons given by the others for their failure to comply with the instructions of the Committee were :- bad prices for Stock and poor markets. Mr Sinnott (No. 16) wrote that in certain parts of his district people had not enough to eat.

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

"That in view of his failure to comply with the direction of the Finance Committee regarding his rate collection, Collector T. Rowe be summoned to attend the next meeting of the Finance Committee to be held on 22nd October, 1931."

Dissatisfaction with Collectors: The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr O'Byrne:- "The Finance Committee are of opinion from statements of Rate Inspector that Collectors T. Bolger (No.14) and P. O'Byrne are not carrying out their collections with that due diligence which should mark the work of an efficient Collector. That these Collectors be informed that unless they are prepared to display much more activity in their work, drastic steps will have to be taken against them."

Refusal to pay Rates: Mr C. McCarthy, Murrintown, wrote that he did not intend to pay any further rates to the Co. Council until they paid the poundage due to him.

It was explained that a certain amount of poundage for Mr. C. McCarthy, Junior, had been withheld by directions of the Local Government Department, and put against Debit Interest which had accrued on the Council's overdraft by

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failure of Mr McCarthy, Junior, to close Warrant in good time. The same directions were issued by the L. G. D. in connection with the Insurance Company, in the case of Ex-Collector Furlong. The Council could not of course pay any poundage without the sanction of the Local Government Department, and in Mr McCarthy's case in withholding poundage they were obliged to comply with the directions of the Department.

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

"That the Council be recommended to take no action on letter of Mr C. McCarthy, Murrintown, stating that he did not intend to pay his rates."

Application from Rate Inspector: The following was read from the Rate Inspector :- "I shall be obliged if you will kindly put my application for an increase in the salary and travelling expenses before the County Council for their kind consideration.

Since my appointment I have done my endeavours to carry out my duties to their and your satisfaction. On an average I have worked 10 hours per day and have succeeded in having the arrears and current rate outstanding reduced very considerably since I took office.

At the present rate of expenses I am unable to make all the necessary inspections of Derelict and semi-derelict farms throughout the County."

The Rate Inspector pointed out that he was anxious to deal more thoroughly with the North of the County, than the present allocations of travelling expenses allowed, and on account of that he considered the Finance Committee should recommend the increase.

After discussion, the following was adopted on the motion of Mr Hall seconded by Mr O'Byrne:9

"That the application of Mr O'Kennedy, Rate Inspector,

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for an increase of salary and travelling expenses be adjourned for a month."

OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr O'Byrne seconded by Mr Shannon:- "That the Local Government Department be requested to agree to the continuance of the present overdraft accommodation of the Wexford Co. Council with their Treasurer viz., £20,000 up to 31st March, 1932."

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

In connection with University Scholarship awarded to Margaret M. O'Hanlon, Faythe, Wexford, letter was read under date 25th September, 1931, from Sister M. Xavier, Presentation Convent, Castlecomer, Co. Kilkenny, to Miss O'Hanlon's father from which it appeared that Miss O'Hanlon had entered that Convent. Sister Xavier said they had decided to avail of the Scholarship if it could not be held over.

Mr O'Hanlon came before the meeting and explained that it was owing to securing the Scholarship that his daughter had been able to enter the Convent in Castlecomer.

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

"The Finance Committee sees no reason to recommend the Council to vary the decision arrived at by them at their meeting on 28th September, 1931, that Miss O'Hanlon should avail of her University Scholarship during the coming Academic Year."

WORK BENCH FOR WEIGHTS AND MEASURES OFFICE, BUNCLODY COURTHOUSE

Under date 28th September, 1931, the Chief Superintendent, Garda Siochana, wrote applying for the provision of work bench at the Bunclody office of Weights and Measures

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Inspector.

The County Surveyor stated that these benches cost about £1.15: 0d, and had been supplied to the other Weights and Measures Inspectors in the County, since they were considered essential for the work.

Mr Shannon proposed and Mr O'Byrne seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"We recommend the County Council to provide a work bench for Weights and Measures Inspector at Bunclody, bench etc to be as already furnished the other centres in the County."

FORTVIEW PREMISES

Under date 3rd October, 1931, (G.73071/1931 - Loch Garman Pg) the Department of Local Government wrote calling attention to Article 15 of the application of Enactments Order, 1898, and inquired how the Council proposed to deal with the purchase price of £1,000 for Fortview premises.

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

"That the Department of Local Government be informed the purchase price of £1,000 for Fortview premises is to be applied as a set-off against the new offices of County Council in respect of which a larger sum than £1,000 was expended."

Under date 5th October, 1931, Mr Elgee, County Solicitor, wrote forwarding a letter from Mr Andrew Nolan, Selskar House, Wexford, purchaser of Fortview, in which he stated that before closing the sale he wished to get clear possession of the premises, particularly, as the Contractor had alterations to make in the rooms adjoining the kitchen. It would be, therefore, necessary that the Council's Caretaker should leave.

Mr Elgee stated that the Caretaker told him he was

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not able to obtain any kind of alternative accommodation.

After discussion Mr Shannon proposed and Mr O'Byrne seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That if accommodation be available in unused portion of the entrance block to Old Jail, Nicholas Roche, Messenger to County Council and former Caretaker at Fortview, be allowed to occupy same temporarily."

It was pointed out that Roche's position generally will come before the Council for consideration in December.

THE LATE TIMOTHY LARKIN

Under date 6th October, 1931, the following was read from Mrs Larkin, Ballyeden, Clonroche:-

"As you are aware my husband was in the employment of the Wexford County Council as Contractor. He unfortunately met with an accident while working for the County Council, as a result of which he met his death.

I consulted Mr Frizelle, Solicitor, Enniscorthy, to ask him if I could claim against the Council and I am sending you his letter to me.

I have eight children and myself to support and you can guess we are in very bad circumstances, as my husband was my only support. I would be grateful if you would read this letter to the County Council and ask them if they would be good enough to help me in the matter, by granting some money to me to help me out of my difficulties."

A letter submitted by Mrs Larkin from Mr H.J.Frizelle, Solicitor, Enniscorthy, pointed out that the question of compensation for her husband's death had been gone into very fully by him, but that, in his opinion, it would be useless to take action for award of compensation against the County Council owing to the terms and conditions of the late Mr Larkin's employment.

Mr Shannon mentioned that the deceased had two horses

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and a jennet and was kept constantly employed . If there had been a very slight variation in the conditions of his employment Mrs Larkin would have been in a position to obtain compensation amounting probably to about £300 from Insurance Company. Unfortunately it would not pay her to employ a man to continue haulage work, and she had to make what living she could from six or eight acres of land for herself and eight children.

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

"That the County Council be recommended to make to Mrs Larkin, Ballyeden, Clonroche, an ex gratia payment of £50, in connection with the death of her husband which occurred through accident while in the employment of the Council, and further that in the circumstances of the case, they request the sanction of the Local Government Department to this payment."

REDEMPTION OF RENTS OLD COURTHOUSE

Under date 5th October, 1931, Mr Elgee, County Solicitor, wrote that he was now in a position to close the purchase of the rent payable to Mr John Codd, Tagoat, out of the Old Courthouse premises, Purchase Money being £240 and Borough Rates and Water Rates £2: 5: 3d - Total £242: 5: 3d.

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

"That Paying Order for £240 issue to Mr John Codd, Tagoat, from Loan for redemption of his portion of the rent of old Courthouse premises."

"That £2: 5: 3d Rates paid by Mr Codd on the premises be refunded to him."

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Mr Clince proposed and Mr Shannon seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That Finance Committee Minutes for 8th October, 1931, be received and considered."

Overdraft Accommodation: Under date 10th October, 1931, the Department of Local Government wrote (G.76913/31/ Fa Loch Garman) stating that the Minister sanctioned overdraft accommodation not exceeding £20,000 upon the a/c of the County Council up to the 31st December, 1931, Interest to be paid thereon at the agreed rate.

University Scholarship Scheme: Under date 12th October, 1931, Mr Ml. O'Hanlon, wrote that owing to circumstances over which he had no control his daughter Margaret M. O'Hanlon, found it impossible to avail of University Scholarship.

The Secretary mentioned that the County Council had already decided that in the event of any of the selected candidates failing to take advantage of the award of Scholarship, that this be offered to candidate next in order of merit, and obtaining sufficient marks according to the Academic Council of National University to qualify for Scholarship. The available candidate in this case was

Joseph A. Flynn, Ballyvoelare, Campile. He would be communicated with immediately as to taking up the Scholarship.

The Late Timothy Larkin: Col. Quin dissented from recommendation of the Finance Committee in this instance, on the ground that the County Council should not as Public Representatives recommend the payment of any sum not covered by Statute.

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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 8th October, 1931, as submitted to this meeting be and are hereby confirmed."

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REPORT EMPLOYMENT OF MEN GOREY AREA COMMITTEE.

It was decided that consideration of this Report be adjourned until the first meeting at which all Councillors concerned in the Report are in attendance.

COURTOWN HARBOUR

With reference to proposed Loan of £750 for necessary repairs at Courtown Harbour Mr O'Byrne proposed and Mr D'Arcy seconded the following resolution which was adopted without dissent:- "That period for redemption of Loan of £750 for repairs of Courtown Harbour be five years, Interest to be at $\frac{1}{2}$ % under Irish Bank Rate varying, with minimum of 4 %."

Under date 6th October, 1931, the following was read from Mr Denis Murphy, Harbour Master:-

"Lord Fitzwilliam called in here in his yacht on Saturday October 3rd, and asked me to put the following application before the County Council. He wants the inside basin dredged out, and the bar dredged and a depth of 6 feet of water maintained there at ordinary neap tides. If such improvements were carried out, he proposes to carry on an export trade of slates, oils and paint materials, and also to import coal. If the Council could meet his wishes, it would mean a revival of trade here as a port, and also give much needed employment in loading and unloading the boats, and also it would be a source of income to the Council in Harbour Dues. Would you please read the above at next meeting of your County Council."

Mr O'Byrne said that some time ago the Council had applied for an Unemployment Grant in order to carry out the clearing of the inner basin at Courtown, and the County Surveyor had then made an estimate of the cost, which was available. He believed if Lord Fitzwilliam would give a guarantee that he would be prepared to carry on the trade for a definite period and that it would not be abandoned after a month or so, the Council should endeavour to comply with his wishes. He

proposed the following resolution:-

"That the Councillors for Gorey County Electoral Area be appointed a Committee to consult with the people of Courtown Harbour, relative to proposal of Lord Fitzwilliam and that the latter be invited to attend the Conference, date and hour of which to be arranged by County Surveyor. That the County Surveyor and Mr Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, also attend. That the County Surveyor, when recommendations of the Conference are available, make application to the Department of Lands & Fisheries for a Grant towards the cost of clearing the inner basin of the Harbour."

LOAN FOR PURCHASE OF DISPENSARY RESIDENCE AT MONAMOLIN

The following motion of which she had given previous notice (and which had been circulated to members of the Co. Council on the 3rd September, 1931) was moved by Miss O'Ryan:

"That the Wexford County Council consents to the County Wexford Board of Health and Public Assistance raising loan of £1,400 for the purpose of acquiring the residence of the late Dr. Kinsella, situate at Monamolin, as a residence for the permanent Medical Officer of Health for Killenagh and Wells Dispensary District."

Miss O'Ryan in moving the motion said there were 20 acres of land attached to the House, and if the incoming doctor did not require it, this land would be sold. Then again £400 of the £1,400 was required for reconstruction and installing a water supply.

Mr. Hall seconded
The Chairman said he had been led to believe when the first application was made the amount would not be as high as £1,400.

Mr Murphy mentioned that £1,000 was for the purchase of the premises (land and buildings) then there was £50 for fees and the balance was for reconstruction.

In reply to Mr D'Arcy it was stated that the period of the Loan was to be 20 years. The first payment would be

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£140 and would be due at the end of the first year. The Interest for each succeeding payment would be reduced by £3: 10: 0d per annum until the Loan was paid off.

After some discussion the Chairman put the resolution to the meeting and it was passed nem con.

ROSSLARE STRAND - REMOVAL OF GRAVEL
FROM FORESHORE.

Under date 5th October, the following letter (M.S.1447) was read from Department of Industry and Commerce (Transport & Marine Branch):-

"With reference to your letter of the 3rd instant relative to the removal of gravel from Rosslare Strand in contravention of the Prohibitory Order, I am desired by the Minister for Industry and Commerce to state that the Department note the Resolution of the 28th ultimo that "The County Council gave no instructions to any road contractor to take material from the Rosslare foreshore since the issue of the Prohibitory Order." The Resolution, however, gives no indication as to what action is to be taken by ~~the~~ Council in regard to such an open breach of the Order. In bringing the matter to the notice of the Council it was assumed that such steps would be taken as would make it plain that no further unlawful interference with Rosslare Strand would be tolerated.

"I am to call your attention to the fact that the Prohibitory Order in this case was granted on the application of the County Council after a local inquiry into all the circumstances and it is most important that rigid ^sob_^ervance of the Order should be enforced in the interests of the community at Rosslare.

"I shall be glad to be informed at an early date that suitable action is being taken in regard to the reported infringement of the Order."

Chairman - The Guards are looking after this matter and I think they have sufficient machinery to prosecute without

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coming to the County Council.

Mr McCarthy suggested that the Road Contractors should be notified that they should not take any more gravel from the foreshore.

Col. Gibbon said the best step to be taken would be for the County Surveyor to inform all Road Contractors that they should not take any stones or gravel from the Rosslare Fore-shore in the future and if they did it would be at their own risk.

Chairman - I think there was a big injustice done down there to the whole district by this Order, and I am certainly not going to be a party to back up that injustice.

Col. Quin - Did not the County Council ask for the Order ?

Chairman - They did not. They asked **for** an Inquiry.

Mr O'Byrne - They asked for an Inquiry because they were told that a **private** person had made application for such Inquiry.

The Chairman proposed the following resolution:-

"That the matter of removal of sand and gravel from Rosslare Foreshore be left in the hands of the County Surveyor"

Mr Shannon seconded and the resolution was adopted.

Mr Gaul said that the adoption of the Order had deprived a great many people of their livelihood.

SALE OF FOOD AND DRUGS ACTS

Under date 6th October, 1931, the Department of Agriculture wrote (L.3295/31) that an Officer of the Department obtained three samples of butter:- One in New Ross and two in Enniscorthy Districts in the month of September, which when submitted to the County Analyst were certified to be genuine.

POISONS AND PHARMACY ACT LICENCE

Proposed by Mr Cummins and seconded by Mr Brennan:-

"That renewal of licence under Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908, issue to Edward Brennan, Merchant, Taghmon." *Passed*

TOURIST TRAFFIC(DEVELOPMENT) ACT

Under date 5th October, 1931, Mr Elgee, County Solicitor, wrote that the County Council were not bound to enter into any agreement with the Irish Tourist Development Association in respect of the Grant out of the Rates for the purposes of Tourist Development. This being so, it would be in his opinion, just as well if the County Council did not enter into such an agreement, but merely handed over to the Tourist Development Association their contribution, when it had been raised in rate.

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

"That acting on the advice of our Solicitor, we decline to enter into any agreement with the Irish Tourist Association in connection with Tourist development, but that we are prepared to hand over any contribution received in Rate to this Association, so long as it remains the statutory Authority under the Tourist Development Act."

CONCRETE ROAD - ENNISCORTHY-BUNCLODY.
DISMISSAL OF FOREMAN

At the meeting of County Council on 28th September, 1931, a resolution was adopted appointing the County Councillors of Gorey Co. Electoral Areas, with Mr Thomas McCarthy, County Councillor, as a Committee to investigate the circumstances in connection with the dismissal of Mr. O'Hanlon, foreman of Mr Lee, Contractor for improvement work on Enniscorthy - Bunclody Road and to inspect and report generally on the work.

The Committee met on 2nd October, 1931, the following being in attendance:- Col. Quin, Messrs Armstrong, Hall and McCarthy with the County Surveyor and Mr Ennis, Assistant Surveyor for the District.

The Committee after carefully considering the matter came to the conclusion that Mr Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, was

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justified in calling for the dismissal of the foreman who had not carried out his instructions. The work of road reconstruction was proceeding in a satisfactory manner.

The Committee recommended that the Council take no further action in the matter.

The Report of the Committee was adopted on the motion of Mr O'Byrne seconded by Mr Hall.

COUNTY COUNCIL CHAMBER

Col. Gibbon said that he considered the experiment made by the County Surveyor in connection with the improvement of the acoustic properties of the Council Chamber had been successful, and he now proposed that the County Surveyor be authorised to put on ceiling boards and make these flush with the girders, work to be carried out as soon as possible.

Mr O'Byrne seconded and the resolution was adopted.

Col. Quin moved the following resolution:- "That in order to improve the hearing properties of County Council Chamber, some suitable covering such as linoleum or cork be laid on the floor, cost not to exceed £20"

Mr Gaul seconded.

A poll was taken with the following result:-

For:- Messrs Armstrong, Clince, Colfer, Corish, Cummins, Gaul, McCarthy, O'Byrne, Quin, Shannon and Walsh - 11.

Against:- Messrs Brennan, Cooney, Culleton, D'Arcy, Gibbon, Hall, Hayes, Mayler, Murphy, O'Ryan, Smyth and the Chairman - 12.

The Chairman declared the motion lost.

MISCELLANEOUS ROAD MATTERS

New Road, Rathfarden: Under date 8th October, the following report was read from Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor:-

"On the 6th instant Messrs Brennan, and Shannon brought me to inspect a lane joining road No. 455 and 476, the latter

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road being in Mr Cullen's Area. It is intended to bring this land forward at the November meeting as a new work. The lane is about 220 perches long and is fairly sound. For most of its length it is 14 feet to 15 feet wide, but about 56 perches would need to be widened. The land owners have agreed to do this, and, I think, any other necessary work. As far as I understand all they require is to be provided with material, and this would cost about £50 in the quarry. "

On the motion of Mr Shannon seconded by Mr O'Byrne it was decided to refer the matter to the meeting of the Co. Council at which the Road Estimates for financial year 1932-33 will be under consideration.

Flooding at Rathfarden - Road No. 456: The following report under date 8th October, 1931, was read from Mr O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor:-

"Messrs Brennan and Shannon, M.C.C.'s and myself met Mr Deacon, owner of the flooded land, on the above road on the 6th instant.

"The existing gullet across the road discharges into Mr Deacon's land, and after heavy rain a considerable area is under water. It was pointed out that this entails a great hardship, particularly when this land is under tillage, as it happens to be at present. The Committee agreed that a new gullet placed so as to discharge into a corner of the field would save the land from flooding. If the Council agrees to provide the new gullet Mr Deacon will undertake all other necessary work. The new gullet would be 36 feet long, 9" diameter pipes and the cost about £10."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Shannon seconded by Mr Hall:- "That in order to obviate flooding at Mr Deacon's farm, Rathfarden, new gullet (cost not to exceed £10) be constructed and that the County Surveyor carry out this work as soon as possible."

Defaulting Road Contractor: Mr. T. Treanor, Assistant Sur-

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veyor, reported that John Kinsella, Jnr., Croghan, Ballyfadd, Inch, Contractor for repair of Roads 76, 81 and 86, had not yet put out material for measurement and had failed generally to attend to other work. He was noticed on 13th August, 1931, re material, weed cutting and drainage.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr O'Byrne seconded by Mr Hall:- "That proceedings be instituted against John Kinsella, jnr., Croghan, Inch, for his failure to carry out his contract in respect of Roads 76, 81 and 86, should the County Surveyor consider this step necessary."

Vinegar Hill Ruin: Mr Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, reported that he had inspected this ruin on 5th October, 1931, and found that some of the masonry had fallen and the stones were scattered around. The whole structure is in need of a little repair.

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

"That copy of Report of Mr Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, as to Vinegar Hill Ruin be furnished the Office of Public Works for their observations."

Dangerous Corners. Road 475: Mr Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, reported under date 5th October, 1931, that he had inspected the corners complained of by Mr Shannon, County Councillor, and estimated they could be sufficiently improved for £10.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Col. Gibbon, seconded by Col. Quin:- "That report of Mr Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, as to improvement of dangerous corners on Road 475 be referred to the meeting at which Road Estimates for next financial year will be considered."

Transfers to Main Roads: The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Col. Gibbon seconded by Mr Hall:-

"That as requisitioned by Mr Birthistle, Assistant

Surveyor, the following transfers to Main Roads be agreed to:- £35 from 17M to 69 M (Duncannon Line); £35 from 17 M to 68 (Duncannon Line); £30' from 17 M to 52 M (Killurin Road).

Flooding of Premises at Kilrush Bunclody: Mr Armstrong said he had complained several times to the County Surveyor, and Mr Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, as to the flooding of the licensed premises of Mr Codd at Kilrush, where the water came off the road. The Surveyors had informed him that lack of money was the difficulty in having the work carried out. It would be only a matter of £3 or £4.

The County Surveyor said the real difficulty in the matter was caused by the premises being below the level of the road.

✓ It was decided to ask Mr Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, to furnish a special report on the matter.

Flooding of Road: Mr Hayes complained that the road from Baldwinstown to Scar was constantly flooded for about 200 or 300 yards. He suggested that a Committee of the County Councillors for Wexford County Electoral Area should inspect and report.

Mr Murphy said that from what he saw of the place during a recent flood the water came over the fields from the river on to the road.

It was decided to obtain in the first instance a report in the matter from Mr Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor, for the District.

Poulpeasty Road: Miss O'Ryan, in connection with the cementing of road by Tomcoole and Poulpeasty, asked the County Surveyor to open the small portion at the right hand of Poulpeasty and have the barrier placed at the Wexford side of Poulpeasty bridge. The Camross people were drawing their corn to Wexford and if this small portion of the road was open it would take three or four miles off their journey

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as well as saving them the hilly road at Taghmon.

Mr Barry said he would have this section of road opened as soon as possible.

Knockeen Cross: Miss O'Ryan complained that there was about a quarter of a mile of Knockeen road on which repairs had not been effected, while the other sections were under reconstruction.

The County Surveyor said that when the L. G. Department decided to have a more costly form of reconstruction than was proposed there was not sufficient money to do this short section, but he would look after it as soon as money was available.

Decorative Garden Wall: The County Surveyor submitted letter from Mr. Naughter, Bridge Row, Gorey, applying for permission to erect a small decorative garden wall in front of his house at Bridge Row. These premises were semi-detached and faced the widest road space in Gorey. The road boundary stood six feet out from his house so there was ample room for the improvement for which he applied without limiting the road space.

The County Surveyor said he had no objection to the application being granted.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr O'Byrne seconded by Mr Gaul:- "That the County Council take no action with reference to application of Peter Naughter, Bridge Row, Gorey, as to erection of decorative garden wall."

PUBLIC SAFETY BILL

Mr Gilbert Lynch, Banba Hall, 20 Parnell Square, Dublin, wrote under date 3rd October, 1931, & forwarded statement on above measure signed by the Mayor of Sligo and the Chairmen of Galway and Westmeath County Councils.

Mr Lynch wrote it was suggested that the matter should be taken up on a non-party basis and that a Conference of Representatives from Public Bodies should be called together

for the purposes of considering what steps could be taken to prevent the passing of a law which would bring a recrudescence of civil strife in the country.

The enclosure to his letter was on similar lines.

Col. Quin said the matter was entirely concerned with politics, and he thought discussion on it should be barred. After all, no one had got anything to be afraid of except a man who murdered or robbed banks and filled his pockets. Anyhow it was politics and should not be discussed.

Mr Colloton - I propose you rule it out. It is politics pure and simple.

Col. Quin seconded.

Mr Cummins said that before it was ruled out as simply as that he thought there should be some consideration at least. The statement was signed by important men - two chairmen of County councils and one a mayor, and it was discussed by different councils in the Free State for the past week. He had some experience of what a Coercion Act meant. He knew what Buckshot Foster did, and he knew what Balfour did.

On a point of order, Mr Colloton objected to Mr Cummins continuing to speak on the matter prior to a decision being arrived at as to whether it should be discussed or not.

Chairman - If Mr Cummins moved an amendment to the proposition, and if it is passed by a majority by all means we will discuss it.

Mr Cummins - I think it ought to be considered and if you like I will move it in that way - that it ought to be considered - and surely when I move an amendment -

Chairman - It would not be an amendment; it would be a direct negative. If you vote against the proposition it would have the same effect.

Mr Cummins - And am I not allowed to explain my reasons ?

The Chairman said he did not want to be austere in the matter, but he had a motion before him, and unless there was an amendment to that he would have to put the motion.

Mr Cummins - Is a motion that it be considered not an amendment ?

Chairman - I don't see that it is; it is a direct negative.

Mr Cummins - Am I not allowed to explain the reason I ask it to be considered.

Col. Quin - Oh, we don't want to hear talk for half an hour.

Mr Cummins - The people I come here to represent, and the people that the Chairman represent and those that Col. Quin represent, don't want a Coercion Act, because it is not going to lead to any good, or to the prosperity that you are talking about, but, on the contrary, to a lot of mischief. I know none of the people I represent wish for a Coercion Act. That's the reason I ask you to consider the matter, and to try to stop those men from trying to throw the country into turmoil. I ask the Member of the Dail who is present to vote against the Bill.

Miss O'Ryan seconded Mr Cummins's proposition, and said that other members stated they regarded the matter as political, but Mr Cummins and herself did not consider it political at all. Of course, persons like Col. Quin that had no claim on the country practically always confused politics with nationality. It had been asked that all parties should come together and consider the matter in a calm way - to consider it and see could something be done to obviate the necessity for coercion of any kind. There was no reason why Irish men governing Irishmen had to rule them with the gun, and there was no reason why they should not come together and try to find a way out. They had longed for peace, and had got peace, and when they had peace they should try to maintain it.

Chairman - I will take the amendment.

Mr Murphy - What Miss O'Ryan says puts a different construction on the matter. None of us are against^{all} the

parties of the country coming together and trying to have peace in the country.

Col. Quin - It seems strange to have them stating that they want peace when they have had war and threw the country in a turmoil.

Miss O'Ryan said that as far as she had heard all the other county councils appointed delegates to the conference about to be held.

Chairman - I don't think all.

Miss O'Ryan - I don't say all, but I want to point out that there is such a thing as a conference trying to be got together. It is a way to peace any way, and there is something in the resolution with regard to having a conference.

Mr Gaul said that from the reading of the resolution it appeared to him that it was a protest against some Safety Bill.

Col. Quin - May I ask has this Bill been passed ? Do you know what it is going to be ? Aren't we just talking ~~about~~ hot air ?

Chairman - I quite agree we don't know what we are talking about. We don't know what the Bill is.

Col. Quin - After all, you can't talk about a Bill of which you don't know the provisions.

Mr Hayes remarked that if the Bill was passed it would be too late to discuss it.

Col. Gibbon (to chairman) - I suggest you take a vote now as to whether we discuss it, as you haven't given a ruling yourself.

Mr Corish said that the proposal submitted by Mr Lynch was not in accordance with the sentiments expressed by Miss O'Ryan. As far as he was concerned he was anxious to have peace. In order to have progress they wanted peace, but if they were going to discuss Coercion Acts at meetings

of public bodies they were not going to have peace. The resolution laid down that they should condemn the Act, but there was another side, and surely those people ought to put forward something in an effort to prevent shooting going on in the country. There was a time and place for shooting, but he thought everyone would agree that it was very, very inopportune that there should be shooting in the country at the moment. In his opinion the country had a splendid future owing to the position created in England by the depreciation in sterling. Apart from that they were to have the Eucharistic Congress next year, and it would be calamitous to have any disturbance. He would be in favour of public bodies coming together in an effort to have peace, but he was not going to condemn one side more than another. He was a member of the Labour party, and when the Bill was introduced that party would consider its effect on the country. He had never voted yet for a Coercion Act, and he was not going to pledge himself at the council meeting without consultation with his party.

Col. Gibbon suggested that they should not discuss proposals until the matter of the proposition was settled.

Chairman - I have hardly had time to rule. I would like to have all the discussion possible in a legal and presentable form, but I ~~didn't~~ get many chances to do anything at all on this, and I think an opportunity has arisen to get me out of it admirably. A resolution has been proposed, and I will take the feeling of the meeting, and you won't have to lay blame at the feet of the chairman afterwards.

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

For:- Messrs Breman, Clince, Colfer, Cooney, Cummins, D'Arcy, Hayes and O'Ryan - 8.

Against:- Messrs Armstrong, Culleton, Gibbon, Hall, Meyler, McCarthy, Murphy, O'Byrne, Quin, Shannon, Smyth, Walsh and the Chairman - 13.

Messrs Corish and Gaul (2) did not vote.

The Chairman declared the motion lost.

The resolution of Mr Culleton was then put.

The Chairman said that as a vote was not challenged he declared Mr Culleton's motion adopted.

Miss O'Ryan - Would you be in favour of sending delegates to this Conference in Dublin on 20th October ?

Chairman - I certainly would not be in favour.

The Chairman then declared the business concluded and left the chair.

The meeting then terminated.

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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

MEETING 26TH OCTOBER 1931

M I N U T E S

COUNTY HALL,
WEXFORD.

N.J. FRIZELLE,
SECRETARY.

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A meeting of Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 26th October, 1931.

Mr. M. Doyle, Chairman, presided, and there were also present:- Messrs, James Armstrong, John Brennan, James Clince, Patrick Colfer, Thomas Cooney, Richard Corish, John Culleton, John Cummins, Timothy F. D'Arcy, Col.C.M. Gibbon, James Hall, Patrick Hayes, Thomas Maylor, Thomas McCarthy, John Murphy, Sean O'Byrne, Miss Nellie O'Ryan, James Shannon and James E. Walsh.

The Secretary, County Surveyor, County Solicitor and the following Assistant Surveyors were in attendance:-

Messrs R.J. Ennis, P. O'Neill, Thos. Cullen, and J.F. Birthistle.

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £615: 7: 5d was examined and signed.

THE LATE VERY REV. CANON KEHOE P.P.

The Chairman proposed the following resolution:-

"That we offer our heartfelt sympathy to Mr John Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor and the Misses Kehoe, in the death of Very Rev. Paul Canon Kehoe, P.P. Cloughbawn. By his demise the Church has lost a worthy son and the people of Cloughbawn a Pastor whose every hour was concerned for their spiritual and temporal welfare. In the forefront of every Nationalist movement his ability and foresight proved invaluable, while his work for the advancement of our native language was not the least of his activities and has earned the gratitude of every Gael."

In proposing the resolution the Chairman said that in the death of Father Kehoe the Church and parishioners had, indeed, suffered a very great loss. His popularity was

testified to by the very large funeral representative of every Parish in the County Wexford and of many outside of it. Father Kehoe was a school fellow of his for two or three years and he was always found supporting every movement for the benefit of the country. The sorrow which was exhibited by the parishioners at the graveside was evidence of the affection and esteem in which Canon Kehoe was held by his own people.

Mr Cummins in seconding paid tribute to Canon Kehoe's fine qualities as a priest and Irish gentleman.

The motion was spoken to by Col. Gibbon, Messrs O'Byrne, Shannon, Hayes and O'Ryan, the County Secretary, County Surveyor and County Solicitor.

It was then adopted in silence.

REPLIES TO VOTES OF CONDOLENCE

On the motion of Mr O'Byrne seconded by Mr Brennan it was decided that the following reply from Miss E.A. Finn, Priory Street, New Ross, to vote of condolence adopted by the County Council in the death of her father, Mr. M.J. Finn, Ex Town Clerk, New Ross, be inserted on the Minutes of meeting:

"Kindly convey to the members of the Co. Council my sincere thanks and that of the other members of the family, for their sympathy with us in our recent sorrow.

"I wish also to thank you for your personal sympathy and your expression of regret at my dear father's demise.
R.I.P."

On the motion of Mr O'Byrne seconded by Mr Brennan it was decided that the following reply from Mr. M. Coghlan, Manager National Bank, Wexford, to vote of condolence adopted by the County Council on the death of Very Rev. Canon Sullivan P.P. Bannow, be inserted on the Minutes of meeting:-

"I am very grateful to the County Council for their kind resolution of sympathy in connection with the death of the late Canon Sullivan, P.P. Bannow. I conveyed the

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sympathy of the Council as well as your own personal tribute to the relatives of the late Canon, who desired me to express their best thanks, for same."

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT

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

"I beg to report that Mr Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor, returned to duty, after sick leave, on 1st instant, and has since been carrying out his work.

Mr Moore, Clerk in County Surveyor's Office, will be returning to duty on the 26th instant, and I believe his health has much improved by his absence on sick leave.

The two contracts for laying concrete roads are in progress and well advanced. In connection with the New Ross end of the Pioneer Company's contract I have had difficulty in regard to the sand, and I had an interview with the Local Government Department's Engineer in Dublin, and Representatives of the Pioneer Company. The matter has now been arranged.

I submit report from Mr Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor, with reference to the proposed wall at Burrow, Rosslare. He has made observations of the depths of water at various states of tide as directed by the Council.

I have been in communication with the Local Government Department with reference to use of local tar, and have letter dated 8th instant in which it is stated that the letter to the Secretary in August last authorises the limited use of locally produced tar. I am, accordingly, using it as set out in my previous correspondence with the Department.

I have had application from the District Justice Clerk Enniscorthy, for an anthracite stove in his Office in the Courthouse. He occupies a long room with a fire-place at one end, and as the room is inclined to be damp he asks for an anthracite stove which will thoroughly dry out the place. I estimate that the cost of this will be in or about £10.

At last meeting of the Council, in connection with Courtown Harbour, there was a communication read from the Harbour Master, relative to the proposal of Lord Fitzwilliam, to develop export trade at the port, and a Committee was appointed. I have now written to Lord Fitzwilliam, asking when it would be convenient for him to meet the Committee, and shall summon it on hearing from him.

On the 20th instant the Committee appointed by the Council to inspect New Ross Bridge met on the site, and report from them will be before you.

In connection with the underpinning of the abutment at Ferrycarrig Bridge I visited Cork recently, and inspected the pressure piles being put in underpinning foundation there. Undoubtedly, this system in many cases must prove satisfactory, but I am doubtful as to its application at Ferrycarrig. I have gone very carefully into the whole matter, and I have come to the conclusion that it will be advisable to take down existing abutment and end span between it and the bascule, and to re-construct same. This reconstruction should provide for a much increased length of end span, and the abutment should be founded on the rock. I have arrived at this conclusion owing to the uncertainty of thoroughly eliminating movement of the abutment, and also in view of the fact that the bascule opening is at present so jammed that even if the abutment be stabilised there must be very extensive work carried out on the bascule before it could be made to open freely. With the re-construction of the end span I consider that there will be comparatively little difficulty in dealing with the bascule opening, and I expect that the total cost of the two methods will not differ very much. This work is really a Specialist's job, as there will be a great deal of special designing and calculation of stresses. Moreover, it will be advisable, to my mind, that some preliminary work be done in the way of excavating at the back of the existing

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abutment and putting in bore holes in front of it. Accordingly, I ask that the Council should put funds at my disposal to cover cost of the Specialist, and to carry out this preliminary work which should be done under his advice. I beg to report that at the present time, I am carrying out the repairs to the concrete on the remaining portion of the bridge, where the reinforcement was exposed to corrosion, and I shall, I believe, make a satisfactory job of this."

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

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

Wall at Burrow Rosslare: The following report under date 23rd October, 1931, was read from Mr Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor:-

"I have paid several visits to Rosslare Burrow in connection with above, both on Spring and neap tides.

"In normal weather conditions on a High Spring Tide there is not more than 14" water to be dealt with along the worst portions of the proposed line of wall. Only in one short spot was there a depth of 18". On Neap tides there is only a rise of 4" or 5" of water along the worst portions of the line.

"From enquiry and a study of the neighbourhood I find that only with a heavy gale from S.E. and a high tide are conditions any worse. I am waiting an opportunity of seeing the place under such conditions."

In reply to the Chairman the County Surveyor said the cost of proposed wall at the place would be from £800 to £1,000.

The Chairman said that the extraordinary high cost of the wall for the benefit of very few people prevented

the Council undertaking the work. The latter complained that they could not get their children to school and that even a horse and cart could not be brought along the place at certain times owing to the flooding by high tides. The Committee which went into the matter did not consider the hardship as great as was represented.

Col. Gibbon considered that in view of the Council's finances and report of Mr Birthistle they would not be justified in spending £1,000 on the place.

Mr Birthistle said that the situation would be considerably eased if the small corner immediately off the dead end of the Burrow road to the Bank could be filled in. This place was flooded practically at all tides.

Col. Gibbon said it would be very useful to obtain Mr Birthistle's further observations as tides would not be nearly as high as when his recent observations were made.

It was decided to adjourn further consideration for the supplemental report of Mr Birthistle and that the Co. Council members for Wexford County Electoral Area should meet the land owners concerned on Tuesday, 3rd November, at 3.30 p.m. at end of Burrow road to consider the proposal of the County Committee of Agriculture to plant part of the estuary with rice grass to ascertain if this would obviate the flooding."

Anthracite Stove for District Court Clerk's Office: The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr McCarthy seconded by Mr O'Byrne:-

"That anthracite stove be, as recommended by County Surveyor, procured for office of District Court Clerk, Enniscorthy, cost of stove and fitting not to exceed £7, amount to be taken from Public Works Account"

Courtown Harbour: Letter under date 24th October, 1931, from Lord Fitzwilliam, 10 Grosvenor St. London W.1. to County Surveyor was read. In this it was pointed out that

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the harbour had been carefully and scientifically laid out and that there were great possibilities in the place for small trading ships of 100 or 200 tons many of which trade along the Welsh and English Coasts in the slate trade and carrying Road material. Lord Fitzwilliam was particularly interested in this, as he had been trying for some years to develop the slate trade at Kilcavan not many miles from Courtown where he saw possibilities. He was at present shipping about 160 tons a month from Arklow, somewhere between 23 and 25 miles from the quarries, very long for motor haulage and very expensive for rail haulage. He got into the harbour without trouble in his yacht of 88 tons, Thames measurement drawing about five feet. Once inside there was good quay accommodation, with about 9 or 10 feet of water alongside the walls, though the centre of the harbour had become silted up and required dredging. He realised that the harbour had not been used seriously for many years due he thought to the fact that the railway was so distant and that there was no siding accommodation on or near the quays. He realised further that, since the War mechanical traction was becoming much more universally used in the South of Ireland, and that the County Council had put down a very fine cement road between Courtown and Gorey. This encouraged him to think that if industries such as granite quarries, slate quarries or others were developed in the district (as no doubt they existed in the past) there being a great demand for these commodities in England, the old objection of distance from the railway was largely overcome.

He had not at the moment any definite proposal for shipping large tonnage Inertite slate flour or slates but if Courtown Harbour happened to be more suitable and more up to date than Arklow, it would afford just such facilities as Kilcavan slate quarries required.

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Did the County Council think the Harbour could be made a practical one and usable if trade was forthcoming. He concluded that the only trade available would be some bricks, slates, slate flour and timber, all going out and coal coming in. He might be able to make engagement for a short interview with some members of the Council on 12th November at Coollattin.

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

"That the Committee appointed to consider proposals of Lord Fitzwilliam relative to Courtown Harbour improvements, viz., the County Councillors for Gorey Electoral area, invite - through the County Surveyor - to a meeting, persons who are interested in the development of this harbour with a view to drafting recommendations for submission to the Council. That the Committee select representatives with the County Surveyor to wait on Lord Fitzwilliam on 12th November, 1931, at Coollattin, and that report of interview be also submitted to the Council. That day and hour of meeting of Committee be arranged by County Surveyor."

New Ross Bridge: The County Surveyor submitted the following report of New Ross Bridge Committee:-

"On the 20th October, 1931, the Committee appointed by the County Council met at the Bridge.

"There were present:- Messrs Walsh and Cooney, and also Mr Breman: the other members of the Committee were unable to attend. Mr O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor, and the Bridge Caretaker, as well as the County Surveyor were in attendance.

"The Committee having examined the Bridge both from above and below is satisfied that there is no serious wasting of the plates. Percolation of water from the roadway has in the past caused some slight wasting, but this is now very much reduced by the surface dressing of the roadway, and,

probably, can be entirely eliminated by further bitumen dressing. The examination of the original Plans and Specification with re-calculation of stresses by the County Surveyors will indicate the safe loading under modern traffic conditions.

The Committee makes the following recommendations:-

1. Where old-standing settlement appears in abutment on down stream left bank, the cut stone should be re-set so as to align with the unsettled masonry.
2. The ornamental caps of all piers and abutments should be repaired.
3. Small defects in railings and guard plates should be repaired. Also manhole covers.
4. Further bitumen dressing should be given to the road and footway surface so as to make them watertight and prevent percolation. This applies more particularly to the channels, and also to the timber decking on the swing section, and to the troughing in the main girders.
5. The chains and gear for working the swing section should be thoroughly over hauled.
6. Small repairs should be carried out to the dolphins.
7. A thorough cleaning down and repainting of the whole ironwork should be provided for and the work put in hands early next Spring.

Subject to such other matters that may be dealt with in the promised report from the two County Surveyors, the Committee is of opinion that on completion of the above recommended work the Bridge will be in a sound and satisfactory condition."

Mr Walsh said the point the Committee wished to stress was that the bridge required painting as soon as possible to prevent further deterioration. He would also ask the County Surveyor to have the bitumen dressing applied to the roadway to prevent further percolation of water. Of course the important work was the painting and this should be taken in hands as soon

as could be arranged. He understood that the work could not be done at the moment but the bitumen treatment of the channels could be carried out at once and he proposed it should be put in hands.

Mr Corish seconded the resolution, which was adopted unanimously.

The following resolution was then adopted on the motion of Mr O'Byrne seconded by Mr Clince:- "That the monthly Report of the County Surveyor to this meeting be and is hereby approved."

Ferrycarrig Bridge Repair: Under date 23rd October, 1931, the Department of Industry & Commerce (Transport and Marine Branch) wrote (M.S. 2829) stating that a communication had been received from the Wexford Harbour Commissioners protesting against the proposal for the substitution of a fixed span for the existing opening span of the bridge. A press cutting of the meeting of the Harbour Commissioners was enclosed and the Council were asked to forward their observations to the Department in regard to the statements made at this meeting.

The County Surveyor said that a preliminary estimate for underpinning the abutment was £1,700, but this did not include the alteration of the bascule. The total cost of the work would be about £2,000.

The Chairman said that the bridge was erected 18 years and there must have been something radically wrong with the design when it was estimated to cost this very large sum now.

The County Surveyor said that the bridge was not in a satisfactory position at the present time particularly at the end where the abutment was slipping forward and the bascule being jammed. The abutment was founded on mud. The original intention had been to have the last span cantilevered and not raised on the abutment and ~~he~~ did not know why this departure from the original design had been made. He asked for £100 for making the necessary borings

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and excavations at the back and when these were made he would be in a position to make a further report.

The Chairman said it was only right to state that Mr Barry was not their County Surveyor when the bridge was erected.

Mr O'Byrne proposed and Mr Brennan seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That the sum of £100, to be withdrawn from Public Works Account, be placed in the hands of the County Surveyor for the purpose of employing Specialist and carrying out necessary borings and excavations at Ferrycarrig Bridge."

In reply to Mr Culleton the County Surveyor said that even if they had permission to close the opening span the Council would still have to carry out the work of underpinning the abutment. If the bascule was to be a fixed span a short timber temporary bridge would have to be erected while the work was being carried out.

Kerlogue Road: The following memorial extensively signed was read:- "We the undersigned wish to bring to the notice of the Wexford County Council the very dangerous state of the Wexford-Rosslare Road between junction of Kilmore road and the town of Wexford. At present parts are almost impassable to horses due to the slippery condition of the surface. We suggest where no margins have been left for horse traffic, sand or quarry dust might be scattered periodically in order to give our animals a footing."

Mr F. Staples V.S. Wexford, wrote that on the 18th October, 1931, his pony came down at Kerlogue breaking both trap shafts. It was very fortunate more serious damage did not happen. Mr Culleton M.C.C. was on the road at the time. He (Mr Staples) thought the County Council was liable for the damage.

Mrs Echlin, Drinagh House, wrote that on Monday, 19th October, 1931, her pony fell on this road. It had fallen three times previously on the same road.

Mr. G. Devereux, Ballyfinogue, Drinagh, wrote that on four occasions his milk horses came down on this road with serious loss of milk and damage to the animals.

Mr Culleton said that constant complaints were made as to the polished condition of this road. He thought a harrow should be run over the side so as to ensure a margin over which animals could travel.

The County Surveyor said that they had no chippings at Kerlogue Quarry for such work. He had intended putting them out and would do so immediately.

Mr D'Arcy said a margin should be left on all these roads in the County. It was a scandal to see the manner in which horses were constantly falling.

The Chairman said he had more reason to complain of this particular road than any other Councillor as he lived on it. The whole road was now becoming polished and something would have to be done if people were to use it.

Mr Hall said he was always of the opinion that the slipperiness of these roads was caused because too much tar was used in their improvement.

The Chairman said he believed that the chippings used in the work were not sufficiently coarse.

Miss O'Ryan said that a wide margin should have been left on these roads to cater for the plain people who could not afford motors. This had been done successfully in other Counties.

The County Surveyor said that in other counties the margin left had cut up badly and the margin was now being filled. The concentration of the traffic in the one line did the harm.

Mr O'Byrne said that Esmonde Street, Gorey, was becoming very slippery and dangerous to horse traffic. When this happened before screenings had been spread with good results and he suggested that screenings should be renewed.

The County Surveyor said he would have chippings spread on Esmonde Street, Gorey.

Mr Culleton said that chippings would be effective for a short time only. They should tear up the sides of these dangerous roads.

The County Surveyor said the Council had been in treaty with the Selskar Iron Works for a gritting machine but it was not entirely satisfactory. He, however, understood from Mr Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor, that such improvements had been made as would allow satisfactory work to be done. The Council should authorise him to purchase one of these machines

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

"That the Council procure a road gritting machine from Selskar Iron Works, cost not to exceed £20 cost to be taken from appropriate Contingency Fund."

DEATH OF MR TIMOTHY LARKIN

The following under date 21st October, 1931, (R/RM/32) was read from the Local Government Department:-

"With reference to your letter of 16th instant relative to a proposal of Wexford County Council to make an ex gratia payment to the widow of a man who died as the result of an accident while employed by the Council, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that if a payment cannot be legally made, his sanction would not legalise it."

On the suggestion of the Chairman it was decided that Mr Corish T.D. should interview the Minister for Local Government as to the proposal of the County Council to pay Mrs Larkin an ex-gratia grant of £50.

NEW HOUSE AT POULFUR

The following under date 23rd October, 1931, was read from Mr John Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor:-

"Mr Maurice Breen, Dungulph, Duncannon, has built a small house near Poulfur Catholic Church, at the junction between Main Road No. 70 and Road No. 845.

"The house is well in from either road, but there are two walls built from the house the end of one being only 14 feet from the centre of road No. 70 and the end of the other wall about 12 feet from the centre of No. 845.

"You may remember inspecting this place a few years ago with view of changing the direction of the road so as to take away a bad curve.

If this work is ever done I'm afraid the walls mentioned above will seriously interfere with the project."

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

"That the County Councillors for New Ross Electoral Area be appointed a Committee to inspect and report as to house erected by Maurice Breen at Poulfur, with County Surveyor and Mr Kehoe, District Surveyor. That County Surveyor arrange for place, date and hour of meeting and summon members of same."

DUNCANNON PIER

The following under date 20th October, 1931, was read from Mr Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor:-

"Some time ago the Fishermen at Duncannon complained of their nets being torn when taking them out of the water at the inner Pier on account of the rough masonry in the front of the Pier.

"I inspected the place yesterday, and could not find anything wrong there. The Pier wall is roughly built, but it is just the same now as when I knew it first.

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"I do not think you can do anything in the matter."

Mr Corish said the information he had received from the local people was at variance with this report.

The Chairman proposed and Mr Hall seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That the County Councillors for New Ross County Electoral Area be appointed a Committee to inspect Duncannon Pier, inspection to take place on same day as inspection of road at Clonard, Committee to be summoned by County Surveyor."

BROADWAY HALL -----

The following report under date 23rd October, 1931, was read from Mr Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor:-

"I visited above hall on 12th instant, in connection with Mr Doyle's application for a Cinema Licence.

"There are three substantial exits, and many large windows in the side of the building. The operators box is constructed of fire resisting material - has its own separate entrance, and is built on to one end of the Main Hall.

"I regard the Hall as quite suitable for a Cinema show. The only possible objection is the seating which consists of loose forms. These might be temporarily joined together during picture performances."

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

"That the attention of Hon Secretary, Broadway Hall, be called to the recommendation of Mr Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor, as to joining up the loose forms in the hall for exhibitions of moving pictures."

ILLNESS OF ASSISTANT SURVEYOR -----

The following extract from Minutes of Finance Committee meeting of 22nd October, 1931, was confirmed on the motion of Mr O'Byrne seconded by Mr Hall:-

"The County Surveyor reported that Mr Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, Gorey District, had to undergo on 14th October, 1931,

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an operation in Dr. Furlong's Nursing Home, Wexford, and would not be fit for duty for at least 10 days from date of meeting of Finance Committee.

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

"That acting on Report of County Surveyor ten days' sick leave be granted to Mr Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, Gorey District, as from this date."

Under date 26th October, 1931, Dr. S.A. Furlong, Infirmary House, Wexford, forwarded the following Certificate:-

"This is to certify that T. Treanor, is unable to attend to his duties owing to an operation for haemorrhoids."

COMPLAINT OF CONDITION OF ROAD

The following under date 1st October, 1931, was read from Mr Peter O'Connor, Solicitor, O'Connell Street, Waterford:-

"I have been instructed by Mr William Ward, of Clonlard, Duncannon, to write to you in reference to the bad state of repair of the road leading to his house.

"My client informs me that the road in question is in such a shocking state of repair that he is unable to use it for the purpose of working his farm, as on several occasions when he took a lorry over it the springs were broken. In this connection he has produced to me receipted bill for £5:16: 6d which shows that between 6th March last and 10th August my client had six springs broken, and one spring broken in his private motor car owing to the condition of the road mentioned.

My client has no desire to be obliged to go to the expense of instituting proceedings for recovery of the loss he has sustained through the failure of your Council to keep the road in a proper state of repair; but if something is not done shortly to put the road at least in a passable state, my client, has instructed me to institute proceedings

My Client is a very large ratepayer and gives consider-

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able employment, and it is submitted that he is at least deserving of consideration on the part of your Council.

When the matter of the Clonlard Road was raised at your last meeting, it was stated that my client's lorry was responsible for its condition. Now my client emphatically denies that this is the case, and states if the road had had a proper surface put on it, and if the material used by the Contractor in repairing it had been checked it would not be in the bad condition that it is.

If the report of your last meeting as reported in the New Ross Standard of the 18th ult. is accurate, a deliberate mis-statement was made by the County Surveyor that he had replied to my client's letter in connection with this matter, as he instructs me that he never received any written communication in respect of the complaint by him.

Please lay this letter before your Council and I trust that it will receive very careful consideration, as my client cannot allow the present deplorable condition of things to continue without taking some adequate steps for his own protection."

The County Surveyor said he thought he had written to Mr Ward in the matter and there was no question of a deliberate mis-statement. He was of course speaking from recollection at the time. He certainly wrote to Mr Murphy M.C.C. and Mr O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor, in connection with this road to inspect and see what could be done.

Mr Murphy said no one who knew the County Surveyor would ever accuse ^{him} of making a deliberate mis-statement. He (Mr Murphy) had had a communication from the County Surveyor in the matter. Want of money was really the cause of not attending to it before now.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Murphy seconded by Mr O'Byrne:- "That the County Councillors for New Ross Electoral Area inspect and report as to

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condition of road at Clonlard in respect of which complaint of its condition has been made by Mr William Ward."

GREAT ISLAND SLUICES

Under date 7th October, 1931, Mr. N. Murphy, Kilmokea, Campile, wrote that the Gallwey (Power) Estate Great Island would shortly be vested in the tenants and on this estate there are two sluices and two embankments. One of these sluices and one of the embankments was in the Kilmannock Drainage Area and was partly secured by £400 invested in the name of the Public Trustee.

The other sluice and its embankment outside Kilmannock Drainage Area was in a dangerous condition. The matter was brought to the notice of the Land Commission with a view to having some of the purchase money set aside as was done in the case of Kilmannock. Mr Batchen, Engineer, of the Office of Public Works, who made a detailed inspection in January last agreed that the structures were in a dangerous condition. The Head Inspector, Mr Campbell, was down after Mr Batchen and said that there was no chance of getting money invested. The tenants heard no more of the matter. If this sluice or embankment gave way it would seriously jeopardize the protection wall of the County Council leading into the Great Island. He suggested that the County Council should make representations to the Land Commission on this point. Some years ago this embankment burst and the tide came in and did about £150 damage by removing all the earthen "backing" from the protection wall and tearing up the public road. It was the previous failure of the same embankment that necessitated the building of the protection wall at a cost of £360, to the Grand Jury in 1885. A very serious flooding of land would follow any accident to the sluice or embankment,

Mr Murphy said if these sluices were not kept in order the Great Island would become an island in reality. The Council,

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only for the protection of their own property, and of the Kilmannock drainage area, should make representations to the Land Commission to earmark out of the purchase money a sufficient amount to produce annual interest to cover cost of keeping the sluices and embankment in order.

The following resolution was then adopted on the motion of Mr Murphy seconded by Mr Cummins:- "That representations be made to the Land Commission that when about to vest the lands on the Gallwey-Power and Barret Hamilton estates in the tenants a sufficient amount would be retained from the purchase money the interest of which when invested would produce sufficient to keep the drainage embankments and sluices on these estates in good working order. We wish to point out that the owners of these estates were responsible for the maintenance of drainage in the past and this responsibility should not now be passed on to the purchasing tenants.

"That Messrs Jordan and Corish T.D.'s be asked to interest themselves on behalf of the tenants concerned."

SPECIAL SUB-COMMITTEE ROAD MAINTENANCE

Report of this Sub-Committee which sat on 22nd May, 1929, was laid before the meeting.

The Secretary explained that this report was adjourned from time to time, on the last occasion for twelve months. This period was now expired and the report came forward for consideration.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr O'Byrne seconded by Mr Clince:- "That Report of special Sub-Committee Road Maintenance be referred to the incoming County Council."

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

The following Minute of Finance Committee meeting of 22nd October, 1931, was confirmed on the motion of Mr Corish seconded by Mr Cummins:-

"Under date 19th October, 1931, Mr Joseph A. Flynn, Ballyvoclar, Campile, wrote that as he was leaving shortly for Rome to pursue his ecclesiastical studies in the Irish College there, it would be impossible for him to avail of the University Scholarship awarded by the County Council.

Proposed by Mr O'Byrne and seconded by Mr Culleton and passed:-

"That vacant scholarship be offered to Mary Kavanagh, Hollyfort, Gorey, who has been decided by the Academic Council, University College, Dublin, as eligible for the award of such scholarship."

"Under date 17th October, 1931, Mr Joseph Cullen, 16 Monck Street, Wexford, wrote applying for an extension of his Scholarship with a view to obtaining the Higher Diploma in Education, as he had been informed by the University Authorities that he was successful in securing the B. Sc. Degree."

"Proposed by Mr O'Byrne and seconded by Mr Culleton and adopted:-

"That the Council be recommended to accede to the request of Mr Joseph Cullen B. Sc., University Scholar, for an extension of his Scholarship in order to obtain the Higher Diploma in Education."

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

"That the Council be recommended to agree to changes of addresses for University Scholarship holders:-

John Dunphy, c/o Mrs T. O'Byrne, Rathcoole, Co. Dublin.

John J. Hunt, Ashview, Chapleizod, Co. Dublin, provided the premises are approved by the Dean of Residence."

COVERING FOR FLOOR OF COUNTY COURTHOUSE

The following extract from Minutes of Finance Committee meeting of 22nd October, 1931, was submitted:-

"Under date 13th October, 1931, Mr Elgee, County Solicitor, forwarded for consideration the following letter 404/296 from

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the Department of Finance:-

"With further reference to your letter of the 9th ult., and previous correspondence regarding the payment of the balance of a conditional Award of £5,000: 0: 0: made in respect of the destruction of Wexford Courthouse, I am directed by the Minister for Finance to state that he understands that the acoustics of the new Courthouse are defective, that the County Council has so far failed to carry out a request made to them on more than one occasion that the floor of the Building should be covered with linoleum or matting and that in consequence the Judge has been obliged to direct that the Circuit Court Business be transferred to Enniscorthy.

"I am to inform you that the question of paying the balance of the Award to the Council must be deferred until the requirements of the Judge have reasonably been met.

"I am also to point out that the necessity for transferring Circuit Court Business to Enniscorthy involves the imposition on Public Funds of avoidable expense. This fact will be taken into consideration when the balance of the Award is being discharged."

"After discussion it was decided to refer this matter to the County Council in view of the refusal of the Council to provide a covering referred to in letter from Department of Finance."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr O'Byrne:- "That Mr Elgee, Co. Solicitor, direct the attention of the Finance Department to Standing Order No. 29 of Wexford County Council as follows:-

"No motion to rescind or vary any resolution which has been passed within the preceding twelve months, nor any motion to the same effect as any Motion which has been negatived within the preceding twelve months shall be in order, unless the notice thereof shall have been given and specified in the summons, and in the notice shall bear, in addition to the name of the Member who proposes the Motion, the names of four other

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members; and when any such Motion has been disposed of by the Council, it shall not be competent for any member to propose a similar Motion within a further period of six months."

"That Mr Elgee, point out that a motion to rescind the decision of the Council refusing to provide a covering for the County Courthouse floor has been already defeated."

FLOODING OF PREMISES AT KILRUSH (BUNCLODY)

The following report under date 23rd October, 1931, was read from Mr Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, as to the flooding of shop of Mr Codd, Kilrush:-

"I have inspected this place. It is the usual case of a house built under the level of the road. In time of heavy rain it does undoubtedly get some water from the road surface. It would be almost impossible to provide an absolutely perfect remedy. However, an expenditure of about £11 on sheeting and banking with tarred stone would greatly improve matters. This would also prevent the road surface from being torn. I would suggest that the work be brought forward as a proposal for next year, as it would be best done in the Summer. Mr Codd would be satisfied with this."

Mr Armstrong proposed and Mr Shannon seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That the recommendation of Assistant Surveyor relative to flooding of the premises of Mr Codd, Kilrush, Bunclody, be adopted."

DUMP FOR BUNCLODY

In connection with letter from Mr. R.W. Hall Dare offering a vacant space for use as refuse dump by the people of Bunclody village the following under date 15th October, 1931, was read from Mr Ennis, Assistant Surveyor:-

"I think this is really more a matter for the Board of

Health. The disposal of house refuse is the real problem. At present I have great difficulty in preventing it from being placed on the sides of the roads. Of course if there was a depot for rubbish we would put a certain amount of road scrapings etc., in it. These would help to keep it sightly and sanitary. This letter from Mr Hall Dare ought to be sent to Mr G. Flood. In the meantime I will find out where this old quarry is, and instruct our Foreman to put anything which he has to dispose of into it."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Corish seconded by Mr O'Byrne:- "That all correspondence in connection with offer of Mr Hall Dare to provide dump for Bunclody village be forwarded County Board of Health for the information of that body."

ADVERTISING CONTRACT FOR 1932

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr O'Byrne seconded by Mr Brennan:- "That the Council inform proprietors of the three local papers they are prepared to enter into a Contract for the publication of the advertisements of County Council and County Committee of Agriculture for one year as from 1st January, 1932, at £110 in each case."

ROAD NUISANCE

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr O'Byrne:- "That Mr Elgee, Solicitor, be directed to take the necessary steps to compel James Brookes, Ballyprecus, Bunclody, to remove hut at Ballyprecus and which is an obstruction on the public road."

PROPOSED SALE OF LABOURERS' COTTAGES

Statement of Mr E.J. Mitchell, M.C.C. at Limerick County Council as to sale of labourers' cottages to the tenants was submitted. The cottages were to be disposed of

for cash or by loan, proceeds to be applied for the building of additional cottages, and amount of purchase money to be fixed by valuation. Mr Mitchell held that the scheme would greatly benefit the ratepayers and that there would be no danger of the cottages being allowed to fall into disrepair, after purchase.

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

"That the statement of Mr. E.J. Mitchell, County Councillor, Limerick, as to sale of labourers' cottages be furnished County Wexford Board of Health for the information of that body."

PROPOSED CONVENTION OF COUNTY COUNCILLORS

The following resolution was received from Tipperary County Council (S. R.):-

"That the Chairman and Vice Chairman of County Councils; Corporations, and Urban Councils be requested to hold a Convention in Dublin immediately for the purpose of asking the Leaders of the different parties in the Dail to find a common basis of agreement for the acceptance of Treaty Rights so that the Nation may proceed to its economic development in peace and good order."

An exactly similar resolution with however, the following addition was received from Cavan County Council:-

"And that the Convention when assembled and Chairman agreed to immediately proceed to issue an invitation to the Cardinal Primate (Most Rev. Dr. MacRory) to preside and assist the Convention in its objects. As a second important subject the Convention to also consider the relationship between the Governing Authority and the Local Authorities in the State."

Miss O'Ryan proposed and Mr Cummins seconded the adoption of the Tipperary Resolution.

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The Chairman and Vice Chairman stated if resolution was adopted they would not attend the Convention.

After a long discussion a vote was taken with the following result:-

For:- Messrs Clince, Colfer, Cooney, Cummins, Hall, Hayes and O'Ryan - 7.

Against:- Messrs Armstrong, Culleton, Gibbon, Meyler, McCarthy, Murphy, O'Byrne, Shannon, Walsh and the Chairman - 10.

Mr Corish (1) declined to vote and Messrs Brennan and D'Arcy (2) were not present when vote was taken.

The Chairman declared the motion lost.

The resolution from Cavan County Council was not proposed.

PUBLIC SAFETY ACT

The following resolution was moved by Mr Cummins and seconded by Miss O'Ryan:- "That we agree with the following resolution adopted at the meeting of Westmeath County Council on 8th October, 1931:-

"That we the Members of the Westmeath County Council view with grave apprehension the so called Public Safety Act about to be enacted in the Free State Parliament.

"We regard such a Bill as a grave menace to the liberty of the individual and to the peace of the Nation.

"That we call on all Public Bodies to do their utmost to secure its withdrawal or defeat."

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

For:- Messrs Clince, Colfer, Cooney, Cummins, Hayes, and O'Ryan - 6.

Against:- Messrs Armstrong, Culleton, Gibbon, Hall, Meyler, McCarthy, Murphy, O'Byrne, Shannon, Walsh and the Chairman - 11.

Messrs Brennan and D'Arcy (2) were not present when poll was taken, and Mr Corish (1) declined to vote.

The Chairman declared the resolution lost.