

Meeting - 12th November 1908.

A meeting of the County Council, was held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford, on 12th November 1908.

Present:- Mr. E. Hore, (Vice Chairman), and subsequently Mr. M. A. Ennis, presided.

Other members:- Messrs M. Browne, John Bolger, James J. Stafford, A. Kinsella, James Codd, John J. Kehoe, C. H. Peacocke, P. J. Fanning, J. Asple, M. Codd, M. Doyle, P. Fortune, J. A. Doyle, J. Cummins, G. Walsh, and M. Hickey.

The Secretary, the County Surveyor, and Mr. R. W. Elger, Solicitor to the Council were also in attendance.

Confirmation of minutes

The minutes of last meeting were read & confirmed.

— Kilmuckridge Graveyard. —

Under date 30th October an application was read from Canon Browne, P.P., Kilmuckridge; applying for permission to take in for Kilmuckridge graveyard, a small piece of waste land on the road adjoining Kilmuckridge graveyard.

The County Surveyor said he had no objection to the Co. Council acceding to Canon Browne's request.

"On the motion of Mr. Kehoe, seconded by Mr. Fanning the following resolution was adopted:- That Canon Browne, P.P., Kilmuckridge; be permitted to enclose the waste piece of ground on the road adjoining Kilmuckridge graveyard, and that he carry out the road diversion necessary on account of enclosing this piece of ground to the satisfaction of the County Surveyor."

— Postman's Hut at Marshallstown —

On the motion of Mr. Codd, seconded by Mr. Asple, the following resolution was adopted:- "That as we have been informed that the waste piece of

ground at Marshallstown, on which it is proposed by the Post Office authorities to erect a postman's hut, is not, as we were given to understand the property of the Co. Council, but is owned by the Rev. N. Murnagh B. C., Marshallstown, we hereby cancel our permission to have this hut erected as, when we consented to have this done we were under the impression that the waste piece of ground in question was our property."

— Curtailement of Train Service. — D. & S. E. Rly Co. —

Under date 26th September 1908, the following letter was read from the Secretary, D. & S. E. Rly Co.:-

"I am duly in receipt of yours of the 25th instant, with copy Resolution adopted by the Wexford Co Council, which will be laid before my Directors at their next meeting on the 1st proximo.

Meanwhile, I am to say that the reduction of train service for next month has been forced upon the Board by the circumstances which affect the Railways of the County generally, and with which your Council are no doubt familiar, namely, very large decrease of receipts simultaneous with the increase of working expenses.

The changes proposed to be made have had very careful consideration both by the officers of the Company, and by the Directors, and, while no doubt some inconvenience will be caused by the taking off of one or two of the trains - which my Directors greatly regret - it is hoped that the arrangement by which the afternoon down train and the evening up train are to be continued on two days in the week (Wednesday and Saturday) will greatly lessen that inconvenience."

On the motion of Mr. Ennis, seconded by Mr. Kehoe, the following resolution was adopted:- "That the present train service between Wexford and Dublin is inadequate and detrimental in the opinion of this Council to the interests of the town and County of Wexford; and, also to the true interests of the Dublin and South Eastern Railway Co., and the G. Western Railway Co. That with a view to terminate the present deadlock and

to restore an efficient service we instruct our Secretary to communicate with the Secretary of the Gt. Western Railway Co., and to enquire whether in the event of this Council being able to induce or compel the Dublin and South Eastern Co., to agree thereto, his company would be prepared to pay to the D. & S. E. Railway Co., a subsidy not exceeding £5 per train towards the cost of running a train from Wexford to Dublin at about 5.55 p.m., each day to connect with the Gt. Western, Rosslare Fishguard day boat service, the scheduled time of such train not to exceed 3 hours 25 minutes."

— Irish Co. Councils' General Council. —

Under date 7th October 1908, the following letter was read from Mr. A. Keogh-Nolan, Secretary, Irish Co. Councils' General Council:-

"I beg to inform you for the information of your Council, that the annual meeting of the Irish Co. Councils' General Council, will be held in Dublin on Tuesday 8th December. In the event of your Council desiring to bring forward any question for discussion at the meeting, I shall be obliged if you will be so good as to give me notice of same, not later than the 23rd November."

On the motion of the Chairman (Mr. Hore) seconded by Mr. Bolger, the following resolutions were adopted, and Mr. Ennis was requested to submit them to the annual meeting of the Irish Co. Councils' General Council:- "That as the Land Act of 1903 imposes upon the Co. Councils of Ireland a liability to provide for the payment of all sums due in respect of purchasers half-yearly payments in arrears, as some set off against this weighty responsibility for which the Council receive no consideration, the mineral rights reserved to the Land Commission by section 13 (3) of the Act should be vested in the County Councils of Ireland."

(a) "That the acquisition by wealthy English Railway Companies of a dominating influence over Irish Railway enterprises is detrimental to the best interests of the country."

- (b) That Irish Co. Councils should be granted legal status to appear jointly or severally and to be represented by counsel at all Inquiries, legal or Parliamentary proceedings affecting Irish Railways.
- (c) That the provisions of the Light Railways Act 1896 (sections 2 & 3) should be extended to Ireland.

— Assistant Surveyor Ryan. —

Under date 10th November the following Report was read from Mr. Webster, Co. Surveyor:-

"In accordance with the instructions of the Finance Committee, I beg to report to you as to how I consider Mr. Ryan Assistant Co. Surveyor, has been performing his duties, particularly as regards his measurements of road material. I regret to say that Mr. Ryan failed to complete his measurements in time this year, and I had to get the assistance of Mr. Brennan to finish the measurements. The quantities on 13 contracts have not been measured by Mr. Ryan. The following are the numbers of these contracts - 16, 37, 17, 54, 55, 55A, 90, 91, 91A, 106, 138, 236, and 297. The quantities on the first two were measured by me and on the remaining eleven by Mr. Brennan. I should point out that the number of contracts on which the material was not measured by Mr. Ryan, is considerably less this year than last year, and it is only just to say that the weather during parts of September and October was such as to cause delay in the measurements. I have checked a good many of Mr. Ryan's measurements and I am sorry to say that in many of them, especially in the contracts with heavy tonnage, Mr. Ryan's returns are considerably more than mine. This may be accounted for, in some cases, by the fact that Mr. Ryan's measurements were later than mine. But I would specially call your attention to the following contracts, in which I found discrepancies not accounted for by differences in the date of measurements - no. 39, 39A, 314, 31; 340, 5, 291, 38, 299 & 176, 140, and 141. On these eleven contracts Mr. Ryan measured a total of 1973 cubic yards, as against 1537 measured by me, the difference

between us being 436 cubic yards. Mr. Ryan's measurement are thus about 28% more than mine. This, in my opinion, is anything but satisfactory, I do not consider Mr. Ryan a smart officer in any sense of the word, nor does he appear to be strong in health; I understand that owing to his health, he had to do most of his inspections, during the last two months, by driving. My experience is that the best inspections can be made with a bicycle."

"On the motion of the Chairman the following resolution was adopted:— "That our Secretary forward Mr. Ryan, Assistant County Surveyor, a copy of Mr. Webster's report and request Mr. Ryan to furnish a written statement thereon, this statement and the report of the County Surveyor to be considered at the meeting of the Council to be held on 1st December."

Secretary Enniscorthy R.D. School attendance committee
The Secretary reported the demise of Mr. E. Mernagh Secretary to the Enniscorthy Rural District School attendance committee, and mentioned that the salary of the office was £15 per annum.

On the motion of Mr. Asple, seconded by Mr. M. Doyle, the following resolution was adopted:—

"That our Secretary issue advertisements for a Secretary to Enniscorthy Rural District School attendance committee, at a salary of £10 per annum appointment to be made at the offices of the Rural District Council, on Thursday December 3rd at 2 p.m. That applications for the position be received up to 4 p.m., on Wednesday 2nd December, and that our Secretary summon the members of the School attendance committee for the purpose of making the appointment."

Payment of Poundage Fees to Rate Collectors.
On the motion of Mr. Ennis, seconded by Mr. Kehoe poundage fees to Rate Collectors as set out in the certificate of the Secretary were ordered to be paid."

Irrecoverable Rates.

On the motion of the Chairman, the lists of Irrecoverable Rates submitted by the Secretary, were sanctioned for payment subject to the approval of the Local Government Board.

Hours of Co. Council meetings.

Mr. Peacocke gave notice of his intention to raise at next Co. Council meeting the advisability of having a fixed hour for all meetings of the County Council.

Prosecution of Road Contractors.

On the motion of Mr. Peacocke, seconded by Mr. Kehoe, Mr. Webster was given permission to prosecute the following contractors should he consider it necessary:-

Wexford Rural District:- Martin Carr, Patrick Sullivan.

New Ross Rural District:- James Murphy, Rathturkin; James Murphy, Cushinstown.

Gorey Rural District:- Patrick Murphy, Banogue; Patrick Kane, Edward M'Donald, Thomas Hendrick.

Enniscorthy Rural District:- John Roche, Kiltrea; Sarah J. Swaine, George Browne, Patrick Curran, Patrick Hanrahan, James Walsh, John Murphy, Ballinamona; Patrick Gorman, Townnamullogue.

Notice of motion.

Mr. J. Cummins handed in the following notice of motion:- "I beg to give notice that I will move at the next meeting of the County Council that the resolution passed to-day giving the advertising contract to two papers be rescinded, and that the resolution of the County Council passed years ago be adhered to, viz:- to be published in one paper circulating in this county."

The remainder of the business on the Agenda Paper owing to the lateness of the hour and defective train service, was adjourned.

Edward Fox.