

Special meeting - 12th October 1910.

a special meeting of the County Council, was held in the Co. Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford; on 12th October 1910.

Present :: Mr. E. Hore, Chairman, (presiding)
Other members :: Messrs M. Browne, J. Asple, John Bolger, J. Cummins, Mark Codd, James Codd, J. A. Doyle, M. A. Ennis, P. Fortune, W. Forrestal, P. J. Fanning, J. S. Hearn, M. Hickey, J. J. Kehoe, Patrick O'Neill, C. H. Peacocke, J. J. Stafford, G. Walsh.

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

— Road Bridges. —

The Chairman proposed :- "That the Seal of the Council be affixed to the agreement with the Gt. S. & W. Railway Co., as to the keeping in repair of Road Bridges over the Railway."
Passed.

— Solicitor's costs. —

Proposed by Mr. Ennis, seconded by Mr. Fanning and passed :- "That the costs of our Solicitor for the past year be referred for taxation, and that the necessary requisition to tax be sealed and that Mr. Thomas J. Healy, Solicitor, be appointed to represent the Council on the taxation."

— meetings of Finance Committee. —

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

"That the meetings of the Finance Committee be held on every alternate Wednesday in future, vice every alternate Saturday."
Mr. Hearn seconded. "Passed."

It was agreed that meetings be held at 2.30 p.m.

—— Loan for Waterford Bridge. ——

Proposed by Mr. Keacocke,

Seconded by Mr. Ennis :-

"I hereby give Notice of my intention to move at next meeting of the Wexford County Council that application be made to the Local Government Board for sanction to a loan of £11,000 for the purpose of paying off the indebtedness of the Wexford Co. Council for the building of the New Bridge at Waterford or such other sum as may be found necessary for the purpose when accurate particulars of outlay for incidental expenses have been furnished by the Secretary of the joint Bridge Committee."

Passed.

—— Audit of accounts. ——

Under date 6th September 1910, the Local Government Board, wrote (N^o. 54.416 - 1910) forwarding the following report of Mr. C. D. Barry, B. L., their auditor on his audit of the accounts of the Wexford Co. Council for the half-year ended 31st March 1910 :-

"I have the honour to report that I have audited the accounts of the County Council of Wexford for the half-year ended March last and I forward, herewith, a certified abstract thereof in pursuance of your Order.

The accounts were prepared and submitted for audit in a very satisfactory manner and no item of expenditure calls for any remark on my part.

marked "Read."

Under date 5th August 1910, the Local Government Board (Letter N^o. 52,135 Enniscorthy Rural District) wrote forwarding report of their auditor on his audit of the accounts of Enniscorthy Rural

District for half-year ended 31st March 1910.
marked "Read."

— Scaled Orders from Local Government Board. —

The Local Government Board forwarded sealed orders as regards the following:-
water supply, Graigue more. (area of charge-
Enniscorthy Rural District) water supply-Kilthomas
(Enniscorthy Rural District) Sewerage of Kilrane
(Wexford Rural District).

marked "Read."

— Deductions from Government Grants. —

Under date 19th September 1910, the following letter was read from the Under Secretary, Dublin Castle:-

"I am directed by the Lord Lieutenant to transmit to you herewith an Order for payment of the sum of £1004 : 19 : 8 in respect of the cost of maintenance of pauper lunatics for the year ended 31st March 1910, in the Enniscorthy District Lunatic Asylum.

I am to state that owing to the insufficiency of the amount paid under Section 58 of the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898, to the Local Taxation (Ireland) account in the current financial year, to meet the sums payable thereout in the same period under the Section, as amended by the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1902, His Excellency has deemed it necessary, in pursuance of the provisions of Sub-section (5) of Section 58, to direct a proportionate abatement of the sums so payable having regard to the said insufficiency.

The money available in the account at the present date is insufficient to pay a larger proportion than 68 per cent of the estimated charges falling to be met from the account, and the amount included in the accompanying Order represents the proportion calculated on this

basis, of the amount certified by the auditor to be payable to the asylum, less the sum of £2570 already advanced.

I am to add that with the payment into the account early in 1911, of the sum of £49,000 mentioned in sub-section (1) (b) of Section 58 His Excellency expects to be in a position to make a further payment from the account to local authorities, but the measure of the additional relief that may be thus afforded cannot be definitely stated until the precise amount of all the charges falling to be met under the act of 1898, and the amending act of 1902 shall have been ascertained towards the close of the present financial year."

Under date 28th September 1910, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 144M) transmitting an Order for £752 : 14 : 7. in respect of medical and Educational Expenditure by Boards of Guardians for the half-year ended 31st March 1910, and stated that owing to the insufficiency of the amount paid into the Local Assistance (Ireland) account, 68 per cent only of the charges to be met by the account could be paid.

A similar statement was made by the Local Government Board in their letter No. 143M (under date 30th September 1910) as regards payment of salaries to Sanitary Officers, the amount forwarded £89 : 7 : 11d representing only 68 per cent of the expenditure.

The Secretary mentioned that comparing the Government Grants (exclusive of the Agricultural Grant) received this year to 30th September with the corresponding period last year, there was a decrease of £2969 or practically 2^d in the £.

The following minute of the Finance Committee was laid before the meeting:-

"That we protest against the deductions of Government Grants for the current financial half-year. We consider these amounts should be paid on a fixed basis and from Imperial funds. By the present method of calculation it would appear that the more improvement there is in the county the less the amount of these Grants and the heavier the burden on the ratepayers.

That a copy of this resolution be forwarded the Chief Secretary for Ireland, and the members of Parliament for Wexford County, and that a special meeting of the Co. Council be held on the 12th inst., at 10.30 a.m., to consider these deductions."

Mr. Peacocke proposed and Mr. Ennis seconded the recommendation of the Finance Committee.

Passed.

Waterford Bridge Committee

The following report was read :-

A meeting of the Special Committee of the County Council to consider the question of recommending to the Co. Council the areas on which the repayment of loan for Waterford proportion of Waterford Bridge should be levied, was held on 1st October in the Co. Council Chamber, Courthouse Wexford.

Present :- Messrs C. H. Peacocke, (Vice Chairman Co. Council) presiding; P. J. Fanning, J. J. Stafford, John Bolger, and J. Cummins.

The Secretary, and Mr R. W. Elgu, Solicitor, were also in attendance.

A letter apologising for non-attendance was received from Mr. M. Browne. He was in favour of having the tax put on the county-at-large.

The following Scheme for differential rating was laid before the Committee for the purposes of discussion.

Assuming that the figures supplied by the Town Clerk, Waterford are correct it would require a loan of £10,497 to wipe off Wexford's indebtedness. The National Bank had agreed to this loan being granted at 3 per cent, and as the Finance Committee recommended that the loan be obtained for 45 years, the instalment of principal and interest to be repaid annually would come to £428:2:4.

Taking the areas on a system of units it is proposed that one unit should be levied on the following areas:-

One unit Each.

Gorey Rural District	£1580
Enniscorthy " "	106704
" " Town	<u>8720</u>

£197004

County E. Divisions of:-

Rosslare - D. E. Divisions of

Drinagh	£3271
Killinick	3973
Kilsconan	3205
Ladys Island	2751
Rosslare	2780
St. Helens	4061
Tacumshane	3292
Donnagard	<u>3128</u>

26461

Taghmon:-

Adamstown	£1740
Carrick	2672
Forth	2064
Glynn	1967
Kilbride	1412
Kilgarvan	1219
Taghmon	3664
Wexford Rural	5283
Whitechurch	<u>1951</u>

21977.

Killurin (in Wexford District)

Atramon	£ 2814
Killurin	1978
Kilpatrick	<u>3483</u>

£ 8225

18408

Wexford urban..

Ballyhustard (Wexford)

aracolin	£ 2809
aracavan	<u>3846</u>

6155

One unit total £ 278230

Two units EachBridgetown Co.

aughrilliam	£ 1952
Bridgetown	2422
Kilcavan	2329
Killag	2340
Kilmore	5591
mayglass	2329
Newcastle	943
Rathaspuck	<u>3290</u>

Total £ 21194

Three units Each.Bannow Co. (in Wexford)

Ballymitty	£ 2503
Harpurstown	2238
Duncormack	2499
Bannow	4812
Harristown	<u>2159</u>

£ 14211

Old Ross Co. (part of)

Barrack village	£ 562
Templindigan	2213
blonleigh	1998
Barronstown	2192
Carrihyne	<u>2030</u>

8990

Total £ 23206.

Four units each.Bannow Co. (New Ross portion)

Newbawn £2588

Horetown 2887

Blonguen 2761

£8236

Old Ross Co. (Part of)

Ballyanne £3212

Whitemoor 3254

Old Ross 1728

8194

Total £16430Six units each

New Ross urban..

£8709

New Ross Rural..

4611

Tintern Co.

Barnagh £2444

Dunmain 1650

Inch 1937

Killesh 3012

Oldcourt 3058

Rochestown 1388

Tintern 5165

Whitechurch 3196

£21850

Fethard Co.

Ballyhack £3894

Fethard 2828

Kilmokea 3148

Rathroe 3258

Templetown 3697

£16825

Total £51995Units amount to payPoundage Rate

1 £155 : 2 : 3

.134

2 28 : 12 : 7

.267

3 38 : 16 : 3

.401

4 36 : 12 : 9

.535

6 178 : 18 : 6

.802.

The actual Rates would therefore be :-

For one unit :- $\frac{3}{4}^d$ every second year.

" Two " $\frac{1}{2}^d$ " " "

" Three " $\frac{1}{2}^d$ every year, every 5th year no rate.

" Four " $\frac{3}{4}^d$; every third year $\frac{1}{4}^d$

" Six " 1^d ; every fifth year no rate.

Mr. Cummins proposed, and Mr. Stafford seconded:-
"That the repayment of proposed loan for Waterford Bridge be a county-at-large charge."

Mr. Bolger proposed, and Mr. Fanning seconded:-
"That the repayment of proposed loan for Waterford Bridge be as per differential rates in Scheme submitted by our Secretary."

A poll was taken with the result that:-
Messrs Bolger, and Fanning voted for the amendment; and Messrs Cummins, Stafford, and the Chairman against.

The Resolution was then put and carried, the voting being the same.

The following minute of the Finance Committee was laid before the meeting:-

"That the Acting Secretary inform the Town Clerk of Waterford, that the Finance Committee have recommended the Co. Council to take the necessary steps to provide for the payment of any instalment which may become due in connection with the cost of erection of new bridge at Waterford. In the meantime that a copy of the Tender and Bond for the new bridge be furnished for the information of the County Council."

"That in accordance with the terms of the communication of the National Bank to the Chairman of the Wexford County Council, when the question of transferring the account of the County Council from the Provincial Bank to the National Bank, was under consider-

ation offering to advance any loans required by the county at 3%. We recommend the county council to apply to the National Bank for a loan of £10,497 at 3% being Wexford Co. Council proportion of the cost of erection of, and other expenses of New Bridge at Waterford; the loan to be by annuity for a term of 45 years.

That the Secretary convey the terms of this recommendation to the manager of the National Bank at Wexford, and submit the matter to the next meeting of the Co. Council."

Proposed by Mr. Fanning, seconded by Mr. J. Bolger:-
"That the scheme of differential rating as submitted by our Secretary be adopted."

Mr. Cummins proposed as an amendment, that the tax be levied on the county-at-large."

Mr. Browne seconded.

On a poll being taken the following was the result:-

For the amendment:- Messrs Forrestal, Browne, Stafford, Hearn, Ennis, Peacocke, J. Bodd, Walsh, Doyle, Cummins, and Hickey. 11.

Against:- Messrs O'Neill, Bolger, Fanning, Mr. Bodd, Asple, Fortune, and the Chairman. 7.

The Chairman then put the amendment as the substantive motion and it was passed.

With regard to recommendations of the Finance Committee, Mr. Peacocke proposed:- That we apply to National Bank for a loan of £11,000 for 45 years at 3% per annum."

Mr. Ennis seconded.

Passed.

The following letter under date 8th October, was read from Mr. Feely, manager, National Bank Wexford:-

"Referring to your letter of the 17th ult., applying for an advance of £10,497 for the Wexford Co. Council I beg to inform you that same has been sanctioned

by my Directors, to be secured by the usual mortgage the sanction of the Local Government Board of course to be first obtained."

— The Road Board. —

Circular letter of August 1910, from Mr. Rees. Jeffreys, Secretary of the Road Board, stating that applications for grants should be sent in not later than 31st October, was read.

The Executive Committee of the General Council of Irish Co. Councils, who were asked by the Wexford Co. Council to formulate a joint trunk Road Scheme for all Ireland, wrote that in the limited time available for the preparation of the scheme, and in the absence of any information as to the amount of money available it would be impossible for them to frame a carefully planned scheme.

The Committee considered that this could be done by the Road Board in consultation with representatives of the General Council and the various road authorities. They also suggested that with the assent of the various Councils participating in the scheme 50 per cent of the total grants from the Road Board to Ireland during the coming five years should be allocated to the purpose of reconstructing strengthening and steamrolling leading roads with a view to the development of a transit service such as was contemplated by the Iveagh-Rossie scheme.

Under date 30th September 1910, the following report was read from Mr. Gaffney, Co. Surveyor:-

"This Board issued a circular letter dated July 1910 to all highway authorities inviting them to send in applications in accordance with the act. It was stated in this letter that at the outset applications should be confined to the

most important and urgent works, and that special consideration would be given to applications for:-

1. Reconstruction of important roads which are exceptionally bad and cannot be improved without reconstruction.
- 2.- Widening of important roads which are dangerously narrow.
- 3.- Surfacing with granite basalt or other suitable material treated with tar, etc., by some approved method, main roads or important district roads which already have adequate foundations especially those on or just beyond the outer fringe of large towns which have to carry a heavy traffic without aid from the rates of the towns served by the roads.
- 4.- Opening out of dangerous corners and alteration of dangerous curves.
- 5.- Alteration, where possible at reasonable cost, of steep and dangerous gradients.
- 6.- Strengthening or reconstruction of weak bridges which seriously limit the use for commercial transport of roads of first class importance.
- 7.- Construction of new by-pass roads to avoid villages on main roads or important district roads where the conditions are exceptionally dangerous.
- 8.- Acquisition in urgent cases where building is imminent of vacant land required for future widening of roads, especially in urban and sub-urban areas.

The letter stated further that proposals should represent the carefully considered views of the local authorities, and suggests that, before any applications are sent in, conferences should be held between the County Surveyor and the Surveyors of the Urban and Rural

Districts.

Directions for formulating applications and extracts from the act accompanied the letter.

acting on the above suggestion I asked all the Surveyors to meet me at a conference. This was held on August 11th and besides your own staff the Town Surveyors of Wexford and Enniscorthy attended.

after some discussion the accompanying list of works with their probable cost was agreed to.

This by no means represent all that was considered urgent or desirable, but only some of the worst cases.

Since then the General Council of County Councils took up the matter with the view of formulating a Trunk Road Scheme but in a memorandum issued on the 17th September they stated that they were unable to do so in the time available, as applications would be considered in November, and had to be handed in before October 31st.

The Committee appointed by the General Council suggest in the memorandum that 50% of the total grants to Ireland during the coming five years should be allocated to the reconstruction, strengthening and rolling leading roads selected with a view of forming part of a complete trunk scheme which would be able to accommodate traffic on the lines of the Inagh-Pirrie scheme.

In view of this memorandum it may be necessary to modify the proposals I made at the conference.

In selecting these proposals I avoided any large scheme and only took those roads which seemed most urgent, and on which the traffic was heaviest.

I also kept in mind the desirability of

gradually improving the roads between the more remote centres of population, such as Newtownbarry, Fethard, Blackwater, with the big towns of the county such as Wexford and Enniscorthy, or with the nearest railway station such as Bridgetown and Ballycullane.

I will say no more about my own proposals, and of course I am not sufficiently intimate with the works of the Urban Districts of Wexford and Enniscorthy to presume to say anything about them.

It must be remembered that the amount of money available is limited amounting to £200,000 per annum, and that the number of road authorities is large. There are four in this county, viz:- yourselves, and three Urban Districts of Enniscorthy, New Ross, and Wexford.

I attach copies of the letter of the Road Board, of the memorandum of the General Council, and of the list of provisional proposals."

Proposals to be submitted to the Road Board. Provisionally agreed to at the conference, at Wexford, - 11th August. 1910.

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| 1.- To construct a new street at Wexford. | £3,500 |
| 2.- To roll Trinity Street & William St " | 245 |
| 3.- To roll & surface with tar macadam Redmond Road & Redmond Place, Wexford. | 295 |
| 4.- To reconstruct Fagan's Lane Enniscorthy. | 2,000 |
| 5.- To roll the Scarawalsh. St John Road. " | 200 |
| 6.- To widen Enniscorthy Bridge. | 1,000 |
| 7.- To roll the road from Wexford to Drinagh. | 1,200 |
| 8.- To roll the Duncannon line. | 3,000 |
| 9.- To roll the Castlebridge Road. | 3,000 |
| 10.- To straighten the road from Bridgetown to Kilmoe | 500 |
| 11.- To roll the Gorey to Courtown road | 2,050 |
| 12.- To rebuild Mountgarrett Bridge | 3,000 |
| 13.- To straighten and roll the Camblin road New Ross. | 2,000 |

14.- To roll portion of the road from Wescford to New Ross. . . .	£1,500
15.- To roll the millhouse road, Enniscorthy	500
16.- To roll the Newtownbarry-blohamon road.	1500
Total	£25,490

Mr Gaffney, (County Surveyor) submitted the following alternative scheme :-

Since submitting my report and proposals of applications to the Road Board I have been informed on excellent authority, that local proposals such as these, urgent and necessary as they are, stand but little chance against more general and larger schemes. I would therefore ask your permission to suggest an alternative scheme.

- 1.- To reconstruct the roads from Arklow through Gorey, Camolin, Ferns, Enniscorthy, and Clonroche to New Ross.
- 2.- To reconstruct the roads from Rosslare Pier through Wescford and Enniscorthy to Newtownbarry.
- 3.- To reconstruct the road from Wescford through Camross to New Ross.

These are the three main roads traversing the County and leading to important places outside of it. All these roads are divided up, as you know, into a number of contracts and until the term of each contract has expired you will be unable to do anything to that portion of the road contained in such contract.

The Road Board, as a condition of advancing any money will, I am certain, stipulate that the roads shall be made up to a certain standard. In stating this I should say what I mean by a certain standard. It is this :- That these roads shall be able to stand motor traffic, and by motor traffic, I mean, not the motor car used instead of a horse and trap for pleasure

or private purposes, but the heavy motor for the conveyance of goods and passengers and running over a fixed route. - In this country this means reconstruction according to modern principles and designs, and of course rolling.

The best materials only will be good enough. There will also be the cutting and straightening of corners and sharp bends, and the improvement of gradients. Works such as gullets and bridges will have to be strengthened and in many cases even rebuilt.

As it is only a few days ago I got this information it has been utterly impossible for me to make anything like a correct estimate but I can safely say the cost will not be less than £1,000 per mile.

In addition to this it will be necessary to purchase rollers and other necessary road machinery, and it will be advisable, indeed I might say necessary, to purchase or lease quarries and provide machinery to work them. These quarries would be a great benefit to many other roads in their vicinity. In addition, a foreman skilled in road making will be required for each roller, also quarry masters. I would suggest that you would confine yourselves at starting two rollers with the accompanying plant.

It will be necessary to apply for a loan to be spread over a number of years. In the event of a contribution by the Road Board the procedure I believe will be this: - "We apply for a loan of, say, £25,000 spread over ten years, that is £2,500 a year, then the Board will contribute a similar amount annually.

One thing seems certain we must show ourselves in earnest by contributing our share of the cost, and the more in earnest we are the better chance we have of getting good grants.

from the Board.

In this connection it should be borne in mind that the money at the disposal of the Board is not contributed by the tax-payer as such, but is the proceeds of the motor car and petrol duty, and if I may be allowed to say so, though I do not grudge the partial remission of taxation which medical men enjoy, yet if any profession be exempted, I claim that the one to which I have the honour to belong should be the first to receive preferential treatment.

Finally I must add that whichever scheme you adopt it will be necessary to provide a certain amount of road and quarry machinery and to make provision for increased supervision and assistance.

Rough Estimate for Trunk Road Scheme.

Road No. 1	46 miles @ £1,000.	£ 46,000
" No. 2.	32½ " " "	32,500
" No. 3.	23. " " "	23,000
Rolling machinery, 2 Rollers,		
2 Watercarts, 2 living Waggons, etc.		1,300
Hauling machinery, 1 engine		
1 breaker,		900
Quarries		400
acquisition of land		1,000
cutting corners & easing gradients		1,000
strengthening bridges, etc.		2,000
contingencies		2,750
		<u>£ 111,750</u>

The following recommendation of the Finance Committee was adopted; on the motion of Mr. Ennis, seconded by Mr. Peacocke :-

"That the General Council of Irish Co. Councils be informed that Wexford Co. Council approve of a joint Trunk Road Scheme, as set out in memo received from the Secretary of the

General Council, and have adopted in connection with that scheme a plan for Trunk Road within the County Wexford, laid before them by their Co. Surveyor."

Proposed by Mr. Ennis, seconded by Mr. Peacocke and passed:-

"That we make application to the Road Board for a Grant of a sum sufficient to carry out the scheme of Trunk Roads within the County of Wexford as set forth in the Report of the Co. Surveyor."

Ferryarrig Bridge.

Under date 17th August 1910, the following letter (No. H. 10465) was read from the Board of Trade:-

"With reference to previous correspondence, relative to your application, on behalf of the Wexford Co. Council, for the sanction of the Board to the construction of a new bridge over the River Slaney at Ferryarrig, in substitution for the existing Ferryarrig Bridge, I am directed by the Board of Trade to inform you that they will be unable to give their consent to the proposed works until the Council have come to some arrangement with them for the acquisition of the rights and interests of the Crown in the tidal lands which will be occupied thereby.

The present case appears to the Board to be one in which the necessity and expense of a survey and valuation may, in pursuance of the 62nd section of the Crown Lands Act, 1829, be dispensed with, and I am accordingly to state that this Board, on the part of the Crown, will be prepared to grant to the Council in consideration of the sum of Five pounds, a conveyance of the rights and interests of the Crown in so much of the foreshore and bed on the River Slaney below high watermark at Ferryarrig as will be required for the purposes of the works in question.

The conveyance, a draft of which is enclosed, will be in the form in which conveyances of tidal lands

are usually made by the Board of Trade.

Upon receiving from you the draft conveyance duly approved by or on behalf of the Council (such approval being signified at the end thereof) together with a Bank draft of the above amount payable at a London Bank to the Order of the Accountant General, Board of Trade, crossed "Bank of England" and an undertaking by or on behalf of the Council to defray all the expenses of an incidental to the preparation and enrolment of the deed, as well as with a duplicate set of the enclosed map and plans, the Board will cause their formal consent to be inscribed upon both set of drawings, one of which will be retained in the Records of this office, the other being returned to you as the authority of the Council so far as the interests of navigation are concerned, for proceeding with the construction of the works without waiting for the formal completion of the deed.

I am to request that the undertaking above referred to may form the subject of a separate document and not be inscribed upon the draft deed.

I am to add that the Board assume that the Council exercise jurisdiction at both ends of the proposed bridge."

The Finance Committee had made the following recommendation:-

"We recommend that £5 be paid the Board of Trade for conveyance of the rights and interests of the Crown inasmuch of the foreshore and bed of river Slaney below high water mark at Ferryarrig, as will be required for the erection of a new bridge at Ferryarrig, also that an undertaking be given by the Co. Council to defray all expenses of and incidental to the preparation and enrolment of the deed of

conveyance."

"That Mr. Gaffney, (Co. Surveyor) be instructed to supply duplicate set of maps and plans."

"That our Secretary communicate with the Local Government Board, and ask them, if in view of the urgency of having the works proceed without delay, the payment of £5 can be made out of the Subsidiary account."

Under date 7th October 1910, the following letter (No. H. 12449) was read from the Board of Trade :-

"With reference to your application for the consent of the Board of Trade to the construction by the Wexford Co. Council of a new bridge over the River Slaney at Ferryarrig, in substitution for the existing Ferryarrig Bridge, I am directed to transmit to you the accompanying duplicate plans of the proposed works, which the formal consent of the Board of Trade has been inscribed, as the authority of the Council so far as the interests of navigation are concerned for proceeding with the works, and to request that you will inform me when the works have been completed.

No deviation from the accompanying plans should be made at anytime without the further consent of the Board of Trade.

It is also requested that the Inspecting Commander and officers of the Coastguard, or other person authorised by the Board of Trade may be permitted to inspect the plans and works, whenever they or he may deem it necessary to do so, for the conservation of navigation and the protection of public interests."

The following letter under date 7th October, from the Hon Secretary, Sinn Féin, Wexford Co. Committee was read for the meeting :-

"My Committee have directed me to forward you

the following resolution with the request that you will kindly lay it before your Council as soon as possible :-

"That we have learned with astonishment that the cement being used in the construction of the new bridge at Ferryarrig is of foreign manufacture, and we respectfully request the County Council to explain to the public why the foreign article is being used in this important County work in preference to locally manufactured cement."

"No. Order"

"On the motion of Mr. Ennis, seconded by Mr. Peacocke the resolution of Finance Committee was confirmed."

Poisons & Pharmacy Act.

Matthew Hart, Campile, and Thomas Cullen North Main Street, Wexford; applied for licenses under Poisons & Pharmacy act.

W. E. Reynolds, 68 Main Street, Gorey; applied for renewal of licence under same act.

"On the motion of Mr. Stafford, seconded by Mr. Ennis, the above applications were agreed to."

Telegraph Line.

The Post Office authorities wrote asking for permission to place an overhead telegraphic line along the side of the public road from Adamstown Post Office to Chapel Railway Station.

"On the motion of Mr. Fanning seconded by Mr. Peacocke, the required permission was granted."

By-Laws Kilmore Fowl Market.

Under date 15th September 1910, the following was read from Sergeant Moore, R.I.C. Kilmore

Quay:-

I beg to report that Constable James Reid, and myself, when on patrol on above date observed William Hynes, Fowl Buyer, of School Street, Wexford; purchasing fowl at Kilmore Fowl Market; at 5.45 a.m., and Margaret Roche, of Newtown; this sub-district selling Fowl at same time and place. Contrary to the Co. Council By-law dated 31st March 1909.

Hynes purchased 4½ pair of fowl at 3/6 per pair, and paid for them.

We will be competent witnesses to prove a purchase and sale, in these cases, should the Co. Council desire to issue summonses, and prosecute at Duncormack Petty Sessions on 21st October 1910."

The following recommendation made by the Finance Committee in the matter was confirmed on the motion of Mr. Ennis, seconded by Mr. Stafford:-

"That we refer the matter to Mr. Elger to take the necessary steps with a view to prosecution."

The following letter under date 7th October 1910 was read from Messrs Huggard & Brennan, Solicitors to Mr. Hynes:-

"Mr. Hynes, School Street, Wexford; has handed us the summons served upon him at the suit of your Council for his breach of the Bye-laws in connection with Kilmore Fowl Market, he having purchased fowl at 5.45 on the morning of the 15th ult., being 15 minutes before the prescribed time. Our client admits the offence and asks us to apologise on his behalf to your Council therefor, and he hereby undertakes not to offend again, and he respectfully asks your Council to deal with him as leniently as possible under those circumstances. He will of

course submit to any small penalty that may be imposed upon him, or if your Council should be kind enough to instruct the prosecution to be withdrawn, he will pay any reasonable expenses that may have been incurred in connection therewith, as the breach was the the most but a technical one. and asking for the favorable consideration of your Council."

Mr. Ennis proposed, Mr. Stafford seconded the following resolution which was adopted:

"That as the present are the first prosecutions for infringement of bye-laws in connection with the Kilmore Fowl market. Mr. Elgee be instructed only to ask for a nominal penalty."

Old Age Pensions.

Mr. Cummins proposed, Mr. J. Codd seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That we protest against the breach of faith by the Liberal Government in placing an impost on the ratepayers for pensions to old age pensioners, who are in receipt of out door relief. We call on our members of Parliament to take every possible means to oblige the Government to provide these pensions from Imperial Funds."

Summer Sheep Dipping Order.

under date 16th September 1910, the following letter was read from Sergeant Chambers, R. I. C., Carnar :-

"I herewith beg to forward Declarations re Sheep Dipping, also a list by townlands of sheep owners the number date of dipping and of declaration. There are but two individuals who have not fully complied with the dipping regulations namely:- Patrick Whelan, of Munny,

and Michael Bulger, of same townland, neither have yet sent their Declarations.

There may be some, perhaps one or perhaps none who has given no notice, this is a matter we are at present inquiring into. Please give directions as to whether Bulger and Whelan are to be summoned or otherwise."

District Inspector O'Neill, R. I. C., Gorey wrote as follows:-

I beg to ask your approval of two prosecutions under above Order.

1.- Against Laurence Darcy, of Monycross, near Ballycanew for failing to serve notice on the police of his intention to dip his sheep during the dipping period ended 31st August 1910.

Mr. Darcy returned the Form B. declaring that all sheep on his farm on 31st ult., were dipped. This may have been the case, but his failure to notify his intention to dip gave the police no opportunity of seeing them dipped, and if he is not prosecuted, it will be inconsistent to enforce the law in any similar case.

2.- Against Mr. Joseph Murray, of Kilpatrick, Coolgreany; for failing to dip two of his sheep during the dipping period ended 31st August 1910. When asked by the police why he did not dip his sheep, Mr. Murray said, he neglected dipping till the end of the period and that he was too busy then to do it. He said he "sprinkled them." It is obvious, in my opinion, that there should be a prosecution in this case."

— Autumn Order. —

Head Constable Magrath, R. I. C., Wexford, reported that ten persons had exposed sheep, at Wexford fair on 3rd inst., contrary to the Sheep Dipping Order; as declaration of dipping was required from 1st October to 15th November.

Mr. Stafford proposed, the Chairman seconded the following resolution, which was adopted:-

"That for this year prosecutions be instituted only in cases where sheep have not been dipped within the prescribed period."

Mr. Fanning moved that the Department be requested to allow the Police to accept form 6. from sheep owners anytime during the dipping period."

Mr. James Codd seconded.

"Passed."

— Sheep Dipping Inspectors. —

Under date 6th August 1910, the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction, wrote approving of the re-appointment for the autumn dipping period of Messrs R. McDonald, S. Leary, J. J. Egan, and Mr. Stafford, Sheep Dipping Inspectors.

marked "Read."

— Slaney Dredging. —

Under date 5th October 1910, the following letter (No. 7565-10, F. B.) was read from the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction relative to dredging operations on the River Slaney:-

"With reference to the agreement between the Department and the Wexford Co. Council in connection with the dredging of part of the River Slaney, I have to state, for the information of the Council, that the cost of the work carried out up to the present time is, approximately, £760. The scheme in its entirety has not yet been executed, and the work remaining to be done would probably involve an expenditure of some two hundred pounds.

The Department have been able to dispose of portion of the dredger material at 6^d per ton, a rate which, after consultation between

their Engineer and the County Surveyor; it was considered advisable to accept; and an offer to take over the balance at the same rate has been accepted. Assuming that there will be 14,000 tons of dredged material available, the receipts for its sale would thus amount to £350.

Under clause 11 of the agreement one-third of this sum becomes payable to the Department who are prepared to allocate it in meeting the excess of expenditure already incurred. If the works are not to be closed down permanently it will be necessary that provision be made for the further expenditure involved and it is suggested that the Council's share of the amount arising from the sale of the dredged material should be devoted to this object.

The Department understand that the persons locally interested are fully satisfied that the work has been carried out in the most economic manner possible. The excess of actual cost over the estimate is mainly due to the failure of the Dredges to give as good results as were anticipated, the effect of her trials having been apparently, unduly favourable."

Mr. Peacocke proposed, Mr. Ennis seconded and it was passed :-

"That the Department's request as regards the Co. Council allowing their share of the proceeds of sale of dredged material to be allocated to the funds necessary to complete the dredging of the river Slaney be acceded to."

— Watch hut at Kilmore. —

Under date 5th August, Mr. J. Chichester, Divisional Officer, H. M. Coastguard, Wexford; wrote as follows :-
"I am directed by the Board of Trade, to ascertain

on what terms they could acquire a site 20 ft x 20 ft for the purpose of erecting a watch hut, at the extremity of the western arm of Kilmore Quay. They would like to obtain it as a freehold or on a 40 years lease.

This position is required to enable a watch to be kept on the coast in bad weather, so that assistance may be promptly rendered to any vessel wrecked."

The Finance Committee at their meeting of 3rd September, had made the following recommendation :-

"That we recommend the Co. Council to agree to give a lease to the Board of Trade for watch hut at Kilmore Pier, as per the terms of letter of Capt Chichester, under date 8th August at an annual rent of £-; the Board of Trade to be responsible for the maintenance of the hut and any damage caused to, or by it."

Mr Chichester wrote that the Board of Trade would accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee.

On the motion of Mr. Ennis, seconded by the Chairman, the question of hut at Kilmore Pier was adjourned to next meeting of Co. Council, in the meantime Mr. M. Browne, to obtain local opinion as to whether there is any objection to its erection. The County Surveyor was also asked to furnish his observations on the matter."

— Analyst's Report —

The following was read for the meeting :-

City Laboratory
17 Castle Street

Dublin. 11th August 1910.

Report of Sir Charles Cameron, C.B., M.D., Public

Analyst, for the County Wexford, on articles submitted to him for analysis during the quarter ended 30th June 1910.

88 articles were received from the Food Inspectors R.I.C., as follows...

<u>Article</u>	<u>Number.</u>
milk	31
Butter	24
whiskey	23
Buttermilk	7
Rum	1
Ginger Wine	1
Cheese.	1
Total	<u>88</u>

They were all pure.

There were thirteen specimens of butter analysed by directions from the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction for Ireland, Upper Marston Street, Dublin; which were taken up in the County Wexford. They were pure.

One specimen of water analysed for the Rural District Council, Gorey; had the following composition.

One imperial gallon contained in grains.

Total solid matters 9.100

Including

Albuminoid Ammonia 0.007

Saline ammonia 0.006

Nitric acid 1.500

Chlorine 2.480

A good water.

For the Guardians of Gorey Union, fifteen drugs four specimens of whiskey and three of port wine were analysed. Two drugs were incorrect.

One specimen of water analysed for the Enniscorthy Co-operative Society, had the following composition.

One imperial gallon contained in grains.

Total solid matters 14,000

Including

albuminoid ammonia	0.150
saline ammonia	0.140
Nitric acid	Trace
Chlorine	1.070.

A polluted water unfit for use.

One specimen of water analysed for Mr. Livingston Esq; Newtownbarry; had the following composition.

One imperial gallon contained in grains.

Total solid matters, 23.800

Including

albuminoid ammonia	0.017
saline ammonia	0.226
Nitric acid	Trace
Chlorine	1.090

A polluted water.

Two specimens of butter analysed for Mr. M. Ryan, Enniscorthy, were pure.

One specimen of feeding stuff was analysed for Messrs J. Daly & Sons; Wexford.

One specimen of feeding stuff was analysed for Mr. W. Armstrong, Enniscorthy.

Three fertilizers were analysed for Mr. John Lambert, Enniscorthy.

For Shillelagh Union, which is partly situated in the County Wexford, three drugs were analysed and were correct.

Total analyses. 136.

B. A. Cameron.

marked "Read."

Road Contractors' application

The following memorial was received from New Ross Rural District Council, who had made the following order thereon :-

"To be forwarded to the County Council and the County Surveyor and notify them that it has the approval of this Council."

"The undersigned Road Contractors of the Barony of Shelburne, Sintern District, who repair their

roads with sea gravel, beg to state that owing to very bad weather they have not been able to get their boats to sea to obtain the material, and most respectfully ask the Council to grant them an extension of time to, say 1st October to enable them to put out the necessary material.

If the weather gets fine and calm they would be able to get the work done sooner.

Signed. Michael Roche, St. Kearns.

Patrick Dumes, Saltmills

Martin Walsh, Garrycullen

Anastasia Fitzgerald, St. Kearns.

13th August 1910.

marked "Read."

— Courtown Harbour. —

Under date 10th August, the following letter was read from Mr. P. Stapleton, Harbour master:

"I beg to apply to the Co. Council for a copy of Mr. Redmond's correspondence in reference to recent dispute at Courtown. Also for a copy or the Original of memorial sent to Co. Council on his behalf.

I feel convinced that in justice to me the Co. Council will grant my request."

Under date 17th September a letter was read from Mr. Stapleton, Harbour master, that Andrew Byrne, Contractor for the building of the two boats had one of them finished, and required an advance of money in order to enable him to go on with the other.

The Courtown Harbour Committee reported they had examined the boat and found it up to specification except as regards draught, which they had no means of testing.

On the motion of Mr. Ennis, seconded by Mr. Keacocke, the following resolution of the Finance Committee was confirmed:-

"We desire to point out to the Courtown Harbour Committee that before paying for this boat and taking her over it is most desirable she should be launched and her actual draught ascertained. On receiving a Report from the Committee that the draught is in accordance with specification we are prepared to recommend payment for her construction."

Mr. O'Neill proposed, Mr. Fanning seconded and it was passed :-

"That the Draft amended Bye Law altering the Quayage charge on landing of coal at Courtown Harbour from 2^d to 6^d per ton and discontinuing the charge of 4^d per ton for providing Boats be approved of, and that the Bye Law be engrossed and sealed and exhibited."

With regard to the application of the Harbour master, for copy of Mr. Redmond's correspondence, the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Hearn, seconded by the Chairman :-

"That as we consider it would not help to the satisfactory working of Courtown Harbour, we decline to furnish the correspondence from Mr. Redmond, Courtown Harbour to Mr. Stapleton, Harbour master."

Motor Licenses.

Proposed by Mr. Ennis; seconded by the Chairman and passed :-

"That we authorise our Secretary to exercise and perform the powers and duties now vested in officers of Customs and Excise as provided by Section 738, of the motor car License Duties (Ireland) Collection Order 1910."

Finance Committee Recommendations.

The following minutes of the Finance Committee were confirmed on the motion of Mr. O'Neill, seconded by Mr. John Bolger :-

"Permission to County Surveyor to prosecute anchorage

Rochi, Ballinaclore, Ballycanew; John Corrigan, Road Contractor, No 71 Road, Gorey; John Barty Moneytucker; and Mary Hennessy, Courtinacuddy, provided the County Surveyor considers it necessary.

Mrs Hennessy, under date 5th October, wrote:-
 "On the lane known as the half hundred lane- the contractor has been instructed through the County Surveyor to request me to remove a fence which closes up an old gateway on the said contract lane. This was a gate or mouth of a lane leading to an old house about 60 yards in on my land, which I levelled some time ago. I did not know I was doing wrong by closing this gateway- to open another gateway at right angles to my farm yard 20 yards nearer to me, which is an improvement to the general people. However I don't wish the contractor to be out of his payments for me closing this gateway. If I have intruded on the Co. Council or if there is any grievance, I am willing to abide by their decision."

With reference to above letter, Mr. O'Neill proposed Mr. Bolger seconded and it was passed:-

"That the matter be left in the hands of the Co. Surveyor to take whatever steps he considers necessary."

"Approving of Mr. R. W. Elger, Solicitor to the Council, defending an action by Messrs Wallace, Bros against County Council for alleged injury to a horse their property, owing to the animal, according to their Solicitors, having put his leg into a storm sewer while being driven along the public road at Grattan Street, Gorey. There was also a claim on behalf of Michael Kinsella, Carter to Messrs Wallace, Bros, for injuries alleged to have been caused on the same occasion."

"That Mr. Elger, Solicitor, be instructed to hold a "watching Brief" in the case of Major Eustace v Michael Fitzpatrick, and Maryanne Barty. That he give defendants all the assistance he can, and that Mr. Gaffney, County Surveyor, be instructed to be present at the hearing and help the contractors as far as possible."

— Poundage. —

Proposed by Mr. Stafford, seconded by Mr. Asple and passed :-

"That we agree to the payment of Poundage to Rate collectors for half year ended 30th September 1910, as per schedule submitted by the Secretary."

Edmund Hor.