

Meeting - 13th March 1907.

A meeting of the Wexford County Council, was held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford, on 13 March 1907:-

Present:- Mr. M. H. Ennis, Vice Chairman (Presiding) Other members:- Messrs M. Browne, D. Kavanagh, M. Gadd, J. Aspley, M. Murphy, G. H. Peacocke, J. Bolger, D. Dempsey, M. Doyle, & J. Gadd.

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

Confirmation of minutes

Minutes of meeting held on 25th January and Special meeting held on 12th February, were read and confirmed.

Labourers Act. Advances to R. D. Councils.

On the motion of Mr Peacocke, seconded by Mr Bolger the following resolution was adopted:-

"That as recommended by the Finance Committee the following sums be advanced Rural District Councils for the purpose of enabling them to carry into effect the Labourers (Ireland) Act 1906 -

Enniscorthy	£1,000
New Ross	500
Gorey	300

"That the District Councils be asked to repay these sums, as soon as may be, to the County Council from the first instalment of the loan."

Clonerranny Land.

The following correspondence was read:-

Letter under date 13th February 1907 from Messrs Huggard and Brennan, Solicitors:-

"Mr Matthew Bryan of Clones Lower has consulted us with reference to the wrongful and illegal trespass committed by your contractor, Mr. Joseph Murray, in entering upon Mr Bryan's lands, and throwing down his fences and making a new road over his lands, which Mr. Murray alleges he has done under your direction and authority,

and annexed we send you a copy of a letter we have written to Mr. Murray thereon.

"We shall thank you to let us know if it is under the authority of the County Council, and at their instigation your Contractor has committed this wrongful and illegal trespass, and we hereby on Mr. Bryans behalf caution you against persisting or continuing in your wrongful acts, and require you to forthwith restore Mr. Bryans lands to their original state, inasmuch as Mr. Bryan got no notice whatever of the intention of the County Council to take any portion of his lands, and never consented thereto, and in default of your complying with the foregoing requests we shall also be obliged to institute legal proceedings against your Council, and awaiting your reply."

Letter under date 2nd March 07 from the County Surveyor:- "I visited this road on the 15th ult., and investigated Mr. Matthew Bryan's complaint. I find that the road is running as I laid it out last year in accordance with the map approved of by the Rural District and County Council. Mr. Brien raised no objection when I was laying out the road; he alleged that he did not know that it would go through the corner of his field until August last, but even so he raised no objections till lately. I understood he was one of the consenting parties; the corner of the field that the road passes through is marsh land, and the area affected very trifling. Mr. Brien will benefit very considerably by having the new road, and I was informed he was one of the memorialists who asked to have the road made."

Letter under date 12th March 1907 from Messrs Huggard and Brennan:- "On receipt of your letter of the 2nd inst with Mr. Websters letter to you of the same date, we sent copy thereof to Mr. Bryan, who has to-day called on us here, and informs us in answer to the statements contained in Mr. Websters letter.

- 1.- Mr. Brien did not know the road was to run in on his land and did not get any notice thereof, until his land was actually entered upon and broken up.
- 2.- Mr. Bryan was not present when the County Surveyor was laying out the new road, and having got no notice thereof, or that his lands was to be in any way affected by the road.

3.- On the 15th August last Mr Charles Reilly mentioned to Mr. Bryan that he had heard the new road was measured on Mr Bryan's lands, to which Mr Bryan replied that he had heard nothing about it, and that if it had been measured on him, he thought he would have been noticed so he gave the matter no further thought, until when he was sick in bed he was told the contractor was digging up his land, whereupon as soon as he was able he left his bed, he went to see what had been done.

4.- Mr. Bryan was never a consenting party to the road and nobody ever mentioned to him that his land was to be affected until Mr Charles Reilly mentioned it to him as above mentioned.

5.- The piece of land so wrongfully taken for the road, was not a worthless bit of marsh, as represented in the County Surveyor's letter.

6.- Mr Bryan has not benefited by the road, and was not one of the Memorialists who asked to have the road made.

7.- Unless we receive cheque for £10 for the wrongs done by your Council to Mr. Bryan, we are instructed to sue your Council therefor, and awaiting your reply."

On the motion of the Chairman the following resolution was adopted:- "That the correspondence re Gloneanny Lane be submitted to the Yooey Rural District Council for their views."

The Secretary was asked to point out to the District Council that the land trespassed on amounted only to three and one-twelfth square perches - about the 52nd part of an acre, and that compensation had been already awarded by the Judge of Assize to Mr. Reilly for 2 rods, 17 perches, £16; and to Mrs. Mansfield £14 for 2 rods, 8 perches."

Proceedings against a Contractors Sureties

Proposed by Mr. Bolger, seconded by Mr. Seacocke, and passed:- "That we approve of the action of Mr. Elger in issuing summonses against Martin Kehoe, and Walter Sinnott, Sureties for the late John Roche, Road Contractor; and in reference to the maintenance of road contract No. 137 in Wescford."

"On the motion of the chairman the following resolution was adopted:-

"That in connection with Road Contract no 137 in Wexford District, we direct the County Surveyor to carry out whatever course he considers best relative to this work.

Hiring of Dredger.- Sisyphus.

The following letter no 1881-07, under date 14 February '07 was received from the Board of Works:-

"I am directed by the Commissioners of Public Works to refer to your letter of the 13th instant relative to the proposed hire of the dredger "Sisyphus" for work at the harbours at Arthurstown and Duncannon, and in reply I am to state that the dredger is suitable for the work to be done. She will be available for work at Duncannon and Arthurstown, as soon as the Board's hiring terms have been accepted by the County Council. Those terms were set forth in the Memorandum which accompanied the Board's letter of the 23rd ultimo, and they have now only to require as regard insurance, that the County Council will agree also to pay proportionate share of the existing policy instead of insuring the dredger separately. The Board in order to secure better terms insured the vessel from the 31st January to 31st March, at 15% per cent for the whole period, and they will be satisfied if the Council agree to pay a proportion commensurate with the period of hire. The usual agreement will be prepared and forwarded to you on receipt of your letter accepting the terms as explained."

Under date 1st March 1907, the following was received from the Board of Works:-

"With reference to correspondence had with you by the Board's Secretary, I beg to enclose herewith Agreement for execution by your Council. I also send you a form of Resolution as to the affixing of your Council's Seal, and I will thank you when returning perfected Agreement to let me have a certified copy of the Resolution."

The following letter no. 1968-07, under date 7th March 1907 was received from the Board of Works.

I am directed by the Commissioners of Public Works to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 5th inst relative to the hiring of the dredger "Sisyphus", and I am to state that if the County Council, at their meeting on the 13th instant, perfect the agreement of the hiring of the dredger, and forward the perfected agreement to this office by that night's post, the Board will make arrangements to hand over the dredger to the County Council on the morning of the 14th inst.

On the motion of Mr. Bolger, seconded by Mr. Peacocke, the following resolution was adopted:- "That our corporate seal be affixed to the agreement for the hire of the dredger "Sisyphus" from the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland, this day now read."

On the motion of Mr. Bolger, seconded by Mr. Peacocke, the following resolution was adopted "That the liability of the County Council under clause 5 of the agreement for the hire of the dredger "Sisyphus" from the Board of Works be covered by insurance, and that the Vice-Chairman of the Co. Council (Mr. M. A. Ennis) be given power to carry out this insurance with Floyds Agents in Dublin"

Proposed by the Chairman, and passed:- "That we appoint Mr. H. J. Stephens of Duncannon, as Clerk of Works during the dredging of Arkhurstown and Duncannon Harbours at 6/6 per day."

Lighting of Bicycles &c.

Under date 14 February 1907, Circular letter was received from Dublin Castle, enclosing copy of model By-laws, with reference to lighting of Bicycles and other vehicles, and requesting that any change which the Council should desire to make in them should be submitted to the Lord Lieutenant for sanction; and should state the grounds which lead them to think the variations they have introduced to be proper and desirable. "Consideration deferred."

Close Season for Hares

Under date 19th February 1907, no 1816 the following letter

was received from Dublin Castle:-

"I am directed by the Lord Lieutenant to transmit to you for the information of the Wexford County Council, the accompanying ^{copy} of the Dublin Gazette in which is published an Order under the Stares preservation (Ireland) Act 1899, varying the close season for Stares in certain Counties in Ireland."

Dogs Act 1906

The following letter under date 18 February 1907. no 589-07. was received from the Department of Agriculture, etc. Dublin:-

"I am directed by the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland to transmit herewith, for the information of the Council of the Administrative County Wexford (Control of Dogs) Order of 1907, made by this Department on the 8th Instant under the above Acts.

This Order will enable the County Council to give effect to the resolution which they adopted on the 28th Ultimo, by making Regulations subject to the provisions contained in the Order, for requiring that dogs or any class of dogs shall, during all or any of the hours between sunset and sunrise be kept by the owners thereof under control in manner prescribed by the regulations. The County Council will note in particular the terms of Article 2 of the order"

On the motion of Mr. Peacocke, seconded by Mr. Bolger, it was decided that this matter be referred to the Diseases of Animals Acts Committee, for the purpose of drafting regulations to be submitted to the Council at next meeting."

Sale of Food and Drugs Act.

Under date 28th January '07. letter no. 2341-07, was received from the Department of Agriculture etc:-

"With reference to previous correspondence relative to the enforcement of the above mentioned Acts, I have to state for the information of your Local Authority, that an Officer of the Department, who was instructed to

discharge duties under section 2 of the Act of 1899, recently obtained at New Ross County Wexford, 3 samples of butter for analysis. The samples were duly submitted to the Public Analyst for the county, who certifies that they were proved to be pure."

Compulsory Sheep Dipping Order

Under date 31st January 1907, letter no. 590-07, and letter no. 688-07 under date 2nd February '07, were received from the Department of Agriculture, as follows:-

"I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 28th instant, embodying a resolution adopted by your county council at the meeting of the 25th inst as follows:-

"That the Compulsory Sheep Dipping Order be put in force in 1907, and that the dipping period be from 1st June to 14 September.

With reference thereto I am to state that the question of this year's arrangements in regard to dipping is one which has been specially engaging the Department's attention, and they hope to be in a position shortly to communicate generally with local authorities on the subject."

"With reference to your letter of the 31st ultimo, I am directed to state that the matters in connection with the compulsory dipping of sheep which, as stated in the Department's letter of the same date, are at present receiving attention, include the question of the limits of the dipping period to be prescribed, and in the circumstances, I am to suggest the desirability of your postponing any decision as to communication generally with sheep owners in the county until the Department are in a position - as it is hoped they will shortly be - to address you further on this subject."

On the motion of the Chairman the following resolution was adopted.

"The Wexford county council would be glad to receive as soon as possible, the views of the Department on this matter, in order to facilitate the county council in making their arrangements for the carrying out of the Order for the Compulsory Dipping"

Agricultural School.

The following letter under date 7th February '07 no 2634-07 was read from the Department of Agriculture :-

"With reference to the resolution adopted by the Wexford County Council at their meeting of the 20th ultimo, urging on the Department the necessity for the establishment of an Agricultural School in County Wexford, I have to inform you that proposals of a similar nature involving a large capital expenditure in each case have been placed before the Department by the local authorities of several other counties. Having regard to the many claims on the Department's resources entailed by the carrying out of the agricultural schemes already in operation and by the maintaining of existing institutions for agricultural education, the Agricultural Board, whose approval is required for all expenditure for these purposes, are about to investigate the conditions of the Department's finances. The Department are not, therefore in a position, pending the result of the Board's deliberations, to deal with any proposals for the establishment of County Agricultural Schools"

Courtown Harbour.

The following letter no 594/07, under date 13 February '1907 was received from the Department of Agriculture, &c., :-

"Adverting to your letter of the 28th ultimo, I have to state, for the information of the Wexford County Council that it is understood that the Courtown herring fishing season has now terminated. The County Council will, therefore, probably concur with the Department in thinking that it would be advisable to postpone the ^{resumption of} dredging operations at Courtown Harbour until a short time before the commencement of the next fishing season - when an open channel will be most needed. The contingency, that the present dredging would be followed almost immediately by fresh accumulations of sand, is not to be overlooked.

The expenditure under the recent operations reached a sum of £165.7.6, and the Department will feel obliged if your Council will be good enough to forward to them a cheque for one-third of that amount."

The secretary explained that from a small balance in hand, Mr Webster had paid £30, which left £25.2.6 due to the Department, by the County Council.

"On the motion of Mr. Peacocke, seconded by Mr. Murphy it was decided that the sum of £25.2.6, be paid to the Department of Agriculture, and Technical Instruction, to discharge the liability of the County Council in connection with dredging operations at Fowtown Harbour"

Statement by Fisherman

On March 2nd the Fowtown fishermen, had an interview in Gorey with the Secretary of the County Council.

They stated that there were eleven boats ready to proceed with trawling for flat fish and dredging for oysters, but they could not get in and out owing to a "bank of gravel" in the harbour for a distance of from 25 or 30 yards from the short end of the point at which the grab dredger, employed by the Department, commenced dredging seawards. Owing to this obstruction, they can only get about four feet on the top of high water.

So far as the portion of the harbour dredged by the grab is concerned, they admitted that effective work had been performed. The obstruction of the sand of which the fishermen complained, has been stated, considerably augmented in volume from the period when the grab first started work. The grab, they estimated, had dredged a distance of about 40 yards, and along this portion they could get an average depth of 8 feet on the top of spring tides. At half flood they considered they would get about four feet of water. At least one fishing boat drew 4 feet 10 inches of water.

They admitted that in an ordinary year sluicing might have some effect on the bank of sand, causing the obstruction, but owing to the abnormally dry year, there was not sufficient storage of water for effective sluicing. They seemed to believe that portion of the accumulated sand had come in through the holes in the foundations of the South Pier, although

it was explained, that this, owing to structural arrangements could scarcely be the fact. They acknowledged that the holes were being covered with wooden sheeting to prevent sand laden water washing in & out

So far as the interview was concerned, the whole complaint is centred in the obstruction, caused by the accumulated sand out from the shore end.

They require this obstruction removed at once

The following under date March 7th 1907, was read from the Harbour Master, Bourtown:-

"In reply to yours re statement by fishermen, I beg to state that there are seven or eight boats that are likely to fish for flat fish or Oysters, and even that number are not ready to fish at present.

As to the bank of gravel or sand complained of it is exactly on the ground that the dredger went over. Any great gravel drifts are up near the sluice gates and will not interfere with the fishing boats, the only trouble it may cause will be to the boats discharging loads but by sluicing on probably a flood it is likely to be gone by that time.

There were three boats out on 5th and 6th and they had no difficulty in getting in and out, in fact some of them came in on yesterday on half flood without any trouble

Two of the fishermen told me on yesterday that the bar was as good now as any other year at this season.

As to the holes in the South pier they are now repaired, but if that was never done the sand would not go through, or if it did it would be very little. I am informed that these holes are there for the past 20 years, and have to be sluiced from time to time.

Of course the sluicing was not as effective on account of the dry season, but if the fishermen would shut the gates on the top of all spring tides, there would be a good body of water in the basin, but it is hard to get the fishermen to do this, a few of them are very good in this respect, but others would stand at the corners and would not give a hand.

When they found out on last week that the grab was not likely to work they shut them several times

with very good results, and my experience is, that if the men would work the gates when possible there would be little or no obstruction at the bar mouth.

Appointments of County Surveyors in Ireland.

The following letter, no 71,900/1906. miscellaneous. under date 11th February 1907, was read from the Local Government Board:- I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to forward, herewith, for the information of the County Council, the enclosed copy of an order which the Board have made relative to the qualification and appointments of County Surveyors in Ireland.

Preparation of Jurors' Lists

(74,563-1906.)

The following Circular Letter, under date 15th February 1907 was read from the Local Government Board:-

"I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland, to state that their attention has been drawn from time to time to the question of the remuneration of officers for their services in connection with the preparation of the Jurors Lists.

While the Juries' Acts themselves determine the names to be entered on these lists, and those to be omitted therefrom, the Order in Council of the 21st December, 1903 fixes the scale of remuneration for the preparation of the lists, and further prescribes that "payment is calculated upon the number of names of all men appearing... to be qualified to serve as jurors including those exempt from serving"

The Local Government Board observe that a considerable difference of opinion exists as to the interpretation of the words above underlined. With the view accordingly, of clearing up this point, as well as of securing uniformity for the future in the matter of payment for the preparation of the lists, the Board have taken the opinion of the Law Officers of the Crown, and have been advised that the prescribed remuneration is payable in the cases of names of persons inserted on the lists as qualifi

although not liable to act as jurors by reason of being under 21 or over 65 years of age. Such remuneration, on the other hand, is not payable in respect of the names of non-residents, because it is the name of residents only (including, however, the names of persons coming within the special provision as to residence contained in the Jurors Qualification (Ireland) Act 1876) that are to be returned on the lists."

General Cattle Diseases Fund.

The following letter under date 21st February '07 and no 3720/1907, miscellaneous, was received from the Local Government Board:-

The Local Government Board for Ireland, have received from the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland, a Certificate under the provisions of the Diseases of Animals Act, 1894, that a sum of £16,111:0:1 being equivalent to a rating of one farthing in the pound on the net annual value of the property of all the Administrative Counties in Ireland is required for the purpose of the said Act. It has been at the same time, intimated to the Local Government Board that the Department desires that the Board should take further steps necessary for providing the fund required.

The Board have accordingly, issued an order under the 71st section of the Act as adapted, assessing the said sum of £16,111:0:1 upon the several Administrative Counties in Ireland in proportion to the net annual value of the property in each such County according to the valuation thereof now in force

It will be seen by the enclosed copy of the order that the sum assessed upon Wexford County is £403:1:9½ and a copy of the Order has been duly forwarded to the Treasurer of the County Council for his information and guidance."

On the motion of the Chairman, it was decided that the sum of £403:1:9 be paid the Bank of Ireland, to be put to the General Account of the General Cattle Diseases Fund.

School Attendance Committee for Enniscorthy Rural District

The following letter under date 2nd March 1904, from the Office of National Education, Dublin, was read for the meeting:-

"As the period of service of the school attendance committee for Enniscorthy Rural District will terminate on the 31st May next, I am to request that you will have the goodness to furnish on the enclosed form, at your earliest convenience particulars as to the persons appointed by the County Wexford, County Council acting as the Local Authority under the Irish Education Act 1892, to be members of a new committee from the 1st June 1904.

The required particulars should be supplied before the 30th April next"

"On the motion of the Chairman, it was decided to request the Enniscorthy Rural District Council to recommend 5 members to serve on the above committee."

University Education

The following letter was received from the Chief Secretary for Ireland, under date 21st February 1904:-

"The Chief Secretary directs me to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of February 13th submitting to him the terms of a resolution adopted by your Council, and requesting him to receive a deputation thereon.

In reply I am to inform you that it appears to the Chief Secretary that it would be undesirable to complicate a Bill dealing with the reorganisation of University Education by introducing into it matters which is more germane to the Intermediate Grade of Education. The system of Intermediate Education no doubt demands consideration, but the Chief Secretary cannot undertake that consideration at a time when he has to deal with the measures indicated in the King's Speech.

For this reason Mr. Birrell, though recognising that the suggestion made by your Council will at the proper time deserve very serious consideration

feels that the gentlemen you name would, at the present time be put to useless trouble, if they visited London at the present juncture to lay their views on the Bountif Scholarship question before him."

V. S. and Ballycullane Fair.

The following letter under date 1st March '07, was read from Mr. A. Dobbins, V. S.:-

"I was expecting to hear from you about the monthly fair, on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at Ballycullane it being in my district as Inspector.

I await instructions as to attendance, at the usual remuneration £1:10:0 per fair."

"On the motion of Mr. Murphy, seconded by Mr. Peacocke, Mr. Dobbins' letter was referred to the Diseases of Animals Acts Committee, for their opinion."

Stock Taken in Asylum

The following resolution was read from the Enniscorthy Branch of the National Council:-

"That we the members of the Enniscorthy Branch of the National Council do hereby condemn in the strongest possible manner the action of the Asylum Committee and more especially the action of some of the so called Nationalists for giving the position of Stock-taker to an Englishman. In view of the fact that the Irishman tendered at the same price, we consider that the action of the Committee of management of the asylum referred to, be unworthy of the trust given them"

"No Order"

New Ross Urban District. re Waterworks

The following letter under date 4th February '07 was received from Messrs Colfer and Gethin Solicitors to New Ross Urban Council:-

"Our clients the New Ross Urban Council are carrying out a scheme for the construction of Waterworks for the supply of water to the town and it will be necessary to convey the pipes from New Ross proper to Rosberon across the New Ross

Bridge. We enclose an extract from the specification showing the manner in which the water pipes are to be laid, which is similar in every respect to the gas pipes crossing, except that a short piece of hose will be used instead of an iron syphon for making a connection between the moveable, and fixed portions of the Bridge. We think it well to acquaint your Council of the matter in time, so that nothing may arise to impede the work when it is commenced."

The following is the extract mentioned in above letter.

Barrow The pipes are to be laid similar to the
 Bridge gas pipes and securely fixed to cantilevers
 crossing of the moveable part of Bridge, with
 wrought iron straps and bolts covered
 with 3 laps of tarred felt tightly wound
 round with tarred rope and connected
 to pipes on masonry portion of the structure
 with suitable hose couplings as directed
 by the Engineer for which connections the
 Contractor is to provide a sum of £10 in
 his tender.

The following letter from the County Surveyor, was read:-

"I return herewith the letter from Messrs Colfer and Gethin re above, and also copy of specification. It is the first notification that I have received of the proposal to carry the waterpipes over New Ross Bridge. I see very grave objections to the scheme, and if you bring the matter before the Co Council at their next meeting, I shall be prepared to point out the objections. I trust the County Council will not give their sanction to the scheme. In any ^{case} I think the Urban Council should supply plans and sections showing the details of the proposal."

Mr Elgee stated he received copy of provisional order, that day, from Messrs Colfer and Gethin, but he had not had time to consider its provisions.

On the motion of the Chairman, it was agreed that this matter, be referred to Mr Elgee, who will report to the next meeting of the Finance Committee,

that the Finance Committee be empowered to take action in this matter pending report to the next meeting of the County Council

Proposed Pier at Fethard

The following letter was received from Revd R. M. Kelleth under date 11th February 1904.

"As the person who brought before the Deputation from the County Council, the plans of a proposed Pier at Fethard, which the fishermen consider would satisfy their needs, I am sorry that an erroneous impression should be circulated as to the expense of carrying out the work. No doubt those responsible for the statement that it would cost £12,000, had not fully considered the matter. Mr. MacLonnell C.E. who gratuitously made these preliminary plans, to enable the fishermen to show accurately their requirements, has estimated that the work according to these plans submitted to you, and of which Mr. Webster has a copy, would cost £5,800 to carry out.

But by making some modifications in detail, such as strikes at low tide level with corresponding opening in the breakwaters to give the tide a sufficient velocity of ebb and flow to prevent the silting up of the harbour the cost would be reduced to about £5,000. This is calculated on the assumption that the pier would be constructed on the Ferro-Lithic concrete principle a method which has been amply tested by engineers in like works, and found most satisfactory in every respect. I hope the County Council will now accept these figures as accurately representing the cost of a pier and breakwaters giving the accommodation shown. This can be easily tested by asking for tenders for the work - limiting the price to say £5,000 - the Tenderers to submit designs of their proposals for the approval of your Engineers

The Fethard fishermen wish to thank the County Council for the resolutions passed at the last meeting, and hope that pressure will be brought to bear on the Fisheries Department of the Board of Agriculture to help in this matter.

Should Mr Oliver come down he will receive every facilities for examining the coast, and be given full local information.

Gaelic League & International Exhibition.

Under date 19th January 1904, the following resolutions were received from the General Secretary of the Gaelic League, 24 Upper O'Connell Street Dublin.

Resolution passed at monthly meeting of Executive January 8th 1904.

That in order to make the attitude of the Gaelic League to the International Exhibition clear to the Nation and as intentionally false statements are being circulated that the league has withdrawn its opposition and is countenancing the project, we hereby reiterate and confirm the resolutions condemning the said Exhibition passed by the Ard Fheis and this Boiste Innta and that the General Secretary be instructed to send a copy of this resolution to the principal manufacturers in Ireland, to the members of the Committee of the International Exhibition, the Chairman and the Secretaries of the Irish Parliamentary Party, the General Secretary of the United Irish League, the National Council, the Lord Mayors of Dublin, Belfast and Cork, Also to the County District and Urban Councils and to the Board of Guardians, with a request that they should adopt it, And that we call upon all Gaelic Leaguers in their individual corporate or representative capacity to abstain from giving any support to, or having anything to do with the project" Resolutions passed at the Ard Fheis 1904:-

That the Ard Fheis, comprising of delegates from all Branches of the Gaelic League, condemn the holding of an International Exhibition in this country as opposed to the development and true interests of our native industries; that we cordially approve of the Project of a National Exhibition, which will focus the attention of the Irish people on their home industries, and the possibilities before them."

Resolution passed at the Ard Fheis 1905:-

"That this Ard Sheis representing the various bodies of the Gaelic League from every part of Ireland.- re-affirms the resolution of the Ard Sheis of 1904 condemning the proposed International Exhibition as being detrimental to the struggling industries of the country and the best interests of trade in Ireland; and that we call upon all Gaelic Leaguers and sympathisers with the industrial revival to abstain from taking part in this exhibition or helping it in any way; and further, that in the purchase of goods of Irish Manufacture preference be given to those manufacturers who refrain from exhibiting in the proposed Exhibition
marked Read.

Gaelic League & Irish Language.

The following letter, under date 29 January 1907, was received from the Secretary, County Committee of the Gaelic League:-

"In accordance with the decision of the County Committee of the Gaelic League, I am enclosing for adoption by your Board the following resolution which was passed by the new Ross District Council.

The following is the resolution:-

Resolved:- That in all future appointments to vacancies in offices under this Board preference must be given to applicants who can read, translate, and write the Irish Language.

On the motion of the Chairman, the following resolution was adopted:- "That in future appointments to offices in the gift of the Co Council, candidates who are able to read translate and write the Irish language, should receive favourable consideration, all other qualifications being equal."

Compulsory Sale of Land

The following resolution was received from Lismore Rural District Council:-

Resolved:- That recognising from the utterances of Mr Bryce and from the character of the evidence given before the Congested Districts Commission, and particularly the evidence given by the Estates Com-

missioners Bailey and Finnucane, and Chief Inspector of the Congested Districts Board (Mr Doran) that the question of the compulsory sale of Irish land is fast ripening, and must in the near future be boldly faced by the responsible Government. We would point to the Government, that, pending the introduction of any legislation, it is quite feasible to expediate the sale of Irish land at more equitable prices than now obtaining, by availing of this year's Budget and the suggested gradings of the Income Tax, by putting a special tax on all existing agricultural rents in Ireland, calculated to bring a sum sufficient to compensate the exchequer for the loss now entailed by the issuing of land stock, and the payment of the Bonus to the landlord selling

Marked "Read"

Celtic Cross at Fontenoy.

The following was received from R. Barry O'Brien, President Irish Literary Society 20 Hanover Square, W.:-

"I am requested to forward you a copy of a resolution passed by the Committee of the Irish Literary Society London, at a meeting held in the rooms of the Society, 20 Hanover Square, W. on the 6th December 1906:-

"That all County Councils, Rural District Councils, and Urban Councils in Ireland be notified that the Irish Literary Society London, would be pleased to receive subscriptions from them towards the erection of the Celtic Cross at Fontenoy, to perpetuate the memory of the Irish Brigade."

The cross has been designed by Mr. Anthony Scott Architect Dublin, and the work has been entrusted to a Dublin firm of Sculptors. The memorial is of Celtic Design, and will stand nineteen feet high. It will be erected in the village green of Fontenoy. A sum of £60 is now needed to close the subscription list. It is felt that this national memorial will receive the support of all Irishmen."

Marked Read.

Land Purchase.

Under date 22 December 1906, a statement and re-

solutions with reference to Land Purchase Act, was received from Kilmallock Rural District Council.

Adjourned

Industrial Development Association

The following resolutions were received for adoption, from the Dublin Industrial Development Association which were passed at the Industrial Conference, held in the City Hall Dublin:-

"That the Industrial Development Associations urge upon all Public Bodies and Boards, especially those receiving contributions from the rates, the adoption of common standard samples and patterns for all their supplies, and that such standards be of Irish make"

"That this conference suggests to the Council of the Irish Industrial Association, the desirability of the formation by that body, of a reference bureau to collect information re public contracts, for the use of Irish manufacturers among whom the information might be distributed by means of a Gazette published at regular intervals."

"That this Conference desires to emphasise the importance of buyers stipulating - at the time of purchase for Irish manufactured Goods; and that in order to put an end to the frauds which have become so common of late, care to be taken that all invoices state the words "Irish manufactured".

"That we urge upon Irish manufacturers and Agricultural exporters the importance of making themselves familiar with the requirements of their markets, and of promptly adopting or improving upon the methods of their most up-to-date competitors."

On the motion of Mr Murphy, seconded by Mr Peacocke the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the resolutions no. 2 & 5, from the Dublin Industrial Development Association be approved, with the word "common" deleted from second resolution"

City Laboratory

17 Castle Street

Dublin. 6th February 1907

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 ending 31st December 1906.

51 articles were received from the Food Inspectors R. J. C. as follows.....

Articles	Number
Milks	22
Butter	18
Whiskey	5
Buttermilk	5
Port Wine	1
	51

Certificate sent to Sergeant Madden, Tethard for specimen of milk deprived of at least 36 per cent of its fats. Certificate sent to Sergeant Groves, Enniscorthy for specimen of milk adulterated with at least 6.25 per cent of added water.

Two certificates sent to Sergeant Farrell, Wexford for specimens of milks adulterated with at least 14 and 14 per cent of added water respectively.

There were six specimens of butter analysed by directions from the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland, Upper Merrion Street Dublin, which were taken up in the County Wexford. One contained an excess of water namely 19 per cent.

For the Guardians of Enniscorthy Union fifteen drugs and four specimens of tea were analysed. One of the drugs, namely, Eastons Syrup, contained an excess of ferrous phosphate. Another namely, Solution of Ferric Chloride was low in gravity and iron. The specimens of tea were of good quality.

For the Guardians of Gorey Union twelve drugs were analysed. They were correct.

Four specimens of water analysed for the Guardians of New Ross Union had the following compositions. One imperial gallon contained in grams.

	No. 1.	No. 2.	No. 3.	No. 4.
Total solid matters including	20.160	8.120	9.800	7.840
Albuminoid ammonia	0.019	0.005	0.006	0.010
Saline ammonia	0.007	0.004	0.005	0.005
Nitric Acid	Trace	Trace	Trace	0.500

Chlorine	1.789	1.391	1.391	1.590
Sulphuric Acid	4.3236	1.4412	2.1618	2.1618
Equal to Calcium Sulphate	6.0000	2.0000	3.0000	3.0000

no. 1. was an inferior water, the others fairly good ones, no. 2. being the best of all.

Three specimens of water analysed for Ennisworthy District Lunatic Asylum had the following compositions
One imperial gallon contained in grains.

	no. 1	no. 2	no. 3
Total Solid matters	26.250	39.480	30.520
including Albuminoid Ammonia	0.016	0.001	0.009
Saline Ammonia	0.021	0.005	0.005
Nitric Acid	Trace	Trace	1.210
Chlorine	2.186	1.689	1.988
Sulphuric Acid	8.6472	3.603	3.603
Equal to Calcium Sulphate.	12.0000	5.000	5.000

no. 1 was slightly polluted. The others were tolerably good.
One specimen of feeding stuff was analysed for messrs A. H. G. Davis Ennisworthy.

One specimen of hen manure was analysed for the Secretary Wexford County Council.

One specimen of water analysed for the Secretary Wexford County Council had the following composition.

One imperial gallon contained in grains.

Total Solid matters	27.160
including Albuminoid Ammonia	0.013
Saline Ammonia	0.005
Nitric Acid	Trace
Chlorine	2.385
Sulphuric Acid	1.4412
Equal to Calcium Sulphate	2.0000

An inferior water.

One specimen of water analysed for Dr. Dowse Wexford had the following composition.

One imperial gallon contained in grains.

Total Solid matters	35.840
including Albuminoid Ammonia	0.014

Saline Ammonia	0.003
Nitric Acid	Trace
Chlorine	2.584
Sulphuric Acid	5.4648
Equal to Calcium Sulphate.	8.0000

A slightly inferior water

For Shillelagh union, which is partly situated in the County Wexford, twelve druggs were analysed, They were correct. One specimen of water analysed for Shillelagh Rural District Council, which is partly situated in the County Wexford, had the following composition. One imperial gallon contained in grains —

Total Solid matters <small>including</small>	14.280
Albuminoid Ammonia	0.013
Saline Ammonia	0.0025
Nitric Acid	Trace
Chlorine.	1.093
Sulphuric Acid	4.3236
Equal to Calcium Sulphate.	6.000

A Tolerably good water.

In the original Reports on the waters above referred to, full details were given. Total Analyses — 112.

Adulterated Articles — 7.

C. H. Cameron.

Excised Tenants & Cork Resolution

The following letter under date 15th February 1904 was received from Mr. J. E. Redmond M.P.:-

"I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 13th inst., and resolutions passed by the County Council on the previous day. I shall be obliged if you will convey to the Council my sincere thanks for these resolutions which are much appreciated by the party and myself to whom they are a source of great encouragement."

Mr French M.P. wrote under date 22nd February 07 as follows:- "I have much pleasure in acknowledging the receipt of resolutions proposed by Mr. Donohoe, seconded by Mrs. Ennis and Kinsella, and passed almost unanimously by the Wexford Co Council with reference

to the "Bork Resolution".

Mr. John Dillon wrote under date 11th March 1904 as follows:— "I duly received your letter conveying to me the resolutions of the County Council of Wexford passed at their meeting on the 12th ultimo, I must apologise for not having written before now to acknowledge receipt.

Please convey my best thanks to the County Council for their courtesy in sending the resolutions to me. In my humble judgement they are admirable resolutions, and coming from such a body as the County Council of Wexford — they must have had an excellent effect on public opinion — and were, I feel confident most welcome to the overwhelming majority of the Nationalists of Ireland.

I was exceedingly gratified to observe how clearly the members of the Wexford Council appreciated the true character, and object of the so called Bork resolution

That resolution while professing to be passed in the interest of the Evicted Tenants — was in reality an attack of most insidious and treacherous character on the Irish Parliamentary Party of all the attacks that have in recent years been made on the Party. I do not think there was any one so cruelly unjust, and so unscrupulous, as the insinuation that the Party had been forgetful of, or had neglected the interests of, the Evicted Tenants. And if the campaign against the Party started by a handful of men in Bork, had been even partially successful the inevitable result would have been — first the utter loss of the great opportunity which has been offered of pushing on the National cause — and second the destruction of all hope of restoration for the evicted Tenants, whose future is indissolubly bound up with the future of the Irish Party. In the stiff struggle that is before us — it will be a source of strength and comfort to all members of the Party — to feel that they enjoy the confidence and can rely on the support of the County Council of Wexford."

Acknowledgements of Resolutions.

The following letter, under date 1st February '04 was re-

received from Monsignor O'Riordan Irish College Rome:-

"I have just received the resolution of sympathy which you send for the Holy Father, in the name of the Co. Council of Wexford. I shall present it to the Holy Father at my first opportunity, which will be in a day or two. I am quite sure that it will afford him consolation in his present trials, and that it will help his courage not to slacken his hold on Catholic principle, at any cost, or for any force however great"

Under date 29th January 07, the following letter was received from the most Rev D^r Brown, Lord Bishop of Ferns:-

"I beg leave to acknowledge the receipt of the resolution in condemnation of the action of the French Government passed by the Wexford County Council at their meeting on the 25th instant. Such a resolution reflects credit on the Wexford County Council. Resolutions of this sort passed by so many public bodies not only in Ireland, but in other countries, must strengthen the hands of our Holy Father the Pope, and the Venerable Cardinal Archbishop of Paris in their unequal struggle with the infidel government of France who wield all the resources of a great nation".

The Clerk of District Council, Enniscorthy, and the Clerk of the District Council Wexford, wrote stating that the resolutions of the County Council with reference to persecution of French Catholics by French Government, and Vice-Regal Commission on Irish Railways, were adopted by their District Councils".

Acknowledgments of resolution of County Council re Vice-Regal Commission on Irish Railways; were received from Mr. Peter French M.P., Mr. Walter Long M.P., and Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman".

The Department of Agriculture, Etc., under date 29th January '07 letters no 593/07 and 594/07, acknowledged receipt of resolutions of Co Council, with reference to Tethard Pier; and Dredging Courtown Harbours.

Under date February 26th 1907 the following letter was received from the most Rev D^r Brown, Lord Bishop of Ferns:- I beg to send a copy of a letter which I have received from Cardinal Merry del Val Secretary of State to His Holiness acknowledging the receipt

of the resolutions passed by several public and representative bodies in this diocese. The Wexford county council passed a resolution of this kind and Mr O'Riordan has asked me to send you a copy of the Cardinal's letter."

The following is a copy of the letter referred to above:-

Rome.

Febry 20th 1907

Your Lordship

The Holy Father has accepted with the greatest pleasure the sentiments of devotion and attachment to the Holy See contained in the resolutions passed by several public boards and representative bodies in your diocese and sends to you and to all the faithful of your diocese His Apostolic Blessing

With sentiments of the highest esteem

I Remain most respectfully yours

R. Cardinal Merry del Val

The following letter, under date 18th February, 1907, was received from Monsignor O'Riordan:-

"I have already acknowledged to his Lordship the Bishop of Ferns from whom it directly came to me, having received the Resolution of the Wexford County Council. But I have to thank you personally for having had a copy sent to myself.

I have duly presented the Resolution to his Holiness, a splendid one in its expression, and elegant in its form, and in the manner of sending it.

I am sure that the Cardinal Secretary of State will acknowledge all resolutions in due time, but so many have come from different counties, that it will be impossible to answer each separately. They, in almost all cases, have come through the Bishops of the dioceses where the public bodies assemble; and the acknowledgment will probably be sent through the Bishops General.

Under date 31st January 1907 no 637/07; the Department of Agriculture, wrote acknowledging the receipt of letter from Secretary, applying for payment of £200 balance of contribution to work at Kilmore Pier.

Under date 30 January '07 no 1924; from the Lord Lieutenant, acknowledging receipt of resolution of Council

re amending legislation to enable County Councils to incur adequate expenditure upon Piers and Harbours, was read.

Contribution - Kilmore Harbour.

The Secretary stated that he had received notification from the Department of Agriculture, that they had lodged to the credit of the County Council £200, the balance of the Departments contribution towards the cost of improvements carried out at Kilmore Pier.

Proposals for Payment

On the motion of Mr. Bolger, seconded by Mr. Peacocke, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the several proposals for payment including first instalment of quarterly demands of Unions, District Councils, and Asylum be hereby approved, and Treasurers Advice Note signed for same, To be lodged on 1st April."

Resolutions to be submitted to Council

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Murphy the following resolution was adopted:- "That printed copies of the various resolutions received from public bodies and individuals for consideration at Co Council meetings, be sent out with the ordinary agenda paper"

Finance Committee minutes

Minutes of Finance Committee from last meeting were approved, on the motion of the Chairman.

M. E. Morris

19 April 1907