

Special meeting- 14th February 1912.

A special meeting of the County Council was held in the Co. Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford; on 14th February 1912.

Present :- Mr. John Bolger, (Chairman) presiding.
Other members :- Messrs John O'Connor, M. Doyle, Jr., J. J. Stafford, James Codd, A. Kinsella, J. S. Hearn, P. Rossiter, C. H. Peacocke, P. J. Farining, M. Doyle Sr., Mark Codd, M. Cloney, J. A. Doyle, J. J. Mayler, David Sinnott, J. Asple.

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

Proposals for Payments.

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

"That the several proposals for payment for matters other than public works, as submitted by our Secretary be and are hereby approved."

County Infirmary Grant.

The following resolution was received from the Governors of the County Infirmary :-

"That the Committee of Management desire to convey to the Co. Council their sincere thanks for the kind manner in which they responded to the appeal of the managing Committee for an increased Grant."

marked "Read."

Estimates of Rates for 1912-3.

On the motion of Mr. Peacocke
Seconded by Mr. Hearn, the following resolution was adopted :-

"That we hereby adopt the estimate of our Secretary for Rates, for General & separate charges for the financial year 1912-3 (as already agreed to by the Finance Committee) and agree that the rates in the £ to be levied off the several Rural Districts of the County for General Rates be as follows :-

	Land	Buildings
Enniscorthy	2/11	4/7
Gorey	2/7	3/11
New Ross	2/11	4/9
Wexford	2/4	3/11

And we further determine the amounts to be demanded from the Urban Districts of the County to be as follows :-

	General	Separate	Total
Enniscorthy	£1111 : 5 : 8		£1111 : 5 : 8
New Ross	1312 : 18 : 9	£ 21 : 4 : 10	1334 : 3 : 7
Wexford	1820 : 5 : 4	129 : 9 : 0	1949 : 14 : 4

Temporary Staff

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

"That our Secretary be empowered to employ the necessary temporary clerical staff for the writing up of the Rate Books, Collectors' Receipt & Demand Notes, etc."

Extra Constabulary

Under date 9th February, a letter was received from the Receiver General, Royal Irish Constabulary from 8th September to 30th September stationed in Wexford town in connection with the labour dispute. The area of charge fixed in the account is the County-at-Large.

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

"That we appoint a committee from this council, and request the members of Parliament for North & South Wexford to accompany them to the Lord Lieutenant in order to place before His Excellency the views of the county council as to the chargeability of the extra police stationed in Wexford in connection with the present labour dispute being made an entire imperial charge or at least portion to be paid from the Imperial fund."

That our Secretary make arrangements as to date of the attendance at Dublin of the members of Parliament, should the Lord Lieutenant consent to receive the Deputation."

messrs John Bolger, (Chairman) C. H. Peacocke, (Vice Chairman) and R. J. Fanning, were appointed to represent the council on the Deputation."

Insurance Act.

Mr. Houlahan, Secretary to National Health Insurance Commission, wrote stating that the commissioners would be glad of suggestions regarding the best means of holding meetings in order to enable the official lecturers to explain the act and give any detailed information regarding its working which those interested may require to know before taking steps either to join or to form societies to be approved under the act. The services of lecturers would be given gratis, but the commissioners hoped the council would facilitate the work of the lecturers by placing the county offices at their disposal or helping them to obtain some other suitable hall in the district.

On the motion of Mr. Rossiter, seconded by Mr. Hearn the following resolution was adopted :-

"That we request the National Health Insurance

commissioners to call the attention of the public bodies of the county to the fact that it is the intention of the Wexford Co. Council to form an approved society under the act; and that the clergy be requested to inform their parishioners that such a society is in course of establishment, and that it will be necessary to become a member of an approved society in order to obtain full benefit."

On the motion of the Chairman, the following was adopted:- "that the question of the arrangement of lectures be left in the hands of the Secretary."

County Surveyor.

Under date 18th January 1912, the following letter No. 1863-1912 Wexford County, was read from the Local Government Board:-

"The Local Government Board for Ireland have had before them the resolution contained in the minutes of Proceedings of the Wexford County Council on the 10th instant, appointing Mr. W. F. Barry to the office of Co. Surveyor, and the Board direct me to inform the Co. Council that they have approved of this appointment."

marked "Read."

Salary of Mr. Hassett, Assistant Surveyor.

Under date 12th January 1912, letter No. 596:1912 Wexford Co., was read from the Local Government Board, stating that they saw no objection to the increase of Mr. Hassett's salary by the sum of £5 a year.

marked "Read"

Senior Assistant Surveyor.

Under date 22nd January 1912, the following letter, No. 1863-12, Wexford County, was read

from the Local Government Board :-

"With reference to the entry on the minutes of proceedings of the Wexford County Council on the 10th instant, relative to the appointment of Senior Assistant Surveyor in the County, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to state that in view of the representations of the Council, they will be prepared to hold an examination into the qualifications of the applicants for this position. With regard to the request of the Council that the Board should grade the candidates according to their respective records, training and experience in conjunction with their marks at the examination, I am to point out that the papers will be set in such a manner as to test as far as possible not only the candidates' knowledge, but their experience and practical ability. The Board cannot undertake to go further than this but they would suggest that the County Council should with the assistance of their County Surveyor investigate the qualifications and experience of the respective candidates as shown by their application and testimonials and make the appointment on the result of their investigation taken into account with the marks obtained at the Board's examination.

The Board observe that applications have been received from various parts of the United Kingdom for this appointment, and they would suggest that the examination be held in this office simultaneously with the annual examination for Assistant Surveyors which will be held early in March. Special papers will however be set for this appointment, but before taking any further action, they will await the views of the Council."

under date 30th January 1912, the following further letter No 5445, was read from the Local Government Board :-

"With reference to your letter of 26th instant, relative to the proposed appointment of a Senior Assistant County Surveyor by the Wexford Co. Council, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to state that in the event of the Co. Council deciding to agree to the Board's suggestions you should notify all the candidates as to the arrangements and inform them that they should apply to this Department to be allowed to attend the examination enclosing a fee of ten shillings."

On the motion of Mr. Fanning, seconded by Mr. Rossiter the following resolution was adopted :-

"That the question of the appointment of Senior Assistant Surveyor be postponed to the annual meeting of the Co. Council in June in order to allow Mr. F. W. Barry, newly appointed County Surveyor, to ascertain what should be the qualifications of the new officer for Wexford County."

Examination for Assistant Surveyors.

under date 25th January 1912, circular letter was read from the Local Government Board stating that an examination for qualification as Assistant Surveyors in Ireland, would be held under the direction of the Board at the Custom House, Dublin; at 10.15 a.m., on Thursday and Friday, 7th and 8th March.

marked "Read."

Audits.

under date 2nd January 1912 (letter No 0972)

the Local Government Board, forwarded copy of the auditor's Report on his audit of the accounts of the Co. Council, for the half-year ended 30th September 1911:-

"I have the honour to report that I have audited the accounts of the Co. Council of Wexford for the half year ended September last, and I forward, herewith, a certified abstract thereof in pursuance of your order in that behalf made.

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

The Local Government Board forwarded copy of reports of their Auditor on his audit of the accounts of the following Bodies:-

"Wexford Union; and Wexford Rural District Council; New Ross Union and Rural District Council; and County Wexford Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction, for the half year ended 30th September 1911.

marked "Read."

Road of Mr. John Kenny, Ballymore.

Under date 18th January 1912, (Letter No. 2310) the Local Government Board forwarded copy of letter which they had addressed to Mr. John Kenny, relative to his complaint as to a road maintenance contract made by him with the Wexford County Council:-

"With reference to your letter of the 2nd ultimo, relative to a contract held by you for the repair of a road in Wexford County, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland, to inform you that after enquiry they do not consider that the case calls for any action or comment on their part."

under date 24th January 1912 (letter no. 3127) the Local Government Board forwarded copy of a letter received by them from Mr. John Kenny relative to his contract for the maintenance of a road in Wexford County. The Board requested to be furnished with the observations of the Co. Council on the subject.

"I beg leave to complain to you the dangerous condition of my Road No. 92 leading from Rockspring Quarry to Ferns. It is very dangerous for public traffic, and I will not be responsible for any accidents that may occur on it, as I have done my best to be allowed to work it. I am obstructed by Mr. Haughton of Rockspring. He keeps hauling engines and principally hauls in winter. He filled the water tables and prevented the water from taking its proper course, and now it is bursting up in the centre of the road and causing most dangerous crags. He kept my depots from May 1911, until September 22nd 1911, and prevented me from putting out my own material, then the Surveyor brought me and my sureties for a prosecution to Ferns Court, then the Surveyor handed in a letter there saying he had given leave to Haughton to do so. It cost me £1: 10s to defend this. I have taken it several times and paid a Solicitor to speak for me before the County Council and also before the Co. Court Judge last September. The engines were proved to be a nuisance and the Judge decided in my behalf. The case is pending until March. It was sworn in Court that I had over my measurement out every year, and in place of getting my year's pay all I got was £3.

August 10th 1911, Haughton sent me word

if I would not go on with the law against him that the Surveyor had wrote to him saying he would pay me my deferred money, so when I did not comply with the wishes of Haughton my money was struck off altogether.

It appears to me to be a combined thing between Haughton and the Surveyors. The Haughton who I am referring to, is his workman who measured my stones last March 1911 for a sudden damage order.

Sir, I shall feel very much obliged if you would take this into consideration.

The Secretary read the following recommendation of the Finance Committee, adopted at Special Meeting of 29th January, 1912:-

"The Finance Committee having considered the letter from Mr John Kenny, to the Local Government Board, and the explanation of Assistant Surveyor Howlin, recommend the County Council to accept the explanation of the Assistant Surveyor as satisfactory."

The following is the letter (dated 27th January) received from Mr Howlin, Assistant Surveyor:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of yours of 16th inst., with copy of further letter from John Kenny to Local Government Board.

I beg to say in reply that on referring to my Diary of March 1911, I find I measured the material for this Sudden Damage on the 14th of that month and furnished Kenny with measurement returns with instructions for spreading, cleaning, etc."

Under date 5th February (letter no 6091) the Local Government Board forwarded the following copy of a further letter which they had addressed to Mr Kenny, relative to his contract for the maintenance of a road:-

"With reference to your letter of the 16th ultimo, relative to your contract for the maintenance of a road in Wexford County, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to state that they have made inquiries into the matter complained of by you and they do not consider that the case is one which calls for further action on the Board's part."

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

"That the question of Road No. 92, Enniscorthy District, be referred to the County Surveyor."

General Cattle Diseases Fund.

Under date 25th January 1912, Circular letter No 67077-1911 Miscellaneous, was read from the Local Government Board, stating that the sum assessed upon Wexford County in respect of its contribution to the several Cattle Diseases Fund was £408: 3: 2.

Marked "Read"

Lerns Water Supply.

Sealed Order No 65511-1911 fixing the Lerns Dispensary District as the area of charge in respect of Lerns Water Supply was read from the Local Government Board.

Marked "Read"

Dredging Kilmore Harbour.

The letter of the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction, under date 18th Decr 1911, and No 6,497-11, F.B., and which appeared on Minutes of Meeting of the Council of 3rd January was read:

Under date 25th January 1912 the following further letter, No 439- F.B. was read from the Department:

"Adverting to your letter of the 11th inst.,

on the subject of Kilmore Harbour, I have to state, for the information of the Wexford County Council, that, in the opinion of the Department, the new dredging plant is suitable for Harbours like Kilmore. The cost of the plant while at Kilmore would be £7 per day. No charge will be made for interest on capital, depreciation or hire.

It will probably be unnecessary to insure the plant while actually working at Kilmore, but it must be insured for the voyage to that place.

The expense of its removal to Kilmore, including such insurance, will be debited to the joint fund which is to be provided by the Council and the Department for defraying the cost of carrying out the work."

On the motion of Mr Doyle Jr, seconded by Mr Kinsella, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction be requested to carry out the dredging at Kilmore Harbour as soon as possible on the terms of their letters of the 13th December 1911, (No 6497-11) and the 25th January 1912, (439-12 J.B.)"

On the motion of the Chairman, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That Mr Elgee be instructed to take the opinion of counsel (if he considers it necessary) as regards the removal of the Schooner "Alice Latham" now lying a wreck at Kilmore Harbour."

Weeds & Agricultural Seeds (Ireland) Act 1909.

Under date 3rd February 1912 the following letter No A. 407/12 was read from the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction:-

"Adverting to previous correspondence in regard to the extension of the provisions of Part I of the above Act to your County, I have to transmit herewith for the consideration of the County Council the accompanying copy of a

resolution unanimously adopted at the meeting of the Council of Agriculture held on the 30th May last.

In again directing attention to this matter, the Department would point out that Orders made under Part I of the Act are at present in operation in nineteen Counties and two County Boroughs and have been attended with very beneficial results.

In the event of the Council deciding to consent to the putting into force of this part of the Act in your County, it is suggested that the resolution of consent should follow the lines of the accompanying draft.

I have to request that, in any case, you will kindly inform the Department as early as possible of your Council's decision in this regard."

Mr James Doyle proposed and Mr Bloney, seconded the following resolution:-

"That we refuse to put the Weeds & Seeds (Ireland) Act in this County."

As an amendment Mr Peacocke proposed, and Mr Pannurig seconded:-

"That the matter be referred to the District Councils for their opinion."

A poll was taken with the following result:-

For the amendment:- Messrs. Kearns, Peacocke, Pannurig, Mr Doyle Senr, Mark Codd, Sinnott, and the Chairman. - 7.

Against:- Messrs. Mr Doyle Jr, James Codd, Kinsella, Rossiter, Asple, Bloney, James A Boyle, Mayler. - 8.

The Chairman declared the amendment lost, and put the original resolution which he declared carried.

Butter & Margarine Act. 1907.

Under date 31st January 1912, letter No G443-11, the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction, forwarded the seventh list of names approved by them for use in connection with Margarine.

Marked "Read."

University Scholarships.

The following Scheme in connection with the University Scholarships was adopted:

"There shall be open for competition annually three Scholarships each valued at £50 for three years and which shall be confined to Children (male and female) of ratepayers in the County Wexford the aggregate valuation of whose holdings does not exceed £60, and two Bursaries each valued at £25 yearly, tenable for three years confined to children of ratepayers of the County Wexford the aggregate value of whose holdings does not exceed £120.

Successful candidates who are Catholics must hold their scholarships in the Dublin College of the National University; non-Catholic students awarded Scholarships or Bursaries, may select whatever University or College they please.

In connection with the limitation of valuation for Scholarships and Bursaries we desire to call attention to section 10 (2) of the Irish University Act 1908 under the County Councils in Ireland are empowered to award these Scholarships.

The provision which allows Candidates to select different Universities necessitates a uniform means of examination, and it is suggested that the scholarships and Bursaries should be awarded in the order of merit in the Senior Grade Intermediate Examination according to the following marking:-

(a) Students for Scholarships and Bursaries must pass the Senior grade examination in those subjects

which shall qualify them for Matriculation in the National University, and one of the subjects must be Irish.

(b.) The marks which shall count for determining Scholarships and Bursaries shall be:- In English the excess over 200 marks; in Mathematics the excess over 80 marks on the honout and special papers, and the excess over 160 marks on the pass papers. In other subjects the excess over 100 marks on the honour and special papers, and the excess over 200 marks on the pass papers.

(c.) Scholarships and Bursaries shall then be awarded on the total aggregate of marks thus counted in all the subjects which the student shall present for examination, and to those candidates who have secured the highest number of marks provided they fulfil the other conditions specified.

(d.) Where the subjects chosen by the Candidates are not accepted for matriculation by the University in which it is intended the Scholarship or Bursary should be held then the Candidate must pass the Matriculation Examination of such University.

(e.) In case a successful candidate fail to avail of the Scholarship or Bursary awarded, the same may be awarded to the next successful candidate in order of merit.

Students obtaining a Scholarship or Bursary shall be required to pursue a course of studies leading up to, and to be completed by a Degree in any of the faculties embraced within the curriculum of the University, and must prior to the conclusion of the second year of their course specify the particular branch of study in which they desire to specialise, and shall continue the study of Irish contained in the Curriculum up to the time of specialization.

Students for a Degree in Agriculture must notify their intention to proceed with their studies

in this direction before the termination of the first year of their Scholarship course, and must in addition to passing the Scholarship Examination produce satisfactory evidence of a practical acquaintance with agriculture.

Scholarships in this subject will be tenable for four years instead of three and as a further inducement to secure a high standard of knowledge in this subject students passing an exceptionally brilliant course for their degree and being recommended therefor by the University Authorities may be awarded a post graduate course for one year in the shape of a travelling studentship or a Research Scholarship value £150.

Students for degrees in branches of Science applicable to Agriculture Commerce or Industry, and in Accountancy, Finance, and Economics, may in the discretion of the Council have the term of their Scholarships extended from three to five years.

Scholarships and Bursaries will be confined to Students whose ages shall not exceed 19 years.

The awards of Scholarships and Bursaries may be entirely withheld in the event of the result of the Examination falling below a certain standard of merit, and in the event of any disputes or differences arising in connection with the holders or candidates therefor, the decision of the County Council shall be final and binding on all parties concerned.

Of the amount of Scholarships £10 : 10 : 0 shall be allocated for college fees, £31 for board and lodging in a recognised hostel in which students will be obliged to reside, and the remaining £8 : 10/- for entrance fee and travelling expenses.

Of the amount of the Bursary £10 : 10/- shall be paid for College fees, and the balance shall be allocated towards the cost of residence of the Student."

On the motion of Mr Fanning, seconded by Mr Rossiter :-

"The above Scheme was approved."

Terrycarrig Bridge.

The following report was read, from Mr. S. Gaffney, late County Surveyor:-

"The contract for this work is dated 15th July 1910, and nine months were allowed for its completion.

Owing to various causes this period has been very much exceeded, a long delay occurred at the start owing to the non-delivery of the steel. This was due to the break-down of the Mills where the bars were ordered.

The Contractor, however, should have tried to get these bars elsewhere. But, there was also a difficulty in the transportation of these long bars, some of them over 60 feet long, without injury.

On this account the whole work was put back, and it was not until four months after the date of the contract that the first pile was made.

Pile making then proceeded rapidly for some time, till they were nearly all done, when it was discovered that some of the C.I. diaphragms, accepted some time previously, were not of the right dimensions. This caused a little more delay.

Later on when pile making was finished the steel bars for the lower bracings had not arrived, and, when they did come there was no forge on the site to bend them to the requisite form.

These matters show a great lack of foresight and organisation, on the part of the Contractor, as the forge should have been waiting for the lower bracing bars, which, in turn, should have been waiting for the finishing of the piles.

This is also shown in the delay in providing for the necessary plant such as a steam crane, piling machines, and timber for the gantry or temporary staging. The gantry should have been on a level with the pile making so that when the latter was finished, driving could have been proceeded with at once.

The method of making piles, one on top of another, was not wise, as the bottom ones having been made

first could not be got at till the top ones had become hardened and set.

All piles were very well made. Pile-driving proved to be slow work, which was mostly due to the fact that the temporary staging had to be extended as the piles were driven. The staging should have been completed before driving began, or at least sufficiently far in advance to prevent delay.

The Contractor was paid a first instalment in December 1910, but the second, which fell due in March 1911, was refused him, on account of the slow progress. This produced an immediate effect as a new and more energetic foreman was appointed at the end of March.

Pile driving began in May and was finished in November 1911, that is, all the piles were in position, though some had not reached a set, these had to be lengthened and re-driven.

The method of driving, by a crane at one end of the Bridge with a long lead through snatch blocks, was primitive and slow, but for a short period a new modern winch was used.

As to the present state of the works, thirty-three piles have been driven and the remaining six will be driven in a week or ten days. Just over half of the lower bracing have been put on the piles and fixed. All these bracing are made.

The beams and decking of the span at the North end have been finished, also all the hollow concrete blocks for the parapets, some of which have been built in already.

Fourteen columns on top of the piles are completed and the top bracing are on one set of piles, while another couple of sets are ready to be concreted up.

The rebuilding of the North abutment was completed in July, but the South abutment yet remains to be rebuilt.

work on the North approach began in July and as much progress as possible has been made considering that the work could not have been finished without stopping the traffic.

There is very little to do on the South approach.

all the steel for the work is now on the site and a number of moulds are ready for the beams, bracings, and decking of the Bridge.

Progress will be accelerated when the underwater portion of the work is finished, and taking everything into consideration the work should be finished in September 1912."

The following letter under date 12th February, 1912 was read from Mr R. Colhoun, contractor for the erection of the Ferry carrig Bridge:-

"In reply to your letter of the 31st ult., I beg to state that I made application for a copy of the County Surveyor's Report mentioned therein, but up to the present have not received it.

With regard to your enquiry, as to what steps I propose to take in order to expedite the completion of the Bridge, I would be glad if you would place the following facts before your Council:-

The Contract Agreement was finally settled upon and completed on the 25th July 1910, and the next day I placed the order for the Steel work for Piles with the Manufacturers. Owing to strikes and break-downs at the Steel works (causes over which I have no control) this steel was not delivered until 7th November 1910. The first pile was completed on 24th November 1910, and the making of the Piles was continued without delay, as far as the weather would permit, with the exception of a short period, owing to some of the cast-iron Diaphragms having been maliciously tampered with.

With regard to the making of the Piles, I had everything ready to start this work on 18th August, 1910

and the delay of three months in this work, which was a considerable loss to me, was entirely owing to the steel work not being delivered by the manufacturers. This delay ran the work into the Winter months, when the days were short, and the tides and weather unfavourable.

I was in a position to start driving the piles at the beginning of February 1911, but at this time a question of re-building the Abutments was under consideration by the Co. Surveyor, who did not decide the matter until 10th February, 1911.

After the Co. Surveyor had decided about re-building the Abutments it was necessary for him to communicate his decision to Messrs Mouchel & Partners, from whom I was to receive details of the steel construction for the decking and bracing. The order for this Decking and Bracing was received from Mouchel & Partners on the 15th February 1911, but subsequently owing to the County Surveyor altering the position of the Piles from that shown on the Drawings, a further change had to be made in the dimensions of the Steel work by Messrs Mouchel & Partners, and I did not receive the final order for this work until 11th June, 1911.

It was my intention in the carrying out of the work, to bring out the Decking and Bracing with me from the South Abutment, as the Piles were driven, but as the matter of the Decking and Bracing was so much delayed, owing to Mouchel & Partners not being in a position to supply the necessary information, I had to start driving the Piles on the 8th May, 1911, and my arrangements for carrying out the work had to be amended in a way that considerably handicapped me in its progress.

Immediately on receipt of the final instructions from Messrs Mouchel & Partners for the steel work of the Decking, I placed the order in the

lands of the steel Manufacturers, but owing to general strikes which affected the Steel Trade in its manufacture and transit, it was impossible to get delivery of this order until 10th August, 1911.

After the Piles were made the County Surveyor altered the position from that shown on the Drawings, and in consequence of this alteration the lengths of the Piles did not suit the new position.

Many of the Piles had to be lengthened which entailed a great deal of extra labour, and critical work on my part, and was the source of considerable delay. There was no definite information supplied to me as to the extra distance to which these Piles should be driven, and I was obliged to splice them to such an extent as would ensure me not having to make a further joint, and after the Piles were sufficiently driven this lengthening piece had to be cut off to make the joint for extension piece. The making of these joints was a very difficult and expensive undertaking for me, as they could only be made at a few of the lowest tides and provided the weather conditions were favourable when these tides occurred.

It is under great difficulties that progress can be made at the Works during the Winter months. During the latter part of 1911 on several occasions high tides and severe storms completely swamped the Works and injured the Plant.

On the Contract Drawings a certain level is marked as low water of ordinary Spring Tides, and as a matter of fact in the carrying out of the work I found that the low water of Spring Tides was about 18 inches above this level.

Had the water fallen to the level shown on the Drawings, I would have had considerable more facilities for making the joints of extensions, and better progress could have been made with the works.

It will be seen from the foregoing statement that I have done everything in my power to carry on the work with all despatch and am continuing to do so.

The driving of the piles is now completed, and all the steel necessary for the work is on the ground.

As before explained, the joints for extensions can only be made during the lowest tides of Springs, and when these occur the joints are made if the weather conditions permit, the decking is also being pushed forward as fast as possible, as many hands being employed as the value of the work will permit."

"On the motion of Mr Peacocke, seconded by Mr Rossiter, it was decided that the matter be considered in committee"

On the motion of Mr Hearn, seconded by the Chairman, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That Mr Pimm, Clerk of Works at Ferrycrossing Bridge, hand over forthwith to Mr. W.F. Barry, County Surveyor, any correspondence he has had with the Contractor, or his foreman, in connection with the erection of the New Bridge, together with a memo of any verbal instructions given by him (Mr Pimm) to either the Contractor or his Foreman."

On the motion of Mr Hearn, seconded by the Chairman the following resolution was adopted:-

"That further consideration of the matter be postponed until a reply be received from Mr Colhoun as to the Report of Mr Gaffney (late Co Surveyor) which we hereby direct our Solicitor, Mr. Elger, to furnish to Mr. Colhoun."

Application for Increase of Poundage.

The following memorial which was signed by Rate collectors J. Blake, J. Sinnott, S. Lennon, J. Mullist, J. Bogley, M. J. Walsh, J. Cummins, was read :-

"In view of the decision recently arrived at by the Council not to accept Personal Security from the collectors in lieu of a Guarantee Bond. We collectors who are working under such Guarantee, are obliged to ask your Council to grant us the small increase of one penny in our poundage to enable us to pay the large premium now demanded by the Insurance companies for this security.

The experience which many of us have had with the smaller companies was, as the Council will remember, most unsatisfactory and now that you compel us to approach the larger ones, we find their terms exorbitant, as the accompanying quotation will show, and we confidently hope that, by granting our small request, you will place us in a position to meet their heavy demands."

marked "Read."

Rate Collection

The Secretary laid before the meeting the state of the Rate Collection :-

"On the motion of Mr. Doyle Junr. seconded by Mr. Mark Bodd, the following recommendation of the Finance Committee was confirmed:-

The Council regret to observe that notwithstanding the fact that only seven weeks of the collection period now remain, the Rate collectors have still 70% of their collection outstanding. That we request the Co. Council to deal in a drastic manner with any collector who fails to carry out the terms of his bond."

Road Board.

under date 22nd January 1912, a letter was read from the Road Board stating that the £2,100 allocated to County Wexford towards approved works of road improvement, has been " earmarked " for the County Council, and might be applied for at anytime.

" Referred to County Surveyor. "

Wexford Labour Dispute

under date 30th January 1912, a resolution was read from the New Ross Board of Guardians dealing with the Labour Dispute :-

" On the motion of Mr. Peacocke, seconded by the Chairman the following resolution was adopted :- That as the original cause of the Wexford labour dispute appears to have been settled we do not see any necessity to intervene at the present, but should the necessity arise we shall take the recommendation of the New Ross Guardians into consideration. "

Burial of carcases.

under date 30th January 1912, the following letter was read from Mr. E. O'Sullivan, Harbour master, Kilmore Quay :-

" Owing to the number of " carcases " that came ashore this winter I find it is impossible to bury them for the amount allowed. The distance is very long and especially from Tacumshane to Kilmore Quay is a very hard strand and water comes rushing up when the hole is made. What money was allowed did not bury them this winter, and I had nothing for myself. I could not possibly do it under £10 per annum. "

On the motion of Mr. Rossiter, seconded by Mr. Danning the following resolution was adopted :-

"That no increase be granted to Mr. O'Flaherty, that if Mr. O'Flaherty refuses to carry out the work our Secretary be instructed to re-advertise the position at £4 a year."

Anthrax Outbreak

under date 12th January 1912, the following letter was read from Mr. R. Malone, B.S. Wexford:-

"I beg to inform you that I visited the farm of Captain Hawkes Cornock, yesterday and took the temperatures of all the animals thereon, and found them in every case to be perfectly normal.

In my opinion all the animals are in perfect health."

marked "Read."

Assignment of a Road Contract.

under date 19th January 1912, Mr. Brighton Clark Gorey District Council forwarded assignment of a road contract from William Kenny, to Michael Kenny, and correspondence in connection with the matter which he had received from Mr. R. W. Elger and Messrs M. J. O'Connor Solicitors. The latter had requested him to change the name of the person to whom the paying order in respect of the road contract in question should in future be made payable from William to Michael Kenny pursuant to the terms of the deed of assignment."

The Gorey District Council had referred the matter to the Co. Council. Mr. Brighton stated that he did not know if he had any power to change the name as requested by Messrs M. J. O'Connor & Co.

On the motion of Mr. Tanning, seconded by

Mr. M. Doyle Senr., the following resolution was adopted :-

"That the matter be referred to the County Surveyor, and that he be authorised to serve a ten-day notice on William Kenny, Ballydarragh, with a view to taking up the road under the 54th section of the Grand jury act if the necessary work on this road be not carried out."

Sheep Dipping.

under date 13th January the following letter was read from the Co. Inspector, R. J. G., Wexford :-

"I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 4th inst., relative to the Sheep Dipping Order which I have sent to the officers and men concerned.

As I already stated the duty of the police is to report to your Council, and, if requested, to prosecute, this order was in some cases misunderstood by the police, but I have now directed that it be strictly obeyed in future."

marked "Read."

under date 8th January 1912, the following letter was read from Mr. J. J. Egan, Boley, Ballycullane :-

"In reply to resolution of Co. Council at its meeting on the 3rd inst., I beg to state that I shall do my best to give satisfaction with regard to number of inspections in future, and shall pay special attention to the farmsteads mentioned in the resolution."

marked "Read"

Wall at Congarow Bridge.

under date 12th January 1912, the following was read from Mr. Mc Donald, Congarow, Adamstown

"I wish to tender an apology for the throwing

of the bridge wall at Longarrow, by my son-Patrick - and promise such a thing shall not occur again."

marked "Read."

Irish Trade mark.

under date 1st February 1912, a letter was read from the Irish Industrial Development Association asking the Co. Council to insert a clause in their advertisements etc., for supplies that all articles supplied as of Irish manufacture must be branded with the Irish Trade mark and the Register no. of the manufacturer."

On the motion of Mr. Keacocke, seconded by Mr. M. Doyle Senr., the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the clause, ^{suggested} by Mr. O'Riordan regarding the Irish Trade mark be inserted in all future advertisements, etc., of the Council where Irish manufacture is specified."

Irish Public Bodies Insurance Scheme.

under date 3rd December 1911, the following resolution adopted at a meeting of delegates held in Waterford on 9th November 1911, relative to above was read:-

"That this conference of delegates from public bodies in Counties of Kilkenny, Tipperary, Waterford, and the County Borough of Waterford, approves of the principle of public bodies becoming their own insurers as embodied in the accompanying scheme, subject to the provision of all necessary safeguards; and requests the Chief Secretary for Ireland to refer the scheme to an appropriate tribunal of independent experts for actuarial investigation with a view to the early introduction of a

measure giving legislative effect to the principle on the general lines suggested in the scheme, with such modifications in detail as may be found desirable."

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

"That we request the Chief Secretary for Ireland to agree to the proposal contained in the foregoing resolution."

Claim against Co. Council.

The following letter, under date 22nd January 1912, from Mr. M. J. O'Dempsey, B. A. Solicitor, Enniscorthy, was read:-

"I am instructed by Mr. Edward Connors, Barker, Enniscorthy, to claim £10 (Ten Pounds) damage suffered by him by reason of his horse breaking a foot and otherwise injuring himself owing to the defective state of the road between Ballymore and Kilmacree, kept under the Co. Council.

Would you kindly communicate the matter to the Council and let me hear."

"Referred to Mr. Elger"

Explosives Licence

under date 8th January 1912, a letter was read from Mr. J. Wallis, asking that a licence to sell explosives be granted him, in place of his brother William Wallis. (deceased)

"Granted on the motion of Mr. Bloney, seconded by Mr. Asple."

Road Encroachment at Killystown

under date 30th January 1912, the following letter was read from Mr. P. D. O'Gorman, Killystown:-

"I the undersigned beg to inform you that I

intend building thirtytwo perches of ditches on the road from Kellystown with your consent and according to the wishes of your Inspector."

under date 24th January 1912, the following report was read from Mr. Gaffney, late County Surveyor:-

"A portion of this has already been done, but on discovery Mr. Hassett warned Mr. O'Gorman and told he must get permission of the Council.

The fence is moved into the road five feet at the most; it is built on the site of a nasty ditch, which is not actually dangerous.

The alteration straightens the road but the width between the fences is reduced to 23 feet. The fence on the opposite side will also be straightened, but so as not to encroach on the road but rather the opposite.

The total length of the alteration will be about 80 yards.

I see no objection to the Council giving Mr. O'Gorman permission to make this alteration provided no thorn or furze hedge is allowed to grow on any part of the bank, as it is on the south side of the road."

on the motion of Mr. J. A. Doyle seconded by Mr. Doyle the following resolution was adopted:-

"That subject to the quacks on the bank being planted on the land side of the fence the Co. Council have no objection to the erection of the fence referred to in application of Mr. P. D. O'Gorman, Kellystown."

Deputy Coroner - North Wexford

under date 9th January 1912, the following letter was read from Dr. W. B. Lawler; Coroner

for north wexford :-

"I wrote Dr. Nicholas Furlong, Enniscorthy, and he has kindly consented to have his name put forward as Deputy coroner.

He will have from me, all the powers of a Deputy - full discretion to act in my absence without consulting me. I have asked him to send a formal application to you to bring before next meeting of Co. Council."

under date 18th January 1912, the following further letter was read from Dr. Lawler :-

"When I nominated Dr. Furlong of Enniscorthy for the position of Deputy coroner I chose one who is pre-eminently suitable.

He resides in the best working centre of the district, is qualified in every way and must be known to practically every member of the Co. Council.

I have made definite arrangements with him, which I am sure no member of your Council would wish me to revoke.

Dr. O'Surges is no doubt equally suitable for the position but as yet I have not even the pleasure of knowing him. Hoping your Council will not think me unreasonable."

under date 12th January 1912, the following letter was read from Dr. N. Furlong, Enniscorthy :-

"Dr. Lawler, (Coroner) has nominated me as his Deputy, he being very ill in Dublin, I believe the nomination requires the ratification of your Council, but as he is totally unable to do any work I would like very much to know what I should do meanwhile."

Mr. Rossiter proposed and Mr. M. Doyle seconded :- That the application of Dr. Lawler to appoint Dr. Furlong as deputy coroner for north

Wexford be approved."

Mr. Kinsella proposed, Mr. Fanning seconded
"that this council believes that the interests
of the public will be best served by the appoint-
ment of a deputy coroner in the northern
end of Mr. Lawler's division, and recommends
him to appoint Mr. O'Dwyer of Gorey the successor
to Dr. Stephenson, who was late deputy coroner."

A poll was taken with the following
result :-

For Mr. Kinsella's amendment :- Messrs Kinsella
Fanning, Cloney, Sinnott, and Mayler. 5.
Against :- Messrs James Codd, Rossiter, Peacocke
Mr. Doyle Sr., Mr. Codd, and the chairman - 6
Messrs M. Doyle Jr., and J. A. Doyle did not
vote.

The chairman declared the amendment
lost.

"The resolution confirming the appointment
of Dr. Furlong as deputy coroner was then put
and passed, nem con."

Application Re Building a House.

Patrick Leary, Ballinaslaney, Cyllegate,
applied for permission to build a house
in his own field against the wall at
Ballinaslaney Bridge.

Mr. Barry, Co. Surveyor reported in favour
of the application.

Mr. Aspin proposed, and Mr. Cloney
seconded the following resolution which
was passed nem con :-

"That the necessary permission for the
erection of a house be granted subject
to the building being erected to the satisfaction
of the Co. Surveyor."

application from Co. Surveyor.

Mr. Barry applied for a set of 6 inch Ordnance maps for the use of the Assistant Surveyors.

"On the motion of Mr. Peacocke, seconded by the Chairman, the request of Mr. Barry was acceded to."

"On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Peacocke the following resolution was also agreed to :-

That a sum of £ 10 be allocated for the purpose of procuring letter filing cabinets, folders etc., for the Co. Surveyor in order to allow of correspondence being kept in a proper manner."

Roads Committee.

On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Rossiter the following resolution was adopted :-

"That a meeting of the Roads Committee be held on the 28th inst, for the purpose of considering the adoption of new road specification. That Mr. Barry, Co. Surveyor, be requested to attend said meeting."

Alteration of Co. Council Chamber.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Rossiter the following resolution was adopted :-

"That the Committee appointed to consider the alteration of the seating accommodation of the Co. Council Chamber be summoned to meet on the 28th inst. to consider, in conjunction with Mr. Barry, the question of the best means of altering the seating accommodation of the Co. Council Chamber to convenience the members."

Coals for Town Courthouse.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Peacocke it was agreed that one ton of

coals be allowed for Tuns Courthouse, to
preserve the Statutes and Records from damp."

John Rogers