

Annual Meeting - 14th June 1910.

The annual meeting of the Wexford County Council, was held in the Council Chamber Courthouse, Wexford. on 14th June 1910.

Present :- Mr. E. Hore (Chairman) presiding
Other members :- Messrs J. Asple, Mr. Browne, John Bolger, J. Bolger, J. Cummins, Mr. Codd, James Codd, Mr. Doyle, Mr. A. Ennis, P. Fortune, P. J. Fanning, Mr. Hickey, A. Kinsella, J. J. Kehoe, P. Creane, P. O'Neill, C. H. Peacocke, J. J. Stafford, G. Walsh, and Sir J. H. G. Esmonde.

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

— The Chairmanship —

On the motion of Mr. Ennis, seconded by Sir J. H. G. Esmonde. - Mr. E. Hore was re-elected Chairman of the Council."

Mr. Hore returned thanks; and subscribed the usual declaration of office."

— Vice Chairmanship —

On the motion of Sir Thomas Esmonde seconded by Mr. Ennis, Mr. C. H. Peacocke, was re-elected Vice Chairman for the ensuing year. Mr. Peacocke returned thanks, and subscribed the usual declaration of office."

— Coronation Oath —

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

"That the Declaration of the King of England as made by the late and former Kings is so offensive to Catholics and others in Ireland,

that we urge the ministers of the Crown to remove those words which are so insulting to the vast majority of the inhabitants of Ireland.

A copy of this resolution to be sent to the Prime Minister, to the Chief Secretary, and to the Irish members of Parliament."

— Chairmen &c., of Rural District Councils. —

The Secretary stated he had received communications from the clerks of the Rural District Councils, that representatives on the County Council had been appointed as follows:-

Ennisconchy - Thaddeus Bolger.

Forry - P. J. Fanning (under sec 3. of L. S. (I) act.)

New Ross - Michael Hickey.

Wexford - Gregory Walsh.

The usual declarations of office were made by these councillors.

— Committees —

On the motion of Sir J. Esmonde

Seconded by Mr. Kehoe;

the full Council was appointed the Proposal Committee.

On the motion of Sir J. Esmonde

Seconded by Mr. Fanning.

the following were appointed members of the Finance Committee:- Messrs E. Hore, J. E. Mayler, Mr. Browne, P. O'Neill, John Bolger, A. Kinsella, T. Asple, J. S. Hearn, C. H. Peacocke, J. J. Stafford, J. J. Kehoe, G. Walsh, Mr. A. Ennis, James Codd, and Sir J. Esmonde.

— Diseases of animals act, committee. —

On the motion of Mr. O'Neill, seconded by Mr. Cummins, the following resolution was adopted:- "That the business of the Diseases of animals act, committee, be carried out by the Co. Committee

of Agriculture & Technical Instruction."

— Vacancies on Asylum Committee —

The Secretary said he had received a letter from Very Rev Canon Shiel P. P. Bree; stating that he was sorry he could not comply with the kind request of the Council to reconsider his resignation as member of the Asylum Committee, as it was not without much consideration, and much regret he severed his connection with the Board.

The Secretary also said that there was another vacancy on the Asylum Committee, owing to the death of Mr John Bullin.

On the motion of Mr. Ennis, seconded by Mr. J. Dolger, the following were appointed members of the Asylum Committee: Messrs P. J. Fanning and P. Fortune."

— General Purposes Committee —

On the motion of Mr. Ennis, seconded by Mr. Kehoe, the following resolution was adopted:—"That the Finance Committee be appointed as a committee for dealing with all urgent matters arising from the County Surveyor's department."

— Revision of Valuation —

On the motion of the Chairman the following resolution was adopted:—"That the date of meeting for consideration of applications for revision of valuation be fixed by our Secretary."

— Motor Car Examination —

Under date 2nd June the Local Government Board wrote (letter no 28528-1910 mis) forwarding copies of an Order authorising the

Irish automobile club for a period of six months to perform the duties as regards Ireland, specified in article 1 (1) of the motor car (International Circulation) Order 1910, in connection with the examination of motor cars and drivers travelling in foreign countries."

marked "Read."

Road Direction Posts.

Under date 3rd June the following letter No. 35306-1910, re sign posts on roads, was read from the Local Government Board :-

"I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland, to acknowledge the receipt of the resolution of the County Council of Wexford of the 4th ultimo, relative to the statutory limit of expenditure in connection with the erection of sign posts on roads, and I am to state that the Board have noted the Council's request, and they will endeavour to have a clause inserted in any amending legislation to remedy the existing state of affairs."

marked "Read."

Assistant Surveyor.

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

"That an additional Assistant County Surveyor be appointed at a salary to be fixed at the Co. Council meeting which considers this motion. That all Deputy Surveyors in future be whole-time officers and that they give at least 220 days in the year to the inspection of roads, quarries, fences, spreading of stones, etc."

Mr. Ennis seconded.

In connection with this matter a resolution was read from Gorey Rural District Council opposing the appointment, as the Council believed the present number of Assistant Surveyors was sufficient for the amount of work to be done.

Mr. N. Kehoe, Clerk Wexford Rural District Council, wrote that his Council are strongly and unanimously opposed to the proposal to appoint an additional Assistant Surveyor. The Council were of opinion that the present Assistant Surveyors could very well devote more of their time to supervising the work on the roads, and that if they did so, there would be no justification for the making of a new appointment.

As an amendment Mr. J. Bolger proposed, and Mr. Fanning seconded:-

"That the matter be postponed for the appointment of a committee to make a recommendation to the Co. Council."

Mr. J. Bolger subsequently withdrew his amendment.

A poll was taken on Mr. John Bolger's resolution with the following result:-

For:- Messrs Browne, O'Neill, J. Bolger, Ennis, Creane, J. Bolger, Doyle, and the Chairman:- 8
 Against:- Messrs Walsh, Kinsella, Stafford, Placocks, Sir J. Esmonde, Kehoe, Fanning, J. Codd, Asple, Cummins, M. Codd, Fortune, and Hickey. - 13.

The Chairman declared the resolution lost.

Rate collector No. 13. District.

There were three candidates for Rate collectorship of No. 13. District, vacant by the resignation of Mr. Henry J. Poole; - viz:-

Michael Sheehan, Main Street, Gorey.
 James Kavanagh, Ballygarrett up? "
 Aidan Leary, Rahunaska, Oulart.

Mr. Kinsella proposed, - Mr. Michael Sheehan -
 Mr. Fanning seconded.

Mr. Creane proposed - Mr. James Kavanagh -

Mr Asple, seconded.

Mr. Liary withdrew his application.

A poll was taken with the following result:-

For Sheehan:- Messrs Browne, Walsh, Kinsella, Stafford, O'Neill, J. Bolger, Ennis, Peacocke, Kehoe, Fanning, J. Codd, Creane, Asple, Doyle, M. Codd, Cummins, Hickey, Sir J. Cernonde, P. Fortune, and J. Bolger.- 20.

For Kavanagh:- The Chairman.

The Chairman declared Mr. Sheehan elected.

Mr. Sheehan returned thanks.

Superannuation of Mr. H. J. Poole.

Under date 24th May 1910, the Local Government Board, wrote forwarding Sealed Order No. 37088-1910, agreeing to the payment of a superannuation allowance of £20 per annum to Mr. Henry J. Poole, late Rate Collector for No. 13 Collection District.

marked "Read."

River Slaney Bridges.

Under date 9th May 1910, the following letter (No. H. 5940) was read, from the Harbour Department, Board of Trade, London:-

"I am directed by the Board of Trade, to transmit herewith, to be laid before the Wexford Co. Council, copy of two letters which they have received from the Enniscorthy Co-operative Agricultural Society Ltd, relative to the closing of certain bridges over the River Slaney, and I am to request that you will favour the Board with the observations of the Council thereon."

The correspondence included the following:-
Letter from Mr. Barron, manager Enniscorthy Co-operative Society, under date 18th April, enclosing copy of letter from County Surveyor in reply to a

request of the Society to have the Slaney Bridges opened to allow "The Irish co-operator" (motor barge) to proceed to Enniscorthy. Mr. Barron asked to have the matter brought before the proper authorities with a view to having the Wexford bridge opened at once and pointed out that the opening span of the several bridges had been neglected for years."

In the letter of the County Surveyor to Mr. Barron, the former pointed out that until the proposed repairs were carried out to the opening span of the Wexford Bridge, it would be impossible to open it.

In a letter under date 29th April, Mr. Barron in reply to a communication from the Board of Trade stated that the new bridge at Wexford and the three bridges below Enniscorthy, viz. Ferryarrig, Kilbrin, and Cadmire, were the bridges they complained of."

The Secretary was directed to forward the following statement to the Harbour Department of the Board of Trade:-

"As soon as the state of the Wexford Bridge was brought to the notice of the Co. Surveyor, he took measures to bring in a proposal to have the opening span put in order, and at the April meeting of the Co. Council, a proposal to spend £400 was passed, and he is endeavouring to have the work carried out at present.

It is 15 years since any application was made to have the draw arch of Wexford Bridge opened.

We also desire to point out to the Harbour Department of the Board of Trade that the Co. Council have accepted at this day's meeting of the Co. Council, a contract for the erection of a new ferro concrete Bridge at Ferryarrig. Since the matter was called to their attention

they have done all they could to take steps to have the necessary work at Wexford Bridge carried out.

The opening spans of the bridges at Ferrycarrig, The Deep, and Edmunt, are in working order.

Ferrycarrig Bridge

Proposed by Mr. Ennis, seconded by Mr. J. Bolger and adopted:-

"That the recommendations of the Proposal Committee at their adjourned meeting held on 14th June with regard to the acceptance of contract for Ferrycarrig Bridge be approved.

That subject to enquires being made by our solicitor as to the sureties offered by Mr. Colhoun, being found satisfactory that they be accepted, and the Bond entered into, and perfected within a fortnight from this date.

The Sureties offered are - John R. Hastings & Co., Ltd. Sea merchants, Londonderry; Austin & Co., Drapers; and Firm of Crockett & Guy; Hardware merchants."

Resident Engineer

Proposed by Mr. Stafford, seconded by Mr. Ennis; That the following recommendation of the Finance Committee be confirmed:-

"We recommend the Co. Council to advertise for a qualified Resident Engineer in connection with the construction of Ferrycarrig Bridge at a salary to be calculated at the rate of £3 per week; the person to be appointed to be in a position to prove that he had had personal experience in carrying out Ferro-concrete work.

The Secretary and the County Surveyor to draft the necessary advertisement, and that the appointment be made at meeting of the

Finance Committee on 9th July."

Payments.

Proposed by the Chairman, and adopted:-
"That the payments recommended by the Finance Committee and amounting to £3,289:15:6, be agreed to."

Dredging Kilmore Harbour.

Proposed by Mr. Browne, seconded by Mr. Ennis:-
"That the Department of Agriculture be requested to carry out the dredging at Kilmore at once, and that our Secretary communicate the reasons why the dredging should be completed without delay."

Passed.

Working of discharging boats at Courtown.

The Secretary reported that the master of vessel Isabel at Courtown had wired on 11th inst., that the Boatmen had refused working his vessel in Bay, and that he would claim demurrage if work not resumed immediately.

He (Secretary) had wired Harbour master for an explanation, and the Harbour master replied that under the terms of a resolution of the Co. Council dated 13th June 1908, he had appointed a man named Thomas Davis, to work in one of the boats as successor of an old man now in receipt of Old Age Pension. The other men refused to work with Davis, and wanted a man named Callaghan employed. The Harbour master would not consent to this arrangement; hence the dispute in question.

On 13th June the Secretary and County Surveyor attended at Courtown Harbour; and submitted the following report:-

"In view of the dispute at Courtown Harbour we went there on 13th inst., and interviewed

the Harbour master and Mr. Redmond, merchant.

We found that the custom which has prevailed up to the present as to the manning of the boats was, that the crew claimed a prescriptive right to nominate their successors.

This meant that while nominally the crew are employed by the Harbour master they are in reality independent. It seems a ridiculous arrangement that the merchants have to pay the crews and insure them but have yet nothing to say to their employment.

It appears to us unnecessary to go into the merits of the dispute on the present occasion tho' we would point out that in nominating a man for the boats, the Harbour master was entirely within his rights, as defined by the resolution of the Co. Council passed at the annual meeting in June 1908.

To obviate any further trouble and annoyance either to the Co. Council or the Harbour master, we suggest that for the future the merchants who are responsible for the wages of the boats crews and for their insurance, should select the persons of whom they are to be composed.

The arrangement obtaining at present is likely to lead to continued friction. It is the business of merchants to have vessels consigned to them, discharged; and we believe it is unwise and injudicious that this work should be imposed on the Harbour master.

For the future it would be well if the Co. Council hired the boats to the merchants, and let the latter provide crews.

(Signed) Stafford Gaffney
Co. Surveyor.

N. J. Fuzilli
Co. Secretary

14th June 1910.

On the motion of Mr. Kehoe, seconded by Mr.

Peacocke, the following resolution was adopted:-
 "That the report of the Secretary and County Surveyor, be adopted, and that Mr. Elger be requested to draw up a form of agreement between the parties concerned for use whenever the boats are utilized for discharging purposes."

Holidays

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

"That the usual holidays be granted to the Co. Council Staff."

Prosecutions Road Contractors.

The County Surveyor asked for permission to prosecute the following:- No. 167 Walter Dooly, Ennisconchy Rural District
 No. 250 - Edward Gillen. " "

No. 220 - Patrick Nolan - New Ross " "

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Kehoe, the necessary permission was granted."

Boats. Co. Courthouse.

The tender of Mrs. Johanna Byrne, for supply of boats, for Courthouse, at 2/9 per ton was accepted on the motion of Mr. Kehoe, seconded by Mr. Fanning.

Food & Drugs Act.

Under date 1st June 1910, the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction wrote that three samples of butter taken by one of their inspectors at Courtown Harbour, and three samples taken at Loughmor, proved to be pure on examination by the Public Analyst.
 marked "Read."

Sheep Dipping.

In connection with the resolution of the Co. Council passed on 4th May, and refusing to put into force the autumn Sheep Dipping Order, except in district Electoral divisions in which sheep scab was found to exist.

The following resolutions adopted at the meeting on 8th June of the County Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction as the Executive Committee under the Diseases of animals Act, were read for the meeting.

"That we request the Co. Council to put the autumn Sheep Dipping Order into force, and would point out to the Department that practically the only objection made by the Co. Council to the enforcement of this Order was to the unsuitability of the dates selected for dipping. This meeting suggests to the County Council to request that the dates of dipping should be changed as follows :-

Summer Dipping from 1st June to 1st August.
autumn Dipping from 1st August to 1st October.

If possible, we request the Department to allow these dates to come into force for this year. That the Department be requested to direct Mr. Norris, V.S., of the Department to attend the County Council meeting on the 14th inst."

"That the attention of the Department be drawn to the fact that it is believed that most cases of sheep scab existing in North Wexford are imported from the mountainous parts of the County Wicklow. We consider that the Department should make every effort to stamp out the disease in those places."

Under date 4th May, the following letter (No 1973-10) from the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction was read :-

"The Department of Agriculture & Technical

Instruction desire to transmit herewith, for the information of your local authority copies of a further Order on the above subject, entitled the Sheep Dipping (Ireland) Order of 1910, which has been made recently by the Department under the Diseases of animals acts.

This Order consolidates with certain modifications, the provisions previously in force under Sheep Dipping (Ireland) Order of 1909 and the autumn Dipping of Sheep (Ireland) (Temporary) Order of 1909. at the same time it revokes both of these Orders together with the Sheep Scab (Local Regulations authorities) (Ireland) Order of 1905, and all Regulations made by local authorities under the latter Order.

The principal alterations in former procedure resulting from the new Order will be -

- (i) the shortening by fifteen days of the duration of the autumn Dipping period, which is now prescribed as terminating on 15th November instead of, as previously on 30th November.
- (ii) the reduction by a month of the time during which market Regulations will operate in the summer Dipping period. The period will commence as before on 10th June but the need for sheep exposed for sale being accompanied by a Declaration as to their having been dipped during such period will not begin to apply until 10th July.
- (iii) the extension of uniform requirements as regards the autumn period to the entire country. In certain counties in 1909 the second dipping was carried out under local Regulations. These will now be superseded by the provisions of the new Order.
- (iv) the introduction of more precise provisions - viz article 4 of the Order - on the subject of exemptions.

from dipping.

These changes will, the Department believe, be found to be generally advantageous.

Cordial co-operation on the part of the different local authorities in giving effect to the Order is hoped for by the Department. Sheep dipping continues to receive marked attention in Great Britain and it is essential that this country, which has to rely so much on access to the British markets for opportunities for the sale of its sheep, should be not less solicitous in endeavouring, by all suitable means, to preserve its flocks from disease, more especially as sheep scab, while diminishing in Great Britain, is unfortunately still rather prevalent in Ireland.

The Department wish in these circumstances to bring to the special notice of your Local authority the duties and powers imposed and conferred on them under articles 18, 14, and 19, of the Order respectively.

A further communication respecting the publication of the Order the provision of forms and other details in relation to the working of the Order will be addressed to your Local authority as soon as possible."

Under date 6th May 1910, the following letter (No. 1944-10 V. B.) was read from the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction:-

"With reference to the resolution adopted at a meeting of the Wexford Co. Council on the 15th ultimo setting forth some reasons which have been urged against the enforcement of an autumn dipping, I have to state that the Department, while regretting to differ from the views expressed by your Council, are satisfied that it is at present desirable to require more than one dipping annually of sheep in Ireland.

One of the chief grounds for this conclusion is that in those parts of Great Britain to which the bulk of the Irish sheep exports go, two dippings yearly are carried out under the Order of the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries issued in pursuance of the Diseases of Animals Act; and it is important in the interests of the export trade in sheep, and unrestricted continuance of which is so vital to sheep farming in this country, that dipping should not receive less attention here, more especially as Sheep Scab, while apparently diminishing in Great Britain is, unfortunately, still prevalent in Ireland.

Furthermore, it is to be remembered that the Council of Agriculture which comprises representatives from all parts of Ireland, unanimously recommended some years ago that sheep in Ireland should be dipped twice annually. As this recommendation the Department considered themselves bound to give effect as soon as practicable; and, when the practice of a summer dipping had become well established, it was felt that the general application of the further requirement of an autumn dipping, which various local authorities were already voluntarily enforcing, should not be longer delayed. The requisite Order was accordingly issued last year, with the result that nearly two millions of sheep appear to have received an autumn dipping in 1909, and so far as the Department are aware no injurious effects of the nature apprehended by your Council were experienced from such dipping.

Under date 3rd June 1910, the following letter (No 2456-10 D.B.) was read from the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction:-

With reference to the final paragraph of this Department's Circular No. 1973/10, of 4th ultimo, respecting the Sheep Dipping (Ireland) Order of 1910, it is now desired to state for the information of your Local Authority, that the Department are arranging for the transmission this year, to sheepowners throughout Ireland of envelopes similar to the enclosed containing Notices and Forms in relation to the Order. But it is advisable that the Local Authority should, in addition, cause to be printed a moderate supply of the B(I); B(II); C(I); and C(II); Forms for distribution to the different Police Stations as a reserve to meet possible further requirements.

The Department have also had a Placard prepared respecting this Order, and will forward you the customary number of copies thereof with a view to the usual arrangements for having such posted throughout the district of your Local Authority. A specimen of the Placard is enclosed.

Any Inspectors engaged, or to be engaged under the Local Authority in supervising dipping might be furnished anew with copies (supply herewith) of the Circular No. 4507/07, of the 12th September 1907, on the subject of the prevention of pollution with dip either of streams etc., containing fish or of any water used for drinking or other domestic purposes.

A Revised list of sheep dips approved for use for sheep scab and sheep dipping in Ireland is now in the hands of the Printer, and copies, when available, will be sent for the use of such Inspectors.

The Constabulary, though they cannot act as Inspectors will assist in the following ways, in the carrying out of the Order:-

(a) receiving and transmitting to the clerk of the Local Authority or to such other person as the Local

authority may desire notices of intended dipping given by sheep owners under article 5 of the Order, and any Declarations as to dipping given under article 9;

(b) by satisfying themselves while on patrol that the dipping is being carried out, and by reporting to the Local authority any cases of neglect or failure to comply with the Order which come under their notice. The Police will not be required to superintend the actual process with the view of seeing that it is properly performed;

(c) by reporting to the Local authority any cases which may come under their notice of movements of sheep in contravention of the Order.

(d) by furnishing to the Local authority prior to the commencement of each sheep dipping period, a list, by townlands, of the names and addresses of persons having sheep in each constabulary sub-district;

(e) by keeping at the Police Barracks stocks of Forms (which the Local authority should provide) for purposes of Declaration under articles 6 and 9 of the Order respectively, and issuing such Forms to persons calling to obtain them;

(f) by instituting legal proceedings; where requested to do so by the Local authority, against persons guilty of breaches of the Order."

Mr. J. Bolger proposed, and Mr. James Coad, seconded:— That we agree to put the autumn sheep Dipping Order into force, and would point out to the Department that practically the only objection made by the County Council to the enforcement of this Order was to the unsuitability of the dates selected for dipping. This meeting suggests that the dates of dipping should

be changed as follows:-

Summer dipping from 1st June to 1st August.

Autumn dipping from 1st August to 1st October.

If possible we request the Department to allow these dates to come into force for this year. That the ^{attention of the} Department be drawn to the fact that it is believed that most cases of sheep scab existing in North Wexford, are imported from the mountainous parts of County Wicklow. We consider that the Department should make every effort to stamp out the disease in those places."

A poll was taken with the following result:-

For:- Messrs Walsh, Stafford, J. Bolger, Ennis, Peacocke, Kehoe, J. Codd, Creane, J. Bolger, M. Doyle, Cummins, M. Codd, P. Fortune, and the Chairman.- 14.

Against:- Messrs Browne, Kinsella, Fanning, and Asple.- 4.

M^r. Browne proposed, and M^r. Fanning seconded the following resolution:- "That the Sheep Dipping Inspectors be given the same instructions with regard to the Autumn Dipping period as they were given last year by the County Council."

A poll was taken with the following result:-

For:- Messrs Browne, Walsh, Kinsella, Stafford, J. Bolger, Peacocke, Fanning, Cummins, M. Codd, Hickey, and the Chairman.- 11.

Against:- Messrs Kehoe, J. Codd, Creane, J. Bolger, and Fortune.- 6.

Did not vote:- Messrs Ennis, Asple, and Doyle.- 3.

— appointment of Sheep Dipping Inspectors. —

With reference to the re-appointment of sheep dipping Inspectors letters were read from Messrs R. M. Donald, Inninahack, Oylegate, John J. Egan, Boley, Ballycullane; W^m. Stafford, Ballyboker, Tomhaggard; and Aidan Leary, Rahenackea, Culart; that they were prepared to act as Inspectors for Summer

Sheep dipping at a salary of £14 each, being the same amount as they were paid for this work in previous years."

"Mr. Stafford proposed the re-appointment of Messrs R. McDonald, A. Leary, J. J. Egan, and W. Stafford, as Sheep Dipping Inspectors on the same terms and conditions as last year."

Mr. J. Bolger seconded.

Passed.

Duncannon Pier.

Under date 12th May the following letter No. 8953-10. was read from the Board of Works, Dublin:-

"I am directed by the Commissioners of Public Works to state that they are informed that the masonry of the North wall of Duncannon Pier required extensive repairs; also that stones are being displaced in the north corner of the Southern arm of the pier and that the steps require to be repaired. I am to ask you to bring this matter under the notice of the Wexford County Council with a view to directions being given for the execution, early this season, of the necessary works."

"Referred to the County Surveyor, on the motion of Mr. Ennis, seconded by Mr. Cummins."

St. Brigid's Inebriate's Home.

The following letter under date 11th June 1910, was read from Rev Mother, St. Brigid's Inebriate's Home:

"In reply to your kind communication of the 10th inst., I regret to say that we had no patient in St. Brigid's on the 1st January last, nor did we get any patients until the end of March.

Up to the present date we have only two patients for whom we are receiving full payment. These two women are from Co. Galway. The other women (5) were sent from the Ennis Reformatory and we are only getting the Government Grant for these.

I hope the Co. Council will be good enough to let us have the premises free of rent for this year also, as we are deeply in debt owing to the amount of money we have had to expend on the altering etc., of the old prison, namely £2,350.

I shall feel deeply grateful if you will have the goodness to bring the matter under the notice of the Committee at their next meeting.

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

"That in view of the fact that the Sisters of St. John of God Convent, have had to expend in repairs and alterations the sum of £2,350 instead of the estimated amount of £1,800 we will allow them to hold the premises for one year from 1st January 1910, to 1st January 1911, at the nominal rent of 1/-"

— Telegraphic Line, etc. —

Under date 6th May, an application was read from Mr. G. B. Roberts, Superintending Engineer, Post Office; for permission, to the erection of an overhead telegraphic line from the existing telegraphic line in William Street, Gorey; to the Gorey Workhouse.

On the motion of Mr. Ennis
seconded by Mr. Kinsella,
the application of Mr. Roberts was agreed to."

Under date 10th May, Mr. R. Sharpe, Postmaster, Ferns; wrote asking for permission to erect a pillar box at the top of Market Square, Newtownbarry; about three feet from the first tree on the mall.

On the motion of Mr. J. Bolger.
Seconded by Mr. Kehoe
the application of Mr. Sharpe was acceded to.

Poisons & Pharmacy Act.

applications for renewals of licenses under the Poisons & Pharmacy Act 1908 were received from the following:-

James Sinnott, The Ballagh, Enniscorthy.
Alexander Kinsella, Gorey; (trading as M. Kinsella & Sons)
John S. Hearn, New Ross.

John J. Purcell, Broadway.

Edmund Doyle Jr., do

Brien & Keating, 9 St. Main St., Wexford.

and applications for new licenses were received from:-

M^{rs} Margaret Roche, Ballyanne, New Ross;

Matthew Harpur, Nth Main St. Wexford; and

Edward Brennan, Laghmore.

On the motion of Mr. Kehoe.

Seconded by Mr. Fortune; the following resolution was adopted:-

"That licenses under Poisons & Pharmacy Act be issued to the persons whose names have been submitted to this meeting by our Secretary."

Irish in National University

Under date 24th May the following letter was read:-

"We the members of the deputation appointed by the Irish Co. Councils General Council, to place before the Senate of the National University the views of the county councils of Ireland on the subject of Irish as an essential subject for matriculation, consider it is our duty to direct through you the attention of the Wexford Co. Council to a mis-statement contained in paragraph 2 of a resolution forwarded for the consideration of your Council by the Dublin Coisde Bannair."

However well intentioned this resolution may be, ^{it is} based upon an evident misconception of facts and the language in which it is couched, and

which we strongly deprecate, has drawn a well merited rebuke from His Grace the archbishop of Dublin, Chancellor of the University.

Your deputation was received with the utmost courtesy by the Senate of the National University. The representations which we had the honour to make on your behalf obtained careful and patient attention and the Senate have further recognised the claim of the County Councils to be heard on this important subject by agreeing to accord a further interview to your deputation, prior to their final decision, on a date approximately fixed as June 23rd.

In these circumstances injudicious action or intemperate language would seriously impair our chance of success in the delicate and difficult negotiations in progress to the outcome of which we look forward with considerable confidence, whilst on the other hand the general adoption by the County Councils of a resolution similar to that already passed by the Councils of Wexford and Galway would strengthen our hands by enabling us to offer the Senate definite guarantees of liberal financial support from the County Councils in the event of Irish being made an essential subject for matriculation.

(Signed) M. A. Ennis (Wexford C. Council)

J. A. Glynn (Galway	ss	)
J. J. Dolan (Louth	ss	)
Wm. Field (Dublin	ss	)
J. J. O'Riyan (S. R. Tipperary	ss	)
J. P. McKenna (Barrow	ss	)
Tho. Power (Waterford	ss	)

Ballon School attendance Committee

Under date 10th May the following letter from Mr. D. Murphy, Secretary, Ballon, (or Barlow) School attendance Committee, was read :-

"I am directed by the Ballon School attendance committee, to inform you that with reference to the resolution passed by the Enniscorthy Rural School attendance committee, regarding children attending Clongat School from Co. Wexford, no move has been made in this matter yet, though I supplied the names etc., of defaulting children long ago.

Kindly see to this, as it is unfair that those children should be pulling down the percentage of the above named schools."

In reply, Mr P. O'Connor, Secretary, Enniscorthy R. D. School attendance committee, wrote :-

"I beg to acknowledge your letter of the 10th inst., containing copy of letter from Mr D. Murphy, Secretary Ballon School attendance committee. I shall bring it before next meeting; and I may remark that as there was no meeting of the school attendance committee held in March, the school attendance officer could take no action in the cases referred to by Mr Murphy."

"Referred to Enniscorthy R. D. School attendance committee, on the motion of the chairman."

— Enniscorthy R. D. School attendance committee.
Under date 5th June the Secretary, Office of National Education, wrote that the entire School attendance committee for the Rural District of Enniscorthy will consist of the following :-

appointed by local authority :-

Shaddus Bolger, J. P., Ferns.

Thomas Cleary, Ballyvake, Glenbrien.

Philip J. Bowe, Kiltialy, Enniscorthy.

Patrick Doyle, Carrig, Bree.

James Lynch, Templecooly, Enniscorthy.
 appointed by Commissioners of National Education.
 Rev Sean Gibson, M. A., Ferns.

Rev W. R. B. Fry, M. A., Newtownbarry.

Rev A. Forristal, B. C., Blackwater.

Rev D. A. Kavanagh, B. C., Kiltaly.

Rev J. N. Sinnott, B. C., Galbally, Brel.

marked "Read."

Kerlogue Quarry.

In connection with the working of Kerlogue Quarry, the special committee appointed to deal with the matter recommended the Council to advertise for raising and breaking 1,000 cubic yards of road metalling.

In reply to advertisement tenders were received from John Power, and Moses Power, Kerlogue; and Daniel Fenelon, Christown, Killinick.

The two former would not guarantee to raise the quantity required, but Fenelon agreed to have the quantity broken by the end of July or first week in August, at the rate of 3/- per cubic yard.

"The Finance Committee recommended the acceptance of Fenelon's tender; and also that Moses Power, Kerlogue; be appointed caretaker of quarry at 1/- per week. Power to have liberty to utilize the grazing of the quarry."

"On the motion of Mr. Asple, seconded by Mr. Fanning, the recommendations of the Finance Committee were adopted."

Hours of Work at Tara Hill Quarry.

Under date 30th April, the following letter, signed by John Davis, John Spencer, George Costello, Thomas Cannon, Robert Murphy, and Patrick Byrne; was read:-

"We the undersigned Employers of the above quarries ask you to kindly consider at your

next meeting, the advantage of shorter hours of a Saturday; say two o'clock as comparison with the other works - Arklow Rock; and other quarries. We had it before in Mr. Webster's time. We ask if you kindly grant it to not alter our other working hours."

This communication had been sent to the Foreman, Tara Hill Quarry, for his observations, and he wrote under date 3rd May as follows:-

"I think that the men have not much reason to complain about their hours. we want them as bad on Saturday as Monday. I would think if they got off at 4.30 it would not be too bad as contractors will be busy drawing material we would want to measure them."

Mr. J. Bolger proposed, Mr. Fanning seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That in view of the proposed changes in connection with the working of Tara Hill Quarry, no action be taken as to the application from the men employed there."

Cancellation of Proposals.

Proposed by Mr. Kehol.

Seconded by Mr. Peacocke.

"That the following Proposals for Roads given in charge of Co. Surveyor be broken as from 31st March:- Roads No. 257, 258, 260, 263, 263^a, 267, 270, 320 Enniscorthy Rural District; No. 128^a, and 132 Gorey Rural District; and No. 193, and 15^a, New Ross Rural District."

Passed.

Brogan Lane

Proposed by Mr. Fanning, seconded by Mr. Ennis and adopted:-

"That we agree to the payment to John Harte,

of the Estates Commissioners grant of £50 (in accordance with the terms of his contract) the County Surveyor having certified that the work was properly carried out."

— Slievebawn Quarry. —

Proposed by Mr. Fanning, seconded by Mr. Kehoe; "that Mr. Elger be requested to arrange for the payment of the costs with regard to Slievebawn Quarry."

Passed.

— Confirmation of minutes. —

Proposed by Mr. Fanning, seconded by Mr. Kinsella and adopted :-

"That the minutes of Finance, Proposal, and Diseases of Animals Acts, Committees, as submitted by our Secretary be approved."

— Complaint as to Road material. —

Mr. J. Bolger, brought before the meeting a letter he had received from Mr. Michael Fitzpatrick, the cottager, Ballycarney; that as he could not, owing to an order of the magistrates at Newtownbarry petty sessions, obtain the necessary amount of gravel from a pit on the holding of Major Eustace; it was utterly impossible for him to maintain his roads in a proper manner. Mr. Fitzpatrick asked the Co. Council to help him in the matter.

"No order was made as it was stated that Mr. Fitzpatrick's solicitor and the solicitor of Major Eustace had made an agreement as to the portion of the gravel pit which was to be worked."

— Analyst's Report. —

The following was read for the meeting :-

City Laboratory,

14th Castle St. Dublin

20th May 1910.

Report of Sir Charles Cameron, B. Sc., M. D.,
Public Analyst; for the County Wexford, on
articles submitted to him for analysis during
the quarter ended 31st March 1910.

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

<u>Article</u>	<u>Number</u>
milk	32
Butter	22
whiskey	17
Buttermilk	7
Port wine	5
Brandy	2
margarine	2
claret	1
Ginger Wine	1
Total	89.

Three certificates sent to acting Sergeant
Donaghy, Wexford; for specimens of milk
adulterated with at least 11; 14; and 14; per
cent of added water respectively.

One certificate sent to Sergeant Consideine,
Killinick; for specimen of milk adulterated
with at least 10 per cent of added water and
was also deficient of at least 16 per cent of its
fat.

There were eight specimens of butter analysed
by directions from the Department of Agricult-
ure & Technical Instruction for Ireland, Upper
Merion Street, Dublin; which were taken up
in the County Wexford. One contained an
excess of water, namely 27 per cent.

For the Guardians of Gorey Union three drugs
were analysed and were correct.

For the Guardians of Enniscorthy Union, twelve
drugs, eleven specimens of port wine, and three
of tea were analysed. Two of the drugs were
defective.

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

One imperial gallon contained in grains.

Total solid matters	28.000
Including	
albuminoid ammonia	0.017
saline ammonia	0.0035
Nitric acid	6.660
Chlorine	4.370.

A rather inferior water.

Two specimens of water analysed for New Ross Urban District Council had the following compositions.

One imperial gallon contained in grains...

	No. 1	No. 2.
Total solid matters	2.100	1.820
Including		
albuminoid ammonia	0.006	0.007.
saline ammonia	0.0035	0.0055
Nitric acid	Trace	Trace
Chlorine	0.890	0.990

Good Waters.

One specimen of water analysed for Lt Col. Moseley High; Enniscorthy; had the following composition:

One imperial gallon contained in grains...

Total solid matters	14.000
Including	
albuminoid ammonia	0.005
saline ammonia	0.001
Nitric acid	4.020
Chlorine	2.480

A very pure water.

Two fertilizers analysed for W. Armstrong, Esq Enniscorthy; were up to guarantee.

For Shillagh Union, which is partly situated in the County Wexford, nine drags were

analysed.

One was defective.

Total analyses 120

articles found defective 7

B. A. Cameron.

— Workmen's Compensation Insurance Policy —

With reference to the renewal of insurance policy under Workmen's Compensation Act, the following letter under date 10th June was read from Messrs Kehoe & Sullivan, Agents:-

"We beg leave to inform you that the Essex & Suffolk Fire & Accident office, is prepared to take over the ^{above} insurance policy as from the 31st instant, at the rate of 4/6 per cent all round which your Council were paying the International Co.,

We have represented this office for several years, and we must say that they have given us every satisfaction in the settlement of claims, some of which have been heavy ones.

As to its financial stability we beg to refer you to a report made by Mr George King, Consulting Actuary, London, - given at page 11 of the enclosed pamphlet - as the result of an investigation conducted by him at the instance of the Land Agents' Society of England.

Trusting to be favoured with a continuance of the business and assuring you of our best attention at all times."

Proposed by Mr Kehoe, seconded by Mr Peacocke and adopted:-

"That the quotation of Messrs Kehoe & Sullivan for Renewal of Insurance under the Workman's Compensation Act, be accepted, viz:- at the rate of 4/6 per cent, with the Essex & Suffolk Fire & Accident office."

Ballyhack Pier.

on the motion of Mr. Cummins, seconded by Mr. Hickey, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the attention of the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction be drawn to the fact that some years ago a committee of this Council recommended that the Council should provide two hulks at Ballyhack for the protection of the fishermen's boats. Immediately before the Council decided upon procuring these hulks, their attention was directed to the fact that the pier at Ballyhack was vested in the Waterford Harbour Commissioners, and that therefore, no expense could be legally incurred upon its improvement.

We respectfully request the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction to enter into negotiations with the Waterford Harbour Commissioners with a view to the purchase of a couple of hulks to provide shelter for the fishermen's boats. The Department to contribute two-thirds of the cost, provided the Waterford Harbour Commissioners are satisfied to contribute one-third. The County Council were quite willing to provide the hulks at their own expense if they had legal power to do so, seeing that it is impossible for the fishermen to follow their calling unless some means of shelter is provided for their craft. That Mr. Ennis be requested to lay the circumstances before the Department and to use his influence with them for the purpose of obtaining the necessary grant for the purchase of the hulks."

Development Act.

Proposed by Mr. Peacocke, seconded by the Chairman, and adopted:-

"That the attention of our County members of Parliament be drawn to clause 17 (3) of the

Development and Road Improvement Funds Act 1909, and that it be pointed out to them that a main Road in England is different to a main Road in Ireland, the latter being maintained half cost off the district and half cost off the county. It would appear that such a road is not included in clause 17 (3) and this would prevent any grant being obtained for the development of roads in Ireland. We request our members of Parliament to take whatever steps are necessary to have this clause amended, so as to include what is known as a "main road" in Ireland.

— approaches to Overbridges. —

The County Surveyor laid the following letter before the meeting, from Mr. A. Gordon, Engineer's office, Inchicore, Dublin:—

"I am obliged for your letter of the 13th inst., and beg to say that I agree on behalf of this company to your Council maintaining these approaches for 10 years for an annual payment of £20."

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

"That the recommendation of the County Surveyor to accept £20 per annum for ten years as from 1st October 1910 for the maintenance of overline Bridges and approaches thereto, be agreed to, and that Mr. Elgie be instructed to have the necessary agreement prepared."

— By-Laws Slaney Bridges. —

Mr. Gaffney, County Surveyor, submitted the following by-laws, for adoption:—

Opening the Bridges over the River Slaney.

Proposed By-Laws.

1. The bridges will not be opened for any sailing

vessel to pass through except during the period from two hours before to two hours after high or low water of neap tides, and for spring tides the period from one and a half hours before to one and a half hours after high or low water.

2.- Such vessel shall not be towed through, neither shall it pass through under sail.

3.- The bridges will be opened for steamers at any state of the tide during the hours mentioned below and they must pass through at the lowest rate of speed consistent with steering way.

4.- The bridges will be opened during daylight and not earlier than 8 a.m., and not later than 8 p.m. with the exception of Ferry carrig they must be kept closed for thirty minutes before the departure and after the arrival of any regular train from or at Wexford, Stillurin, and Edmundo Stations.

5.- Twentyfour hours must be given to the caretakers of the hour at which it is desired each bridge should be open.

6.- No vessel shall make fast to any part of the bridges either for the purpose of mooring or warping through.

7.- The penalty for the breach of any of the foregoing by-laws is a fine not less than £5. and not exceeding £20.

"Referred to Mr. Elger, on the motion of Mr. Tanning, seconded by Mr. Ennis."

National University

The following resolution was read from the Executive Committee of the Gaelic League:-
Resolved:- "That we welcome the recognition on the part of the Senate of the University of the principle that Irish is an essential element in Irish education by their making courses in the Irish Language, history, and literature compulsory on all students who do not take Irish

at matriculation during the years 1911 and 1912, and we earnestly request the Senate, in the interests of harmony and of the success of the university in which the nation is so deeply interested, to accept Dr. Hyde's proposal which, we understand from the Press, is to come before the Senate at the end of June, to make Irish compulsory for matriculation in 1913. If this be done and Irish be made compulsory in 1913 we have no shadow of doubt that the country will do everything in its power, as we shall do, to make the University a success."

"adopted on the motion of Mr. Ennis, seconded by Mr. Stafford.

—Dublin United Trades' Council & Labour League.—

The following resolution was received from Dublin United Trades' Council & Labour League:

"That this meeting of the Trades' Council, whose interests have been directly or indirectly injuriously affected by the imposition of increased duties in the distilling and brewing industries of an exceptionally penal character, request Mr. John Redmond, M. P., and all the Irish representatives to take such steps as may be necessary to prevent any possibility of its re-imposition in the forthcoming Budget of 1910-1911.

"That, as a boycott of Irish whiskey has been recommended by some of the members of the English Licensed Vintners' Association, because of the vote given by the Irish Parliamentary Party in favour of the Budget of 1909-1910 which was essentially a Finance Bill, having the support of the democracies of the United Kingdom, we call on the Liberal and Labour members of Parliament to use every effort and take such practical steps as shall prevent any such unjust action on the part of the

English Licensed Trade."

marked "Read."

Galway County Council.

"That this Council disapproves of the Proposal of the Committee of the Irish Medical Association to create a national or state medical service in Ireland as calculated to remove all control of the medical officers from the Representatives of the Ratepayers.

That the claim of the medical officers to promotion and pensions would best be met by the adoption of a county service under the direct control of the County Council."

marked "Read."

Irish National Teachers Organisation.

(1) "That we, the Teachers of Ireland, hereby declare that in our opinion the present unsatisfactory system of Irish Primary Education is mainly due to the parsimony of the British Treasury, which, while overtaking this country to the extent of some millions yearly, has for a number of years, in defiance of justice and constitutional right, with-held from this country an average annual grant of nearly half a million sterling."

(2) "That as for the efficiency of Irish Primary Education - an essential element of national progress - it is absolutely necessary that adequate financial provision should be made for schools pupils, and teachers. We hold that as an instalment of justice to this country which has hitherto been, in comparison with England and Scotland, educationally starved, the Treasury should immediately provide for Irish Education increased grants on as liberal a scale as are given for the education of the people of Scotland."

(3) "That the increased grants should be allocated for the following purposes:- (a) to improve the

Teachers' Pension Scheme, which to put it mildly is a disgrace to the British Government; (b) to provide for the proper equipment, sanitation, heating, and staffing of the National Schools, and free supplies of books and requisites to scholars; (c) to provide the small sum required to give security of tenure to assistant teachers by allowing a margin between the averages which warrant their appointment and those which compel their dismissal; (d) to abolish the standard numbers which debar from promotion to the higher grades hundreds of teachers who are eminently entitled to it by long and efficient service; (e) to make provision for the promotion of all undergraded teachers to the grade corresponding to their classification; (f) to provide for a generous system of scholarships which will enable pupils of industry and ability in primary schools to go forward to the secondary schools and thence to the universities, thus allowing to the children of the masses equality of opportunity and placing at the disposal of the nation the best available talent."

"Passed unanimously at Teachers' Congress."
 "adopted on the motion of Mr. Kehoe, seconded by Mr. John Bolger."

Edmond Hove.

James A. ...