

Special meeting - 15th April 1909.

A special meeting of the Co. Council, was held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford; on 15th April 1909.

Present: Sir J. H. G. Esmonde, Bart., M.P. Chairman (presiding)

Other Councillors: - Messrs E. Hore, P. Fortune, J. E. Mayler, Michael Browne, P. O'Neill, John Bolger, John Cummins, A. Kinsella, J. Asple, M. Codd, John S. Hearn, M. Doyle, James A. Doyle, C. H. Peacocke, W. Forrestal, James J. Stafford, John J. Kehoe, Gregory Walsh, Thaddus Bolger, P. J. Fanning, M. A. Ennis, and James Codd.

The County Secretary; County Surveyor; and Mr. R. W. Elger, Solicitor, were also present.

— Confirmation of minutes. —

minutes of meetings of 9th February '09 and 10th March '09; were read and confirmed.

— Striking Rates for 1909-10. —

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Ennis, the following resolution was adopted: - "That we hereby strike the Rate for General and separate charges for the financial year 1909-10; as agreed to at the meeting of the Co. Council on 9th February 1909, and allow and make same as assessed in the Rate Books - said Rates being in conformity with the valuation in force for the time being. -

That the allowance for said Rates as entered at the foot of each Rate Book, and signed by the Chairman, and two members of the Council present at this meeting, be adopted, attested by the seal of the Council, and countersigned by the Secretary.

That the warrants of the Rate collectors to collect the said Rates be signed and sealed in the same manner as the Rate Books.

That the demands on the Urban District Councils

of Enniscorthy, New Ross, and Wexford, be duly signed and sealed, the amounts demanded from above urban District Councils (after allowing for credit items in Form 51) being:-

	County	Union	Separate
Enniscorthy	429 : 11 : 5	614 : 14 : 8	
New Ross	408 : 7 : 4	816 : 14 : 8	23 : 14 : 8
Wexford	893 : 0 : 10	1044 : 8 : 10	18 : 9 : 6

Election of Veterinary Surgeon.

Applications were received from the following:-
 Charles J. Deathe, M.R.C.V.S. New St. Enniscorthy.
 Fred. S. Ringwood, M.R.C.V.S. Enniscorthy.
 James Malone, M.R.C.V.S. Gorey.

to discharge the duties of Inspector under the Diseases of Animals Acts and Orders made there under in respect of the following district electoral divisions in Gorey Rural District:-
 Ballybeg, Ballyvaughan, Cahore, Ford, Kilcomb, Killincooley, Monamolin, and Wells, at a salary of £20 per annum.

Mr. Kinsella proposed, and Mr. J. Bolger, seconded the election of Mr. James Malone, V.S., Gorey.

There was no other candidate proposed and Mr. Malone was elected unanimously.

Mr. Malone returned thanks for his election. The following is a copy of his application for the position:-

"With reference to the advertisement of your Council for a Veterinary Inspector for the late Mr. Webster's portion of the Gorey Union, I beg to offer myself as a candidate for the vacancy.

As you are aware I have been Veterinary Inspector for the remaining divisions for the past 23 years, and residing as I do in the centre of the Union, should my application be favourably received am in a position to give prompt attention to the duties of the post.

Appointment of Co. Surveyor.

With reference to the appointment of Co. Surveyor the

following letters were read from the Local Government Board :-

Letter No. 40,067: 1909; Wexford County under date 12th March '09. -

"With reference to the entry contained in the minutes of Proceedings of the Wexford Co. Council on 10th instant, relative to the Office of Co. Surveyor, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to state that they have approved of the salary of £500 per annum, proposed for this office.

The Board observe, from the form of advertisement adopted, that the Council propose to make the appointment on the 4th May next, and in this connection they desire to refer to the memorandum re the appointment of Co. Surveyors, which was forwarded to the Council on the 24th February, and from which it will be seen that before the Council will be in a position to proceed to make the appointment, it will be necessary for the Board to institute the prescribed investigations into the qualifications of the applicants for the post, before sending the names of those who are eligible to the Civil Service Commissioners for examination.

These investigations and the arrangements in connection with the examination will take some time, and it will, ^{be} probably a matter of a couple of months before the Council can make the appointment.

The proposed form of advertisement should therefore be amended accordingly, and in the circumstances it might be better if no reference were made to the date of election.

The Board also observe that the Council have fixed the 31st March as the last day for receiving applications for the position. This appears to them to be very short notice for such an important appointment, and they are of opinion that if it were fixed as the 15th or 30th April say, it will give a much better opportunity to competent engineers throughout the country, of considering the question of making application for the position.

The Board desire to add that when the list of candidates is complete, it should be laid before the Co.

council, after which the names and addresses of such candidates should be furnished to this Department, together with the testimonials submitted by them, in order that the Board may make the necessary inquiries into their qualifications before sending their names to the Civil Service Commissioners for examination."

Letter no 46,992. 1909, Wexford County under date 30th March '09 :-

"With reference to your letter of the 27th instant, relative to the appointment of a County Surveyor in Wexford County, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to state that in the circumstances they see no objection to the proposed arrangements."

The Secretary stated that applications had been received from 23 candidates, 6 of whom had already satisfied the Civil Service Commissioners as to their qualifications. The names of all the candidates had been before the Finance Committee, and by their directions had been forwarded to the Local Government Board, with a request that if at all possible the unqualified candidates should be examined on the 27th instant, when candidates for a similar position in other counties would be examined.

Under date 6th April, the Local Government Board, wrote letter no. 49,547 Wexford County :-

"I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland, to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 3rd instant, relative to the appointment of County Surveyor in Wexford County; and, in reply, I am to state that the Board are in communication with the Civil Service Commissioners on the matter; and if the latter Department intimate that they will examine the candidates on the 27th inst., the Board will, endeavour to have the preliminary investigations into the candidates qualifications completed in time to have their names sent forward for examination."

On the motion of the Chairman the following resolution was adopted :- "That we approve of

the action of the Finance Committee in dealing with the applications for the office of Co. Surveyor."

— Heavy Traffic on Roads. —

The following is a paragraph from the Report of the Co. Surveyor to the Proposal Committee:-

"many roads are being seriously damaged owing to heavy timber traffic. A wood is being cut down at Ballycrystal, near Kiltaly, and heavy engines are drawing daily two or three waggons heavily laden with timber from this wood to New Ross and to Enniscorthy. I am making inquiries as to whether the width of the tyres of these waggons is in accordance with the law. Some of the roads over which the timber is being drawn are only third class roads, and were not constructed for such exceptional traffic. I am informed that several other woods are about to be cut in the Enniscorthy Rural District."

"on the motion of the Chairman, the following resolution was adopted:- That Mr. Elger be instructed to take steps to stop engines which are injuring roads until waggons are properly tyred and obtain damages for any injury done to the roads in question."

— Appointment of Assistant Surveyor. —

Under date 16th March '09, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 40, 661: 1909) as follows:-

"With reference to your letter of the 11th instant, relative to the appointment of an Assistant Surveyor in County Wexford, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland, to state that, in order to meet the wishes of the County Council, the Board will be prepared to hold a special examination under their directions on the 1st and 2nd April next at the Court House, Wexford; into the qualifications of the candidates nominated by the Co. Council at their meeting of the 15th April, who are eligible under the Regulations to enter for the examination."

In order to enable the Board to give instructions for holding the examination on the dates mentioned,

it will be necessary that a query form duly filled up and completed, with regard to each candidate nominated should be transmitted to this Department on the evening of the 15th April, so that the Board may be in a position to decide which candidates are eligible to attend the examination.

A supply of query forms is sent, herewith, and I am to state that each candidate presenting himself for examination will be required to pay to the Board a fee of 10/- towards the cost of the examination.

The Board will be glad to learn whether the arrangements outlined above meet with the approval of the County Council."

"On the motion of the chairman the following resolution was adopted:- That the names of the following candidates for the office of assistant Surveyor be sent forward to the Local Government Board:-

Cyril A. Hall, Sligo.
 Michael Howlin, Harpoonstown.
 John Mulligan, Garinstach, Breu.
 Arthur Aldred, Eccles, England.
 R. D. Doyle, B.E., Belfast.
 J. Noel Taylor, Bray.
 John McDonough, Kyle.
 Joseph P. Dunne, Lullamore.
 Philip J. Murphy, Courtmacuddy.
 Gerald Flood, Castleboro.
 James Birkmyre, Ordnance Survey, Banagher.
 John Ryan, Ballygomarr.
 Henry Keilly, 29 Clonliffe Road, Drumcondra.
 Wm. A. Napper, Strandfield, Wexford.
 Edwin Grant, Darlington.
 B. J. Ennis, Oulartard, Ferns.
 L. Hodgins, High Street, Lullamore.
 Herbert B. Kettle, Engineer's Office, Dawlish.
 J. S. Claude Smith, Richmond Hall, Dilhorn, Stoke-on-Trent.

Audits - County Bodies.

The Local Government Board forwarded abstracts of accounts and copies of the Reports of their auditors in

respect of the audit of the accounts of :-
 Co. Wexford Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction.
 Wexford Union, and Rural District Council.
 New Ross Union.

in respect of half-year ended 31st September 1908.

— Main Road Declarations. —

Under date 10th March 1909, the Local Government Board forwarded for the information and guidance of the Council copy of Order which they had made prescribing amended procedure in regard to declarations concerning main roads.

— Sealed Order - Marlfield Pump. —

Under date 29th March 1909, the Local Government Board forwarded sealed Order determining that the whole of Gorey Rural District should be area of charge for the erection of pump at Marlfield in the townland of Rahungurran.

— The Children Act 1908. —

Under date 31st March '09, the Local Government Board wrote letter No. 43,348 forwarding a copy of the Children Act 1908, which came into force on 1st April 1909, and calling the special attention of the Co. Council to the terms of section 133 (19) and (20) and of Part 4 of the act.

The Secretary gave the Council a synopsis of the principal provisions of the act.

— Increase in Rate Collectors' Poundage. —

Under date 25th March 1909, the following letter (No. 40664 - 1909 Wexford County) was read from the Local Government Board :-

"With reference to your letter of the 11th instant, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to state that they have approved of the proposal of the Wexford Co. Council to increase the poundage fee of Poor Rate collectors Cogley, Lennon, and Sinnott from 6^d to 7^d in the £."

The following recommendation was made in this matter by the Finance Committee :-

"We recommend that the payment of increased poundage of 1^d referred to in letter of Local Government Board be paid to Rate collectors Bogley, Lennon, and Sinnott, as from the collection closing on 30th September 1909."

"On the motion of the Chairman the recommendation of the Finance Committee was confirmed."

———— Rate collector Lennon's District. ————

Under date 31st March 1909, the following letter (No 45, 243-1909) relative to rates in collector Lennon's district was read from the Local Government Board :-

"I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to forward to you a copy of a letter which they had received from Messrs M. J. O'Connor & Co. Solicitors, relative to arrears of poor rate on the holding of Mrs Margaret Hanlon in collector Lennon's district in the County Wexford; and I am to state that in the circumstances, the Board would not be disposed to raise any objection to a refund of these arrears to the collector, if the Co. Council are satisfied."

I am to add that, in the event of the rates being refunded they should be carried forward into the collection for the year 1909-10 and the collector should be warned that he must, under his warrant, distrain any stock found on the land during that year."

The Council having considered the statement of the case submitted by Mr. O'Connor, and having heard Mr. Elges Solicitor, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That acting on the advice of our Solicitor Mr. Elges, we cannot see our way to bring forward as collectable, arrears of rate the amounts referred to in Mr. Lennon's application."

———— Change of Surety. ————

Under date 5th April 1909, Mr. E. Somers, Rate collector, wrote that one of his Sureties - Mr. Edward Trayne - Knockmore, was dead, and requested the

council to accept Mr. Richard Frayne, son of deceased, in his place.

"On the motion of Mr. O'Neill, seconded by Mr. M. Codd the following resolution was adopted:-

That Mr. Richard Frayne, Knockmore, be accepted as surety for Mr. Edward Somers, Rate collector, and that Mr. Somers be directed to enter into a new bond."

Sheep Dipping Order.

Under date March 1909, the Department of agriculture, forwarded circular letter No. 1054-09. (Veterinary Branch) pointing out the duties of the local authority to provide posters, etc., and also the duties of the police. They hoped that the County Council would make special arrangements for the supervision of dipping and that the question of providing dipping apparatus will engage the attention of the Co. Council.

On the motion of the Chairman, the following resolution was adopted:- "That we recommend the meeting of 4th May to appoint Messrs Aidan Leary, Ballybought, Blackwater, Randal McDonald, Innahask, Oylegate; and William Stafford, Ballyboker, Tomhaggard; as Sheep Dipping Inspectors for Porey, Enniscorthy, and Wexford Districts respectively, at a salary of £14 each for the dipping period. That as we understand Mr. J. J. Shortall who acted as Sheep Dipping Inspector for New Ross District, holds another appointment, our Secretary be instructed to write Mr. Shortall and ask him if he will be in a position to perform the duties of Sheep Dipping Inspector for New Ross District, and in the event of Mr. Shortall not being able to discharge the duties, our Secretary be instructed to advertise for a Sheep Dipping Inspector for New Ross District, at a salary of £14 for the dipping period, appointment to be made on the 4th May."

Rate Collection.

On the motion of the Chairman, the following resolution was adopted:- "That the Rate collectors who

completed their collection by 31st March be paid the amount of poundage as set out in schedule submitted by the Secretary."

The Secretary reported that only two collectors had not lodged the full amount of their warrants by the 31st ultimo, viz:- Mr. James Barron, who had resigned and whose case would be dealt with by the Council later, and Mr. John Walsh, who had outstanding on that date £205: 5: 10. At the meeting of the Finance Committee on the 3rd April a resolution was adopted calling on Mr. Walsh to close his collection without further delay, and at this meeting a telegram was received from Mr. Walsh stating that he would do so. He lodged on the evening of the meeting of the Finance Committee £205: 11: 3, which is 5/6 more than his warrant. It would not be possible to pay Mr. Walsh poundage without an application to the Local Government Board, for an extension of the period for the close of the collection to the 3rd April. The Finance Committee in view of repeated warnings to Mr. Walsh, and the fact that they had specially informed him, that they would ^{not} ask for an extension of time, declined to put before the Council any proposal for an extension. For five or six weeks during the period of the collection Mr. Walsh was laid up with a bicycle accident.

After a long discussion the following resolution was adopted, on the motion of Mr. Hore, seconded by Mr. Stafford:- "That the Local Government Board be requested to extend the time for the closing of the collection in the case of Mr. John Walsh to the 3rd April, to allow the Council to pay his poundage, and that Mr. Walsh be called on to resign. That the Secretary be instructed to hold the warrants for the collection district of Mr. Walsh."

The Secretary submitted the following minute from the meeting of the Finance Committee of the 3rd April:- "That in view of the fact that the close

of Mr Doyle's collection as regards the amount to be lodged during the few last days of the last collection period, has been even more unsatisfactory than on previous occasions and as he promised the meeting of the Finance Committee of 3rd October 1908, that he would resign if he would not do better than in the past, we expect that he will fulfil his promise, by resigning his position as rate collector."

The following resolution was adopted, on the motion of Mr. Ennis, seconded by Mr. Stafford:-

"That the Council call on Mr. J. L. Doyle to resign his position as Rate collector in view of the unsatisfactory manner in which he has performed his duties. That our Secretary be instructed to hold the warrants of the collection district of Mr. Doyle."

An amendment was proposed by Mr. Asple, and seconded by Mr. Forrestal; that Mr. Doyle be ~~not~~ asked to resign for the present; but was subsequently withdrawn by permission of the meeting."

Dredging at Kilmore.

Under date 5th April the Department of Agriculture wrote as follows (letter No. 2116-09. F. B.) :-

"Adverting to your communication of the 27th ultimo, I have to state for the information of the Wexford Co. Council that the dredger "Eag-an-Bealach" will not be available for experimental work at Kilmore Harbour during the month of May and a part of June. In all probability the vessel can, if weather permits, proceed to Kilmore during the latter half of the present month. As an alternative an opportunity might be found in the month of June. It has not hitherto been considered safe to send the vessel to Kilmore."

marked "Read."

Food & Drugs Act.

Under date 18th March 1909, the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction wrote, (letter No. 5412-09) that an Officer of the Department obtained on 18th ult., at New Ross three samples of butter for analysis, and they

were certified pure by the analyst.
marked "Read."

— Dogs Regulation Act. —

under date 13th March 1909, the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction wrote (letter no. 1082-09) that they regretted to note that the County Council had decided to withdraw the Dog Regulations hitherto in force in County Wexford.

marked "Read."

— Proposed Bacon Factory. —

on 17th February 1909 the County Council adopted a resolution forwarded by a joint committee of the North Wexford Farmers' Society, and the County Council, and which asked the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction to defray the preliminary and organising expenses in connection with the establishment of a bacon factory.

The following letter under date 24th March 1909, and no 4091-09 was read from the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction :-

"adverting to the resolution adopted by the Wexford Co. Council on the 17th ultimo, I have to state for the information of the Council, that the Department would be prepared to assist the projects referred to in the resolution in the same manner as they have assisted other industrial undertakings, viz :- by providing expert advice and information for the promoters of the industry and technical instruction for the suppliers and workers connected with it. In the case of the Bacon-curing factory promoted at Roscrea this assistance included special instruction for local breeders with regard to the feeding, breeding and management of the pigs suitable for the factory.

These have been found effective means of helping an industry where the other conditions, including those which belong to the sphere of private enterprise, are forthcoming. Where, moreover, the undertaking is organised on some

such lines as those followed at Roscrea, it is possible for all the promoters to benefit directly from its success, in the capacity of shareholders, as well as indirectly as members of the community improved by such development."

"On the motion of Mr. Peacocke, seconded by the Chairman the following resolution was adopted:- That a copy of the letter of the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction be forwarded Mr. J. L. Esmonde, Chairman, North Wexford Farmers' Society."

— New Ross Rural District School Attendance Committee. —

Under date 8th April '09 the Secretary, Commissioners of National Education, wrote that they had appointed the following as their representatives on the New Ross Rural District School Attendance Committee:-

Rev W. J. Wilkinson, M.A., Adamstown, Enniscorthy.
 Rev Matthew Wallace, C.B., Rahen, Adamstown.
 Rev Wm. J. Harper C.B., Ballykelly, New Ross.
 Rev James Somers, C.B., Ballinamona, Campile.
 Rev E. Hartley C.B., Gussane, New Ross.

marked "Read".

— Board of Works - Piers. —

Under date 30th March 1909 three letters were received from the Board of Works. (1) that damage has occurred to the north wall of Duncannon Pier, and that the landing steps required some repairs. (2) that the head wall of the pier at Slade requires some repairs and that the lock walls require some pointing; and (3) that some damage had occurred at the storm wall of Barnsore Pier.

The Secretary explained that the Co. Surveyor had brought forward to the Proposal Committee applications to have these repairs effected.

On the motion of the Chairman, the following resolution was adopted:- "That the Board of Works be informed of the decision of the Proposal Committee to have the necessary repairs to the piers of Duncannon, Slade, and Barnsore."

Poisons & Pharmacy Act. 1908.

The Secretary pointed out that Regulation 9 provided that the fee charged in respect of the grant and renewal of a license by the County Council, shall be for grant of license not exceeding 10/- and not less than 5/-. For the renewal of license the fee is fixed at 2/6.

On the motion of the Chairman it was decided to fix the fee for the issue of licenses at 10/-. Licenses were granted to the following, as the police reported that they had complied with the Regulations of the Lord Lieutenant & Privy Council:-

E. L. Keating, Ballycanew Co-operative Society.

J. J. Haughton, Ferns.

Israel Wallis, Athurstown.

J. H. Roberts, Newtownbarry.

Johanna Hogan, 3 Castle St., Enniscorthy.

J. M. Redmond, 51 Main St. Gorey.

J. N. Greene, 10 George St. Enniscorthy.

Licenses were refused to the following; as they held licenses for the sale of intoxicating drink contrary to the provisions of Regulation 2:-

John Lambert, Main Street, Enniscorthy.

P. Hunt, Quay, New Ross.

John Cooney, Market Sq. Culart.

Kate Curran, Wellington Bridge.

Margaret Conran, Rathmore.

The case of M. Hearn, Son, South St. New Ross, was held over pending receipt of application from a member of the firm unconnected with their Spirit Licensing Business.

It was decided that applications for licenses be dealt with at the first meeting of the County Council subsequent to their receipt.

Waterford Bridge Inquiry.

Under date 13th April 1909, the following letter was read from Mr. R. W. Elgee, Solicitor:-

"I beg to report for the information of the County Council that the appeals in this matter were heard by the Privy Council on the 5th and 6th inst., Mr. Healy K. C., M. P., and Mr. A. St. G. O'Leary, appearing for our Co. Council, when the decision was that the

appeals in so far as the Bridge recommended by the Report of the Vice Regal Commission, which was estimated to cost £114,500, was concerned be allowed, and that the Corporation of Waterford be at liberty to substitute for such Bridge, a Ferro-Concrete Bridge, which was estimated to cost about £60,000, but they declined to alter the findings of the Vice-Regal Commission with regard to the percentage which each contributing County was to bear.

The result of the decision of the Privy Council thereto is:- that Waterford will now only have to contribute 15% of the cost of £60,000 instead of £114,500 or a reduction of very nearly one-half.

I may mention that Mr. Ennis and myself attended on the hearing."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman:-

"That the question of considering the assessment of a differential rate for payment of instalments of loan to be procured for Waterford Bridge as provided for by section 25 of the Bridges (Ireland) Act of 1864, be referred to the Finance Committee, for report to the County Council, and that Mr. Elgie be requested to attend the meeting of the Finance Committee at which this matter will be considered."

— Resignation of Mr. James Barron, Rate Collector. —

Under date 29th March 1909, the following was read from Mr. James Barron, Rate Collector:-

"Owing to my failing health, I beg to tender to your Council, my Resignation as Collector of Poor Rate, for your District. I also kindly appeal to your Council to grant me as favorable an annuity as they may consider me worthy of, for my very long services - being over 20 years their Collector."

The Secretary explained that Mr. P. J. Delaney, one of the Sureties for Mr. Barron wrote on 30th March asking to be relieved of his responsibilities. Other letters from Mr. Delaney in reference to the collection had been received.

The Finance Committee at the meeting of 3rd April considered the whole matter and adopted the following

recommendation copy of which had been forwarded Mr. Barron, his sureties, and Mr. M. J. Finn, official checker:-

"That we recommend the Co. Council to decline to accept the resignation of Mr. James Barron, as Rate collector, until he has lodged to the credit of the Co. Council the balance of outstanding rates in his district in respect of the half year ended 31st March 1909, viz:- £235: 8: 5."

That we call on Mr. Barron and his sureties, Mr. P. J. A. Delaney, New Ross; and Mr. Thomas Bowman Boduran, Campile; to close this collection without delay, and in the event of it being found necessary to appoint a deputy for this purpose, we recommend the Co. Council to approve of the appointment of the person selected by Mr. Barron (with the consent of his sureties) and to issue a warrant to the person so selected for the collection of £235: 8: 5 the outstanding balance of rates."

Since this recommendation was adopted a sum of £54: 16: 3 had been lodged to the credit of the Council. This left £180: 12: 2 outstanding. Mr. Finn, Official checker had written that the collecting Books had been correctly kept and that they contained receipts to the amount of £180: 12: 2.

The following letters were read for the meeting:-

From collector James Barron, under date April 14th 1909:-

"The Rate Books have all been checked by your official here, Mr. M. J. Finn, and all cash collected, has been lodged to your credit, National Bank, the balance of arrears as ascertained by Mr. Finn is now only £180: 12: 2. As you will learn from Doctor's certificates previously sent, I have been unable to do any business lately, and I respectfully request you to delegate to the new collector, the collection of arrears, the same as they did for me in New Ross Urban Council. I am now 23 years your collector, and have lodged all rates to your satisfaction during that time. I hope you will grant this request and give

me as large an annuity as you think I am entitled to."

From messrs Bolger & Gethin, Solicitors, New Ross, under date April 14th 1909:-

"Our clients messrs Patrick Delaney, and Thomas Bowman, the Sureties of Rate collector Barron, who has recently resigned his collectorship, have instructed us to request that you will be so good as to put before the County Council at their next meeting; their respectful request that the rates outstanding on Mr. Barron's collection amounting, we are informed, to about £180, be included in the warrant of the collector who may be appointed in succession to Mr. Barron, and that until the new collector shall have had a reasonable time to collect these outstanding rates, our clients shall not be called upon to lodge the amount. We understand all the rates collected by Mr. Barron have been lodged to the proper account, so that the Council by acceding to the request will run no risk whatever.

Trusting that this application will be favourably considered by your Council."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman:-

"That we decline to accept the resignation of Mr. James Barron, as Rate collector, until he has lodged to the credit of the Co. Council the balance of outstanding rates in his district in respect of the half-year ended 31st March 1909, viz:- £180: 12: 2. That we call of Mr. Barron and his Sureties Mr. P. J. A. Delaney, New Ross, and Mr. Thomas Bowman, Boderan, Campile, to close this collection without delay, and in the event of it being found necessary to appoint a deputy for this purpose, we will approve of the appointment of the person selected by Mr. Barron (with the consent of his Sureties) and issue a warrant to the person so selected for the collection of £180: 12: 2, the outstanding balance of rates."

"On the motion of Mr. Kehoe, seconded by Mr. J. Bolger, the Secretary was directed to advertise for a new collector for Mr. Barron's district, whose duties are to commence with the collection of the rate for the financial period 1909-10.

at a poundage fee of 7^d in the £, the successful candidate to give a surety of an approved guaranter society, and the appointment to be made on the 4th may."

— Elevator for Stonebreaker. —

In his report to the Proposal Committee the Co. Surveyor stated - "the belt of the elevator of the stone-breaker at Tarastill is in bad order, I recommend that a new belt (including elevator buckets) be purchased without delay." The Co. Surveyor mentioned that Messrs Baxter the makers of the stonebreaker at Tarastill were now making an improved belt, and he had received an estimate from them to supply this at £14, this did not include carriage."

"On the motion of Mr. Ennis, seconded by Mr. John Bolger, the following resolution was adopted:

"That a new belt be procured for the stonebreaker at Tarastill, at a cost not to exceed £16 including carriage."

— Ballyhack Pier. —

On the 10th March, the Co. Council adopted a resolution calling the attention of H. M. Inspector of Factories to the necessity which existed for having a lamp erected at Ballyhack Pier, and requesting him to ask the Waterford Harbour Commissioners to have the lamp erected.

Under date 16th March the Inspector of Factories wrote that the Secretary of State had exempted the Ballyhack Pier and Quay from Part I of the Regulations for Docks by Order dated 10th November '08.

"On the motion of the Chairman the following resolution was adopted: - "That H. M. Inspector of Factories, be asked who is responsible for the proper lighting and maintenance of Ballyhack pier. Can he state on what grounds an exemption was given, and if any steps can be taken by the Co. Council to see that the pier is so lighted as to ensure the safety of the public."

— Duncannon Hulk. —

Under date 6th April the Secretary of the Waterford

and Duncannon Steamboat Co., wrote that the captain of the S. S. "Osprey" reported that the Duncannon Hulk is leaking badly at the end since the recent bad weather, and required to be run to."

"Under date 8th April, the caretaker of the Hulk (W. Green) wrote as follows:-

I beg to inform that there is a very bad leak in the hulk very low down in her bottom. I had to employ two men to keep hulk pumped out until I managed to caulk the hole and put block of concrete against it. There are 4 or 6 rivets started where the leak is; it is very serious in case it would open again, also the planks on the stage are very bad, - very dangerous where there is so much traffic with cattle and trucks. There are some of the planks rotten and would require to be looked after as soon as possible; there is also a great quantity of mussels on the Hulk which is no improvement to her. It is a great injury to the iron, and also makes the Hulk dead in bad weather and causes a lot of water to wash into her which would not do so if the weight of mussels was scraped off. It would lighten Hulk about 6 inches and that would be a great advantage to her in bad weather. She also would require a coat of black varnish on the iron, and Decks coat of coal tar and sand, they are very slippery when wet; so much that it is dangerous when the stage is steep."

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

That a sum of £15 be given to the Co. Surveyor to carry out repairs to the Hulk at Duncannon."

— Enniscorthy Urban Council, & Co. Infirmary. —

The following resolution from meeting of Enniscorthy Urban Council of 23rd March was read for the meeting:-

"Resolved:- That we the members of the Enniscorthy Urban District Council, consider that the Urban District of Enniscorthy should have representation on the Committee of the County Infirmary."

On the motion of the chairman the following resolution was adopted:— "That the resolution of Enniscorthy Urban Council asking for representation on the County Infirmary Committee, will be favourably entertained by the Co. Council when a vacancy arises."

— Resignation of Mr. Webster Co. Surveyor. —

Under date 12th March, the following letter from Mr. Moffat, Solicitor, was read:—

"I am in receipt of yours of the 11th. My letter of the 6th defines Mr. Webster's position. Of course my client cannot prevent the Co. Council appointing a second Co. Surveyor in addition to Mr. Webster, but Mr. Webster did not resign or intend to resign his position until the Co. Council in effect abolished it. My client then refused to continue in the substituted office."

On the motion of the chairman the following resolution was adopted:—

"That having considered Mr. Moffat's letter the Council desire to state that they have nothing further to add to their resolution of the 10th March copy of which has already been furnished Mr. Moffat."

— Carnell Monument Fund. —

Circular letter was received from the Trustees of the Carnell Monument Fund, appealing to the members of the Council to inaugurate a collection at an early date for the purpose of assisting in the work of having the monument completed.

No action taken.

— Half-Holiday for Sub-Postmasters —

The following letter under date 12th March, from Mr. Byrne, Postmaster, Wexford, was referred to the Co. Council by the Finance Committee:—

"In accordance with a recommendation of a Select Committee appointed by Parliament in March 1906, to enquire into the position of Sub-Postmasters,

the Postmaster General has now decided to grant a weekly half-holiday to those sub-postmasters who desire it, provided that the closing of the Postoffice is not objected to by the Public.

An application having been received from the sub-postmasters of Bridgetown, Bantown, Killinick, Bonthaggard, Laghmon, Crossabeg, and Duncormick, for permission to close their offices at 2 p.m., Wednesday; 1 p.m. do., 2 p.m. Thursday; 2 p.m. do., 2 p.m. do., 1.30 p.m. Saturday; and 2 p.m. do.; respectively.

I am directed to enquire whether your Council as representing the public in the particular localities referred to have any objection to offer to the request being acceded to.

It should perhaps be explained that if the application be agreed to there will be a complete suspension of business at the offices after the hours mentioned so far as the public is concerned but it is not intended to make any change in the arrangements for the delivery and despatch of mails."

Proposed by Mr. J. Bolger, seconded by Mr. Fanning and passed: "That the Co. Council object to a weekly half-holiday being granted local postmasters as we believe the granting of it would interfere with the convenience of the public."

Contributions from Department of
— Agriculture. Letter from Sir J. Esmonde Bart., —

under date 1st April the following letter was read from Sir J. H. G. Esmonde Bart., M.P., Chairman of the Council:-

"The Department have agreed to contribute £250 towards dredging Bourtown; £250 towards dredging Kilmore; and £250 towards dredging the Slaney. The Co. Council may like to know if they meet before I return to Ireland."

On the motion of Mr. Ennis, seconded by Mr. Browne the following resolution was adopted:-

"That our best thanks be accorded to our Chairman for his exertions in procuring from the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction, grants for

Courtown and Kilmore Harbours, and for the deepening of the Slaney."

Sir Thomas Esmonde briefly replied.

— — By-Law Fowl markets. — —

Mr. Elger, Solicitor, wrote under date 2nd April 1909, that the by law of the Council fixing the hours for holding the fowl markets of Kilmore, Kilmuckridge, and Culart; had been allowed by the Lord Lieutenant and Privy Council.

marked "Read."

— — Slievebawn Quarry. — —

Under date 30th March '09, Sir J. H. G. Esmonde Bart. M.P., in recommending a proposal for the sale of Slievebawn Quarry, to the Council, wrote:— "It will be necessary further either to pay Mr. Grange something possibly for the right to use a lane that runs through part of his land, and connects Mr. Bullen's land with the public road. But I think £3 to £5 would settle that matter, and the Council might authorize the Co. Surveyor, or Mr. Paddle to arrange this if it is found necessary to do so."

The following is a copy of the Proposal referred to:—

"I hereby agree to sell to your Council two (2) statute acres of my land on Slievebawn Hill, as measured by Mr. Henry Webster, the Co. Surveyor, and Mr. Thomas Paddle the Assistant Surveyor, and as marked out by Sir J. H. Grattan Esmonde, and P. J. Fanning, two members of your Co. Council; together with a right of way to and from the quarry on said two acres to the public road, as now possessed by me, for the sum of £30 (thirty pounds).

(Signed) Thomas Bullen, Slievebawn
witness to signature Hugh O'Boyle.

"We recommend the foregoing proposal to the consideration of the Co. Council, subject to an arrangement being come to regarding the use of the lane opening on the public road."

Thos. H. Grattan Esmonde
P. J. Fanning

30. 3. '09.

Proposed by Mr. Peacocke, seconded by Mr. Kehoe,

and passed :-

That we adopt the recommendation of Sir Thomas Esmonde and Mr. Fanning, as regards the purchase of two acres of Shivebawn quarry from Mr. Thomas Cullen subject to a satisfactory arrangement being made by Mr. Fanning on behalf of the Co. Council with Mr. Grange, as to the use of the lane which runs through part of his land."

— Ballythomas Quarry. —

Mr. Elger, Solicitor, read for the meeting correspondence which had passed between him, on behalf of the County Council, and Messrs Huggard & Brennan, on behalf of the owners of Ballythomas Quarry. The latter threatened proceedings if the Council refused to ratify the provisional agreement made by Sir Thomas Esmonde and Mr. Fanning, with the owners that the latter should receive a sum of £50 for their interest in the quarry.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman:-

"That Mr. Elger receive instructions to defend any proceedings instituted on behalf of the owners of Ballythomas Quarry."

— Recommendations Finance Committee. —

On the motion of Mr. Ennis, seconded by Mr. Peacocke, the recommendations of the Finance Committee from 10th March to date as appearing in the Minute Book of the Committee were approved.

— Appointment of Commissioner of National Education. —

Mr. O'Neill proposed the adoption of the following resolution received from Enniscorthy Teachers Association:-

"That we request the Right Hon. Augustine Birrell, Chief Secretary for Ireland, to appoint J. B. Skeffington Esq. M. A. L. L. B., late Senior Inspector of the Waterford Circuit, to the vacant Commissionership on the National Board, as we regard Mr. Skeffington as an Educational Expert of the first rank. We believe his great ability and wide and varied experience would greatly tend to the advancement and popularising of the system of

national Education in Ireland."

Mr. Cummins seconded the resolution.

The Chairman moved that this question be adjourned till next meeting.

The Chairman then put the amendment which he declared carried.

Irrecoverable Rates.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman:— "That the lists of Irrecoverable Rates as submitted by our Secretary, be forwarded by the Local Government Board for their approval.

Proposals for Payments.

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

"That the recommendations for payment added by the Co. Surveyor to his report, and the proposals for payment for matters other than public works be approved subject to the modifications, and other orders noted thereon and initialled by the Chairman.

Coals for Co. Courthouse.

The Secretary was directed to advertise for a supply of coals for County Courthouse, for one year from 4th May 1909.

The Prison Premises.

On the motion of Mr. Ennis, seconded by Mr. Aspley the following resolution was adopted:— "That the draft agreement relative to the letting of the prison premises for the purposes of a female Reformatory Home, and made between the Co. Council and the community of Sisters of St John of God, be approved.

Gross Channel Cable Trade.

Under date 31st March '09, the following letter was read from the Manager Gt. Western Railway Co:—

"I duly received your letter of the 20th instant, in which you state you are directed by the Wexford Co.

council to enquire when they may expect steamers running from Rosslare to commence to convey cattle. This is a matter which really more directly affects the Gt. S. & W. Railway Co., who control the traffic at Rosslare, and I can only refer you to them.

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

"That a copy of the letter of the Gt. Western Railway Co., relative to the opening of the cattle traffic at Rosslare be sent to Secretary of Gt. S. & W. Railway Co., and that he be requested to state when the council may expect this traffic from Rosslare to begin."

— National Telephone Co. —

The following letter under date 14th April, was read from the Local manager of the National Telephone Co.:-

"I beg to apply for the necessary permission to fix a telephone wire to the new bridge for the purpose of connecting the brostown cemetery with the corporation offices. In order to prevent any inconvenience special apparatus will be fitted at the opening, so as no delay shall be caused on this score. Trusting to receive a favourable reply."

On the motion of Mr. Ennis, seconded by the Chairman the following resolution was adopted:- "That the application of the National Telephone Co., for permission to fix a wire to the new bridge of Wexford be acceded to, the wire to be erected to the satisfaction of the Co. Surveyor, and that the wire be removed at any time by the council giving six months notice to the National Telephone Co."

Charles Foxe