

Special meeting- 15<sup>th</sup> April 1910.

A special meeting of the Co. Council, was held in the Co. Council Chamber, Court House, Wexford; on 15<sup>th</sup> April 1910.

Present :- Mr. E. Dore, Chairman; (and subsequently Mr. G. H. Peacocke, Vice Chm) in the Chair.

Other members :- Messrs P. Fortune, J. E. Mayler, Mr. Browne, P. O'Neill, John Bolger, J. Cummins, A. Kinsella, J. Asple, Mr. Codd, P. J. Creane, J. S. Hearn, Michael Doyle, J. A. Doyle, J. J. Stafford, J. J. Kehoe, Gregory Walsh, P. J. Fanning, Mr. A. Ennis, and James Codd.

The Secretary, the Co. Surveyor, and Mr. R. W. Elger, Solicitor; were also in attendance.

The Rates.

On the motion of Mr. Hearn.

Seconded by Mr. O'Neill; the following resolution was adopted :-

"That we hereby strike the Rate for General and separate charges for the financial year 1910-11, as agreed to at the meeting of the Co Council on 9<sup>th</sup> February 1910, 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 of 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: £497:18:5	£678:10:10.	
New Ross: 499:14:8	867:10:0	£17:4:5
Wexford: 1061:9:6	986:0:0	19:16:6

### Encroachment on Road.

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

"That the agreement entered into with Mr. Matthew Harte, Campile, in reference to an encroachment on road at Campile be sealed and signed."

### Election of Assistant Surveyor.

The following candidates applied for position of Assistant Surveyor for No 2. District:

Messrs Edward, H. Huggard, Carcur, Wexford; Denis Lynch, Thomas St., Killaloe; Walter Clare, Ballywilliam, New Ross; Tho<sup>s</sup> J. Ryan, Dylegate; James J. Shortall, New Ross; Michael Howlin, Harpoonstown, Bridgetown;

Mr. Ryan withdrew his application,

Mr. Stafford proposed, and Mr. Kehoe seconded the appointment of Mr. Huggard,

Mr. James Codd proposed, and Mr. O'Neill seconded the appointment of Mr. Howlin.

Mr. Hearn proposed, and Mr. J. A. Doyle, seconded the appointment of Mr. Shortall,



A poll was taken with the following result:-  
 For Mr. Huggard:- Messrs. Stafford, Kinsella,  
 Ennis, Fanning, Creane, Kehoe, Cummins, and  
 Mayler:- 8.

For Mr. Howlin:- Messrs. Walsh, Browne, O'Neill,  
 Bolger, J. Coad, Peacocke, W. Doyle, Asple,  
 M. Coad, and the Chairman:- 10.

For Mr. Shortall:- Messrs. Kearne, J. A. Doyle,  
 and P. Fortune:- 3.

Mr. Shortall having dropped out, the result  
 on a second poll was:

For Mr. Huggard:- Messrs. Stafford, Kinsella,  
 Ennis, Fanning, Creane, Kehoe, Cummins, and  
 Mayler:- 8.

For Mr. Howlin:- Messrs. Walsh, Browne, O'Neill,  
 J. Bolger, J. Coad, Peacocke, W. Doyle, Asple,  
 J. A. Doyle, M. Coad, P. Fortune, Kearne, and the  
 Chairman:- 13.

The Chairman declared Mr. Howlin elected.

Mr. Howlin returned thanks.

— Extra Assistant Surveyor —

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

"I hereby give notice to move at the next  
 meeting of the County Council that an  
 additional Assistant Co. Surveyor be appointed  
 at a salary to be fixed at the County Council  
 meeting which considers this motion."

Mr. Fanning seconded.

Mr. Browne proposed as an amendment:-

"That this question be adjourned to the  
 Annual Meeting in June."

Mr. Ennis seconded.

Mr. Bolger proposer of the resolution, and Mr.  
 Fanning seconder expressed themselves as being  
 satisfied with this course.

The amendment was then put and carried.



— Road Limit of Expenditure —

under date 25<sup>th</sup> February 1910, the following letter N<sup>o</sup> 19,584- Wexford County- was read:-

"With reference to previous correspondence on the subject, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland, to inform you that they have assented to the extension of the limit of expenditure on roads for each of the five years ending the 31<sup>st</sup> of March 1911, 1912, 1913, 1914, and 1915, to £4,882:10:0 in the Enniscorthy R. B.; £8,632:10:0 in the Gorey R. B.; £8,741:5:0 in the New Ross R. B.; £7,935:10:0 in Wexford R. B."

Marked Read.

— Sealed Orders.— Local Government Board.—

Sealed Orders of Local Government Board (N<sup>o</sup> 10,893. under date 15<sup>th</sup> March.) fixing the Rural District of Enniscorthy as the area of charge for any loss sustained by establishment of a telegraph office at Killealy up to a sum of £9:6:8 per annum, was laid before the meeting.

— Water Supply—Johnstown—Enniscorthy District—

Sealed Order of Local Government Board, (N<sup>o</sup> 132,89. under date 14<sup>th</sup> March 1910) fixing Enniscorthy Rural District as the area of charge for water supply at Johnstown, Moyacomb Electoral Division, was laid before the meeting.

— Lighting of Newtownbarry.—

Sealed Order of Local Government Board (N<sup>o</sup> 9835. under date 22<sup>nd</sup> March.) investing Enniscorthy Rural District Council with urban powers to enable them to carry out a lighting scheme at Newtownbarry and determining the



area of charge for same to be the townlands of Newtownbarry and Ballinapark, was laid before the meeting.

— Sewerage of Blackwater —

Sealed Order of Local Government Board, (N<sup>o</sup> 25,038-1910. under date 1<sup>st</sup> April) fixing the Rural District of Enniscorthy as the area of charge for improving and maintaining the sewerage at Blackwater, was laid before the meeting.

Marked "Read"

— Audit of Accounts of Public Bodies —

The Local Government Board forwarded Abstracts of Accounts and reports of their Auditor in respect of Enniscorthy District Lunatic Asylum; Enniscorthy Rural District, and Board of Guardians, New Ross Rural District, and Board of Guardians, Wexford Rural District, and Board of Guardians, and Gorey Rural District.

Marked "Read"

— Temporary Surveyor. —

Under date 16<sup>th</sup> February, the following was read from the Local Government Board:

"With reference to the entry in the Minutes of Proceedings of the Wexford County Council on the 9<sup>th</sup> Inst., relative to the resignation of Mr. Henry O'Reilly, Assistant Surveyor in the County, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland, to state that they will offer no objection to temporary arrangements for carrying out the duties of Assistant Surveyor for Mr. O'Reilly's district pending a permanent appointment to the office by the County Council.

Marked "Read"



— Estate Duty Grant —

Under date 24<sup>th</sup> February, the following letter (N<sup>o</sup> 17,499. Mis.) was read from the Local Government Board.

"With reference to the preparation of your estimate to provide for the expenditure of the County during the financial year in connection with liability for land purchase, I am directed by the Local Government <sup>Board</sup> for Ireland, to acquaint you that they have now received copies of certificates from the Irish Land Commission, and the Commissioners of National Debt, showing the actual arrears in purchase annuities, etc., under the Land Purchase Acts, and the Board, are therefore in a position to state definitely for the information of the County Council, that there will not be any deduction in respect of the above liability made from the Estate Duty Grant payable in the County in the course of next month.

Marked "Read"

— Cinematograph Act. —

Under date 2<sup>nd</sup> February the Local Government Board forwarded (Letter N<sup>o</sup> 14903. Mis.) copy of Cinematograph Act, and copy of Regulations made under same by his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant.

W. Ennis proposed, W. O'Neill seconded, and it was passed:-

"That the fee for granting a license under the Cinematograph Act be 10/- and that the fee for renewing same be 5/-."

— Sheep Dipping —

Under date 2<sup>nd</sup> March the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction wrote, (Letter N<sup>o</sup> 793-10. V. B.):—

"It is desired to advert to your letter of the



10<sup>th</sup> ultimo, containing a Resolution indicating that in the opinion of the County Council the enforcement of the Autumn Sheep Dipping Order is unnecessary in County Wexford, and inflicts undue hardship on the Sheepowners of the County.

With reference thereto the Department would be glad if you could supply them with particulars as to some instances in which such undue hardship resulted during the last Autumn Dipping Season. Perhaps you could also state what were the reasons inclining the Council to view that no Autumn Dipping is needed."

On the motion of W<sup>r</sup>. Hearn, seconded by W<sup>r</sup>. Bolger, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the Department be informed that the Members of this Council have consulted with a large number of practical farmers, who are opposed to the enforcement of the Autumn Sheep Dipping Order, the reasons they give for their opposition being the liability of loss amongst ewes, injury to rams; and further, on account of the enforcement of the Summer Dipping, it is unnecessary unless there is any fear of Scab to have a second dipping within the year."

— Butter and Margarine Act 1907 —

Under date 1<sup>st</sup> March the following letter (N<sup>o</sup> 2784) was read from the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction:-

"An Inspector of the Department who was recently in New Ross reports that on the occasion of his visit the premises at Quay Street, which were registered on 21<sup>st</sup> July 1908, as a butter Factory in the occupation of W<sup>r</sup>. J. J. St. Ledger, were closed up. The Inspector was informed that W<sup>r</sup>. St. Ledger had ceased to carry on business at the premises.

The Department will be glad to be informed



as to any action that may be taken by your Council as to the registration in this case."

W. Peacocke proposed:- "That the registration of the premises be cancelled."

The Chairman seconded.

Passed.

### — Fertilizers & Feeding Stuffs Act, 1906. —

Under date 16<sup>th</sup> February, the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction, forwarded copy of the Fertilizers and Feeding Stuffs (Ireland) Regulations 1910, which came into operation on 4<sup>th</sup> February.

The Department stated they had forwarded copy to the Agricultural Analyst for the County Wexford.

Marked "Read"

### — Fethard Harbour —

Under date 14<sup>th</sup> February, the following letter (No 1,111-10 F.B.) was read from Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction:-

"I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10<sup>th</sup> inst., relative to the assistance which the Department may be able to afford the Wexford County Council in connection with the proposed improvement of Fethard Harbour; and to state that the Department hope to be shortly in a position to submit a report on the matter to the Council."

Under date 4<sup>th</sup> April 1910 the following letter was read from W. C. D. Oliver, Engineer to the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction:-

With regard to the reports which I have been asked to prepare, I hope before long to be able to pay another visit to Fethard.



Before doing so I would be glad to know whether it would be worth considering as an alternative the construction of a Harbour at Bag-in-Bun point. On the chart it looks as if this might be feasible.

It is, of course, possible or probable that the cost might be prohibitive, but if it would serve it might be worth considering the project.

It would be well, however, to have the opinion of your Committee as to whether there is any likelihood that a harbour at this point would be made use of by the fishermen which I confess I doubt. It is clearly not desirable to construct a work which would be derelict however great might be its intrinsic merits."

"The Secretary stated that in order to elicit local opinion with regard to Mr. Oliver's suggestion he had sent a copy of this letter to Father Lyne, and Mr. Cummins, Co. Councillor for the division."

The following was read from Rev. D. J. Lyne C.C. Poulfur, in reference to Mr. Oliver's suggestion:-

"I have consulted several of the fishermen on the subject. They unanimously came to the conclusion, viz.- To stick to what they asked for all along, to improve the existing pier at Fethard.

To make a Harbour at Bag-in-Bun is altogether out of question as not either probable or even possible without a tremendous outlay of several thousands of pounds.

And even if a pier was constructed at Bag-in-Bun the fishermen's boats would be exposed to a South West wind, and their boats will be broken up. It would be all very well if a line of steamers were to call to call to Bag-in-Bun in connection with



a railway and some traffic or probable traffic to feed both."

Proposed by Mr. Ennis, Seconded by Mr. Hearn, and passed:-

"That the County Council agree with the views expressed by Father Lyne in his letter of the 11<sup>th</sup> April 1910."

— Dredging River Slaney —

Under date 3<sup>rd</sup> March (letter N<sup>o</sup> 1610-10. F.B.) the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction wrote, that in the opinion of Messrs. Davis the 1<sup>st</sup> May would be a suitable date to commence dredging of the River Slaney, and they would, if the Co. Council had no objection, endeavour to make their arrangements fall in with this view.

Proposed by Mr. Ennis, Seconded by Mr. Hearn, and passed:-

"That the Department be informed that the Council have no objection to the Department commencing dredging operations about 1<sup>st</sup> May; the sooner the Department begins the better the Council will be pleased."

— Provision of Dredging Plant. —

Under date 9<sup>th</sup> February 1910, the following letter (N<sup>o</sup> 895-10 F.B.) was read from the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction:-

"Arising out of communication received by the Department on the subject of the necessity that exists for dredging certain harbours on the coast of Ireland, the Department are considering the possibility of adding to the dredging plant which they at present possess - and which enables them to deal with sand - so as to be in a position for dealing with all classes of material.

Before coming to any definite conclusion in the matter, the Department would like to be in possession of information as to the extent



to which their plant might be utilised.

Any scheme that may be formulated for rendering effective assistance to Harbour Authorities would necessarily, owing to the limit of the Department's funds, involve throwing the major portion of the working expenses of dredging plant on the local bodies who are responsible for maintenance, but it seems possible that such expenses could, under economical administration, be arranged on a scale that would prove acceptable to local bodies and would afford prospects for effecting improvements at present considered impossible.

The Department would be glad if you would lay this matter before the Wexford County Council and let me know, as soon as may be convenient, whether such co-operative scheme would be likely to commend itself to your Council, and, if so, to what extent participation therein might be looked for."

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

"That the Wexford County Council are prepared to co-operate with the Department of Agriculture with regard to the provision of suitable dredging plant for small harbours, and would be glad to consider the terms of any scheme the Department may submit, provided steps are taken to put such Scheme into immediate operation as several of the Wexford Harbours, notably Kilmore and Courtown are urgently in need of dredging at present."

— Dredging Kilmore Harbour —

Under date 16<sup>th</sup> February, the Department wrote (Letter No 1114-10 J. B.) as follows:—

"I have to acknowledge the receipt of your



your letter of the 10<sup>th</sup> instant, on the subject of dredging of Kilmore Harbour; and, in reply, to state, for the information of the Wexford County Council, that the matter is having attention and will be dealt with as soon as the Department can, without undue expenditure, arrange for the necessary plant."

— Removal of Wrecks. —

Under date 14<sup>th</sup> February 1910 (letter No 1113-10. F.B.) the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction, wrote:-

"I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10<sup>th</sup> inst., embodying a resolution adopted at a meeting of the Wexford County Council on the 9<sup>th</sup> instant, on the subject of the removal of wrecks off the Wexford coast; and to state that the Department can only suggest that the sum necessary to carry out ~~the work~~ the work might be raised by subscriptions from those interested in the matter."

Proposed by W. Ennis, Seconded by W. Rose; and passed:-

"That we direct our Secretary to ascertain from the Department of Agriculture, whether this County Council are to take their letter of the 14<sup>th</sup> February (1113) as seriously contemplating the contribution by the wretchedly poor Fishermen of the coast of Wexford, of the sum of £800 which is <sup>the</sup> estimated amount necessary to remove these wrecks."

— Bovine Tuberculosis Order —

Under date 23<sup>rd</sup> February 1910 the following letter (No 726-10) was read from the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction:-



"I have to transmit for the information of the Local Authority copies of an Order recently made by this Department under the Diseases of Animals Acts, entitled,

The Bovine Tuberculosis Notification (Ireland) Order of 1910

This Order requires that every person having in his possession or under his charge,

(i) any cow which is, or appears to be, suffering from tuberculosis of the udder, indurated udder, or either chronic disease of the udder, or

(ii) any bovine animal (i.e. any bull, cow, ox, heifer, or calf, which is, or appears to be emaciated from tuberculosis, shall, without avoidable delay, give information of the fact to a constable of the Police Force for the area wherein the animal is.

The object of the Order is to secure particulars as to the extent to which tuberculosis udder disease and emaciation resulting from tuberculosis occur among cattle in Ireland, before it is decided to issue any general Order under the Diseases of Animals Acts providing for the slaughter of cattle so affected and the payment of compensation in respect thereof.

With the view of giving all necessary publicity to the Order, the Department will be glad to forward, in due course, for posting throughout the district of the Local Authority a supply, when printed, of a placard similar to the draft sent herewith, if you will kindly say how many copies will be required for the purpose in your County.

Arrangements are being made separately for posting of the placard at Police Stations."

The Secretary stated that he had advertised the Order and had distributed 50 posters relating to it."



— Inebriates Act. —

Under date 7<sup>th</sup> February 1910, the following circular letter was read from the Under Secretary, Dublin Castle:-

"Adverting to the circular addressed to you on the 31<sup>st</sup> March 1908, on the subject of the Inebriates Act 1898, I am directed by the Lord Lieutenant to state, for the information of the County Council, that a certified Inebriates Reformatory for Roman Catholic Females has been opened at Wexford under the name St. Brigid's Inebriate Home.

The Reformatory is certified for 66 inmates. It is open for the reception of Roman Catholic Females from any part of Ireland, and is intended principally for cases committed under Section 2 of the Act, but cases under Section 1 can also be received.

The authorities of the institution have requested that the attention of the County and County Borough Councils should be called to the fact that, after the 1<sup>st</sup> January 1911, no Government Grant will be given in respect of any inmate under Section 2 of the Act, unless the local authority make a contribution towards the maintenance of the inmate of at least 5/6 per week, and it is hoped that the County Council will agree to give a contribution of this amount for each patient committed from the Courts within their administrative area."

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

"That this County Council of the County of Wexford do hereby resolve to contribute the sum of 5/6 (five shillings and sixpence) per week towards the maintenance of each woman sent from this County to St. Brigid's Home for



Inebriate women, in Wexford."

### Waterford Bridge

Under date 2<sup>nd</sup> April 1910 the following letter (N<sup>o</sup> 4279) was read from the Under Secretary, Dublin Castle:-

"I am directed by the Lord Lieutenant to transmit to you to be laid before the Wexford County Council, copy of an Order made by His Excellency in Council on the 29<sup>th</sup> ultimo on the appeals in the matter of the Report made by the Waterford Bridge Commissioners together with a copy of the new specification referred to in the order.

As regards the plans approved by the Privy Council and referred to in the Order, there is only one set available and this will be forwarded in due course to the Committee which it is assumed will be constituted by the County Councils to carry out the work of building the new bridge.

I am also to enclose a copy of the Order made by His Excellency directing that new bridge should be built."

"The Order made in the matter of the erection of the bridge fixed the cost of the bridge at £71,000 and the share of Wexford County at 15 per cent.

The Second Order provided for the payment of £2577-16-9 expenses of bridge Commissioners, and of the Waterford Corporation of which Wexford has to contribute 15 per cent or £386:13:6."

The Secretary stated he had written the Under Secretary, Dublin Castle, asking if the share of Wexford for expenses of Bridge Commission was to be paid direct to the gentlemen named in the Schedule to the Order. He had received



the following reply under date 9<sup>th</sup> April:-

"I am directed by the Lord Lieutenant to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 5<sup>th</sup> inst, and to inform you that it is understood that the Corporation of Waterford have under consideration the question of settling in advance the claims of the gentlemen who formed the Waterford Bridge Commission for fees and expenses. It is accordingly suggested that you should communicate with the Town Clerk, Waterford."

Proposed by W. Ennis, seconded by W. Kehoe, and passed:-

"That this County Council are willing to send the Waterford Corporation Paying Order for £386:13:6 being their proportion of 15% of the cost of the expenses incurred by the members of the Vice-Regal Commission as set out in the order of the Lord Lieutenant, also, a further sum of £49:5:10 being 15% of £262:10:0, and of half of £132:5:0 the cost of the services of the representatives of Messrs Baker & Hutzig, of London, in attending sittings of the Privy Council, as we consider this Council to be responsible only for the attendance at the sitting of the Privy Council in April 1909."

Proposed by the Chairman, and Passed:-

"That the following members of the Wexford C<sup>y</sup> Council be nominated on the joint Committee required to be appointed under Section 15. of the Bridges (Ireland) Act 1867: Messrs Hearn, Stafford, Peacocke, and J. Bolger."

That the Secretary and County Surveyor be requested to accompany the Committee to any meetings at which their attendance is considered desirable."

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



"That this Council adopt differential Rating for the expenses and annual Instalment of the new bridge at Waterford. The question of a Scheme of differential rating was referred to the following Committee:- Messrs Browne, Cammins, Stafford, Fanning, Ennis, Kehoe, O'Neill, Kinsella, John Bolger, with the Chairman and Vice Chairman ex-officio members."

— Roads Maintenance Committee —

The following report of the Roads Maintenance Committee was laid before the Meeting:-

"On the 9<sup>th</sup> February 1910 the following Committee was appointed to consider the question of road maintenance, and the method of "deferring" and "striking off" money.

Enniscorthy:- Messrs P. O'Neill, John Bolger, J. Bolger,  
 Gorey:- Messrs A. Kinsella, P. J. Fanning, and P. J. Fanning.  
 New Ross:- Messrs W. Forrestal, W. Hickey, and J. S. Hearne,  
 Wexford:- Messrs James Codd, G. Walsh, and J. J. Stafford.

A Meeting of the Committee was held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> March 1910 in the County Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford, when the following was present:- Mr. E. Hore, (Presiding). Other Councillors:- Messrs P. J. Fanning, John Bolger, E. H. Peacocke, Jas. Codd, and J. J. Stafford.

Messrs T. Asple, and W. H. Ennis, C. Councillors, were also present.

The Secretary, and the C. Surveyor were in attendance.

— Assistant Surveyor's Diaries. —

The following recommendation was agreed to:-

"That the County Surveyor transmit to the Secretary of the Council, the monthly diaries of the Assistant Surveyors, and that the Secretary be instructed to produce these diaries at the succeeding meeting of the Council."



— Striking Off Money, etc. —

The following recommendation was agreed to:-

"That the County Surveyor be recommended, after he has ascertained the approximate cost of metalling for each road, to strike off from the Contractors who are short in their material, (when shortage in all cases does not exceed 15 per cent of the total amount of metalling to be provided), the value of the shortage with 50 per cent added as a penalty.

That as regards contractors who are short over 15 per cent of the specified quantity of metalling, the County Surveyor exercise his discretion as to serving a ten days notice, or prosecute at petty sessions or quarter sessions."

— Kerlogue Quarry —

The following recommendation was agreed to:-

"That the matter of Kerlogue Quarry be referred to the Finance Committee. That our Secretary ask W. Kegee to inform him when the Vendor (W. E. Davis) has made title, and that as soon as possible thereafter, possession of the quarry be taken over by the Council."

Adopted on the motion of W. Ennis, seconded by the Chairman.

The Enniscorthy District Council, forwarded the following resolutions in connection with the matter:-

"That this Council will not approve of any new works or roads that are not shown to be unavoidably necessary and of absolute utility to the general travelling public."

"That the County Surveyor or his Assistants do not certify for any payments to contractors until all the material has been put out on the road and spread, and if necessary that the present form of Specification



be amended accordingly."

Proposed by W<sup>r</sup>. Peacocke, seconded by W<sup>r</sup>. Fanning and passed:-

"That a copy of the recommendation of the Roads Maintenance Committee as regards the striking off money from Road Contractors be sent to the Enniscorthy R. & B. Council."

— Resignation of W<sup>r</sup>. H. J. Poole, Rate collector —

Under date 15<sup>th</sup> March, W<sup>r</sup>. H. J. Poole, Rate collector for N<sup>o</sup> 13 district, wrote that as he did not consider himself capable of collecting the poor rates any longer he would ask the County Council to accept his immediate resignation. He also asked for an extension of time to close his collection for the half-year as he was confined to bed."

"The Secretary stated that in reply to this communication he had written W<sup>r</sup>. Poole that he would bring his resignation before the Finance Committee, but he could not hold out any hope to W<sup>r</sup>. Poole that the Committee would recommend the County Council to accept his resignation until he had closed his collection."

The Finance Committee had adopted the following recommendation

"That in the event of W<sup>r</sup>. Poole closing his collection satisfactorily we recommend the Co<sup>o</sup> Council to accept his resignation at the meeting of 15<sup>th</sup> April, and advertise for a new collector for N<sup>o</sup> 13, collection district at a poundage of 7<sup>d</sup> in the £. security to be by approved guarantee society."

Under date 18<sup>th</sup> March, W<sup>r</sup>. Poole forwarded certificate from D<sup>r</sup>. Nolan that he was suffering from Bronchial Catarrh and would not be fit for duty for a week or ten days."

The following letter as regards the proposed resignation of W<sup>r</sup>. Poole was read from the Local.



Government Board:-

"The Local Government Board for Ireland direct me to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 16<sup>th</sup> instant, enclosing a copy of a communication received by you from W. H. J. Poole, Poor Rate collector in the County Wexford, in which he asks the County Council to accept his immediate resignation of his Office.

In reference thereto, I am desired to point out that the Local Government Board observe from the Abstract of rate collected to that date that out of a total rate of £1125, included in his warrant, W. Poole had then lodged a sum of only £663 leaving rates outstanding in his district to the amount of £462; and I am to state that the Council would do well not to accept the resignation of the collector and thus release him and his sureties from the obligation imposed upon them by their bond."

"The Secretary also mentioned that the Finance Committee had requested W. Poole to proceed to close his collection as soon as his Medical Officer had reported him fit to carry out his duties."

Proposed by W. Peacocke, seconded by W. Kehoe, and passed:-

"That the question of the resignation of W. Poole be referred to the Finance Committee, and that they be empowered to accept same on the behalf of the County Council in the event of his satisfactorily closing his collection. That the Finance Committee advertise for a new Collector at a poundage fee of 7<sup>d</sup>, and the statutory emoluments under the Voters and Jurors Acts, the Security to be by a Guarantee Society approved by the



County Council and Local Government Board, amount of security to be £900."

Proposed by Mr. Stafford, seconded by Mr. Kehoe, and passed:

"That Mr. Poole and his sureties be requested to close the collection without further delay."

The following notice of motion by Councillor O'Neill, was then read:-

"That in consequence of the resignation of Mr. H. J. Poole, Rate collector, of No 13 Collection District, owing to old age and infirmity of body, I give notice of my intention to move at the meeting of the County Council on the 4<sup>th</sup> May that the question of granting a superannuation allowance to Mr. Poole be considered at said meeting, and if the Council agree to same that the amount of superannuation be fixed."

Mr. O'Neill said he had given the notice of motion to comply with the Act of Parliament, and to have the question of the consideration of allowing Mr. Poole a superannuation allowance in order for discussion at this meeting.

"The Secretary referred to correspondence from Mr. Poole from which it appeared that he was 66 years of age and had been in the service of the Grand jury and County Council for 23 years."

He had received the following certificate from Dr. Nolan relating to the illness of Mr. Poole:-

"I certify that Mr. Henry Poole is suffering from nervous debility and will be able to resume his collection in a fortnight, but in my opinion will not be able to perform his duties as collector for any length of time."

The Notice of Motion was adjourned till the meeting of the Council in May.



— The position of Mr. John Walsh, Rate collector —

The Secretary stated that at the meeting of the Finance Committee on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 1909, the following recommendation had been agreed to as regards the position of Mr. John Walsh, Rate collector:—

"That we recommend the County Council to call on Mr. Walsh for his resignation as Rate collector as from 31<sup>st</sup> March 1910.

That a copy of the letter of Mr. Walsh under date 3<sup>rd</sup> June 1909 stating that he would resign if he would not perform his duties—to the satisfaction of the Council be furnished his sureties, and that they be requested to inform the Secretary if they are satisfied he should collect the current moiety of the rate."

At a subsequent meeting of the Finance Committee letters were received from the sureties of Mr. Walsh that they were satisfied to remain security for Mr. Walsh during the collection of the Rate.

The Secretary stated that Mr. Walsh had satisfactorily closed his collection for the past half year.

Mr. Bolger gave the following notice of motion for May meeting:—

"That the resolution regarding the resignation of Mr. John Walsh, Rate collector, be rescinded. That Mr. Walsh be given his warrant for the incoming collection, on the distinct understanding that if there is any complaint against him in the future in neglecting to carry out the terms of his bond the County Council will call for his immediate resignation."



## Ferry carrig Bridge

The following agreement between the Finance Committee of the County Council, and a joint Committee of Wexford Harbour Commissioners was read:-

"Agreement made on the second day of March 1910; between the Finance Committee of the above County Council and a Committee of the Wexford Harbour Commissioners in respect of the plans of the proposed bridge at Ferry carrig.

Thirty feet clear is to be provided in the second span from the castle side with at least eight feet head room on ordinary high-water spring tides.

The opening span as originally proposed is to have at least a clear space of thirty feet in width. If it be found practicable the Harbour Commissioners prefer the opening span to be placed at the castle side; if not, they are satisfied with it in its present position.

Should the opening span be shifted to the castle side, the span at the Wexford side on which it is shown on plans will not require to be more than 25 feet in width.

In consideration of the County Council agreeing to carry out these recommendations, the Harbour Commissioners are prepared to inform the Board of Trade that they have no further objection to make to the proposed plans.

Signed. Edmond Gore. Chairman. Co. Council.

" James J. Stafford. Wexford Harbour Commissioners.  
Dated this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of March 1910.

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

"That the agreement between the Finance Committee and the Committee of Wexford Harbour



Commissioners re. Ferry carrig Bridge be approved."

"The Secretary stated that he had been informed by the Secretary of the Wexford Harbour Commissioners, that the agreement had been forwarded the Board of Trade on 2<sup>nd</sup> March."

In connection with the appointment of a Resident Engineer for Ferry carrig Bridge the following under date 11<sup>th</sup> March was read from the County Surveyor:-

"It is absolutely essential that there should be a Resident Engineer to supervise the construction of Ferry carrig Bridge.

I thought at first the cost could have been provided for in the sum provisionally passed for the work, but this course seems to be somewhat doubtful procedure.

Besides I do not want to encroach on the amount, as the balance I allowed for may only be reasonably sufficient to provide for alterations in the original design.

The work will probably take a year to complete and an efficient man can be obtained for £3 a week."

The letter came before the Finance Committee, when the following recommendation was adopted:-

"That the communication from W. Gaffney be postponed until next meeting of the Finance Committee and in the meantime that our Secretary communicate with W. de Vesian (Mouchel & Partners, London) and ask him if he intends, on the part of his Company to have appointed a permanent Engineer to superintend the construction of new bridge at Ferry carrig from start to finish, as the Finance Committee are about to consider the advisability of appointing a Resident Engineer on behalf of the County Council, and previous to taking



action in this direction they wish to have some information as to what Messrs. Mouchel & Partners intend doing as regards the question of supervision."

In reply to this letter the following under date 16<sup>th</sup> March was read from Mr. de Vesian:-

"I should have replied before to your letter of the 10<sup>th</sup> inst., but was away the latter part of last week in the North. Mr. Gaffney has informed me of the position of affairs.

With reference to the appointment of a Clerk of Works or Resident Engineer. This is a matter for your Council's consideration, as my firm do not consider it necessary in their interests to appoint such a man in view of the fact that the contractors who carry out our work are all under stringent agreement to us, and are reliable and experienced people with whom we feel our reputation would be safe, especially if Thompson gets the job.

From your point of view, as it is so close to Wexford, and as Mr. Gaffney will no doubt be taking considerable interest in the matter and as it is to be a lump sum contract, I should think the supervision that he will be able to give it would be everything that is necessary for your Council's point of view.

The Kilkenny County Council have appointed a Clerk of Works for the Kilkenny Bridge, which is of course an equally important engineering structure, and he is a young man in whom we have every confidence, and he knows his work well.

It is quite possible that you could make some advantageous arrangement with him to overlook the work, if the Kilkenny Co. Council would allow him, as the bridge at Kilkenny should be nearly completed by the time the work is started at Ferrycarrig, and you could not have a better



man should your Council think his services desirable.

Personally, I hope to be on the work from time to time and Mr. Gaffney would always have the benefit of my advice of course on any point about which he wished to have information."

The following recommendation was agreed to by the Meeting of the Finance Committee:

"We recommend the County Council to advertise for a qualified Resident Engineer in connection with the construction of Ferryarrig 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 has had personal experience in carrying out ferro-concrete work."

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

"That the recommendation of the Finance Committee with reference to the appointment of a Resident Engineer be approved."

### — Poisons & Pharmacy Act —

Mr. Bryan Henessy, South Street, New Ross, applied for a license under Poisons and Pharmacy Act, and applications for renewals were received from Messrs. Joshua Roberts, Newtownbarry; E. L. Keating, Ballycanew; Mr. Johanna Hogan, Enniscorthy; J. N. Greene, do, Israel Wallis, Athurstown; James. M. Redmond, 51 Main Street, Gorey.

Mr. Kehoe proposed, Mr. Stafford seconded, and it was adopted:-

"That the applications for a new license, and for renewals under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act as submitted by our Secretary be granted."



— Delegates to Parliamentary Conventions —

In view of the probability of a dissolution of Parliament taking place almost immediately, Mr. Joseph Devlin, Sec. United Irish League, wrote asking the County Council to appoint four delegates each for North and South Wexford for selection of candidates.

On the motion of Mr. Lanning, seconded by Mr. Kehoe, the following delegates were appointed:-

North Wexford:- Messrs. T. Bolger, H. Kinsella, Michael Doyle, and Mark Codd.

South Wexford:- Messrs. E. Hore, James Codd, M. Hickey, and John J. Kehoe."

— Experiment Direct Labour —

Under date 5<sup>th</sup> February the following letter was received from Enniscorthy Rural District Council:-

"That having regard to the unsatisfactory state of the county roads in many districts under the contract system, we, the Rural District Council of Enniscorthy, respectfully request the County Council to make an experiment of Direct Labour on the main roads of the county as they fall out of contract for a period of not less than five years."

In connection with this matter the following letter under date 18<sup>th</sup> February was read from the Clerk Enniscorthy District Council:-

"Referring to yours of the 8<sup>th</sup> inst, re. Direct Labour on the roads, I beg to inform you in reply to your queries that:-

(1) There was a month's notice given of the resolution re. direct labour.

(2) The resolution standing on the books was not rescinded the notice of motion read as follows:-

Notice of Motion

"Take notice that I will move on this day



four weeks, Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> February 1910, that having regard to the unsatisfactory state of the County Roads in many districts under the Contract System, We, the Rural District Council of Enniscorthy, respectfully request the County Council to make an experiment of Direct Labour on the Main Roads of the County, as they fall out of contract, for a period of not less than five years."

Signed. James Murphy.

Dated 5<sup>th</sup> January 1910

(3) I am aware that there is now no Main Road scheme, I presume what was meant was the Old Main Roads, as they are still looked upon here as Main Roads, I cannot say what roads are meant but will write Mr. Murphy, as I am sure he will be able to name them, (I expected him in yesterday but he did not turn up."

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

"That the Co. Council inform the Enniscorthy Rural District Council that as the resolution of the District Council against adopting a system of direct labour has not been rescinded, their resolution of the 5<sup>th</sup> February in favour of such a system cannot be considered in order."

— Tuberculosis Prevention (Ireland) Act —  
Under date 24<sup>th</sup> March the following resolution was received from Mr. M. J. Finn, Town Clerk, New Ross:-

"That Part I of the Tuberculosis Prevention (Ireland) Act 1908, be adopted by this Council subject to the approval of the County Council, and I am to request that your Council will kindly approve



of the adoption of that Part of the Act."

Proposed by Mr Stafford, seconded by W. Fanning, and passed:-

"That we have no objection to Part I of the Tuberculosis Prevention (Ireland) Act being adopted by the New Ross Urban Council."

### — Irish Road Congress —

Circular letter from Messrs R. H. Dorman, and H. Keogh-Nolan, Hon Secs of the Irish Road Congress giving the programme of the Congress which is to be held on 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, and 22<sup>nd</sup> Inst, was read.

Marked "Read"

### — Old Age Pensions —

The following circular letter from the Irish Co. Councils General Council was read:-

"The Irish County Councils General Council desire to direct the attentions of Pensions Committees throughout Ireland to the fact that grave doubt exists as to legality of the extensive cancellations of pensions recently made, and which continue to be made, by the Local Government Board for Ireland, and, in some isolated cases, by Pensions Committees themselves, on the ground that certain census records purport to show that the age of the pensioner, fixed by the decision of the committee at the time of his application as fulfilling the statutory qualification of 70 years or upwards, was so fixed in error, and is open to re-consideration at any time. The Council strongly hold that the decision of the Pension Committee upon this unchangeable qualification not having been appealed against within the statutory period by either the Pensions Officer or the applicant, is, in the words of the Act "final



and conclusive," and cannot be reopened either by the Committee themselves or by any other person or authority; and this view is fortified by the recent decision of the Court of Appeal in the Pawley case. The Council intend to seek a decision of the High Court upon this important question with as little delay as possible, and pending this decision, they suggest that Pensions Committees should resist any efforts on the part of Pensions officers to induce them to reopen, or reconsider in anyway, cases of the type above indicated."

The Waterford Co. Council forwarded the following resolution on the same subject:-  
 "That owing to the complaints that prevail all over this County as well as every other County in Ireland concerning the unjust administration of the Pensions Act by the Local Government Board, Pension Authority to the Poor, we, the Waterford Co. Council, call upon the Government to remedy the Pensions Act, by an amending Act declaring that all appeals by the Pensions Officer shall be void if not finally decided by the Local Government Board within one month from the date of appeal. And also that in every case a pension claimant may appeal <sup>from</sup> the decision of the Local Government Board to the County Court Judge of the County in which he lives who shall finally determine said appeal at the next Court, and that in hearing evidence the Judge may have regard not only to strictly legal evidence, but to any such evidence as is in his opinion sufficient for the purpose and as the best information which it is reasonably possible for the claimant to obtain, and that no Court fees or stamps be imposed."

"On the motion of Mr. Peacocke, recorded by



Mr. Asple, it was decided to refer the matter to Mr. Ennis."

### Rates on Labourers Cottages.

The Secretary laid before the meeting proposed Labourers Bill, forwarded by the Irish Co. Councils General Council, providing for Rural District Councils paying rates on labourers' cottages and collecting the amounts subsequently by instalments.

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

"That we approve of the provisions of the Labourers Bill, drafted by the Irish County Councils General Council."

### Damage Ferrycarraig Bridge.

Under date 24<sup>th</sup> March, the following letter was read from Slaney Steamboat Co:-

"We have received an application from Mr. R. W. Egan, Solicitor, on behalf of your Council for payment of £8: 7: 2, cost of repairing Ferrycarraig Bridge owing to damage alleged to be done by our steam barge on the 17<sup>th</sup> February last.

Our barge has been plying on the river for many years in charge of competent men and on the date mentioned the hands employed in steering and driving were capable and steady; all total abstainers. On their way to Wexford they took care as usual not to approach Ferrycarraig till low water. They reached there at 6.30 p.m., low water at Wexford Quay being 6.23 p.m., and in attempting to pass under the draw arch the bow of the barge struck the bridge. The men state, the barge would have got through safely were it not that the south side of the arch was lower by some inches than the north side. This is borne



out by the fact that the barge entered the arch without touching it.

Immediately after the occurrence our representative informed the Co. Surveyor, and although he came to Tullycarraig, he was unable to have the draw arch raised, indicating, we consider, the defectiveness of the structure.

It is unnecessary to point out the decaying state of the bridge; how it has for years hampered the traffic on the Slaney, and how, impeded as we have been by this out-of-date structure, and in the teeth of powerful opposition, our small company has maintained a goods service on the river between Wexford and Enniscorthy in the commercial interests of both places and kept down excessive rates, even when deprived of much of our revenue and at the entire loss of our net income.

The accident of the 14<sup>th</sup> ult., was unavoidable notwithstanding all precautions on our part and it is well known that there are times when barges passing through the bridge at low water have only headway sufficient to barely get through. Considering that your Council have decided to erect a new bridge in place of the present structure, which has outlived its day, we think in all fairness it is an injustice to penalise us owing to an occurrence entirely unavoidable by us, and at a time when you have already decided that the bridge is no longer fit for road or river traffic.

We would respectfully ask that a representative of our company be allowed to appear before a meeting or committee of your Council when the matter in dispute could be discussed and the necessity of incurring expensive legal proceedings avoided.

"The Secretary stated that at a meeting of



the Finance Committee two representatives of the company appeared and the Committee having heard them, and the County Surveyor, and being advised by their Solicitor, who was in attendance, adopted the following recommendation:-

"That we recommend the Co. Council to accept £5. from the Slaney Steamboat Co., in liquidation of cost of repairs to Ferryarrig Bridge as the damage caused the bridge on the 17<sup>th</sup> ult., might not have occurred but for the storm which prevailed on that evening. If the company accepts this offer we recommend the Co. Council to withdraw legal proceedings."

"Under date 4<sup>th</sup> April a letter was read from Mr. Irwin on behalf of the Steamboat Co., agreeing to the payment of the £5."

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

"That the recommendation of the Finance Committee agreeing to accept £5 as compensation for damage caused Ferryarrig bridge by the Steamboat of Slaney Steamboat Co., be confirmed."

#### Encroachment on Road.

Under date 24<sup>th</sup> February, the following letter was read from Mr. Patrick Sutton, Ballynahoun, Wells, Gorey:-

"I have recently erected a new entrance to my place, I find now I should have had permission from the Co. Council for same, I now respectfully ask permission for the erection of a new entrance, and beg to state it was totally in ignorance of the regulations, that I acted as I have done. I apologize for same and say I am very sorry. I have to add I have been absent in England and the West



India for about 26 years, as a Revenue Officer. Trusting your Council will under the circumstances favourably consider my application."

On the motion of Mr. Stafford, seconded by Mr. Fortune, the following resolution was adopted:—"That in view of Mr. Sutton's explanation that he acted in ignorance in making a slight encroachment on the road at his residence the Council agree to take no action."

— Alleged Tree Cutting —

Under date 12<sup>th</sup> February, the following letter was read from Messrs M. J. O'Connor, Solicitors, Wexford:-

"We are instructed by Mr. Nicholas Doyle of Rahendarrig, Boolavogue, that within the last fortnight, the contractor, David Breen, cut down 200 yards of a hedge, which is the fence between our client's land and the public road at Rahendarrig. This is a great injury to our client, because his land is about five feet higher than the road and the hedge is the only fence. It did no damage whatever to the road because it was kept regularly trimmed. Our client will have to put up a paling or other fence, besides losing the shelter of the hedge, part of which will never grow again. No notice of any description was given about cutting the hedge.

We shall thank you to let us know what the Council and the contractor propose to do about compensating Mr. Doyle for his loss."

"On the motion of the Chairman (Mr. Peacocky) it was decided that the letter be marked "Read."

— Bad Condition of a Road —

Under date 7<sup>th</sup> March the following letter was read from Mr. Owen Doyle, Boradorragh, Templehambo,



Terns:-

"Re my contract between Shambo and Kiltaly. about a mile of it on the Kiltaly end is in such a wretched condition that the public can hardly travel it, especially at night time.

I put out the tonnage specified in my contract but you could scarcely see it now. Two engines were employed all last summer drawing heavy waggons of timber, and five carmen worked most of the past winter drawing timber too. Between them all they cut up the road in such a bad way that 10 times the tonnage I put on it would be required to restore it to its former condition. a great deal of repairs have to be done to make this portion of my contract fit for public use, and I positively want to know, will the Co. Council allow me compensation if I do extra work that is now necessary."

Proposed by the Chairman, and adopted:-  
"That the letter of Mr. Owen Doyle, relative to his road contract be referred to the County Surveyor."

— Enniscorthy School Attendance Committee. —

Under date 3<sup>rd</sup> March, the Secretary, National Education Office; wrote pointing out that the period of service for Enniscorthy Rural District School Attendance Committee would expire on 31<sup>st</sup> and asking for the names of the persons appointed by the Co. Council to form a new committee as soon as possible.

"The Secretary stated that the Enniscorthy Rural District Council, recommended the following for appointment:- Messrs Shaddus Bolger, Thomas Cleary, Philip J. Bowe, Patrick Doyle, Jas. Lynch."

Proposed by Mr. Ennis, seconded by Mr. Asple and passed:- "That the following be appointed



as the representatives of the Co Council (as local authority) on the Ennisecorchy Rural District School attendance committee: - messrs J. Bolger, Thomas Cleary, P. J. Bowe, Patrick Doyle, and James Lynch."

— Loss of a Boat - Courtown Harbour. —

Under date 4<sup>th</sup> February, the following letter was read from Thomas Davis, Courtown Harbour, relative to the loss of his Boat: -

"As I lost my boat and nets at Courtown Harbour, on the morning of the 18<sup>th</sup> January, and as I was solely depending on same, and as I have a large family I would respectfully ask the Co. Council to give me any assistance in their power towards the procuring of a new boat, for which I will be for ever grateful."

Proposed by the Chairman, and adopted: -  
"That Mr. Davis, be informed that the Co Council regret they have no power to make any grant to help to compensate him for the loss of his boat at Courtown Harbour."

— Discharging Boats - Courtown Harbour. —

The Secretary submitted correspondence with the Courtown Harbour Committee and minutes of Finance Committee relative to providing two new discharging boats for Courtown Harbour.

"The Finance Committee recommended that the old boats should be repaired at a cost not exceeding £3.; that the tender of the Wexford Dockyard Co., be rejected, and that the new boats be re-advertised, to be delivered on or before March 1<sup>st</sup> 1911."

Proposed by Mr. Ennis, seconded by Mr. Fanning, and passed: - "That the action of the Finance Committee in re-advertising for the supply of two discharging boats for Courtown Harbour, be approved."



Confirmation of minutes

On the motion of Mr. Asple, seconded by Mr. James Codd, the minutes of the various committees since last meeting of the Council, were confirmed.

Leave of absence

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

"That the County Surveyor, and Co. Secretary be granted leave of absence for 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, and 22<sup>nd</sup> inst."

Supply of coals - Co. Courthouse

On the motion of Mr. Ennis, seconded by Mr. Fanning, the Secretary was instructed to advertise for a supply of coals for Co. Courthouse as from 1<sup>st</sup> May.

Way Leave

Under date 20<sup>th</sup> March, Mr. Roberts, Superintending Engineer of the Post Office, applied for the consent of the Council to the erection of an overhead telegraphic line along the side of the public road from the existing telegraphic lines at Mucurry Cross Roads, via Mucurry Bridge to the Post Office at Kiltcally.

The Chairman proposed, Mr. Asple, seconded and it was passed:- "That the way-leave requested by the Post Office be granted."

creamery managers, and the Department of agriculture & Technical Instruction.

Under date 25<sup>th</sup> November 1909, a lengthy communication was received from the Secretary of the Irish creamery managers' association complaining that the Department of agriculture had in 1904 appointed as creamery instructor "an individual who had no experience of the working of creameries in any capacity whatever"



while the Department refuses to give certificates to creamery managers, unless they have twelve-months experience as managers, and pass an examination in Physical Science, Dairy, Technology, Bacteriology, Engineering, and Business methods.

The Department had refused to consider representations from the Irish creamery managers' association as to future appointments of Instructors, and the latter asked the County Council to pass a resolution demanding that all subordinate positions should be filled by competitive examination from among qualified candidates.

"It was decided to postpone the matter till next meeting of the Council."

#### Catholics and Department of Agriculture + Technical Instruction.

Under date 1<sup>st</sup> December 1909, Mr. P. J. Lawrence, Hon Sec., Catholic Defence Society; 16 Rutland Sq., Dublin., wrote as follows:-

"I beg to enclose particulars regarding the unfair treatment accorded to the Catholic officials serving in the Veterinary Branch of the Irish Agriculture Department.

The Cork Co. Council, at their meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> November, 1909, directed their Secretary to write to the Vice-President of the Department, and ask for an explanation in connection with this matter.

Might I ask you to be good enough to lay the particulars before your Council as soon as possible for such action as may be deemed necessary.

If your Council would follow the lead given by Cork, and write, too, to Mr. Russell for an explanation, good results would no doubt follow."



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

"That the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction, be requested to furnish this Council with their observations as to the public allegations which have been made regarding the unjust treatment of Catholics in the Veterinary Branch."

— Wanting Road Inspection —

Under date 8<sup>th</sup> February, the following letter was read from Mr. W. J. Tomkins, Seaview, Cloneman, Gorey:-

"As I understand your Council are to meet on 9<sup>th</sup> inst., I would like very much if you would ask them to state in what part of the district the roads are improving. As far as I can see they were never as bad as they are at present, and I could not expect anything else, that is if the system of making or repairing them is carried on, as round here, namely, the specified material in this district with very few exceptions, were to be sea stones, broken so as to pass freely through an inch and a half ring, but I regret to say instead of broken sea stones it is sea gravel of most irregular sizes is used. To verify this I would feel most grateful if your Roads Committee would kindly visit this district to see for themselves. I am afraid there is someone in fault.

Hoping you will excuse me for taking up so much of your valuable time."

marked "Read."

— Appointment of Inspector Food & Drugs Act. —

Mr. Fanning proposed, Mr. Aspley seconded and it was adopted:-

"That we hereby appoint Sergeant John A. Beatty, R. I. C., Gorey; as Inspector of the Wexford



Co. Council, as local authority, under the Food & Drugs acts, with power to do all things necessary for the purpose of carrying the provisions of these acts into effect."

— Complaint of Road Contractor. —

The following letter under date 13<sup>th</sup> April, was read from Daniel Kelly, Road Contractor, Knockmore, Cain :-

"I beg to lay my complaint before you. I am contractor for Road No. 226 from the bounds of the Barony at Cain to Castleboro, for the last five years. I was never deferred or struck off. I was considered a good contractor, by the late Co. Surveyor and his Assistant, by Councillors and Ratepayers. On the 1<sup>st</sup> April I received a note from the Assistant Surveyor, Mr. Hassett - saying I was £2 deferred for uncut hedges and rough surface of road. That was bad enough, but at Enniscorthy half-yearly meeting the 15<sup>th</sup> April, I was read out £2 struck off.

This is too bad for a poor labouring man who did his work honestly and well, I can see no way to get redress, so I respectfully ask you to send the Roads Committee on this road, that they may see and report am I wronged or not."

— Alleged Interference with a Road. —

Mr. Walter Dooley, Gurrawn, Blackwater, Road Contractor, wrote protesting against £3 being deferred on foot of contract No. 164. (Enniscorthy District) for having allowed his road to be interfered with. Mr. Dooley, and the District Councillors for the division, pointed out that the interference consisted in a fence having been erected at a dangerous



gupe four years ago; and they contended that this fence was quite necessary for the protection of the public, and was really a benefit, rather than an obstruction to the road."

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

"That the contractors who complain as to amount deferred or struck off, be informed that the Co. Council have been advised by the Local Government Board, by letter dated 8th February 1909, that they have no power to interfere with payments deferred or struck off by the County Surveyor."

admission of Press to meetings -

Board of Agriculture.

under date 19th October, the following resolution (postponed from last meeting of the Co. Council) was read from Kilkenny Co. Council :-

"That in the opinion of this Council, the proceedings of every Body administering or controlling public funds, should be open to the public and the Press; the ratepayers having an inherent right to know how their money is being disbursed; that the transactions of the Board of Agriculture and Technical Instruction, are of especial interest to the members of every Council who join in the administration of the Local Government Act, and that we call on the Board of Agriculture to comply with this resolution."

Adopted on the motion of Mr. Stafford, seconded by Mr. Aspley."

Queenstown & Bunard Line.

under date 5th April, a circular letter was



read from the Lord Mayor of Dublin, asking the Co. Council to appoint two delegates to attend an all Ireland meeting of public bodies, and members of Parliament, to be held in the Mansion House, Dublin; on 20<sup>th</sup> April for the purpose of considering what steps should be taken to safeguard the interests of the whole of Ireland now being adversely affected by the regrettable action of the Cunard Steamship Co., in abandoning Queenstown as the Irish Port of call for their fast steamers on the east bound passages from New York."

Mr. Stafford proposed, Mr. Fanning seconded, and it was passed:-

"That Messrs Peacocke, and J. J. Kehoe, be appointed representatives to the all Ireland meeting re the Cunard Co., and Irish Interests."

#### English Irish Dictionary.

The following under date 19<sup>th</sup> February 1910, was read from Mr. O'Neill Lane.

"I beg to enclose a prospectus of the new edition of my English-Irish Dictionary, in connection with which I have made exhaustive searches throughout Ireland for material establishing the usage in the four provinces. The manuscript dictionaries and other documents discovered by me, and enumerated in the prospectus, practically cover the whole dialectic field and will enable me to bring out a full and accurate work.

I enclose a rough specimen proof to give you some idea of the scope of the book, and I trust you will allow me to add your name to the list of subscribers"

marked "Read."



Poundage & Irrecoverable Rates.

The following resolutions were adopted :-  
On the motion of Mr. Asple, seconded by Mr. Codd :-

"That the lists of Irrecoverable Rates as submitted by our Secretary, be forwarded to the Local Government Board for their approval."

On the motion of Mr. Asple.

Seconded by Mr. James Codd :-

"That the collectors who completed their collection by 31st March, be paid the amount of Poundage as set out in Schedule submitted by our Secretary."

House of Lords.

The following resolution from Wicklow Harbour Commissioners, which was postponed from last meeting of the Council, was read :-

"That the House of Lords having proved the implacable and hereditary enemies of Ireland, by upholding all injustice to the Irish Nation; we hereby endorse to the fullest extent the indictments against it by the Right Hon Joseph Chamberlain in 1884, and the impeachments of Lloyd George and Winston Churchill, in their Bristol speeches, and we hereby call on the people of England to end the Lords' irresponsible power by abolishing it for ever: a House which has trampled on the people and the people's rights."

Proposed by Mr. Stafford, seconded by Mr. Kehoe, and passed :- "That the Wicklow Harbour Commissioners be informed that we have every confidence in the manner in which the Irish Party will deal with the House of Lords."



Advertising

A letter was read from the manager of the newspaper "An Claidheamh Soluis" asking for a share of the advertising of the Co. Council.

marked 'Read.'

Analyst's Report.

The following was read for the meeting:-

City Laboratory  
17 Castle St. Dublin.  
17<sup>th</sup> February 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 31<sup>st</sup> December 1909.

102 articles were received from the Food Inspector R. J. C., as follows...

<u>Article</u>	<u>Number.</u>
milk	38
whiskey	29
Butter	28
Buttermilk	6
Rum	2
margarine	2
Port Wine	2
cheese	1
Total	<u>102.</u>

One certificate sent to acting Sergeant Donagh Wexford, for specimen of milk adulterated with at least 18 per cent of added water, and one certificate for specimen of buttermilk adulterated with at least 35 per cent of added water exclusive of 25 per cent allowed for churning purposes, and one certificate for specimen of whiskey which was 48 degrees under proof, and was therefore adulterated with 24 per cent of water.

One certificate sent to constable White, Gorey; for specimen of whiskey which was 30 degrees under



proof and was therefore adulterated with 6.67 per cent of water.

One certificate sent to Sergeant Groves, Enniscorthy; for specimen of milk adulterated with at least 39 per cent of added water, and was also deprived of at least 30 per cent of its fats.

There were twelve specimens of butter analysed by directions from the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction for Ireland, Uppermerion St., Dublin; which were taken up in the Co. Wexford. They were pure.

Three specimens of water analysed for the Guardians of Wexford Union had the following compositions.

One imperial gallon contained in grains..

	<u>No. 1.</u>	<u>No. 2.</u>	<u>No. 3.</u>
Total solid matters	25.900	16.800	34.300
Including			
albuminoid ammonia	0.021	0.009	0.039
saline ammonia	0.0025	0.0045	0.029
nitric acid	3.560	Trace	4.000
chlorine	4.970	2.585	3.379

No. 3 was much polluted and dangerous to drink, No. 2. was pure. No. 1. was slightly inferior.

For the Guardians of Gorey Union fifteen drugs were analysed. Two were incorrect.

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

One imperial gallon contained in grains..

Total solid matters	12.600
Including	
albuminoid ammonia	0.058
saline ammonia	0.017
nitric acid	Trace
chlorine	2.186

A. bad water.



Two specimens of water analysed for Enniscorthy Rural District Council had the following composition.

One imperial gallon contained in grains..

	<u>No. 1.</u>	<u>No. 2.</u>
Total solid matters.	18.900.	21.000

Including

albuminoid ammonia	0.006	0.0075
saline ammonia	0.006	0.006
nitric acid	1.810	1.800
chlorine	2.087	2.380

Good waters.

For the Guardians of Enniscorthy Union, eighteen drugs and four specimens of tea were analysed. One of the drugs was incorrect.

One specimen of jelly was analysed for Messrs Buttle, Bros. Ltd, Enniscorthy.

There were two specimens of feeding stuffs analysed for J. Lambert Esq. Bellfield Farm, Enniscorthy.

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

Total analyses.. 163.

Adulterated and defective articles.. 8.

C. A. Cameron.

#### Automobile Club.

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

"That as we understand the automobile club of Great Britain intend holding demonstrations of aeroplanes this year, we desire to call their attention to the suitability of the North and South Slob Lands, Wexford, where excellent facilities are available."

Edmund Hore,