

SPECIAL MEETING.- 15th JULY 1913.

A Special Meeting of the Wexford County Council, was held in the County Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford, on 15th July 1913.

Present:- Mr John Bolger, (Chairman) presiding.

Also present:- Messrs J. J. Stafford, M. Doyle Junr., C. H. Peacocke, James Codd, J. T. Mayler, John O'Connor.

The Secretary, and Mr R. W. Elgee, Solicitor to the Council were in attendance.

University Scholarship Scheme.

With reference to the adoption of the University Scholarship Scheme for the year 1914, the Secretary explained that the representatives of the Gaelic League who were to have conferred with the Finance & Roads Committee, found themselves unable to attend.

"It was decided that the matter be postponed to the meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee on 30th July."

Additional Members.-Insurance Committee.

Under date 7th July 1913, letter No. 30513-13, was read from the National Health Insurance Commission:-

This communication pointed out that as the County Council had proposed to defray part of the cost of Sanatorium benefit under the National Health Insurance Act, the Commission had decided to increase the representation of the Council from eight to ten members, and it was therefore necessary that the Council should, at once, meet and appoint two additional representatives who would hold office until 15th July 1914.

"On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr O'Connor, Messrs Stafford, and James Codd, were appointed as the two additional representatives of the County Council on the County Insurance Committee."

Tuberculosis (Ireland) Order 1913.

Under date 2nd July 1913, the following letter (No. 3011-13, V. B.) was read from the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction:-

"I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 26th ultimo.

conveying the terms of recommendations adopted the previous day by the Finance & Roads Committee of the Wexford County Council in connection with the Tuberculosis (Ireland) Order of 1913.

The cost of an outfit for testing milk for tuberculosis under the Order is about £20, and a list giving particulars as to such an outfit will be found enclosed. The instruments included therein may be obtained from such Firms as:-

Messrs Watson & Co.,

313 High Holborn,

London,

Messrs Gallenkamp & Co., Ltd.,

19-21 Sun Street,

Finsbury Square,

London.

Messrs R. & J. Beck & Co.,

66 Cornhill,

London.

If it can be arranged to have the testing for the County done by one of the Inspectors a single outfit would be sufficient.

The Department note the proposal received in the matter from Dr Kelly, but, for the purposes of correspondence and general administration it is desirable, from the point of view of the Department, that the investigation duties under the Order should be confined to the Veterinary Inspectors."

Under date 4th July 1913, the following letter (No. 3030-13 V.B.,) was read from the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction:-

"With reference to your letter of 30th ultimo, respecting procedure under the Tuberculosis (Ireland) Order, I have to state that although the Local Authority as a body are charged with the duty of executing the provisions of the Order it appears to the Department that in practice it will be necessary so as to secure a proper working of the Order for the Local Authority to arrange for the administrative work in their district to be carried out by one of their officials. The various administrative steps which the Order requires the Local Authority to take in connection with a reported case of Tuberculosis are in the Department's view within the function of the Clerk of the Local Authority and there would be no objection on the Department's part to your being deputed in that capacity to take all requisite steps on behalf of the

Local Authority.

A list of the requirements of a milk testing outfit which should have been sent with my letter of 2nd instant, is now enclosed."

Under date 9th July, the following letter (No.3218-13 V.B.,) was read from the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction:-

"With reference to your letter of the 5th instant enquiring whether it is the business of the Veterinary Inspector to provide the various articles required for the testing of milk in connection with Tuberculosis (Ireland) Order of 1913, I have to state that in the opinion of the Department an affirmative reply cannot be given to such query.

The Department consider that the Local Authority should provide the needed outfit in the matter for one or more of their Veterinary Inspectors. If the outfit be supplied to one Inspector only it should be arranged that he should receive milk samples from and carry out the testing thereof for the remaining Inspectors."

On the motion of Mr Peacocke, seconded by Mr Stafford, the following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed:-

"That our Secretary be empowered as Clerk to the Local Authority to take all requisite steps, on behalf of the County Council as the Local Authority in connection with the administration of the Tuberculosis (Ireland) Order. That, should he require the direction of the County Council in any particular cases he be instructed to bring same before the next available meeting, or, if necessary, in consultation with the Chairman, to summon a special meeting for the purpose, all cases of indurated udder to come before meetings of the County Council."

On the motion of Mr Peacocke, seconded by Mr Stafford, the following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed:-

"That we request the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction to sanction the proposal of Dr W.P.Kelly, Enniscorthy, as to bacteriological examinations necessary under the Tuberculosis (Ireland) Order for three months in order to ascertain how the Order will work in this County."

Proposed Increased Railway Rates.

The following resolution was received from Cork County Council:-

"RESOLVED- That the County Council of Cork County decide to appear

before the Railway Commission in opposition to the proposed application for power to increase their rates for Goods, Minerals, merchandise, Parcels, etc., and instruct their Secretary to take the necessary steps to present the case of the opposition of the Council to the said application.

And further that the County Secretary be directed to enter into communication with the County Councils of the other Counties and other public bodies in the area sought to be affected, with a view to the preparation and presentation of a full statement of the reasons for such opposition, and to employ whatever expert assistance may be necessary for such purpose."

On the motion of Mr Peacocke, seconded by Mr James Codd, the following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed:-

"That we protest against the increased rates for Goods, Minerals, Merchandise etc., proposed by the Gt Southern & Western Railway Co., and Dublin & South Eastern Railway Co., and we request the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction to appear before the Railway Commissioners in opposition to these increases.

We desire to point out that, in the case of Milk, the Dublin & South Eastern Railway Co., propose to increase the rate by 100 per cent.

We also regard the proposed increased rates for parcels as exorbitant."

County Wexford Infirmary.

Under date 25th June, 1913, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 33703 Wexford County) forwarding the following letter from Colonel Tottenham, Ballycurry Ashford, Co. Wicklow, relative to expenditure of County Wexford Infirmary:-

"As a Ratepayer in County Wexford as well as in County Wicklow I ask leave to draw the attention of the Local Government Commissioners to the very heavy expenditure on County Wexford Infirmary, and I take the liberty of enclosing the reports of County Wexford and County Wicklow Infirmaries, respectively, for comparison. The Wexford Infirmary receives £1,387. 10. 0 from the Ratepayers and £16. 16. 0 from local subscribers. Its total expenditure for the year is £1,886. 13. 10. It dealt with 397 intern patients including "upwards of 80 accidents".

The County Wicklow Infirmary receives only £500 from the Ratepayers, plus the Surgeon's salary, and obtains £134 : 19 : 9, from local

subscriptions. Its total expenditure for the year is £704 : 9 : 4. It dealt with 450 intern patients including 231 accidents.

I cannot but consider that these figures deserve the attentive consideration of the Local Government Commissioners, and that they will find that there must be some want of method in the management of the Wexford Hospital.

It would appear that 979 externpatients were "treated free" It is hardly possible to doubt that a very large proportion of those should probably have gone to the District dispensary and that the County Wexford at large is subject to a substantial charge which should be borne by the Ratepayers of the Rural District and this is an injustice that calls for the interference of the Local Government Board."

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Peacocke, the following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed:-

"That we request the Managing Committee of the County Wexford Infirmary, to furnish the County Council with their observations as to the communication received from Colonel Tottenham, and that our Secretary submit same to the next meeting of the County Council."

County Council Insurances.

On the motion of Mr Stafford, seconded by Mr Doyle Jr., the following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed:-

"That the County Council place with their Treasurer a sum of £100 per annum in a suspense account, to meet claims for compensation under the Workmen's Compensation Act., etc."

Duncannon Hulk.

Under date 28th June, the following letter was read from Mr P.G. Forrestal, Hon Sec., Duncannon Hulk Committee:-

"On behalf of the "Duncannon Hulk Committee" I am instructed to lay before you their views contingent on the immediate necessity of having it repaired and restored to its former position.

From correspondence received from Mr Poole (Manager of W.D.Steamboat Co.) I glean it is the Co's intention not to call hear only on certain conditions of tide, and after 1st September the terminus will be Ballyhack.

Needless to recount- the great disappointment, loss and expense the public (within a large radius here) will have to bear because of its

absence,. Feelings are running high at present, amongst farmers, labourers, shopkeepers, and all the public and district tapped by this service, and as a sequence my Committee intend calling a public protest meeting if further prolongation takes place.

My Committee trust your Council will accede to their request without delay and thank your Council for their best offices in having the pontoon and stage repaired and restored.

I am sending you herewith Mr Poole's letter (to return at convenience) explanatory of the Company's position, and some details arising out of your inspection meeting here sometime past.

On last Sunday the Company decided not to call or take passengers to Duncannon from New Ross Excursion, because of state of tide and absence of hulk.

The determination of Company not to risk the "People's Steamer" for continuous traffic here, must be considered as very material against requirements of the district, they being actuated by a desire to protect the boat as an asset of the "People" while on the other hand the restoration of hulk will settle matters, satisfactory to all."

"Postponed to next meeting of the County Council."

Proposed Boys' Club-Enniscorthy.

Under date 12th July 1913, a letter was read from Rev R. Fitzhenry, Adm., Enniscorthy, asking the County Council to lease at a reasonable figure the old Bridewell adjoining the Courthouse, Enniscorthy, for the purpose of its being transferred into a place of recreation for the members of the Boys' Club recently established in Enniscorthy, and to give him permission to make the necessary alterations.

"Referred to Mr Elgee to ascertain if the County Council have any power to comply with Father Fitzhenry's request."

Assistant Surveyor M. Hassett.

Under date 15th July 1913, the following was read from Mr M. Hassett Assistant Surveyor:-

"I beg to apply for permission to undertake the duties of Engineer to the Enniscorthy R. D. C., if elected on Thursday next. The appointment is but temporary yet, and will be for about three weeks. If necessary I would employ a qualified substitute."

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

"That the application of Mr Hassett, Assistant Surveyor, for leave of absence be acceded to, provided he names and pays a substitute approved by the County Surveyor."

Oulart Water Supply.

The Local Government Board forwarded Sealed Order No. 32377-1913, relative to expenses of Oulart water supply being a charge on the Oulart Dispensary District.

Marked "Read"

Mr Gerald Flood-Assistant Surveyor.

Under date 25th June 1913, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 32800) approving of the appointment for one year on probation, of Mr Gerald Flood, as Assistant Surveyor for Wexford County.

Marked "Read"

Audit of Accounts.

The Local Government Board wrote forwarding reports of their Auditor on his audit of the Accounts of Gorey and New Ross Union and Gorey and New Ross District Councils, in respect of half-year ended 31st March 1913.

Marked "Read".

Poisons & Pharmacy Act.

Mr Patrick Healy, 82 North Main Street, Wexford, applied for a license under Poisons & Pharmacy Act.

"On the motion of Mr Peacocke, seconded by Mr Codd the application was granted."

Approval Loans-Steam-Rolling.

Under date 27th June 1913, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 29,929-1913, Wexford County) :-

"The Local Government Board for Ireland have had before them the applications of the County Council of Wexford for sanction to loans of £520, £460 and £720 for the purposes of steamrolling roads in the Rural Districts of Enniscorthy, Gorey and New Ross respectively, and

the Board desire to express their sanction to the loans in question, in pursuance of Article 22 of the Schedule of the Local Government (Application of Enactments) Order 1898, and Section 60 of the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898 repayment to be spread over a period of 5 years, in each case.

The Ordnance Sheets, Specification and Estimate, are returned herewith."

Marked "Read"

(Signed)

John Bolger

Presiding Chairman.

Dated this 6th day of August 1913.