

Annual Meeting - 16th June 1904.

The annual meeting of the county council was held in the council chamber, courthouse, Wexford; on June 16th 1904.

Present :- Sir Thomas A. Grattan Esmonde, chairman presiding.

Messrs C. Hore, W. Browne, C. A. Peacocke, W. Murphy, W. A. Ennis, J. C. Mayler, D. Dempsey, John J. Kehoe, W. Hickey, J. F. Walsh, J. A. Doyle, and A. Kinsella.

Mr R. W. Elgee, Solicitor to the Council, Mr Henry Webster, County Surveyor, and Mr W. J. Frizelle, Acting Secretary, were in attendance.

The minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

Chairmen of District Councils

Communications were read from Mr W. Kehoe, (Clerk District Council, Wexford) and Mr Owen Connolly (Clerk District Council, Enniscorthy) that Mr Michael Murphy, and Mr Thaddeus Bolger, had been re-elected chairmen of Wexford and Enniscorthy District Council, for the ensuing year.

Mr R. Brighton (Clerk Rural District Council, Gorey) wrote that Mr John Sinnott, Ballybeg, Ferns, had been elected as a representative of the District Council, under section 3 of the Local Government Act, instead of the chairman, Sir T. A. G. Esmonde, who is an elected member of the Council.

Mr Pope (Clerk of New Ross Rural District Council) wrote that Mr Michael Hickey, had been elected to represent the New Ross District Council on the County Council; Mr John Cummins, the chairman of the District Council, being already

a member of the County Council.

Messrs M. Murphy, and M. Hickey, subscribed the usual declaration of office.

Election of Chairmen

On the motion of Mr Peacocke, seconded by Mr Dempsey: Sir Thomas A. Grattan-Esmonde Bart M.P. was unanimously re-elected chairman of the Council.

On the motion of Mr Ennis, seconded by Mr Kehoe Mr E. Hore, was unanimously re-elected, Vice-Chairman of the Council.

Committees

The following were appointed on the Finance Committee, on the motion of the Chairman:- Sir T. A. G. Esmonde, E. Hore, M. Browne, James Donohoe, A. Kinsella, M. J. Furlong, C. A. Peacocke, J. F. Walsh, J. J. Kehoe, M. Murphy, Lord Viscount Stopford and M. A. Ennis.

As Executive Committee under the Contagious Diseases (Animals) Acts the following were appointed Sir T. A. G. Esmonde, Messrs E. Hore, D. Dempsey, J. E. Mayler, C. A. Peacocke, J. F. Walsh, John J. Kehoe, M. Murphy, M. Hickey, M. A. Ennis, and M. Browne the first meeting to be held on June 25th at 11 o'clock a.m.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Ennis, it was decided that the Proposal Committee, should be a Committee of the full Council.

Courtown Harbour.

The report of Courtown Harbour Committee, (as appearing on the minutes of the last meeting of the Council) was considered.

The following letter was read from the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction, under

date 10th June and no. 1580/04 Z. B.

"Adverting to your letter of the 28th ultimo, embodying a resolution adopted at a meeting of the Wexford County Council on the 27th ultimo, and enclosing a copy of the report of a Committee appointed to consider the circumstances of Courtown Harbour, I have to state, for the information of your Council, that the Department are prepared - on the assumption, for the present, that the entire recommendations of the Committee, and nothing further, shall be carried out - to contribute one-half the cost of the works of improvement, provided (1) that their contribution does not exceed £288, (2) that the legal difficulties surrounding the case be overcome, and, (3) that the Department's Engineer, on investigation, approves of the scheme."

The Chairman moved: "That our Secretary be instructed to communicate with the County Councils of Dublin, Wicklow, and Waterford, to ascertain from them if they would be prepared to meet representatives of this Council in conference with a view to urge upon the Government, the passing of a Marine Works Act for the South-east coast of Ireland."

Mr. Ennis seconded. Passed.

Mr. Peacocke moved: "That the report of Courtown Harbour Committee be received and adopted, eliminating from it the provision that the Department of Agriculture ~~are not in a position~~ provide two dredgers, as it appears from the statement of our Chairman, the Department are not in a position to comply with this request; also that the last paragraph in the report stating "that any attempt to enlarge or extend Courtown Harbour by the erection of new works, with a

view to enable over-sea cargoes to be discharged alongside the Pier, would under present conditions be injudicious" read from the words "alongside the Pier" to the end "would not commend itself to the Council pending the passage of a Marine Works Act." Mr. Kinsella seconded.

Mr. Murphy moved: "That the consideration of the report be deferred pending the conference of the County Councils referred to in a previous resolution" Mr. Browne seconded.

The result of a poll was as follows:-

For postponing the consideration of the report:- Messrs Walsh, Browne, Kehoe, Kere, Ennis, Mayler, Murphy, and Doyle - 8.

Against:- Messrs Kinsella, Peacocke, Dempsey, Dickey, and the Chairman - 5.

The Chairman declared the amendment carried.

The following were on the motion of Mr. Walsh seconded by Mr. Kehoe, appointed as delegates to the forthcoming conference - Sir J. H. G. Esmonde Messrs W. A. Ennis, C. A. Peacocke, A. Kinsella, J. Cummins, and John Bolger.

The Secretary was directed to ask the other County Councils concerned to suggest where the conference would meet.

Revision of Valuation

Application for Revision of valuation of holdings from the Rate collectors, etc., were considered and the following orders made.

Moved by the Chairman:- "That the list of tenements for revision of valuation as submitted by the Secretary be approved and forwarded the General valuation Office, in due course.

Collector Blake.

On the motion of the Chairman, the following resolution was adopted:- "That the Local Government

Board, be informed that Collector Francis Blake, had not up to the date of this meeting forwarded any list of tenements for revision of valuation."

Enniscorthy Rural District School Attendance Committee
Under date 26th May 1904, the Commissioners of National Education, wrote that under the powers vested in them by the Act of 1892, they had appointed the following as Members of the Enniscorthy Rural District School Attendance Committee:- Very Rev Canon Sheill, P.P. Very Rev Canon Doyle P.P. Rev Canon Gibson, M.A. Rev W. R. B. Fry M.A. and Rev N. Murnagh, b. c.

The Labourers Bill

The following resolution with reference to the Labourers' Bill was received from the South Dublin District Council:-

"That we, the South Dublin Rural District Council, having taken into consideration the proposals contained in the Labourers (Ireland) Bill, now before Parliament, have come to the conclusion that the said Bill, should be amended in the following respects:-

1.- The clauses transferring powers to the County Councils should be amplified - they should provide that the County Councils may expend sums of money out of the Public Funds, equal to those expended under the Labourer's Act by the Local Government Board, on the appointment of and payment of competent officials.

2.- The procedure under the Labourers Act ought to be materially shortened; this could be effected in many ways and notably by providing that the Arbitrator should hold his Inquiry at the same time as the Inspector's Inquiry into the scheme, his Award to remain provisional, until the Provisional Order become absolute.

3.- There should be a grant in aid of the

operations under the Labourers' Acts analagous to what has been given under the Land Purchase Act, so that the welfare of the agricultural labourers may receive the same amount of consideration at the hands of the Legislature, as that of the other two classes interested in Irish land. viz:- the landlords and the tenants.

4- The expenses connected with providing title to lands proposed to be purchased under the Acts should be reduced by providing that persons who can show that they have been in receipt of the profits of the land for a period not less than six years previously, shall be dealt with as the owners of the lands, and that any other person claiming a superior title shall do so at their own expense.

5- That the rate of interest on loans under the Acts should not be such as to cause a burden on the rate-payers, and instead of being increased as has recently been done it should be reduced to the same rate as that provided for in the purchase of Land Act 1908.

6- There should be a clause in the new Act providing that Rural District Councils may, if they think well, pay the rates assessed on cottages provided under the Labourers' Acts."

marked "Read"

Audits

Reports from the Local Government Board as to the audits of the Accounts of the following bodies were received: Enniscorthy District Asylum, Gorey Guardians, and District Council; Wexford Guardians, and District Council.

marked. "Read"

Roads.

Under date May 16th the following letter was read from W. R. W. Elger, Solicitor to the Council:-

Co. Council v. Nolan
 Same v. Keefe

"In the first of the above cases, I have recovered from the Defendant the sum of £8, amount of Decree obtained against him for not keeping the road between Macmine and Bourmount in repair.

And in the second case, I have recovered the sum of £18, under Decree for not keeping the road between Castlebridge, and the bounds of the barony in repair; - and I have sent a cheque for both sums amounting together to £16, to the County Surveyor to be expended on the roads."

marked. "Approved."

The Irish Language.

The executive committee of the Gaelic League wrote asking the County Council to adopt a resolution requesting the Post Office Authorities to make the Irish language a subject of examination for the entry into the Post Office (Ireland).

On the motion of Mr. Browne, seconded by Mr. Hore, the resolution was adopted.

The Development Grant.

The following letter under date 7th June was read from Mr. John O'Brien, Town Clerk, Blonmel:-

"The Finance Committee of the Blonmel Corporation had before them on Friday last the provisions of the Bill introduced by the Chief Secretary in connection with the Judicature and Development Grant, one clause of which proposes to transfer to the Treasury £150,000. standing to the credit of the Petty Sessions Clerks' Fund.

This clause appeared to the Committee to be very objectionable, inasmuch as it transfers a large sum of Irish money to the English Treasury with-

out any adequate compensation.

No doubt, the interest will be applied to the Development Grant (Ireland) but the result will be to reduce the amount heretofore distributed to Counties, Boroughs, and other Municipal Towns, from the surplus Dog Tax by ^{about} one-third, so that the proposed transfer will be really of no benefit to the country, but, on the contrary likely to prove detrimental.

If your Council agrees with this view, perhaps you would communicate with the Parliamentary representative of your Division, and ask him to urge the Chief Secretary to withdraw the clause."

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

"That the letter on behalf of Blonmel Corporation be left in the hands of Sir Thomas H. G. Esmonde, to take whatever steps he may consider necessary in the matter."

Food and Drugs Acts.

Sergeant Howard. R. I. C. Wexford, and Acting Sergeant White. R. I. C. Killinick, wrote asking permission to purchase, Mr. J. C. H. Hedderwick's manual dealing with the sale of food and drugs.

These applications were made owing to the following letter received by the Secretary of the County Wexford Committee of Agriculture, etc., from the Department of Agriculture, under date 3rd June 1904 (and No., 14150-04)

"I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 30th ultimo, embodying a copy of a resolution adopted by the County Wexford Committee of Agriculture and Technical Instruction at their meeting on the 26th ultimo, in regard to the question of supplying Food Inspectors with a précis of decided cases under the sale of Food and Drugs Acts, and to state that the expenses incidental to the execution of the acts

in this country are, as the Committee are no doubt aware, provided by the Councils of the several Counties and Boroughs, and it would appear to be open to these bodies to include in such expenditure the cost of supplying the Inspectors with a suitable work on the administration of the Statutes.

A Manual, by Mr Charles James Higginson Barrister-at-Law, on the Acts relating to the sale of food and drugs, or a book by Mr. C. H. Hedderwick, M. P. Barrister-at-Law, on the Statutes, should be found useful by the Inspectors.

Copies of the former work can be obtained from Mr. Effingham Wilson, 11 Royal Exchange London, at a cost of 2/6 each; and copies of the latter (which contains more detailed notes on various cases) from Messrs Eyre & Spottiswood East Harding Street, London, E. C. 6, at a cost of 7/6 each."

Proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Ennis, and passed: "That Sergeant Howard. R. I. C. Wescford, and Acting Sergeant Patrick White Killinick, be given permission to purchase Mr. Hedderwick's work on the administration of the Food & Drugs Acts."

Analyst's Report.

City Laboratory
17 Castle Street

Dublin. 18th May 1904.

Report of Mr Charles Cameron, B. Sc. M. D., Public Analyst for the County of Wexford, on articles submitted to him for analysis during the quarter ended 31st March 1904

39 articles were received from the Food Inspectors R. I. C. as follows:-

Article	Number
Butter	22
Milk	9
Whiskey	6
Buttermilk	1
Rum	1
Total	<u>39</u>

Of the specimens of milk two were deprived of at least 16 and 16 per cent of their fats respectively and were therefore debased articles.

The remaining articles were of good quality. There were five specimens of butter analysed by directions from the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland, Upper Merion Street, Dublin, which were taken up in the County of Wexford.

One was adulterated with excess of water of which it contained at least 18 per cent.

For the Guardians of Gorey Union, twelve drugs were analysed. One of them, namely, Liniment of Belladonna, was high in camphor.

For the Guardians of Enniscorthy Union six drugs, and nineteen specimens of tea were analysed. One of the drugs, namely, Compound Tincture of Cardamoms, was low in solids. The teas were analysed to determine which was best for use in the workhouse.

For the Guardians of New Ross Union ten drugs and a specimen of water were analysed. One of the drugs, namely, Liniment of Belladonna, was high in solids and camphor. Another, namely, solution of Ferric Chloride was slightly low in iron. A specimen of Ammoniated Liniment of camphor, received from the same Institution, was low in ammonia. The specimen of water had the following composition
One imperial gallon contained in grains.

Total solid matters	23.800
Including	
Albuminoid Ammonia	0.004
Saline Ammonia	0.0015
Nitric Acid	Trace
Chlorine	1.789
Sulphuric Acid	4.8236
Equal to Calcium Sulphate	6.0000
A pure water.	

For the Enniscorthy Co-operative Society, Enniscorthy, two fertilizers and two specimens of feeding stuff were analysed.

For Captain L. Bryan, Boremount Manor, Enniscorthy, two fertilizers were analysed.

For Mr. M. Cleary, Glenrany Boolavogue one fertilizer was analysed.

Two specimens of feeding stuff were analysed for Mr. R. Rice, Ballygarrahan, New Ross.

One specimen of feeding stuff was analysed for Major Harman, Carrigbyrne, Adamstown.

For the Shillelagh Union, which is partly situated in the County of Wexford, nine drugs were analysed. One of the namely, solution of lime, was low in gravity and lime.

The Inspectors send most of the samples towards end of the quarter, it would be better to send them regularly throughout the quarter as vendors of adulterated articles are on the look out for the Inspectors, at the end of the quarter.

Total analyses. 111 - Adulterated or defective articles - 9.

B. A. Cameron.

Edmund Stone.