

ANNUAL MEETING.- 16th JUNE 1917.

The Annual Meeting of the Wexford County Council, was held in the Co Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford, on 16th June 1917.

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

Also:- The Earl of Courtown, Messrs J. S. Hearn, M. Doyle, O'Byrne, Cowman, Stafford, O'Neill, Lynch, Asple, Keating, Kehoe, Thorpe, Mark Codd, J. A. Doyle, Cloney, Whelan, Redmond, Mayler, James Codd, Barry.

The Secretary, County Surveyor, and County Solicitor, were also in attendance.

Confirmation of Minutes

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and confirmed.

Representatives District Councils.

Communications were read from the Clerks of the R.D. Councils, that the Councils would be represented on the County Council by the following:-

Enniscorthy- Mr James Lynch.

Gorey- Lord Courtown.

New Ross- Mr William Thorpe.

Wexford- Mr N. J. Cowman.

The above Gentlemen attended and signed their declarations of Office.

Election of Chairman.

On the motion of Mr O'Neill, seconded by Mr Kehoe, Mr John Bolger, was re-elected Chairman for the ensuing year.

Mr Bolger returned thanks.

Election of Vice-Chairman.

Mr Cowman proposed, :-

"That Mr Michael Doyle, be appointed Vice-Chairman."

Mr J. J. Stafford seconded.

"Passed".

Mr Doyle returned thanks.

Co-option of Member.

Mr Kehoe moved:- "That Mr Michael Maddock, Ballyvalogue, Glynn, Vice-Chairman Wexford R. D. Council, be co-opted a member of this Council, vice Mr C.H. Peacocke, deceased."

Mr Keating seconded.

Mr Cowman moved:- "That the co-option of a member of this Council vice Mr Peacocke deceased, be adjourned to next meeting, and that in the meantime the R. D. Councillors of the Taghmon County Division, viz:- Adamstown, Carrick, Forth, Glynn, Kilbride, Kilgarvan, Taghmon, Wexford Rural and Whitechurch, be requested to call public meetings in their districts with a view to submitting to this County Council the name of a suitable person for co-option."

Mr M. Doyle seconded.

A poll was taken with the following result:-

For the amendment:- Messrs Barry, M. Doyle, and Cowman.-3.

Against:- Messrs James Codd, Whelan, O'Byrne, Keating, Stafford, O'Neill, Hearn, Lord Courtown, Lynch, Kehoe, Thorpe, Redmond, M. Codd, J. A. Doyle, Asple, Cloney, Mayler, and the Chairman.- 18.

The Chairman declared the amendment lost.

The resolution agreeing to the co-option of Mr Maddock was then put and adopted.

The late Mr Peacocke.

On the motion of the Chairman,

Seconded by Lord Courtown,

the following resolution was adopted:-

"That we desire to convey to the family of the late Mr C. H. Peacocke, our sincere condolence in the loss they have sustained through his demise. The County Council desire to place on record their deep regret on the death of a most esteemed and valued Colleague, who took the deepest personal interest in the public life of the County Wexford, and who displayed at all times the greatest courtesy and kindness to everyone with whom he was brought into contact.

That our Secretary forward copy of this resolution to the family of Mr Peacocke."

Sympathy with Mr Scallan.

On the motion of Mr Cowman, seconded by Mr Asple, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That we tender our esteemed Colleague, Mr R Scallan, our sincere sympathy in the loss he has sustained by the death of his Mother."

That a copy of this resolution be sent to Mr Scallan."

Appointment of Committees.

The Local Government Board forwarded Sealed Order No. 27341-1917, under date 7th June 1917, as to postponement of appointment of Committees (Parliament and Local Elections Act 1917).

On the motion of Lord Courtown,

Seconded by Mr Kehoe, the following resolution was adopted--

"That the Finance & Roads Committee, and the Proposal Committee comprise the entire Council. That in accordance with the Order of the Local Government Board (27341-1917, 7 June 1917) all other Committees be re-appointed for one year, this resolution to specifically cover the Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction."

Appointment of Council of Agriculture.

Under date 11th May 1917, the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction, wrote, (letter No. G.3270-17) pointing out that a vacancy has arisen on the Council of Agriculture owing to the death of Mr C. H. Peacocke, and calling attention to section 27 (4) of the Agriculture & Technical Instruction (Ireland) Act 1899, which stated that a casual vacancy occurring through the death, or resignation, or otherwise in the Office of Member of such Council, . . . may be filled by the appointment of a person qualified in the same manner (if any) as the person whose office is vacant, by the Authority or Committee by whom the person whose office is vacant was appointed, and 27 (5) a person appointed to fill a casual vacancy shall retire at the same time as the person whose office is vacant would have retired.

On the motion of Mr O'Byrne, seconded by Mr Cowman, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That Mr Michael Doyle, be appointed as one of the representatives of this County Council on the Council of Agriculture, vice Mr C. H. Peacocke, deceased."

Vacancy on Committees.

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

"That Mr William Thorpe, be appointed as a member of the County Asylum Committee, vice Mr C. H. Peacocke, deceased."

On the motion of Mr Cowman, seconded by Mr Kehoe, the following

resolution was adopted:-

"That Mr James J. Stafford, be appointed a member of the County Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction, vice Mr C. H. Peacocke, deceased."

On the motion of Mr Cloney, seconded by Mr J. A. Doyle, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That Mr William Thorpe, be appointed a member of the Tuberculosis Committee of the County Council, vice Mr C.H.Peacocke, deceased."

Under date 7th June 1917, Miss Nellie O'Ryan, Clerk Co. Wexford Insurance Committee wrote, that the members of her Committee recommended for appointment on the Committee, Miss M. E. Browne, Bridgetown, in place of Mrs Boyan resigned."

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

"That Miss M. E. Browne, Bridgetown, be appointed a member of the Co. Wexford Insurance Committee, vice Mrs Boyan, resigned."

On the motion of Mr Lynch, seconded by Mr O'Eyrne, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That Mr J. J. Kehoe, be appointed a representative of this County Council on the County Wexford Insurance Committee, vice Mr C.H.Peacocke, deceased."

Application of Road Contractors for War Bonus.

In connection with the application of Road Contractors for War Bonus of 30 per cent, Messrs O'Connor & Co., Solicitors for the Contractors, wrote forwarding the names and addresses of the Road Contractors in respect of which the application was made.

These held the following contracts:-

Enniscorthy District.	23.
New Ross	84.
Wexford	241.

In connection with this matter the Local Government Board forwarded letter which they had addressed to the other County Councils in similar circumstances (No. 22556: 1917, Wexford County.,)

In this connection the Local Government Board pointed out that they had

no power to authorise the County Council to pay an increase price to Road Contractors, nor could they by concurring in such payments relieve the Council of any liability. The Council would recognise they would incur considerable risk in granting an increased price to a contractor unless they were in a position to clearly justify their action in so doing. Even if the Auditor allowed such payments they could be questioned by a Writ of Certiorari.

Generally speaking a contract can only be annulled with the consent of the two contracting parties, and then the Auditor must be satisfied that any additional charge on the ratepayers by reason of the cancellation of the contract was not excessive or unreasonable.

It might be that in the case of certain roads the work of maintenance could be dispensed with and the cancellation of the contract might be justified the Contractor being paid for the work performed by him to date. If the contract for the maintenance of certain roads could not be thus dispensed with their cancellation would ~~be~~ to a large extent depend on the date on which they were entered into. If entered into before the War, the Council might take the fact into consideration, though this by itself would not be sufficient grounds for cancelling the contract.

The view the Local Government Board took was that where a contract entered into since the outbreak of the War was for a period of two or more years, it might be reasonable to assume that a contractor could not at the time he entered into the contract have foreseen that the War would extend for so long a period, and according an application to cancel such a contract at anytime after the expiration of the first year might possibly be justified. In the case of a contract now running for a year or less, the Local Government Board considered that as the contractor should have been in a position to tender at a rate which would secure his own interest, the contract should not be cancelled, unless it could be shown that this was necessary for exceptional reasons.

In the case of contracts running for two or more years and in respect of which contractors allege they were unable to carry on at the stipulated price, a safe course which the Council might adopt, would be to ascertain from the Contractors, the minimum price which they would be willing to carry on the work for the period of the Contract, and then issue advertisements inviting tenders from outside persons for the work. If they obtained tenders at a price less than that at which the contractor was prepared to

carry out the contract the Council might with his consent cancel the contract and enter into a new one with the accepted tenderer, if the person tendering named a higher price than that specified by the contractor a new contract at the price could be entered into with the Contractor.

By adopting such a course the Council would be in a very strong position to justify their action before the Local Government Auditor, or in any appeal against an allowance made in the circumstances, to the Local Government Board or the High Court."

The following recommendation was submitted from the Finance & Roads Committee Meeting of 16th June:-

"That we recommend the County Council to request Messrs O'Connor & Co., Solicitors, to furnish a list of pre-war Road Contractors, viz:- those accepted on 30th June 1915 or prior to that date on whose behalf Messrs O'Connor & Co., had made application to the County Council for a War Bonus of 30 per cent, with a statement as to the circumstances affecting each contract. That this matter be dealt with by the Finance & Roads Committee meeting of 4th July."

Mr Cowman proposed the confirmation of the recommendation of Finance & Roads Committee.

Mr M. Doyle seconded.

"Passed"

Lighting of Lamp at Ballyhack.

Under date 21st May 1917, Mr P. Cummins, Ballyhack, wrote that owing to the enormous increase in the price of paraffin oil he could not continue lighting the lamp at Ballyhack Slip according to present agreement. When the County Council advertised in 1914 for the lighting of two lamps at Ballyhack, oil was then over 100 per cent cheaper, and he based his estimate at the lowest possible figure for the lighting of two lamps at £8 per annum providing oil etc., The Council had only one lamp lighted for which he was paid £4 per annum. he was willing to continue lighting one lamp at a fair remuneration, but he could not continue doing so according to present arrangements.

The following recommendation was submitted from the Finance and Roads Committee Meeting:-

"That contract for lighting lamps at Ballyhack entered into with Mr P. Cummins, be determined as from Wednesday 18th July. That, in the meantime, advertisements be issued for lamplighter for attending and

lighting one lamp, person appointed to also provide oil. That we empower the Finance & Roads Committee to accept what in their opinion is the most suitable tender for this work."

Boyce's Bay Contract.

Under date 31st May 1917, the following letter (No. 26518-1917 Wexford) was read from the Local Government Board:-

"With reference to your letter of the 18th instant, and to previous correspondence relative to the decree obtained by the Wexford County Council against Mr H. P. Gahan in respect of his contract to build a wall at Boyce's Bay, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to state that this is a matter which the County Council must deal with on their own responsibility, with the advice of their Solicitor, and the Co. Surveyor.

It should be borne in mind that any decision of the Council to waive portion of the decree obtained by them in this case will be subject to review by the Auditor."

The following recommendation was submitted from the Finance & Roads Committee:-

"That H. P. Gahan be held to the terms of his contract as to repairs at Boyce's Bay."

Mr Cloney proposed the confirmation of the Minutes of Finance & Roads Committee.

Mr Whelan seconded.

"Passed"

Local Government Elections.

Under date 30th April 1917, letter No. 80/M/1917, Misc., was read from the Local Government Board, stating that they understood that the Royal Assent had been given to the Bill Amending the Parliament and Local Elections Act 1916, and that the new Act contained a clause providing in effect that the local elections due to be held before the 30th November next, were further postponed for a year.

The election of County Councillors, Rural District Councillors, and of Guardians in Urban Districts which would have been held in the months of May and June were accordingly postponed.

Under date 25th May 1917, Circular letter No. 27341/ 1917, Misc., was read from the Local Government Board, forwarding copy of the Parliament

& Elections Act 1917. In their Circular letter the Local Government Board dealt with the extension of term of office of Councillors and Urban Guardians, Annual Meetings, Vacancies and the Appointment of Committees.

Under date 7th June 1917, Sealed Order No. 27341-1917, entitled "the County Committees (Ireland) Order 1917, dealing with the appointment of Management Committees of a lunatic Asylum, County Infirmary or fever hospital, and of a hospital or dispensary under the Tuberculosis Prevention (Ireland) Acts 1908, and 1913, was read from the Local Government Board.

Marked "Read"

Audit of Accounts.-Public Bodies.

Under date 5th May 1917, letter No. 22321-1917, was read from the Local Government Board, forwarding copy of their Auditor's report on his audit of the Accounts of Gorey Union for the half year ended 30th September 1916.

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Marked "Read"

Sheep Dipping.

Under date 4th May 1917, letters were read from Mr James Murphy, Coolbawn, Ferns, and Mr George Brett, Tannerhill, Ballycogley, consenting to act as Sheep Dipping Inspectors on the terms and conditions agreed to by the County Council.

The Secretary stated he had received letters from the following offering to place their swim baths at the disposal of sheepowners at the rates stated opposite their names:-

R. A. Byron, Orristown Killinick.	3d per sheep.
Geo B. Deacon, Monart West, Enniscorthy.	2d " "
Michael Corcoran, Nash, New Ross.	2d " "
Joseph Deacon, Camross.	1 ¹ / ₂ d " "
P. Cooney, Oulart.	1 ¹ / ₂ d " "

Mr T. McCarthy, Kiltaly, wrote under date 13th June 1917, that he would accept whatever price was regulated, for his swim bath.

Mr Thorpe proposed:- "That we fix the charge for use of swim baths by sheepowners at 1¹/₂d per sheep for Summer dipping, and 2d per sheep for Autumn dipping. Mr Cloney seconded. "Passed"

Poisons & Pharmacy Act.

Applications for licences and renewals under the above Act were received from:-

Kate Colfer, Ballymitty.
 Henry Hill, Ballycanew,
 Patrick McMenamin, Ballycanew.
 M. Roche, Ballyanne Mills, New Ross.
 Luke Dwyer, 9 North Street, New Ross.
 Edward Brennan, Taghmon.
 Laurence Codd, 26 Main Street, Enniscorthy.
 John Roche, Camolin.
 John Purcell, Broadway.
 James J. Stafford, South Main Street, Wexford.
 W.H. McGuire, Quay, Wexford.
 John S. Hearn, South Street, New Ross.

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

"That licences under Poisons & Pharmacy Act or Renewals for same, be granted to the persons making application as per list submitted by our Secretary."

Isle of Wight Disease in Bees.

On the motion of Lord Courtown, seconded by Mr Thorpe, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That we hereby agree to the County Wexford Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction paying compensation in respect of Isle of Wight disease, as in the case for destruction of stocks of bees etc., as obtains in respect of cases of foul brood."

RESOLUTIONS.

The following resolution was read from the Forth Farmers' Association:-

"That owing to the scarcity of Lime and the vital necessity of this article to farmers under the new Tillage Scheme, we call on the County Council and through them, the Department of Agriculture, to have careful examination made of the Lime-stone belt of Sub-Soil running from Baldwinstown to Kerlogue, and to secure the most suitable spot to open limekilns where farmers may purchase lime at cost price."

"Adopted on the motion of Mr M. Doyle, seconded by Mr Cowman."

"The Secretary was instructed to furnish copy of this resolution to the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction."

Restrictions on Excursion Traffic.

Under date 8th May 1917, a resolution was read from the Cork Industrial Development Association, calling upon the Irish Railway Executive Committee to withdraw immediately the regulation prohibiting the running of trains in Ireland at excursion and tourist rates this year, as war conditions had not militated against the prosperity and development of Irish seaside and health resorts, no compensating advantages had been forthcoming to relieve the depression and consequent decay now prevailing at these centres, and that the regulation could not fail to effect still more injuriously the traders and interests in those districts and towns dependent upon Summer traffic."

"The above resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr O'Neill, seconded by Mr James Codd."

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

That we call the attention of the Irish Railway Executive Committee to the injustice imposed on the Workers of Wexford town, by the withdrawal of the Sunday train service to Rosslare from Wexford, which we believe will seriously militate against the health of the Wexford people, more especially children. We are convinced that no valid objection can be made to the proposal to have one train to and from Rosslare each Sunday in the Summer season."

Capitation Grant to Lunatic Asylums.

The following resolution adopted at a Conference of representatives of County Boroughs and County Councils held in Dublin on 30th April 1917, was read:-

"That the members of this Conference approve of the resolutions on this subject adopted by the Conference of Public Bodies, held in Dublin on November 15th 1910.

That we demand that the Government make a contribution of half the gross cost, including capital charges, involved in the maintenance of the lunatics now in residence, or that shall in the future be in residence in the District Lunatic Asylums in Ireland.

Royal Commission on Local Taxation, and to provide the Local Authorities, through the Irish Local Taxation Account with the additional funds necessary to enable to properly discharge their obligations without imposing any further burden on the ratepayers, and that Section 6 of the Local Government (Ireland) Act of 1902 be repealed."

"Adopted on the motion of Mr O'Neill, seconded by Mr Cloney."

Vice-Presidency of Department of Agriculture.

The following resolution was read from the Meath County Council:-

"That we the Members of the Meath County Council, call on the Government to appoint to the post of Vice-President of the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction an Irishman who is a practical agriculturist and who thoroughly understands the necessities of the Country in this crisis of our food supplies."

"Adopted on the motion of Mr Cloney, seconded by Mr O'Byrne."

Brewing, Malting and Distilling Trades.

Under date 21st May 1917, a letter was read from the Irish Maltsters' Association, calling attention to the serious effect of the Government Restrictions upon the Brewing, Malting, and Distilling Trades of Ireland. If the business of Irish Maltsters were to be cut down to about one-fourth of the pre-war output in the general interests of the United Kingdom, the English Government, as a matter of justice should give fair and reasonable compensation. The proposal to increase the beer output in Munition areas, at the expense of non-munition areas would press with particular severity on Ireland, where there was practically no munition area, and would mean the transferring to England of the great Brewing Industry of Ireland. The Government up to the present had fixed no minimum price for barley to be harvested next Autumn, and it was feared that one of the results would be that the crop would go very largely out of cultivation. This would have a disastrous effect upon Agriculture in barley growing districts. Experience had conclusively shown that in large districts in Ireland the land is more suitable for barley than any other crop and the growing of it is regarded by thousands of farmers as essential in their scheme of crop rotation. Such land, if devoted to a crop which does not suit it as well, is being used uneconomically."

Under date 5th June 1917, a letter was read from the Enniscorthy Branch of the Licensed Grocers and Vintners Protection Association, asking the

County Council to send delegates to a public meeting to be held in Enniscorthy on 24th June 1917, for the purpose of protesting against the recent confiscatory restrictions on the Distilling, Malting, and Licensing Trades, and to demand their immediate withdrawal."

On the motion of Mr Cowman, seconded by Mr Whelan, the following were appointed as delegates of the County Council to the Enniscorthy Meeting on Sunday 24th June:- The Chairman (Mr John Bolger) the Vice-Chairman (Mr M. Doyle) Messrs J.J. Stafford, T. Asple, P. O'Neill, J. Lynch,

A Resolution also dealing with the restrictions on the Licensed Trade of Ireland and allied Industries, was read from the Organising Committee of the Queen's Co., Protest Meeting, held on 3rd June 1917.

On the motion of Mr M. Doyle, seconded by Mr Asple the following resolution was adopted unanimously:-

"That in the interests of Irish Agriculture we enter our strongest protest against the Government restrictions imposed on the Brewing and Malting Distilling and Licensing Trades, and request Members of Parliament to have these restrictions immediately cancelled."

Bantry Commons.

Under date 9th June 1917, a letter was read from Mr E.J. Murphy, Rate Collector, New Ross, stating that when serving Demand Notes in connection with ratings on Bantry Commons, he caught a man named McDonnell, son of James McDonnell bringing a cow off the Mountain. He admitted the cow was his property, and also admitted some sheep further on were his. He also caught a son of Moses Kealy driving some calves along the Mountain path, and ~~XXX~~ later saw him with some horses and cattle at the Mountain pool. He served notice on Kealy.

When serving notice on Michael Doran's wife, she admitted having some cattle on the Mountain. When in chase of McDonnell he had seen Doran's cattle being removed, and when Doran's son was challenged about them he refused to give any information.

He also discovered that Thomas Murphy, whose name was omitted from the Valuation list, had stock on the Mountain. He also found a young woman bringing cattle off the Mountain, and when challenged as to ownership, she refused to give any information, and said the cattle were not on the Mountain. He could not discover the owners of the cattle. Parties on whom he had served notices stated that they had whatever stock they

possessed on the Mountain and couldnot live without it. In his journey over the Mountain, Mr Murphy stated that he had seen lots of sheep grazing and was told that they belonged to Carlow farmers. It was very difficult to discover the owners of cattle grazing on the Mountain as the animals were now branded with signs not with initials. The Council could now see how difficult it was for a Collector to find out the owners of what stocks are on the Mountain, considering the means adopted by the graziers to put him off the scent."

Under date 6th June Mr Murphy wrote asking for the Solicitor of the County Council to issue summonses against parties on whom he had served notices for payment of rates on Bantry Commons.

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

"That our Solicitor be instructed to assist Mr Murphy as to obtaining payment of rates due in respect of Bantry Commons, but we consider that Mr Murphy should attend to the matter of issuing and serving summonses himself."

University Scholarship Scheme.

Under date May 14th 1917, Mr James O'Connor, University Student of Co. Council, wrote that he had obtained a place in the Inns of Court Cadet Corps, and in consequence he requested the County Council to hold over his Scholarship until the conclusion of his period of military service.

On the motion of Mr Cowman, seconded by Mr Thorpe, the following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was adopted:-

"That, as Mr James O'Connor, University Student of this County Council, has volunteered for Military service we hereby agree to his Scholarship being reserved for him until the completion of his military service."

On the motion of Mr Cowman, seconded by Mr O'Neill, the following recommendations of Finance & Roads Committee were adopted:-

"That the following change be made in the University Scholarship Scheme as regards payment of Scholarships, etc:-

"Of the amount of the Scholarship not more than £12 shall be allocated for College fees, the balance shall be paid for Board and Lodgings in a recognized hostel, but should any portion of this balance be unexpended for hostel fees, in the case of students attending the full

University terms, it will be handed over the Student to defray Entrance fee, cost of books and travelling expenses."

"Consideration of revision of Scheme, and eligibility of Candidates as per section 10 (2) of the Irish University Act 1908, to be dealt with at the Annual Meeting of the County Council in each year."

Rate Collector Tobin.

Under date 11th May 1917, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 24018: 1917) approving of the appointment for the current year of Mr Matthew Tobin, as Rate Collector. At the close of the financial year the permanent appointment of Mr Tobin will be considered.

Marked "Read"

Rate Collector Somers.

Under date 3rd June 1917, the following letter (No. 29768: 1917) was read from the Local Government Board:-

"With reference to your letter of the 6th instant, forwarding a letter from Mr Edward Somers, Poor Rate Collector, in Wexford County, relative to the payment to him of poundage fees in respect of the year ended the 31st March last, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to point out that the Collector has had ample time to enforce the payment of the outstanding rates, and that they cannot allow any further extension of the time within which he may comply with the terms of his bond by the lodgment of the outstanding amount.

With regard to the closing words of the Collector's letter, I am to point out that the Collector misapprehends his position, as he has already forfeited his right to any poundage fees, and serious consequences to him might ensue if he were to persist in adopting a defiant attitude.

The letter of Mr Somers is returned herewith."

On the motion of Mr Cowman, seconded by Mr Lynch, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That we understand Mr Somers is under the impression that he would be in a better position to recover amount of arrears of rates on Bantry Commons by not lodging to the credit of the Council, as in such an event it would become a personal debt to himself, and, as we have personal knowledge of the fact that Mr Somers is most anxious to obtain payment of the outstanding rates, we request the Local Government Board to sanction payment of his poundage on amount lodged during half-year ended

31st March last

We would point out that the adoption of this course as regards previous arrears, very considerably helped in obtaining a decree against persons using Bantry Commons."

RECOMMENDATIONS- FINANCE & ROADS COMMITTEE.

Lodgings-Quarrymen:- "That in the circumstances explained to this meeting by the County Surveyor, we agree to payment of £1. 1/- to Andrew Redmond, Tincurry, Ballycarney, for providing lodgings for seven weeks at 3/- per week for quarrymen engaged at Tincurry Quarry, but we consider that for the future this charge should be provided by an increase in the wages of the quarrymen when engaged at Tincurry Quarry, the increased amount to cover cost of procuring lodgings only."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr Lynch, seconded by the Chairman."

Motor Duty:- "That our Solicitor (Mr R. W. Elgee) be empowered to employ the services of Counsel in the appeal taken in the case of the County Council versus Mrs Catherine Sheehan, New Ross, in connection with the payment of Motor Duty."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr Cowman, seconded by Mr Kehoe."

Ballyanne-Ballywilliam Road:- "That Messrs Asple and J.A.Doyle, County Councilors, and Mr B. O'Neill, D.C., Ballindoney, Ballywilliam, be requested to act as a Committee to inspect the road complained of by Mr Budgen situate between Ballyanne and Ballywilliam, and to submit a report to Finance & Roads Committee."

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

"That the report of the Committee of Inspection Ballyanne-Ballywilliam Road be received and adopted, and that the County Surveyor be instructed to carry out the recommendations of the Committee to utilise last year's and this year's tonnage on the road as soon as he considers same to be advisable."

Assistant Surveyor Doyle:- "That the attention of Mr Doyle, Assistant Surveyor, be called to the complaint of the County Surveyor as to neglect in furnishing his weekly diaries, and that he be informed that unless the diaries are lodged in proper time serious notice of his omission will be taken."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr Kehoe, seconded by Mr Lynch."

Rates-Saltee Island:- "This Committee request the Local Government

Board to reconsider their refusal to allow to Collector Blake refund of £5. 13. 4d Irrecoverable Rates on the small Saltee Island in view of the fact that the Island is derelict, that the occupier is in the Lunatic Asylum, and that he has no other property. We realise that from the circumstances of the case it was impossible for the Collector to secure payment of the Rates."

The Secretary stated that the Local Government Board had agreed to request of the Finance & Roads Committee."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr O'Neill, seconded by Mr Keating."

Roads in Co. Surveyor's hands:- "That in the case of roads for which no tenders have been received and for which the County Surveyor has been unable to find contractors, that he be instructed to make arrangements to provide material and get it delivered on the different roads and to get it spread and other necessary work carried out, and that payment be made according to the amount of work done, and that he furnish reports as to progress of work and amount of money expended at each meeting of the Finance Committee."

"Confirmed on the motion of Lord Courtown, seconded by Mr Lynch."

Mileage Allowance Application:- "That at the end of September next, Mr Treanor, Senior Assistant Surveyor, submit a statement of extra mileage travelled by him in connection with the preparation in quarries of road metalling, which will receive favourable consideration."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr Stafford, seconded by Mr Cowman."

Coroners' Telegrams:- "That we recommend the County Council to agree to the payment of telegrams incidental to inquests sent by Mr J.J. Roche, Coroner for South Wexford, as from 31st March 1917."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr Cowman, seconded by Mr Kehoe."

Cappoquin Industrial School:- "That no order be made on this communication in view of the resolution of the Council that no increase should be granted to any Industrial Schools which were at present in receipt of a capitation grant of 2/6 per week."

"No Order" in view of the resolution of County Council not to increase grant to Schools already receiving grant of 2/6 weekly."

"The Manager and Secretary, of Balmoral Industrial School, Belfast, wrote under date 21st May 1917, that this was the only school at present for Protestant boys in Ireland, and as they had no agreement with Wexford

County Council for the reception and maintenance of children, they forwarded form of agreement to be entered into by the Council."

The following recommendation from Finance & Roads Committee was submitted:-

"That the County Council be recommended to enter into the agreement suggested by the Manager of the Balmoral Industrial School, as this is the only Industrial School at present at which Protestant Boys can be received."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr Stafford, seconded by Mr Lynch."

County Wexford Infirmary:- "We recommend that the grant to the County Wexford Infirmary for the duration of the War be increased from £1,100 to £1,300 per annum, this recommendation to carry the right of reconsideration of the amount of grant to be given the Institution at the termination of the War."

Under date 9th June 1917, the following resolution was submitted from the Wexford Trades & Labour Council:-

"That we are of opinion that the arrangement made at the last meeting of the Governors of the County Wexford Infirmary whereby operation cases are to be sent to Dublin hospitals will cause great hardship to patients as owing to the present congested state of Dublin Hospitals due to military requirements they may have to wait an undue length of time before being attended to thereby endangering their chances of recovery. We are also of the opinion that the Governors should take into consideration the heavy additional expense which this arrangement will involve."

That we strongly protest against the failure of the Governors to make any effort in the interests of patients to have more satisfactory arrangements made, and also against the remark made at the meeting, that patients could be "Patched up" whilst awaiting operation."

Mr P. Keating proposed:- "That the recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee as to increase of grant to County Infirmary by £200 be confirmed."

Mr O'Neill seconded.

As an amendment, Mr Hearn proposed:-

"That the recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee agreeing to an increased Grant of £200 to the County Infirmary be not confirmed, as the circumstances of management have completely changed since the increased amount was granted by the Finance & Roads Committee."

A Poll was taken with the following result:-

For the Amendment:- Messrs Barry, Whelan, M. Doyle, O'Byrne, Cowman, Lynch, Thorpe, Redmond, M. Codd, Lord Courtown, and the Chairman.-11.

Against:- Messrs James Codd, P. Keating, O'Neill, Kehoe, J. A. Doyle, Asple, Cloney, and Mayler.-8.

The Chairman declared the amendment carried.

Rate Collector O'H. Walsh.

Under date 31st May 1917, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 27635 : 1917, Wexford Co.,) stating they would not object to Mr P. F. O'Byrne acting as deputy Collector for Mr N. O'H. Walsh, during the latter's illness provided the consent of Mr Walsh's sureties be obtained.

"The Secretary stated that the Sureties (Mr L. McCarthy, Charlotte St. Wexford, and Mr L. Magrath, Knocktarton) had written consenting to this arrangement, and their letter had been forwarded the Local Government Board.

Marked "Read"

Proposed Agreement Co Insurance Committee & County Council.

Correspondence in connection with above was submitted:-

In connection with an interview which the Secretary Co Council had with Dr W. J. Maguire, (National Health Insurance Commission) he had written Dr Maguire the following letter under date 26th April 1917:-

"That amount due by County Insurance Committee according to our accounts to 31st March last is £682. 17. 2d. Your proposal is that, as from 1st March 1916 to 31st December 1917, the Insurance Committee should pay £220 which is taken to represent one-fifth of the salaries and expenses of Tuberculosis Officer and Chief Tuberculosis Nurse. From 1st March 1916 to 31st December 1917 represents 22 months, and the salary for this period, calculating Dr O'Connor's at £500 per annum, and Miss O'Connor's at £100 per annum, would be £1,100. You propose paying one-fifth of this, viz:- £220. The amount due, according to our accounts, to 31st March 1916 is £562. 17. 6d and allowing off one-fifth a month's salary for Dr O'Connor and for the Nurse the amount would be £552, 17. 6d, but as your figure is £552. 6. 4d there is no material difference in the figures.

It was correct to assume that the Tuberculosis Officer took up duty on 19th March 1913, and the Nurse in May same year.

be cancelled by a payment of £100. This would leave the County Insurance Committee with an income for the rest of the year of £244 and £70 for administrative expenses.

As regards proposed agreement, seeing that the County Insurance Committee have dropped domiciliary treatment, the services of the part-time nurses are dispensed with, and, therefore, the Tuberculosis Committee are to have no responsibility under that head.

As I explained to you, the County Council will only enter into the agreement provided they are as well off financially as at present. They have acted generously in agreeing to accept one-fifth of salary and expenses of Tuberculosis Officer and Nurse, for, of the adults taking advantage of dispensary system in respect of half-year ended 31st March last, 73 were insured persons and 69 non-insured. As for the 177 children treated at dispensaries in respect of same period, the Tuberculosis Officer informs me that the majority of them were dependants of insured persons.

It is recognised that the Insurance Committee should make the most favourable terms they can for the insured, but, on the other hand, it is the business of the County Council to see that a fair portion of their rates should go for treatment of the non-insured poor and who are in no position to make contributions. It may also be pointed out that the insured persons have the services of a dentist at the dispensaries of Enniscorthy, New Ross, and Wexford, and all the expenses under this head salaries and dental fittings- are borne by the County Council.

So far as I know the feelings of the County Council, they will do what they can to administer the money of the County Insurance Committee, but they will not bind themselves in any way to provide money from the Rates for the treatment of insured people. If the money of the Insurance Committee is not sufficient to provide treatment of all insured persons, it must be understood that the County Council will not admit or agree to a prescriptive right to treatment for insured persons. The latter must take their chance with the non-insured and I feel that a number of the Councillors will hold, -if it be a question of paying for treatment from money contributed from the Rates as between an insured and non-insured person- that the latter will have the prior claim.

There is still one important point outstanding- the provision of outfits for insured persons recommended institutional treatment. The Local Government Board have held that the Tuberculosis Committee have no power

to provide outfits for non-insured patients, and it has been necessary to depend upon the generosity of charitable persons or Associations to provide these.

Will the Insurance Committee pay for such outfits for insured persons as in the past? If not, how are they to be obtained?

I should be glad to have your observations as soon as possible, as I have a meeting of the County Council on 2nd prox.,"

Under date 26th April 1917, the following to the Secretary from Dr Maguire, was read:-

"I am obliged for your letter which I received yesterday. As regards the proposed agreement between the Council and the Insurance Committee. I quite understand the position of the Council in not wishing to give insured persons a prescriptive right to treatment if the funds of the Committee are not sufficient to defray the cost of such treatment. But the agreement will not give any such right. The Council will be bound to give treatment only up to the limit of the amount contributed for the purpose by the Committee and when that limit has been reached there will be no further obligation on the Council. An insured person must then take his chance the same as an uninsured person of getting treatment from the Council.

Under the agreement it will still be possible for the Insurance Committee to provide outfits for persons going to a Sanatorium, but if they do so, the amount of treatment which they can demand from the Council will be correspondingly curtailed. As you are aware the agreement provides for the payment to the Council of $1/2$ out of $1/3$ credited to the Committee for the purposes of sanatorium benefit.

Out of each such sum of $1/2$:- 6d is applied towards the cost of institutional treatment., 6d is applied in the first instance, towards the payment of a contribution to the Council in respect of the Tuberculosis Officer's services, etc., and whatever then remains out of the 6d, can be applied by the Committee towards domiciliary treatment, extra institutional treatment, etc., outfits, etc.,

If, therefore, the Committee ask the Council to provide an outfit for a certain person the result will be that the value of the domiciliary treatment or extra institutional treatment which they can under the agreement demand from the Council will be diminished by the cost of the outfit.

The provision of such outfits is a practice which we do our best to

discourage in view of the possibilities of abuse. Wherever possible any clothing required should be provided by the person needing it or his friends. But cases may probably arise where it will be absolutely necessary for the Committee to provide the articles, and in such a case the Tuberculosis Officer after investigation, can certify to the Insurance Committee that unless clothing is provided by them the insured person cannot avail of the treatment recommended.

The objection may be raised that the ruling of the Local Government Board not to allow expenditure on outfits to count for the purposes of recoupment out of the Maintenance Grant debars the Council from supplying such articles at the request of the Insurance Committee. The provision of outfits is, however, undoubtedly within the powers of the Committee and is "treatment" within the meaning of the agreement, so you will understand from what I have explained that in supplying an outfit for a patient of the Committee the Council will be providing "treatment" just the same as if medicines, etc., were supplied. Moreover, you will recognise that expenditure on outfits will not in such circumstances affect expenditure for the purposes of the Grant.

The present financial position of the Committee so far as we can estimate is as follows...

The total amount available to the Committee in respect of this year is £1,253. 1. 0d. Against this is to be reckoned a debit balance of £172. 18. 6d at the commencement of the year, together with £446 already issued, thus leaving at the present moment available for treatment and administration £634. 2. 6d. We cannot say what the present outstanding liabilities are, but the cost of administration for the last eight months of the year should be £80. If, therefore, £320 is paid to the Council there will be available (1) to discharge outstanding liabilities, and (2) to defray the cost of treatment during the remainder of the year, about £224. 2. 6d (-£634. 2. 6d. -£320. - £80).

I hope I have given you all the information you require.

If there is any point on which I can be of any assistance to you, I should be only too willing to let you have further information before your meeting on the 2nd proximo."

Under date 30th April 1917, the following letter was read from Miss O'Ryan, Clerk Co. Wexford Insurance Committee:-

"At last Wednesday's meeting of this Committee I was directed to let

you have a full statement of our financial position with a view to arriving at a settlement in respect of amount due in respect of promised contribution towards the salaries of the Chief Tuberculosis Officer and Nurse.

Dr Maguire of the Insurance Commission has sent me copy of his letter of the 26th April to you, so it will not be necessary for me to again go into detail. Suffice it to say that the Committee are very anxious to settle this matter at once, so that the Council may not think that they are trying to evade their debts.

Dr Maguire pointed out to the Insurance Committee that in other areas the Commission only sanctioned payment of one-fifth of the salary and expenses of the Tuberculosis Officer, and in return got a fully equipped dispensary system with proper nursing arrangements. Here they are prepared to sanction payment of one-fifth of the salaries and expenses of Tuberculosis Officer and Whole-time Nurse, but in return the Committee will expect dispensary treatment with the proper nursing arrangements.

I think Dr Maguire has told you that the Committee are prepared to pay-over to you at present a sum of £220, which would cover at the rate of one-fifth of the salaries and expenses of the Tuberculosis Officer and Nurse, a period from 1st March 1916 to 31st December 1917.

Concerning sums due in respect of services prior to this period, the Committee would also like to arrive at a settlement. Owing to the weak state of financial condition, the full amount due could not be settled at once. Would the Council accept a certain sum say £100, in addition to the £220 and wipe out the whole old debt? If the Council cannot meet us in such a generous manner, perhaps they would allow us to pay off the old debt (i.e., the sum due prior to March 1916) in yearly instalments.

The only reason we can put forward for a friendly settlement of this matter would be, sameness of work of both bodies, and the fact that in the early days of the Committee owing to the want of a dispensary system/^{we} were obliged to undertake more work than we should have done had the dispensaries been in working order.

I hope Dr Maguire has given you all the necessary points of information for your meeting."

The following under date 3rd May 1917, was also read from Miss O'Ryan:-

"In reply to yours of the 1st inst., and with further reference to the question of the proposed agreement, I think the Model Form of agreement as already submitted to you covers all the points that may afterwards be

raised.

Re Dispensary treatment as Dr Maguire stated at the last meeting of this Committee, we should insist on some form of attendance from the nurse or nurses you employ, otherwise what are we going to get in return for the contribution we are to pay towards the nurse's salary?.

This Committee is prepared to pay one-fifth of the salaries and expenses of the Tuberculosis Officer and Nurse and in return are only getting dispensary treatment. We have dispensed with the services of the nurses employed by the Nursing Associations, and as we have also discontinued domiciliary treatment, it will not effect our work whether you employ one nurse or several.

By proper nursing arrangements we mean that insured persons who attend dispensaries, should have the care of a nurse as well as a doctor.

I am sorry you take exception to the penultimate paragraph of my letter of the 30th ultimo, but I must repeat what is the opinion of this Committee, that in the early days we had to combat the spread of tuberculosis without receiving the due amount of support from your Committee, and often had to strain a point in taking over patients who should properly have belonged to your Committee had latter been at work. However, this is not the point to discuss at present but, what is to be done to bring about a suitable arrangement for both Committees, or, failing the signing of the agreement, will you let us know if you can fall in with our suggestions and accept our offer towards the settlement of amount due in respect of past services of the Tuberculosis Officer and Nurse? "

Under date 11th June 1917, the following Letter (No. 30199-1917, Wexford Co.,) was read from the Local Government Board:-

"I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 8th instant, relative to the proposed Agreement between the Wexford County Council and the County Insurance Committee, and, in reply, I am to point out that under the Agreement the cost of the treatment of insured patients recommended by the Insurance Committee will be payable by the Tuberculosis Committee of the County Council, and together with the cost of treatment of non-insured patients, will rank for recoupment from the Exchequer Maintenance Grant to the extent of one-half the net approved expenditure, by inclusion in the customary half-yearly returns. (Form E). "

In consequence of the decision of the County Insurance Committee

to discontinue the services of the "part-time" Nurses, applications for contributions for "part-time" service were received from the Nursing Associations of Enniscorthy, Gorey, New Ross, and Newtownbarry.

On the motion of Mr Cowman, seconded by Mr O'Neill, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That this matter be referred to the Finance & Roads Committee Meeting of 4th July."

Cherryorchard Quarry.

The following report of Committee re Cherryorchard Quarry, was received by the Finance & Roads Committee, and adopted by them:-

"At the meeting of the County Council held on the 2nd May 1917, a letter was read from Mr George Sharpe, Cherryorchard, Enniscorthy, offering to sell his quarry at Cherryorchard to the Council for a sum of £500.

A resolution was adopted by the Council, appointing Messrs P. O'Neill, T. Asple, Mark Codd, and James Lynch, as a Committee, with the County Surveyor, to visit Cherryorchard and consult with Mr Sharpe, and report.

The Committee met on 5th May 1917, Messrs O'Neill, Asple, Codd, and the County Surveyor, being present, Mr Sharpe and the Secretary to the County Council, being also in attendance.

The Committee desire to point out that, having gone very carefully into the working of the quarry, they find that the present price allowed Mr Sharpe, viz:- 3/2 per cubic yard for quarrying, is only sufficient to cover working expenses.

About 3,000 cubic yards of material are supplied to the road contracts from the quarry, and, as the stone is most suitable and gives satisfactory results, the Committee are most anxious that some inducement should be given to Mr Sharpe to continue its working.

They, however, recommend that the present agreement with Mr Sharpe should be determined and that he should be paid 3/6 per cubic yard for quarrying. This with 3,000 cubic yards would give him an increase of £50 over his present receipts.

The Committee are not prepared to recommend the Council to take over the quarry and work same direct."

Under date 15th May 1917, Mr George Sharpe wrote that he would continue to work quarry provided the County Council could see their way to give two pence per cubic yard extra, in addition to the 4d extra per cubic yard recommended by the Committee.

"On the motion of Mr Cowman, seconded by Mr Lynch, the recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee to receive and adopt the report was confirmed."

Loading Bank at Sparrowsland.

The following was submitted:-

"At the Meeting of the County Council on 2nd May 1917, the following resolution was adopted:-

That we request the Dublin & South Eastern Railway Co., to carry out the necessary small repairs at loading bank at Sparrowsland siding in order to allow the County Council to load road material there and further to provide for the loading of farm produce.

On 21st May, the bank in question was inspected by Mr Radcliffe, Assistant to Mr Moore, Engineer to the Railway Co., Mr Radcliffe was met by Mr Asple, County Councillor for the division, the County Surveyor, Co. Secretary and the Senior Assistant Surveyor.

The Representatives of the Council present on the occasion desire to report that a new loading bank in a more Southerly position than that at present utilized is required, as the present one has almost disappeared, and is difficult of access in winter or after rain.

The new bank should be about 17 yards long and six yards wide properly pitched and metalled.

A proper unloading bank adjoining the loading bank should be also provided, and should allow sufficient space for discharge of goods from two or three wagons.

In view of the fact that these alterations at the siding would result in the County Council saving about 1/- per cubic yard on road metalling from Ballybrennan sent by rail, the County Council representatives recommend that, provided the Railway Company decline to bear the complete cost of the improvement, the County Council might agree to contribute one moiety thereof within a reasonable limit.

Mr Radcliffe went fully into the matter, and stated that he would lay his report before the Railway Directors."

At the meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee, the Chairman submitted correspondence which he had with Mr John Coghlan, Traffic Manager, D. & S. E. Railway Co., in the matter when it was decided that the County Surveyor be instructed to furnish a reply to the communication

of MrCoghlan.

"It was decided that no further action be taken pending the decision of the meeting of D. & S. E. Railway Directors in the matter."

Holidays for Staff.

On the motion of the Chairman,

Seconded by Mr Kehoe, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the Secretary and County Surveyor be allowed each a month's Summer holidays, and that they arrange the holidays of their Staffs, so as to best suit the working conditions of each office."

Revision of Valuation.

On the motion of Lord Courtown,

Seconded by Mr Lynch,

the following resolution was adopted:-

"That we empower the Finance & Roads Committee of this Council to deal with all applications for revisions of Valuation".

Analyst's Report.

The following was read:-

City Laboratory,

Chatham Row.

DUBLIN. 11th June 1917

Report of Sir Charles Cameron, C. B., M. D., Public Analyst for the County Wexford on articles submitted to him for analysis during the quarter ended 31st March 1917.

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

<u>Article.</u>	<u>Number.</u>
Butter	26
Whiskey	24
Milk	19
Margarine	12
Port Wine	6
Cheese	5
Rum	5
Dripping	4
Buttermilk	4
Cocoa	4

<u>Article</u>	<u>Number</u>
Bread	4
Cornflour	3
Brandy	3
Lard	3
Gin	3
Coffee	2
Ginger Wine	2
Sugar	2
Mustard	2
Pepper	1
Rice	1
Beef Suet	1
Flour	1
Tea	1
Linseed meal	1
Total	139

Two certificates were sent to Sergeant White, Wexford, for specimens of milk adulterated with at least 6,25 and 41 per cent of added water respectively and one certificate for specimen of milk deficient of at least 43 per cent of its fats.

One certificate was sent to Sergeant Tuohy, Gorey, for specimen of milk adulterated with at least 10 per cent of added water and one certificate for specimen of butter containing an excess of water, namely 18 per cent.

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

For the Guardians of Enniscorthy Union six drugs were analysed and were correct.

One specimen of maize oil was analysed for Messrs S. & A. G. Davis Ltd., Enniscorthy.

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

Total analyses.....161.

Charles A. Cameron.

Marked "Read"

Application Increase of Wages.

Under date 31st May 1917, an application was received from Mr John J. O'Gorman, Scarawalsh, foreman, gang of men employed at Steamroller, Enniscorthy District, for increased wages.

He stated he had been 15 months in the employment of the County Council, and he found it very difficult to live on 25/- per week, especially as his work involved a good deal of cycling.

The Finance & Roads Committee recommended as follows..

"That the application of Mr John J. O'Gorman for increase of wages be refused."

"Recommendation confirmed on the motion of Mr M. Doyle, seconded by Mr Stafford."

The late Major Wm H. K. Redmond M. P.,

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Cowman the following resolution was adopted in silence:-

"That we offer to Mrs Wm Redmond and to Mr John E. Redmond, M. P., the expression of our deepest regret in the loss of Major Redmond, who served his beloved Country so well and so faithfully, and who-loyal to his convictions- gave his life for the cause so dear to his heart. We sincerely hope that the sacrifice he so generously made will help to bring about a re-united and regenerated Ireland."

That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Mrs Redmond, and to Mr John E. Redmond."

The Partition of Ireland.

On the motion of Mr Cowman,

Seconded by Mr M. Doyle, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That our Chairman be instructed not to vote in favour of any Scheme of Home Rule which involves the "partition" of Ireland at the forthcoming Convention."

Representation of The People Act.

On the motion of Mr Cowman, seconded by Mr Keating, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That in connection with the representation of The People Act at present before Parliament, we call upon the Government to substitute the word "shall" for the word "may" as regards the employment of Secretaries

of County Councils, Clerks of Unions, Town Clerks, and Rate Collectors, in carrying out the work of preparing Parliamentary & Local Government Registers of Voters."

Deeps Bridge.

The County Surveyor reported that five of the posts of the fence at the Deeps Bridge had been (according to the report of Mr Treanor, Senior Assistant Surveyor) maliciously shifted.

"It was decided that no action be taken as it was impossible to secure evidence to identify the perpetrators of the mischief."

(Signed)

John Boger

Presiding Chairman.

Dated this *1st* day of *August* 1917.