

MEETING.- 19th SEPTEMBER 1917.

A Meeting of the Wexford County Council, was held in the County Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford, on 19th September 1917.

Present:- Mr M. Doyle (Vice-Chairman) presiding.

Also:- Messrs Patrick Whelan, L. Barry, J. J. O'Byrne, M. Maddock, James Codd, R. Scallan, J. T. Mayler, James Lynch, Hearn, and J. J. Kehoe.

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

Confirmation of Minutes.

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and confirmed.

Vote of Condolence.

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

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

The late Lord Bishop of Ferns.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Scallan, the following letters were ordered to be inserted on the Minutes.

From Mr M. Browne, Big Barn, Ballycogley:-

"On behalf of the relatives of the late Most Rev Dr Browne, I return thanks to the Members of the County Council for their kind and sympathetic letter.

His Lordship's death was indeed a great shock to us all, but God's Holy Will be done.

Again thanking them for their kind thoughtfulness. Also accept thanks for your own consoling words in message of sympathy."

From Very Rev Chancellor O'Neill, P. P., Kilenarin :-

"On my own and on behalf of the Clergy of the diocese, I thank you and your Council, for the expression of sympathy with us on the death of our beloved Bishop."

War Bonus to Road Contractors.

Applications were received from 120 road contractors for War Bonus, as per list submitted by the County Secretary.



After considerable discussion the following resolution was adopted, on the recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee:-

Proposed by Mr James Codd, seconded by Mr Lynch:-

"That the County Council having carefully considered the application of certain road contractors who have entered into their contracts on or before 30th June 1915, and who have applied for an increase on the annual amount being paid to them for the carrying out of their contracts, by way of war bonus, and being satisfied that these contractors are entitled to such payment do grant to these contractors the following increased payment, i.e., an increase of 20% on the whole amount to those contractors who supply material and labour themselves, an increase of 11.4% or 20% on 4/7ths of the amount to those contractors who obtain material from Co. Council quarries, no increased charge being made by the Co Council for material, and an increase of 13.3% or 20% on 2/3rds of the amount to those contractors who use seagravel, until the expiration of the contract, or until one year from the end of the War, whichever event should first happen, but that such increased payment only be made to contractors, who, in the opinion of the County Surveyor have done their work efficiently, and further that the procedure suggested by the Local Government Board be carried out, namely that the County Council shall issue advertisements inviting tenders from outside persons for the contracts, taking this new increased amount in each case as the minimum price at which the contractor will be willing to carry on the work until the expiration of his contract, and if no tender at a lower amount is obtained, that a fresh contract be entered into with each contractor concerned at this new increased annual amount for the unexpired term of his contract, the increased percentage only to be paid for a period ending one year after the conclusion of the War. Said war bonus to commence as from the 31st March 1917.

That all further applications for War Bonus must be lodged not later than the end of October 1917."

#### Roads & Quarries Committee.

The following report of Special Committee to consider system of supervision of roads and the working of quarries was presented to the meeting for consideration:-

"The Second Meeting of the Committee appointed by the Co Council



on 1st August 1917, to examine the present system of road and quarry administration, and to suggest improvements to the County Council regarding same, was held in the County Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford, on 14th August 1917.

Present:- Mr Michael Doyle (Vice-Chairman) presiding.

Also:- Messrs M. Cloney, J. J. Stafford, R. Scallan, N. J. Cowman, W. Thorpe.

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

Under date 13th August 1917, a letter was read from Mr J. S. Hearn (a Member of the Committee) stating that he was in favour of the draft recommendations of the Committee adopted at the meeting on 7th August, and pointing out that it was most important that Mr Barry should be freed from office work for at least four days a week for personal inspection on roads and works. No doubt to do this it was absolutely necessary to have office work organised and simplified.

A long discussion took place as to the manner in which Mr Vincent R. Doyle, Assistant Surveyor was carrying out his duties.

Mr Barry, County Surveyor, read a detailed report from Mr Doyle, as to the work performed by him from 9th July 1917 to 4th August 1917.

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

"That from information which has come to the knowledge of the Members of this Committee we believe Mr Vincent R. Doyle, Assistant Surveyor, cannot efficiently discharge his duties while living in Bridgetown, and we recommend the County Council to direct him to at once reside in his district. We consider the County Council should call on him to resign in the event of his refusal to comply with this direction."

The Committee went minutely into the working of the 35 quarries which are under the control of the County Council, and desire to point out that owing to local circumstances there can be no uniform system of working.

In some instances material is quarried and broken by the County Council and supplied to contractors, in others material is quarried by the County Council and broken by the Contractors, and still others, the material is quarried by the contractors and broken by the Council.

Having fully considered the working of each individual quarry, we



find that while the County Surveyor is responsible for the supervision of the quarries, the amount of clerical work entailed practically monopolises two or three days each week.

We would point out that when Mr Webster held the office of County Surveyor, there was only one quarry, viz-Tara Hill- in the County, and when Mr Barry's predecessor filled the position there were only two, viz., Tara Hill and Kerlogue.

The number has now increased to 35, and there is every indication that within three years it will be necessary for the Council to undertake the working, or partial working, of 15 or 20 new quarries. Some of these must be taken over almost immediately if the work of road maintenance is to be effectively carried out.

The amount expended on the working of quarries alone, has increased within the last two years from £200 to £1,736, and the sum expended on quarries and machinery for the financial year ended March last was close on £6,000. The County Surveyor has to arrange for this work, and in addition, he is responsible for the working of the ordinary contract roads, piers, harbours and 257 miles in his own charge.

The supervision entailed by quarries and machinery occupies a good deal of time of the County Surveyor, which we consider could be more usefully employed in out-door work. And in view of the fact that the working of the quarries necessitates the "lay-out" of work, the employment of men, the measurement of material, and the certification for payment, we realise that if the time of the County Surveyor is to be released from these onerous duties, it will be necessary to avail of the services of a special officer, who should be made solely responsible, under the County Surveyor, for all quarry work and for all machinery.

On the motion of Mr Cowman, seconded by Mr Scallan, the following recommendation was unanimously adopted:-

"That Mr Barry, County Surveyor, be relieved of the working of quarries and machinery."

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Cowman, the following recommendation was unanimously adopted:-

"That Mr Treanor, Senior Assistant Surveyor, be appointed to take charge of the working of Quarries and Machinery, and for this purpose that he be allowed a mileage allowance of three pence per mile for use of Motor Cycle, subject to revision after the War."



A long discussion took place as to the advisability of instructing Assistant Surveyors to provide motor cycles, the Council to grant a mileage allowance for the running of same, but finally the Committee came to the conclusion that this arrangement would not secure any better supervision of roads, and no recommendation relative to the matter was made.

As the Local Government Board have refused to permit the Co. Council to open a special account for the County Surveyor in order to make payments to workmen in quarries, pending meetings of the Finance and Roads Committee, the meeting considered at some length how the difficulty arising for the necessity of making immediate payments in some instances was to be met.

The following recommendation was adopted on the motion of Mr Scallan, seconded by Mr Thorpe:-

"That the County Council be recommended to provide a sum of £50 to be utilized by Mr Treanor as an imprest account. Should the Local Government Board decline to sanction a resolution of the County Council to this effect, we recommend that the Chairman and County Surveyor, be appointed a deputation to wait on the Local Government Board and explain to them that without the adoption of such procedure it will be impossible to work the quarries in a satisfactory and economical manner."

The Secretary explained that in conjunction with the County Surveyor he had gone fully into the matter of devising an improved system of office organisation in connection with roads, and they had arrived at a way by which the records could be brought up-to-date, and under which clerical work would be cut down to a minimum.

On the motion of Mr Cowman, seconded by Mr Scallan, the following recommendation was unanimously adopted:-

"That the County Council provide a sum not exceeding £5 to the County Surveyor to cover clerical assistance necessary in writing up new records of roads and works, and which will enable him to deal with his work in a more expeditious and up-to-date manner."

Mr Thorpe proposed, and Mr Cowman seconded the following recommendation which was adopted, the Chairman dissenting:-

"That owing to increased cost of petrol, and increased supervision of roads which we expect from the County Surveyor under the proposals agreed to at this day's meeting, we recommend the County Council to allow a sum



of £30 per annum, to the County Surveyor in connection with the running of his motor car."

The following recommendation was also agreed to:-

Proposed by Mr Cowman, seconded by Mr Thorpe:-

"That the salaries of Assistant Surveyor Jones, Kehoe, Paddle, and Doyle, be increased by £5 per annum, as from the date of next meeting of the County Council, with an annual increment of £5 to a maximum salary of £120, increment to be given only on a satisfactory report from the Co. Surveyor as to the work of each Assistant, and to be subject to the approval of the County Council. In view of this increase we expect an increased and closer supervision of roads throughout the County."

Proposed by Mr Cowman, seconded by Mr Cloney:-

"That when the question of filling the next vacancy for the position of Assistant Surveyor is under consideration of the County Council, we recommend that the salary be fixed at £100 per annum, with an annual increment of £5 to a maximum of £120, the granting of increment to be subject to a satisfactory report by the County Surveyor, and to the approval of the County Council. We further recommend that the Council should insist upon the new officer residing in his district, and be a "Whole-time" officer."

A letter was read from the Chairman of the Council, Mr John Bolger, advocating the appointment of a second County Surveyor, but no order was made thereon.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Scallan, seconded by Mr J. Codd:-

"That the report of the Roads & Quarries Committee be received and adopted, except the paragraph recommending an allowance of £30 to the Co. Surveyor in connection with the running of his motor car."

Proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Mr Maddock:-

"That we disagree with the recommendation of the Special Road & Quarries Committee recommending that a sum of £30 should be allowed the Co. Surveyor in connection with the running of his Motor Car."

A Poll was taken with the following result:-

For the resolution:- Messrs Barry, O'Byrne, Maddock, James Codd, J.T. Mayler, and the Chairman.-6.



Against:- Messrs Whelan, Lynch, and ScAllan.-3.

The recommendation in question was accordingly not agreed to.

Messrs Hearn and Kehoe, were not present when above Poll was taken."

#### Arrests of Irishmen.

Mr O'Byrne moved the suspension of Standing Orders to allow of his moving a resolution.

The Chairman seconded.

"Passed"

Mr O'Byrne proposed the following, which was seconded by Mr Maddock and adopted:-

"That in view of the sittings of the Convention to draft a Constitution for this Country, we fail to understand the policy of the Government in arresting large numbers of Irishmen, and we emphatically protest against a procedure which is evidently intended by Dublin Castle to goad the Irish people to resistance."

#### Tara Hill Quarry.

Under date 3rd September the following application was read from Mr John Lannen, Foreman, Tara Hill Quarry:-

"I would feel thankful if you would give me some increase on my present wage £1. 2. 6d. The quarrymen have been twice dealt with, got their own terms. The Smith's wages have been increased 8/- a week in about five years, mine has been increased 2/6 in ten years. £1. 2. 6d is very small now compared with the cost of living 10 years ago."

The Finance & Roads Committee made the following recommendation:-

"That the application of J.Lannen, foreman, for increase of wages be adjourned till next meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee, when the County Surveyor is to present a report dealing with the working of the quarry, and a new arrangement with the men there."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr Maddock, seconded by Mr O'Byrne."

The following recommendation was also made by the Finance & Roads Committee in connection with the working of the quarry:-

"That we agree to the continuance of arrangement made by Mr Barry, County Surveyor, with the men at tara Hill Quarry, that they should receive 6d per ton extra for quarrying material, up to Saturday 8th September 1917, and also as to continuance of arrangement made by the



County Surveyor, with P. Byrne, blacksmith at Tara Hill to same date. That the County Surveyor obtain from Mr Paddle, Assistant Surveyor, a special report as to the general working of this quarry, hours kept by men, supervision etc., to be presented to next meeting of Finance & Roads Committee.

That the County Surveyor be directed to ascertain if it be possible to have Tara hill Quarry worked in the same manner as obtains at Cherryorchard Quarry at present."

"The County Surveyor stated that a statement had appeared in the local Press that he had agreed to the men receiving an increase and that the County Council had gone back of the arrangement which he had made. He had distinctly informed the men at the quarry that the arrangement which he was making was subject to the approval of the County Council."

"The foregoing recommendation was adopted on the motion of Mr Maddock seconded by Mr O'Byrne."

The County Surveyor read report from Mr Paddle, Assistant Surveyor, as to the working of the quarry.

The following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was adopted on the motion of Mr Maddock, seconded by Mr O'Byrne:-

"That the County Surveyor be instructed to arrange for the working at Tara Hill Quarry of Rock Drill. In the meantime that the County Surveyor interview the men who are on strike and report to next meeting."

#### Kilmore Harbour Master.

Under date 31st August 1917, the following letter was read from Mr Walter Kehoe, Harbour Master, Kilmore:-

"I beg to bring under your notice that during the past eight weeks I have had to bury 39 bags and 344 pieces of meat which washed up on the beach here in my district.

I respectfully beg that you would bring this fact under the notice of the Council. According to the terms of my appointment I am bound to bury all carcasses that wash up, but this is different as I believe it is part of a cargo of frozen meat that was wrecked off here.

I would be glad to have the advice of the Council as to whom I am to apply for payment."

The following recommendation of Finance & Roads Committee was adopted on the motion of Mr Scallan, seconded by Mr Lynch:-



"That the application of the Harbour Master at Kilmore for remuneration for burial of 39 bags and 344 packages all containing frozen meat be adjourned for the present, and that the County Council be recommended to favourably consider later on the claim of Mr Kehoe for extra remuneration for this work, and when its volume has been ascertained."

Claim for Extra Constabulary.

A claim for payment of £191 half cost of extra police stationed in Enniscorthy from 1st October 1916 to 31st March 1917, was submitted:-

The following recommendation of Finance & Roads Committee was adopted on the motion of Mr Scallan seconded by Mr Maddock:-

"That the claim of £191 for extra police be adjourned. That the County Inspector, R. I. C., be requested to inform this Council what is the Constabulary free quota to which the County Wexford is entitled, and if this quota was in the County from the first October 1916 to 31st March 1917, if not by how many men was it short during this period."

Courtown Harbour Weighing Bridge.

Under date 1st September 1917, Messrs Pooley & Son, Ltd., Birmingham, wrote asking an increase of 8/- in the annual maintenance charge of £2 in connection with annual over-haul of the weigh bridge at Courtown Harbour.

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

"That our Secretary communicate with Mr P. J. Kenny, Enniscorthy, and the County Surveyor with Mr P. Craughwell, Gorey, and ask them if they would be prepared to take a contract for keeping Courtown Harbour Weighbridge in repair and at what price per annum. That the application of Messrs Pooley & Co., for an increase of 8/- per annum for maintenance of Courtown Harbour Weighbridge be refused."

County Wexford War Pensions Committee.

Under date 27th August 1917, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 40,225-1917 Wexford Co.,) approving of the estimate of £121. 10/- administrative expenses of the County Wexford War Pensions Committee for the period ending 31st March 1918.

The following recommendation was presented by the Finance & Roads



Committee:-

"That a sum of £60. 15/- being half the amount of estimate of County Wexford War Pensions Local Committee, be transferred at this meeting to the Treasurer of the War pensions Committee.6

"Recommendation confirmed on the motion of Mr Maddock, seconded by Mr J. Codd."

Allotments & Land Cultivation (Ireland) Act 1917.

Under date 1st September 1917, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 129 M. 1917 Miscellaneous) enclosing copy of the Local Government (Allotments & Land Cultivation) (Ireland) Act 1917. The Act authorised Urban District Councils to provide allotments for their residents, and Urban and Rural Councils to supply manures, seeds, and agricultural implements to the holders or tenants of allotments or labourers plots provided by the Council, and of small holdings situate within their district.

Marked "Read"

University Scholarships.

The Secretary submitted as follows, the list of marks obtained at recent Senior Grade Intermediate Examinations by applicants for award of University Scholarships:-

Anna Whelan, George Street Wexford.	1332
John Travers, MainStreet, Gorey.	940
Julia Doyle, Traceystown, Taghmon.	924
James E. K. Cosgrave, George St., Wexford.	886
Michael F. McGrath, George Street, Wexford.	848
Mary Walsh, Ashfield, Killinick,	705
John K. McGrath, George Street, Wexford.	420

The following recommendations were presented by Finance & Roads Committee:-

"That we recommend the County Council to award University Scholarships to Miss Anna Whelan, George Street, Wexford, John Travers, Main Street, Gorey, Julia Doyle, Traceystown, Taghmon, and James E. K. Cosgrave, George Street, Wexford, as these students have received the highest places of applicants for University Scholarships to Wexford Co. Council at the recent Intermediate Examinations, have proved that they are qualified to profit by University Education and are in need of



assistance."

"That as provided by the University Scholarship Scheme we recommend that Scholarship holders prior to the conclusion of the second year of their course specify the particular branch of study in which they desire to specialize, and shall continue the study of Irish up to the time of Specialization."

"That in view of the report of the Registrar of University College Dublin, that the attendance and conduct of students who hold continuing University Scholarships are satisfactory, we recommend that Scholarships be renewed for Session 1917-8, to the following:-

Marguerite Sears, Arthur J. Quirke, Joseph Busher, William Ryan, Clare Kavanagh, N. P. Corish, Johanna Fortune, Mary Kehoe, A. Bockey, and Thomas O'Rourke (discharged from Army owing to wounds.)

The Secretary stated that he had been furnished with particulars of the branches of study in which second year students were specializing.

"Recommendations confirmed on the motion of Mr Maddock, seconded by Mr Kehoe."

Under date 8th September 1917, the following letter was read from Rev M. J. Downey, Blackrock College, Dublin:-

"Would you kindly bring under the notice of your Council that during the continuance of the War the tariff in the Blackrock Hostel is 25/- per week."

The Finance & Roads Committee made the following recommendation:-

"that the Male students awarded University Scholarships be forwarded copy of letter from Rev M. J. Downey, Blackrock College, Dublin, for their information."

"On the motion of Mr Scallan, seconded by Mr Lynch the above recommendation of Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed."

Under date 9th August 1917, Mr Arthur J. Quirke, Ballinamona, Campile, a University Scholar of the County Council, wrote asking the Finance Committee to reserve no balance for him out of his scholarship but to pay this balance along with first instalment to Father Finlay, University Hall, Dublin.

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



"That Mr Quirke be informed that no change can be made in connection with the details of the University Scholarship Scheme except by Notice of Motion, and no notice of motion has been given to have his request agreed to."

The above recommendation of Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed on the motion of Mr Kehoe, seconded by Mr Lynch.

Mr T. J. O'Rourke, St Peter's Sq., Wexford, wrote under date 18th September 1917, asking if he might live outside the University Hostel at Blackrock in recommended lodgings, owing to his wounds he thought the journey in and out to the Hostel would be too much.

The following recommendation of Finance & Roads Committee was adopted on the motion of Mr Scallan, seconded by Mr Lynch:-

"That Mr O'Rourke be informed that no change can be made in connection with the details of the University Scholarship Scheme except by notice of motion, and no notice of motion has been given to have his request agreed to. That Mr O'Rourke be informed that he can make arrangements to reside in University Hall, Dublin."

#### FINANCE & ROADS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS.

The following recommendations from Finance & Roads Committee were considered:-

**War Bonus Road Contractors:-** "That the County Surveyor be instructed to advertise that war bonus on road contracts is payable only in cases in which he states the Contract has been properly carried out, also that the fate of advertising for offers for the maintenance of roads for which war bonus has been applied does not invalidate existing contract in any way."

"That payment of War Bonus to Road Contractors begin as from 31st March 1917."

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

**Duncannon Pier:-** "That we approve of the payment of £21 the sum spent by the County Surveyor over and above the amount of his estimate for repair of Duncannon Pier."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr Maddock, seconded by Mr J. Codd."

**Deeps Bridge:-** "That the necessary wall at Deeps Bridge be erected



cost not to exceed £25, to include the repair and pointing of the parapet of the bridge and small repairs to the decking of the bascule. That the concrete posts at present at the bridge be retained as the property of the County Council."

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

**Capitation Grant-Industrial School:-** "That the Manager of the St., Joseph's Industrial School, Tralee, be informed that the County Council have adopted a resolution that no increase in capitation grant be given in the case of any reformatory or industrial school receiving a maintenance grant of 2/6 from the County Council, and nothing can be done in the way of increasing the capitation grant to schools receiving this amount until the aforesaid resolution has been rescinded."

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

**Sparrowsland Siding:-** "That in connection with the letter of Mr John Coghlan, General Manager, D. & S. E. Railway Co., to our Chairman (Mr John Bolger) we desire to state that so far as possible the County Council would endeavour to confine the traffic at Sparrowsland siding to carriage of stones, but we feel if a definite statement issued from the Co. Council that they would discountenance all general traffic there, the motives of the Council would be misunderstood. We suggest that the Railway Co., might allow the use of the proposed loading bank at Sparrowsland for agricultural produce on the distinct understanding that persons who utilize the siding will do so at their own risk and without any obligation on the part of the Railway Co. The Council will still be prepared to carry out the work estimated by the Railway Co., to cost £80 provided the Company are prepared to contribute £40 towards its cost."

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

**Sheep Dipping:-** "That our Secretary advertise the fact that sheep owners can utilize swim bath at Cherryorchard, Foulksmills, the property of Mr M. L. Hickey, at a cost of 2d per sheep during Autumn dipping."

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

**Boiler at Tara Hill Quarry:-** "That the insurance of Boiler at Tara Hill Quarry be increased from £500 to £1,500 and that the premium paid for same be £2. 10/- instead of £2 as in the past."

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

**Books of Form 16 :-** "That Messrs English & Co., be accepted as



Contractors for supply of books of Form 16, provided they accept a sum of £3. 5/- for same."

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

**Contribution from Co. Insurance Committee:-** "That Messrs Asple, of the Co Council, to meet the delegates Cowman, and Maddock, be appointed the delegates from the County Wexford Insurance Committee to consider the question of the amount of payment to be made by the County Wexford Insurance Committee for the past services of Tuberculosis Officer and Nurse. That if possible the meeting of delegates be not held until after harvest. That it be pointed out at the meeting of delegates that the contribution of one-fifth of salaries and expenses of Tuberculosis Officer and Nurse was to remain in force for one year only, as from 28th February 1916, in the absence of agreement. That in considering any recommendation to be arrived at as regards the basis of contribution to be made by the Insurance Committee as from 1st October 1917, the communication from the Local Government Board under date 15th March 1916, and No. 12,842-1916, Wexford County., be taken into consideration."

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

**Rate Collection:-** "That our Secretary inform Rate Collectors who are backward in their Collections, that at the conclusion of the present financial half-year the Finance & Roads Committee will press upon the Council the advisability of dispensing with the services of Collectors who despite frequent and prolonged warning have practically taken no steps to discharge their duties with the due amount of diligence required by their bond."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr O'Byrne, seconded by Mr Maddock."

#### Poisons & Pharmacy Act 1908

Under date 8th August 1917, letter No 52/17, was read from the Privy Council Office, Dublin Castle, forwarding copy of Orders made on 29th June 1917, by the Lord Lieutenant under the Poisons & Pharmacy Act 1908.

Marked "Read"

#### Sign Posts.

Under date 4th August 1917, a letter was read from the Ford Motor Company, stating that they would endeavour to meet the wishes of the Council and the Gaelic League, in the desire to have signposts in Irish



as well as in English. If any difficulties arose they would take no steps without consultation with the Council.

Under date 3rd August 1917, a letter was read from the General Secretary of the Gaelic League, thanking the Council for their action regarding bilingual name plates on sign posts.

"No Order"

Tuberculosis Committee Contract Beds Newcastle.

The following resolution of the Tuberculosis Committee adopted at meeting of above Committee on 14th August, was submitted for confirmation

"That we agree to take two extra beds in Newcastle Sanatorium."

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

RESOLUTIONS.

Cattle Prices.

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

"That this Council desires to enter its strongest protest against the prices fixed by the Food Controller for beef, which will result in the slaughter of immature cattle, the destruction of store and fat cattle industries of this country, and consequently a great decrease in the production of corn, potatoes, and other food stuffs, for the sustenance of the people, which the prices in question are meant to increase, and we call upon the Irish Members of Parliament of all political parties to take every means in their power to have the prices amended, as judgment and common sense would dictate."

"Adopted on the motion of Mr Maddock, seconded by the Chairman."

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

"We demand that the producer gets representation in fixing the price of food and that the prices for stall fed beef should be in conformity with the existing prices of Oilcake., etc., and we demand that simultaneous with the fixing of the prices of food, that the cost of production be also adjusted."

We consider the withdrawal of the recent Food Order desirable."

"Adopted on the motion of Mr Maddock, seconded by Mr Lynch."

Prices of Butter.

Resolutions were read from the West Limerick Branch of the Irish



Creamery Managers' Association, and from the Irish Butter Price Committee protesting against the price of Irish Butter fixed by the Food Controller

"These resolutions were adopted on the motion of Mr Maddock, seconded by Mr Lynch."

#### Commercial & Industrial Policy for Ireland.

Under date 30th August 1917, the Hon Sec., to Advisory Committee of Dublin Chamber of Commerce, forwarded a copy of statement by the Committee as to Commercial and Industrial Policy of Ireland. The statement pointed out that in the event of self government resulting from the Irish Convention, if Ireland had no representation in the Control of the regulation of trade the industrial interests of the Country would derive no appreciable benefit from the change of Government. The control of internal and external Irish trade should be vested in a properly constituted Irish Authority, also the imposition and collection of taxes, as this would enable Ireland to foster her own Industries while maintaining commercial relations with Great Britain on just and equitable terms. An Irish legislature should have power to assist in the development of the manufactures of the country and progress would be made by the introduction into the new constitution of special representation of commercial and industrial interests."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr J. Codd, seconded by Mr O'Byrne:-

"That we approve of the statement issued by the Dublin Chamber of Commerce issued under date 30th August 1917, as to a Commercial and Industrial policy for Ireland."

#### Hydro Electric Power.

The following resolution was read from the Dublin Local Section of the Institution of Electrical Engineers:-

"That this Meeting of the Committee of the Dublin Local Section of the Institution of Electrical Engineers request the Board of Trade Electrical Committee to take steps to ascertain the various places in Ireland where Hydro Electric Power is obtainable and the amount of power at each place, together with the data giving the volume of water at different times of the year and available head."

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



"That we approve of the resolution of the Committee of the Dublin Section of the Institution of Electrical Engineers as to procuring data of Hydro electric power for the purpose of developing Irish industries."

Wexford Harbour Board.

Under date 11th September 1917, the following resolution was forwarded by the Secretary to Wexford Harbour Commissioners, and which was adopted at a meeting of the latter on the 10th September:-

"That the Secretary write to the Wexford Corporation, and the Co. Council, and ask these bodies to co-operate with the Harbour Board with a view to approaching the Treasury or the Development Commissioners, in order to secure such a grant as will enable the Harbour Commissioners to dredge the berths at the Quayside."

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

"That Mr John Bolger, Chairman of the Council, Messrs Kehoe, Keating and Stafford, be appointed the delegates of the Co Council to act with the Harbour Board."

Analyst's Report.

The following report was read:-

City Laboratory, Chatham Row,  
Dublin. 17th August 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 30th June 1917.

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

<u>Article</u>	<u>Number.</u>
Milk	67
Butter	57
Whiskey	29
Buttermilk	20
Margarine	15
Rum	12
Drugs	11
Cheese	5

Gin

5



Port Wine	5
Pepper	5
Brandy	4
Bread	4
Cornflour	4
Tea	3
Vinegar	2
Cocoa	3
Dripping	2
Lard	2
Beef Suét	2
Ginger Wine	1
Flour	1
Rice	1
Sugar	1
Mustard	1
Claret	1
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Total	263

One certificate was sent to Sergeant White, Wexford, for specimen of milk deficient of at least 30 per cent of its fats, one certificate for specimen of milk adulterated with at least 14 per cent of added water and was also deficient of at least 40 per cent of its fats, and one certificate for specimen of Whiskey which was 43 degrees under proof and was therefore adulterated with 24 per cent of water.

One certificate was sent to Sergeant Doyle, Enniscorthy, for specimen of milk adulterated with at least 18 per cent of added water.

One certificate was sent to Sergeant Ruane, Taghmon, for specimen of milk deficient of at least 40 per cent of its fats.

One certificate was sent to Sergeant Torsney, Newtownbarry, for specimen of milk deficient of at least 16 per cent of its fats.

One certificate was sent to Sergeant Flynn, Ballybrazil, Campile, for specimen of milk deficient of at least 53 per cent of its fats.

One certificate was sent to Sergeant Braheny, Killinick, for specimen of whiskey which was 27 degrees under proof, and was therefore adulterated with 2,67 per cent of water.

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



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

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

Total analyses 293.

Adulterated & Defective Articles. 8

(Signed) C. A. Cameron.

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*John Bolger*  
Presiding Chairman.

Dated this 3 day of Oct 1917.