

Quarterly Meeting - 1st August 1905

The Statutable Quarterly meeting of the county council, was held in the council chamber, court-house Wexford; on 1st August 1905.

Present :- Mr M. A. Ennis, vice chairman, presiding.
Also present :- Messrs E. Hore, J. E. Mayler, M. Browne, J. Asple, John J. Kehoe, James Codd, C. H. Peacocke, D. Dempsey, N. C. Murphy, Mark Codd, P. Cleary, J. Bolger, John Sinnott, James Sinnott, Denis Kavanagh, Matthew Doyle, John Bolger, J. A. Doyle, A. Kinsella, and J. B. Hearn.

The Secretary, Mr R. W. Elger, Solicitor, and the County Surveyor were in attendance.

Confirmation of minutes

The minutes of meeting of the 14th July, and of special meeting held on 22nd July, were read and confirmed.

Epizootic Lymphangitis.

Mr Peacocke proposed, Mr J. J. Kehoe, seconded and it was passed :- "That we again call the attention of the Department of Agriculture, to the resolution of the Wexford county council, passed at the meeting held on the 14th July '05 in reference to the subject of Epizootic Lymphangitis."

Appointment of Rate collector

Applications were received from the following for the position of vacant Rate collectorship for No. 21. Collection District :- Messrs Laurence Casey Tottenham Green, Loughmon; Michael J. O'Hanlon, Danescastle, Carrig-on-Bannow, and James Cogley Trinity, Loughmon;

Mr Browne proposed - Mr Cogley, for the position.

Mr. Peacocke seconded.

Mr. Mayler proposed - Mr. M. J. O'Hanlon - Mr. P. Cleary, seconded.

Mr. Peacocke proposed - Mr. Casey - Mr. Kehoe, seconded.

On a poll being taken the following was the result :-

For Bogley:- Messrs Kinsella, M. Doyle, J. Bolger, J. Codd, M. Browne, Hore, Peacocke, Kehoe, Asple, Dempsey, John Sinnott, James Sinnott, Kavanagh, J. Bolger, M. Codd, and the Chairman... 16.

For O'Hanlon:- Messrs Hearn, Mayler, Murphy, Cleary, and J. A. Doyle... 5.

The Chairman declared Mr. Bogley elected.

The following is the application of the successful candidate :-

Trinity, Taghmon.
July 31st 1905

To Wexford County Council.

I beg to apply for the position of Poor Rate collector, for No. 2. Collection District, at your meeting on August 1st. The Yorkshire Insurance Company, College Green, Dublin, is my security.

I have forwarded recommendations from Canon Furlong, and Father Murphy, Taghmon.

Yours Respectfully
James Bogley.

He submitted testimonials from the following:- Rev Canon P. M. Furlong, Taghmon; and Rev M. Murphy, C. C. Taghmon.

Steam-Rolling Roads.

The following was read for the Meeting:-

Wexford County Council.

Report of Committee - Steam Rolled Roads.

At a special meeting of the Wexford County Council held on the 24th June 1905, a small Committee was appointed to visit the counties of Tipperary

and Dublin, and any other counties which they might consider necessary for the purpose of drafting for the consideration of the council a report containing information on the subject of the steam-rolling of roads.

On the 17th July, the members of the committee (except Mr. M. Browne, who was unavoidably absent) journeyed to Tipperary. Acting on the advice of Mr. E. A. Hackett, (County Surveyor) who met them on arrival, they alighted at Kilshelan, and drove by the Newtown Anner Road into Clonmel, a distance of five miles. The road in question was steam-rolled in April, 1900, at a cost of 11/6 per perch. The repayment of the capital sum is calculated at 2/6 per perch, and the maintenance for the ordinary repair at 10^d, total 3/4. The cost of this road, when under the ordinary contract system as known in this county, was 4/6 per perch, so that per annum a saving of 1/2 per perch has been effected. It is assumed that the life of this road - owing to the weight of traffic it has to bear - will be five years, so that there has been a saving of 5/10 per perch by steam rolling for that period. We found the road in excellent condition, absolutely free from ruts or holes, while no trace of a loose stone could be seen. Mr. Hackett explained that the height of the crown had been regulated according to the width of the road.

Regarding repairs. These we carried out in wet weather. A surface man was put on the road with a wheel-barrow and shovel, and he filled every hole with limestone gravel, which quickly took a bond like concrete and became absorbed into the road.

The committee were informed that the chief difficulty of road makers arose not from the amount of traffic, but the tendency of that traffic to "track" the thoroughfare, vehicles

being driven in the tracks made by those which preceded them.

It is quite a common sight in what is known in Wexford as the "born season" to note in wet weather in the vicinity of the town, roads "tracked" in this manner. The higher the centre of the road the greater the tendency to track; on the other hand if the road be made flat, water does not run off, but gets through the surface and soon disintegrates it.

It is contended that road-making on the old system can never solve this problem, and hence, so long as the old system obtains, roads must to some degree at least, become tracked.

With steam-rolling the construction of the road gives you such a hard surface that the traffic automatically distributes itself and tracking is impossible. The committee watched some motor and vehicular traffic and found this statement borne out.

A point of considerable interest to the committee was the question of the second rolling. It is natural to infer that this proceeding will be less expensive than the initial rolling. The sides of the road are practically undamaged, and, as the shape has been well maintained in the interval, a much thinner coating of stones is required for the second working. and consequently there is a larger saving on the ordinary contract price.

Barter's express the opinion that they can bring a load 25 per cent heavier over a steam-rolled road in contrast with an ordinary contract road, and with less wear and tear on vehicles and animals.

Leaving the Newtown Anner road the deputation branched on to the Silverspring road, which has been included in the Blonmel Urban District

since the extension of the borough boundary. It was steam-rolled in 1898 at a cost of 10/- per perch. It is on the direct line to Drangan and other villages, and, cannot therefore, be looked upon as an unimportant by-road. The old contract price was 2/- per perch, and although Mr Hackett, was not aware that a shovel of stones had been put on it since it was rolled he considered it would last another ten years. The amount of repayment for initial cost of steam-rolling is 1/8 per perch, and 4^d per perch was put down for annual maintenance. But if the road is to last another ten years without a rolling, as the repayment expired in 1903, there is plainly a very considerable saving. One of the reasons why the committee wish to call attention to this road is owing to the original contract price, and, as there is room for discussion on the point of the utility of steam-rolling roads which are let on ordinary contract at 2/- per perch, or under.

Passing through the town the committee inspected the Rathronan road. This is subjected to very heavy traffic leading to Fethard at one end and to Cashel on the other. It was originally let at 5/6 per perch. The cost of rolling - carried out in April 1901 - was 13/8 per perch and the amount of the repayment of loan and maintenance comes to 3/11 or a saving of 1/7 per perch on the former method.

This road is also in first-class order, and it was a pleasure to drive or cycle over it.

Adjoining was a road for which preparations for steam-rolling had been made. The material - good limestone metalling - was all in the depots. It was formerly one of the worst roads in the Riding, but the committee found it in fair order, the result, Mr Hackett stated, of direct labour.

The mention of direct labour opens up a subject worthy of the consideration of the Council should they decide that steam-rolling is advisable - how best to have the work carried out in conjunction with the present system. It is generally admitted that direct labour is not applicable to Wexford County. If a road be steam-rolled and then lit by ordinary contract, it is fairly arguable that at the termination of the contract it will not be in as good condition as if it had been maintained by direct labour after the rolling, and that the life of the road will not be as long.

Another question which will probably engage the attention of the Council will be the provision of road-metalling of the best class obtainable in the County, either by the Council acquiring quarries of their own, or making some arrangement with private quarry owners for a supply. We attribute, in a large measure, the excellent condition of the South Tipperary roads, to the fact that the quarries from which these roads are metalled have been carefully selected.

The Committee having considered the terms of reference under which they acted, do not consider it to be within their province to recommend any course to the Council, but content themselves with a statement of the facts elicited by their visit.

They wish to express their grateful acknowledgements to Mr. Hackett, for his great kindness. He placed his time at their disposal, was most painstaking in affording information, and extended to us the hospitality of "Tip".

(Signed) M. A. Ennis Thomas Asple
 C. H. Peacock Henry Webster
 N. J. Fitzell

Mr Webster stated that steam-rolling had been tried with success in New Ross and Enniscorthy - in the latter district about 6 miles and two miles were in preparation for rolling. They had gained by experience and they had come to the conclusion that the best thing to do would be to put a four years' instead of a three years supply in the first year, and put out only for the remaining four years, the same material as would be put out in one year. New Ross district was anxious now to have the road to Fethard steam-rolled. It was a very bad road. He suggested the Council should appoint a committee to examine some of the best quarries in the county to see if it would be feasible to come to arrangements with the owners to purchase the most suitable quarries.

He further suggested that stone-breakers, and two steam-rollers should be purchased, and hired out to the district councils.

"It was decided that the report be specially considered at the next meeting of the Proposal Committee. In the meantime, Mr Elger Solicitor to the Council was requested to look into the question of the powers of the Council with regard to taking over quarries compulsorily, and that Mr Webster advise the Council as to the portions of the county in which the best materials are to be obtained."

Mr Hore proposed a vote of thanks to the Committee, who visited Tipperary to investigate the subject of steam-rolling. Mr Kehoe seconded.
Roads Committee appt of "Passed"

Mr J. Bolger proposed :- That the Roads Committee be appointed at this meeting - Mr John Linnott seconded.

Mr Hearne proposed as an amendment :-
 "That the whole Council form a Roads Committee. That each member assumes personal responsibility for the roads in his district - that if he finds

any road not properly kept, he report to the Deputy Surveyor, ~~then~~ if necessary to the County Surveyor; and lastly to the County Council, if no improvement is effected. and that the terms of reference be the same as already adopted by the Co. Council. Mr. Kinsella seconded.

On a show of hands Mr. Hearn's amendment was carried.

Audits of Accounts.

The reports of Local Government auditors, as to the audit of the accounts of Wexford, New Ross, and Enniscorthy Guardians; and Rural District Councils; also District Asylum were laid before the meeting.

Kilmore Pier.

The following letter under date 31st July '05, was read; from the County Surveyor:-

"The work given into my charge by the County Council to repair the two breaches in Kilmore Breakwater is now very nearly completed, and three cross walls or bulk-heads have been built, but I find that I shall require about £15 more to complete the topping of the near branch.

The work has been so satisfactory that I think it would be a pity to leave the intermediate length of about 33 yards unprotected between the two lengths of work done in concrete in bags. I would suggest that this intermediate length should be underpinned with concrete in bags on the sea face, and thus have a continuous concrete frontage on the most exposed part of the breakwater, and also the toe of the work would be protected with an apron of stones. I estimate this work at £85 which would also cover some minor repairs. I trust the County Council will see their way to allocate the two sums above mentioned, £15 & £85.

(£1.00 in all) at their meeting to-morrow.

Mr Walsh has written to me to say that he proposes to send the Board of Works dredger back to Dublin on the 19th August. If the County Council so direct, the dredger might call in to Courtown Harbour on her way back and remove a few loads from the inside basin.

I don't think that the dredging at Kilmore will be completed to the depth specified by the 19th August, but owing to the fact that the rock has been reached in places, I think it would be safer not to excavate so deeply, but to provide a sufficient depth of water for berthages, and to make the surface of the excavation as uniform as possible.

I may mention that the repairs to the apron at the back of the North pier in Courtown Harbour have been completed, and I would recommend that the balance of the fund allocated for dredging and repairs for this harbour be expended in repairing the North pier, and completing the dredging of the channel across the inner basin.

I would feel obliged if you would kindly lay this letter before the County Council at their meeting on the 1st prox."

Proposed by Mr Broune, seconded by Mr John Bolger and passed :- "That £30 be granted for the repairs etc., to Kilmore, mentioned in the letter of Mr Webster, County Surveyor."

Pledge-Bound National Party.

Mr Kinsella proposed the following resolution which was seconded, by Mr Broune and adopted :-

"That in view of the grave situation that is at present before the country, we regard dissension over minor matters as a National calamity, and whilst we strongly affirm the necessity for a pledge bound National Parliamentary Party, we sincerely hope that any differences of opinion

that may have arisen with regard to policies between our leading men may be speedily and wisely adjusted."

Dredging.

Proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Hore:- "That Mr. Webster's suggestions with regard to dredging at Kilmore Harbour be sanctioned and that the Board of Works dredger call into Courtown Harbour on her way back from Kilmore to remove the few loads remaining unexcavated in the inner basin of that harbour." Passed.

The Chairman proposed, that the County Surveyor be empowered to carry out his suggestions that he expend the balance of the amount allocated and in his hands for the completion of the dredging, and towards the repairs of the North Pier at Courtown Harbour." Mr. J. Bolger, seconded. Passed.

Application - Increase of Salary - School Attendance Officer Flood

Under date 16th June, the following resolution was received from the Secretary of the Enniscorthy Rural District School Attendance Committee:-

Proposed by the Rev Canon Sheill P. P., seconded by Mr. D. J. Oballaghan and passed unanimously that Mr. N. Flood, School Attendance Officer, be allowed an increase of £5 per annum to his salary. Salary to be increased from 1st day of June 1905."

Mr. J. Bolger proposed:- "That the action of the Enniscorthy School Attendance Committee agreeing to give Mr. Flood, School Attendance Officer an increase of £5 in his salary be confirmed." Mr. J. Asple seconded.

Passed.

Wexford Prison

Under date 27th June 1905 (No. 12969/04) the following was read, from the Secretary, General Prisons Board:-

"I am directed by the General Prisons Board, to state for the information of the Wexford County Council, that the prison premises at Wexford, which were closed for prison purposes by order of His Excellency, the Lord Lieutenant dated 17th September '04 will, under Sec., 31 of the Prisons, Ireland, Act, 1877 (40 & 41 Vic c49) become vested in the County Council, as successors to the Grand Jury at the expiration of twelve months from the date of the closing order, and I am to request that you will ask the County Council to appoint a representative to take over the Prison, on the 16th September next from a representative of the Board who will be at the Prison on that date for the purpose."

The following report was read:-

Joint Committee - County Prison.

"A meeting of the joint committee of the County Council, and the Wexford Corporation, acting on the following resolution, was held on 28th July in the County Council Chamber, Court-house, Wexford.

"That a Committee of four be appointed to go fully into the question of the taking over the Wexford Prison, and the purposes to which it might be applied in future, with most advantage to the Ratepayers and to the County Council.

That the Committee be empowered to consult with a similar Committee appointed by the Wexford Corporation should that body decide to appoint them with the view of ascertaining whether the buildings could be utilised for any public purpose, the joint Committee to report to the Council."

Mr M. A. Ennis (Vice-Chairman of the Co. Council) presided. Messrs C. H. Peacocke, and John Bolger

also represented the County Council. The representatives of the Corporation in attendance were:- His Worship the Mayor, councillors R. Hanton; and J. Hore.

Mr. Ennis said he had made some measurements at the jail and found that the depth (inside) from the front wall to the back wall was 375 feet; on the wall facing John Street it was 282 feet, and on the front facing the Jail Road, 300 feet. The main Hall was 140 feet long (inside) by 42 feet wide. The main Building - should the County Council, and the Corporation be able to come to terms as to the letting of the premises - would make the finest town hall in the South of Ireland. The female prison was 62 feet by 44. Then there was the Governor's residence the Chief Warder's apartments; the Infirmary, etc., which could be utilised for municipal offices. There were 66 cells on the male side and 49 on the female side. It was stated that the entire site covered 3a : 3r. 4 37 perches statute. In the alternative of the Corporation not seeing their way to take the premises an attempt could be made for the establishment of a male Industrial School.

After discussion the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Bolger seconded by Mr. Hanton:- "That we adjourn the consideration of our Report to the County Council, for three months in order to allow the representatives of the Corporation to consider whether the Prison buildings would be suitable for a town hall or other public purpose, and also that the County Council advertise that the premises are to be let; advertisement to give particulars."

Mr. Peacocke proposed, and Mr. Dempsey seconded:- "That the Secretary of the Council be appointed to take over the prison, from the

Representative of the Prison Board; on the 16th September conditionally on the Prison's Board, undertaking to pay the half-year's rent due on the 29th September
Passed.

Mr Peacocke moved :- "That our solicitor be instructed to take such steps as may be necessary to oblige the Prisons Board to remove the remains of executed criminals."

The resolution was not seconded and fell through.

Proposed by Mr Hearn seconded by Mr Murphy:-
"That if the present caretaker of the Prison chooses to remain in occupancy of the gate-house that he be paid a penny per week from the time the prison is taken over by the County Council."
Passed.

Mr Peacocke proposed :- "That our Secretary ask the Prisons Board if the prison is insured. If he ascertains it is not that it be then insured for £1000, in the Atlas and Manchester Insurance Co.
Mr J. Bolger seconded.
Passed.

Mr Peacocke proposed :- "That we strongly urge on the General Prison Board the necessity of having a Bridewell established in Westford."
Mr Kehoe seconded.
Passed.

New Ross & Mountgarrett Bridges.

The following letter under date 8th May 1905, was read from the Secretary to Kilkenny County Council :-

"In reply to your communication of the 6th May, relative to payment of expense of altering bye-laws of New Ross Bridge. I desire to state that the matter was under consideration of my Council on the 5th ultimo., when it was unanimously resolved to pay one-half said charge.

With regard to the proposed appointment

of a caretaker for Mountgarrett Bridge, I am directed to point out that Mrs Forrestal has been in charge since the death of her husband and has discharged the duties of caretaker to the satisfaction of the County Surveyor."

"On the motion of Mr. Hearne, seconded by the chairman, the following resolution was adopted:—
"That New Ross Urban Council, be informed that the Kilkenny Co. Council have decided to pay half the expense of altering the bye-law regulating the traffic over New Ross Bridge, the other half of the expense to be payable by this Council in accordance with resolution already adopted."

On the motion of Mr. Dempsey, seconded by Mr. Ennis the following resolution was adopted:—
"That Mrs Catherine Forrestal be appointed caretaker for Mountgarrett Bridge, subject to her appointment also, by the Kilkenny County Council, at the present salary of £12 per annum.
That a copy of this resolution be sent the Kilkenny Co. Council, with a request that they comply with the terms of this resolution."

Irish Co. Councils General Council

Under date 24th June the following was read from the Secretary Irish County Councils General Council:

"I beg to inform you that the Annual Meeting of the Irish County Councils' General Council will be held in Dublin, on Friday, August 25th 1905.

"I am directed to ask that you will be so good as to bring this letter before the next meeting of your Council, in order that any suggestions, which it may desire to have considered by the General Council, as to desirable amendments to the Local Government Acts, and any other matters tending to increased efficiency in the management of local affairs, or otherwise affecting the public welfare may be placed upon the agenda paper."

Such suggestions should reach me on or before the 11th August next."

"On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Peacocke, it was decided that the notice of motion adopted on the motion of Mr Brown, re establishment of scholarships in a National University be brought before the next meeting of the Irish County Councils General Council."

Marine Works Bill.

Proposed by Mr Peacocke, seconded by Mr Dempsey:-
Resolved - "That we the County Council of Wexford rely with the most absolute confidence on the full and generous support of all the Irish members of Parliament especially the Leader of the Irish Party Mr John E. Redmond to support the Marine Works Bill introduced by Sir Thomas Esmonde, and read a first time in the House on last Wednesday, so that the Bill may be passed this Session."

"Proposed by Mr Peacocke, seconded by Mr Bolger:-
Resolved:- "That we the County Council of Wexford respectfully call on the Chief Secretary of Ireland to facilitate and have passed this Session the Marine Works Bill introduced last Wednesday by Sir Thomas Esmonde, a Bill so fraught with the powers of aiding and preserving the existing Fishing and allied Industries now in so languishing a condition as to be fast approaching utter extinction."

Leave of absence

On the motion of Mr Dempsey, seconded by Mr Kehoe, it was decided that Mr Webster, County Surveyor, be granted a month's leave of absence."

Courtown Harbour.

The following minutes of Courtown Harbour Committee, in respect of meeting held 4th July 1905 were read:-

"The Committee checked the Harbour Master's

accounts and found them correct."

"Bills for the amount of £11: 15: 11½ were submitted by the Harbour master, were examined and found correct, and we recommend that a paying order for the amount of sums submitted be issued by Finance Committee."

"We recommend that new notice boards showing scales of dues, etc., and bye-laws be erected in the usual places; and that the Harbour Master be directed to get estimates for the work."

"On the motion of Mr. Hore, seconded by Mr. Dempsey the following was adopted:— "That we agree to the erection in the usual places of new notice Boards showing scales of dues, etc., and bye-laws; and that the Harbour master be directed to procure estimates for the work."

Road contractors & accidents.

"Under date 5th July 1905, the following letter was read from the Secretary of the Antrim County Council:—

"Have you a clause in Road contracts that the contractor is to indemnify the County Council against any loss, costs, charges, and expenses incurred in enforcing the performance of the contract by taking legal proceedings or otherwise, and that these costs may be deducted from the amount payable on foot of his contract."

The Chairman proposed:— "That the question of including in the Road contracts an indemnifying clause against any loss, and expense incurred in enforcing the performance of contracts be adjourned till November Meeting." Passed.

Acknowledgements of Resolutions

The following letters of acknowledgements of Resolutions passed at last meeting of the Council were read:—
From Sir Thomas Esmonde:— "I am in receipt of your letter enclosing a resolution passed by the County

Council regarding a telegraph office at Ramsgrange. It will give me much pleasure to help forward the project in any way I can".

"I am in receipt of your letter enclosing a resolution passed by the Co. Council relating to the new Education Rules. I am in full sympathy with the Council in this matter. I will be glad to do anything in my power to support the general protest against these rules, and make it effective."

"I am in receipt of your letter covering a resolution passed by the County Council on the subject of the redistribution proposals of the Government."

"The resolution does credit to the patriotism of the Council. It is but what I would expect from it."

The dishonourable and discreditable scheme embodied in the Redistribution Proposals, has been upset for the moment, but we must expect to see it revived next year, and possibly in a shape still more detrimental to Ireland, and in still wider breach of that infamy - the Act of Union - which we are told is buttressed by the honour of England."

— Ramsgrange Telegraph Office. —

From Secretary General Post Office, London: "I am directed by the Postmaster General, to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 15th inst., and to inform you that it shall receive attention."

— Epizootic Lymphangitis —

From Department of Agriculture, Dublin: "I am directed by the Department of Agriculture, and Technical Instruction for Ireland, to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 15th instant, transmitting a copy of a resolution on the subject of Epizootic Lymphangitis adopted at a meeting

of the Council of your County held on the preceding day."

Town Tenants.

A circular letter was read from Mr J. M. Boghlan, Briscoe, stating that the second annual convention of the Town Tenants Association, would be held on 24th August in Dublin, and asking the County Council to appoint delegates thereto.
Marked "Read"

Education Code.

The following resolution was read from Wicklow County Council:— "Resolved— That we the County Council of Wicklow, view with alarm the action of the Commissioners of National Education in changing the rules of the National Board, especially Rule No. 127 B. without first ascertaining through the Managers of the National Schools the effects of such contemplated change of Rules."

We resolve that, in the interest of Education, the altered Rules be withdrawn. And, further, since these disastrous alterations have been recommended during the Resident Commissioner-ship of Mr Starkie, a question arises how far Mr Starkie at present possesses the confidence of the Nation. to warrant his being retained as Resident Commissioner."

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

Home Rule

From Waterford County Council, the following resolution was received:—

"That we regard the references to Ireland both by Lord Spencer's letter to Mr Corrie Grant, and in the speeches of the Leaders of the English Liberal Party as highly unsatisfactory. and in-as-much they involve the abandonment of Gladstone's Home Rule policy and forfeit all claim of the English

Liberals to Irish sympathy, and support, we respectfully request our trusted leader - Mr. John Redmond, in whom we have implicit confidence, to give this matter his serious attention when on the eve of the General Election he gives his instructions to our excited kinsmen, in those British constituencies, where the Irish vote holds the balance of power."

Marked. "Read."

University Education

The following resolution was received from Waterford County Council:-

"That it is evidently hopeless now, to expect a satisfactory solution of the Irish University question from either English Party, by the lukewarm methods hitherto employed, and as an immediate settlement of this question is absolutely necessary, both in the interest of religion and native progress, we are convinced that the time has come for the Irish People and the Irish Party to invite a policy of action, vigorous, determined, and aggressive."

Marked. "Read."

Main Roads Scheme

The following letter under date 5th July (No 40653-1905, Wexford County) was read from the Local Government Board:-

"With reference to your further letter of the 26th ultimo, relative to the question of the declaration of Main Roads in the County of Wexford, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to state that it appears to them that the County Surveyor should furnish, either in his general report or in a special report on the matter, such information and details as may be necessary and proper to assist the Council in determining whether the Main Roads Scheme should be continued wholly or in part, or a new Declaration made."

Ordered:- To be considered with the Main Road

Declaration at the half-yearly meeting in November.

Scholarships National University.

Councillor Browne moved: - "That our Secretary be directed to make inquiries as to the powers of County Councils in voting money for educational purposes; and also as to whether under the Technical Instruction Act, or under any other act, they could legally found scholarships in a National University."

The Chairman seconded. Passed.

Seating Accommodation Duncormack Courthouse.

The following letter was read from Mr. R. P. Corish, Petty Sessions Clerk, Duncormack: -
"I have been directed by the Magistrates at Duncormack Petty Sessions to ask you to bring before the next meeting of your Proposals Committee, the want of seating accommodation in the Duncormack Courthouse. There are no chairs there for Magistrates, or Witnesses, except a few very old and broken ones; and chairs have frequently to be borrowed on Court days."

I trust your Council will be good enough to grant a supply of say a dozen chairs somewhat similar to those supplied to Loughmon some few years ago, and also an arm chair for the presiding Magistrate."

Ordered: - "That the letter be brought before next meeting of the Proposal Committee."

Transfer Subsidiary account.

Proposed by Mr. Peacocke, seconded by the Chairman
"That as the sum of £1078: 5: 11^d. has been expended out of the Subsidiary ac^t for the quarter ended 30th June '05, a further sum of £1,000, be transferred to the Subsidiary ac^t to meet the expenditure for the current quarter." Passed.

Proposals for Payments

Proposed by Mr Peacocke, seconded by Mr Hore:- "That the several proposals for Payments, sent up by the District Councils of the County, and the Proposal Committee, for the quarter ended 30th June 1905, be approved, subject to the modifications and other orders noted thereon and signed by the Chairman"

Passed.

Proposal Committee Minutes

On the motion of Mr Peacocke, seconded by Mr Thomas Asple, the following resolution was adopted:- "That the Minutes of the Proposal Committee for Quarterly Meeting held 14th July be confirmed."

Diseases Animals Acts Committee - minutes.

On the motion of Mr Peacocke, seconded by Mr Asple, the following resolution was adopted:- "That the Minutes of the meeting of the Executive Committee entrusted with the management of the business under the Contagious Diseases Animals Acts, held on 8th July be confirmed."

Finance Committee Minutes

The Minutes of the Finance Committee, of the following dates were confirmed; on the motion of Mr Peacocke, seconded by Mr Asple:- May 18th 19th & 27th, June 10th, 19th, 24th, July 8th & 22nd.

Game Rights.

The following resolution was received from the Lismore District Council, for adoption; but it was not moved:-

"In view of the action of the Irish Landlords in almost every case of sale under the Land Law Act 1903, in reserving the Game Rights- we are of opinion that immediate steps should be taken for the valuation of all such gaming rights as distinct from the valuation of the land, with a view to the more equitable adjustment of taxation; and

that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the chairman of the Irish Parliamentary Party, in the hope that the matter may be dealt with in connection with the measure, re valuation introduced on the 15th instant by Mr. Atkinson, and that copies be also sent to the various county and District Councils in Ireland to ascertain their opinion thereon."

Dates of Meetings.

The following dates of quarterly and half yearly council meetings in October and November 1905, were agreed to:-

Wexford R. D. Saturday - 7th October - Quarterly Meeting - 10.30 a.m. half yearly meeting - 10.45 a.m.
Enniscorthy R. D. Thursday - 12th October - Quarterly Meeting - 11 a.m. half yearly meeting - 11.15 a.m.
Gorey R. D. - Wednesday - 11th October - Quarterly Meeting - 11.30 a.m. half yearly meeting - 11.45 a.m.
New Ross R. D. - Saturday - 14th October - Quarterly Meeting - 12 noon. half yearly meeting - 12.15 p.m.
Proposal Committee - Friday - 13 October - Quarterly Meeting - 1.45 O.C. p.m. half yearly meeting - 2 p.m.
County Council - Tuesday - 7th November - Quarterly Meeting - 11.45 a.m. half yearly meeting 12 O.C. noon.

Southern Harbours.

Mr. Elgee explained that under the Waterford Harbour Act of 1846, the Waterford Harbour Commissioners could collect dues at the Piers of Duncannon, Ballyhack, and Arthurstown.

This matter had been referred to him from the last meeting for his advice.

Mr. Keacocke proposed - "That our Secretary ask Mr. Allingham, Secretary to the Waterford Harbour Commissioners for a return of the total amount of dues paid annually to his Commissioners by vessels utilising the piers of Ballyhack, Arthurstown and Duncannon."

The chairman seconded the resolution which was adopted."

Analyst's Report.

The following was read for the meeting:-

City Laboratory

17 Castle Street.

Dublin, 27th July 1905.

Report of Sir Charles Cameron, B. Sc. M. D., Public Analyst for the County Wexford on articles submitted to him for analysis during the quarter ended 30th June 1905.

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

<u>Articles</u>	<u>Number</u>
Whiskey	10
Butter	8
Milk	4
Buttermilk	2
Total	<u>24</u>

They were all pure.

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

For the Guardians of Gorey Union fifteen drugs ten specimens of wine, eight of whiskey, two waters and one hundred & thirty four specimens of milk were received. One of the drugs namely Soap Liniment, was deficient in camphor. The specimens of wine and whiskey were analysed to determine which was best for use in the workhouse.

The specimens of water had the following compositions

One imperial gallon contained in grains.

	<u>No. 1</u>	<u>No. 2.</u>
Total solid matters,	21.000	20.500

Including

