

Statutable Half-yearly meeting- 3<sup>rd</sup> December '07.

The Statutable Half-yearly meeting of the County Council, was held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford; on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 1907.

Present :- Mr. M. A. Ennis, Vice-Chairman, presiding.  
Other members :- Messrs A. Kinsella, Mr. Browne, James Codd, John Bolger, John Cummins, James Donohoe, John Sinnott, J. A. Doyle, J. Bolger, Mr. Codd, and Mr. Doyle.

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

Confirmation of minutes.

The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

Council meetings.

The following dates were agreed to :-

Quarterly meeting of County Council, at which Rate Estimate for financial year will be considered - Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February 1908.

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| Wexford Rural District. | Saturday  | April 4 <sup>th</sup> 1908 | 10.30              | O.C.    |
| Gorey                   | "         | Wednesday                  | 8 <sup>th</sup> "  | 11.30 " |
| Enniscorthy             | "         | Friday                     | 10 <sup>th</sup> " | 11. "   |
| New Ross.               | "         | Saturday                   | 11 <sup>th</sup> " | 11.30 " |
| Proposal Committee -    | Wednesday | "                          | 15 <sup>th</sup> " |         |
| County Council          | Tuesday   | May                        | 5 <sup>th</sup>    |         |

Notice of motion Direct Labour.

Mr. Cummins moved the following of which he had given previous notice :- "That the County Council appoint a Committee to consider the advisability of employing direct labour for road maintenance, and that the Committee report to the next meeting of the Council."

Under date 6<sup>th</sup> August 1907, the following letter from Mr. Lawrence Casey, Secretary Labour Association, was read :- "I am in receipt of your letter of the 2<sup>nd</sup> instant, for which I am very much obliged. The report which has appeared in the Press in reference to my intention of appearing before the County Council at its



meeting to-morrow in connection with direct labour on roads is not accurate. The Association intends to send a deputation to the County Council after a County Convention being first held, but it is not our intention to do so at next meeting. You have already received copy of a resolution in reference to the subject, which I am sure you will bring before the meeting to-morrow. In all probability we will appear at the meeting, following to-morrow.

The following resolution from the North Wexford Divisional Council of the Irish Trade and Labour League:-

"That we trust the Wexford County Council will adopt the system of direct labour in connection with public works, and thus give much employment to labourers in districts where employment is scarce and wages low."

"Mr Donohoe seconded the motion of Mr Cummins, which on being put to the meeting was adopted nem con."

The following Committee were appointed:- The Chairman (Sir Thomas Esmonde) Messrs M. A. Ennis, Vice-Chairman, J. Bolger, N. B. Murphy, J. Cummins, J. Donohoe, John Bolger, and John Sinnott, to meet in Wexford, Enniscorthy, New Ross, and Gorey, and collect opinion from district councillors, road contractors, labourers, etc., The Secretary of the Council to act as Secretary of the Committee, and the County Surveyor to attend its sittings. First meeting to be held in Wexford, date to be arranged by Mr Ennis and the Secretary."

Notice of motion - Catholic University.

Mr Cummins moved the following of which he had given previous notice:- "That we consider the advisability of appointing a Committee to confer with committees of the other County Councils of Ireland, as to the best means of getting a Catholic University."

Mr J. Bolger, seconded.

"Passed."

Councillor Cummins moved the following of which he had given previous notice:- "That we appoint a Committee to co-operate with committees of the Kerry and other County



councils and public bodies in Ireland, in endeavouring to bring about a settlement of the University question, that we have noticed with pleasure that Mr. John Redmond stated in Wicklow that Mr. Birrell had great opportunity of dealing with this matter, as the Unionists were not unfriendly, and Mr. Redmond even invited Unionist co-operation in removing a grievance pressing so heavily on Catholics: but we have observed that the Prime Minister had stated there is no chance of a Bill being brought in next year unless there is a working agreement arrived at beforehand among all the interests affected.

We are, therefore, of opinion that the movement suggested on the part of the Co. Councils should be to invite Mr. Birrell to summon a representative conference which would aim at arriving at a working agreement, which could form the basis of legislation next session, and thus allow the Government no excuse for further postponing the removal of this crying injustice."

Mr. J. Bolger seconded.

Passed.

The following Committee were appointed:- The Chairman (Sir Thomas Esmonde) Messrs M. A. Ennis, John Cummins, M. Browne, J. Bolger, and John Bolger.

#### Proposals for Works, Etc.

Enniscorthy District:- In connection with works undertaken for in Enniscorthy Rural District; tender was received for Road No. 74 from Patrick Ryan, Grange, farmer, but was informal, he tendering at £30: 12: 6 per annum, while the amount adopted by the District Council was only £10: 12: 6.

The tender was accordingly rejected.

Mr. Webster (County Surveyor) brought before the meeting tender for No. 1 (Enniscorthy)- To repair about 130 perches of lane from Patrick Leary's contract at Maher's bawn to Mr. Maher's lane. He considered that as this was not a public road the proposal should be rejected.

Mr. O'Dempsey (Solicitor) Enniscorthy, appeared for the promoters of the proposal and examined witnesses who proved that there were eleven families living on the lane, and who had no other way of going to fair or market. In addition to this there was a big supply of granite



which could be had by the public free.

after a long discussion the proposal was adopted on the motion of Mr. M. Codd, seconded by Mr. J. Bolger.

With reference to No. P. (Enniscorthy) - To put in repair 400 perches of road leading off Shillelagh road at Mrs Hopkins, the Grove; to Laurence Doyle's at Glen lane, for which James Molloy, Corragh, Newtownbarry; had been accepted contractor at £43. 10/- Mr Webster objected to the work on the ground that it was of no public utility, and it was accordingly rejected.

All the other roads and works, in this district for which no tenders had been received were rejected on the application of the County Surveyor. The latter mentioned that, as regards the roads, the existing contracts would not expire until the 31st March 1908, and he could open them for tender at the meeting of the District Council in April, so that they would be only a month out of contract at a time when very little work could be carried out on them.

Wexford District:- For No. Y. - in Wexford District, to put and keep in repair, and widen where necessary, 590 perches of the road leading from the main road at Glenbough to the sea road at Mr. O'Neill's, Kilmacoe.

Michael Mythen, Ballyman, Screen; tendered at £79.

John Murphy, Ballinablake, Curracloe; tendered at £88. 3. 10.

and William Whelan, Garrylough, Screen; at £86. 19. 11;

The tender of Michael Mythen, being the lowest was accepted.

No. J. - To put down a new grating at Mr. Harpur's gate on the Carcur road, not to exceed 10/- Daniel Doyle, Abbey Street; Wexford; tendered at the full amount. This was the only tender and was accepted.

No. K. - To clean out and repair a gullet across the road near the Wexford Free Bridge, not to exceed £3. 10/- George Byrne, Carcur; tendered for the full amount, but was not present, nor were his sureties. The work was accordingly given in charge of the County Surveyor, on the motion of Mr. J. Bolger, seconded by Mr. Donohoe.

In connection with No. W. (Wexford District) construction of a new road to Rosslare Harbour Railway Station, the following resolution was read from Wexford District Council:-



"That the plans and specification of the proposed bridge to be erected at Ballygeary by the Gt. S. & W. Rly Co., be submitted to the County Surveyor for approval, that the gradient of the bridge should not be more than 1. in 10, and a more favourable gradient be obtained, if possible, and, on confirmation of the contract by the County Council the sum of £500 proposed to be contributed by the Railway Co., should be paid over to the Treasurer of the County Council."

The County Surveyor stated he was satisfied with the plans, and the Secretary mentioned that messrs M. J. O'Connor & Co., Solicitors had, acting for the Railway Co., handed over to him a cheque for £500 which he would lodge to the credit of the Council if the road was approved.

The proposal was approved of, on the motion of the Chairman.

Gorey District:- With reference to Road No. 4 for which no tender was received by the Gorey District Council, it was given in charge of the County Surveyor for one year from 31st March 1908 to 31st March 1909, at £62: 6: 6; on the motion of Mr. Cummins, seconded by Mr. M. Doyle.

The other works in Gorey, for which no tenders were received were marked "Rejected" the County Surveyor intimating that in connection with the roads he would open them for contract in April as the existing contracts would not expire until 31st March '08 and they would be only out of contract for a month at a period when practically no work could be carried out on roads.

New Ross District:- all works and roads in New Ross District had been tendered for.

Proposal Committee:- No. 67:- To protect the foreshore at the back of the Dock at Courtown Harbour, not to exceed £200 for which no tender had been received.

Mr. Kinsella proposed:- "That the work be given in charge of the County Surveyor, and that the Piers & Harbours Committee consult with him as to the proper expenditure for this work prior to its commencement."

Mr. J. Bolger seconded.

On a poll the following voted in favour of Mr. Kinsella's motion:- Messrs Kinsella, Browne, J. Good, John Bolger,



Cummins, Donohoe, John Sinnott, J. A. Doyle, J. Bolger, M. Codd, and the Chairman. - " "  
 Against: - Mr. M. Doyle. - " "

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

It was decided that the Piers and Harbours Committee meet the County Surveyor at Courtown Harbour on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> inst., at 11.30 a.m.

No. 68- To repair the timber footpaths of New Ross Bridge, not to exceed £5. for which no tender was received by the Proposal Committee, the work was given in charge of the County Surveyor.

On the motion of Mr. J. Bolger, seconded by Mr. Donohoe the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the several proposals for new works, and for renewals of contracts submitted by the Rural District Councils, and by the Proposal Committee, be hereby adopted, subject to the modifications and other orders noted thereon and initialled by the Chairman."

#### Breaking a contract.

The following resolution was read from Gorey Rural District Council:-

"That we request the County Council to consider the case of Connor's contract No. 167 Gorey, as since he took the contract at 5<sup>d</sup> per perch, the traffic on his contract has increased enormously owing to the quarry at Tarasill being opened, and the weight of the engine and waggons drawing stone has damaged his road more than ordinary traffic could have done."

On the motion of Mr. John Sinnott, seconded by Mr. Kinsella, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the County Surveyor takes the necessary steps to break contract for road No. 167 in Gorey (contractor John Connor, Kildermot, Gorey) and that in the exceptional circumstances of this case he arrange with John Connor to have this road repaired under the 54<sup>th</sup> Section of the Grand Jury Act, until he is in a position to again open it for tender."

#### The Irish Nationalist Party.

Under date 16<sup>th</sup> August, Mr. John E. Redmond, M.P., wrote:-  
 "I am much obliged by your letter sending me the



resolution of the county council.

I am extremely glad that Wexford has taken the lead in exposing the absurd suggestion that Ireland should recall her Nationalist representatives from Parliament."

marked "Read."

### Newtownbarry Roads.

The following resolutions passed at a public meeting held in Newtownbarry on 20<sup>th</sup> October were laid before the meeting:-

"We the Ratepayers of Newtownbarry and district assembled in public meeting to express our dissatisfaction at the bad condition of the streets, footpaths and roads, from the County Wexford side, we do not consider the contractors to blame, as we presume they spread all the material they contracted for, but we would ask the County Council to draw the Co. Surveyor's attention to the state of the roads and ask him to allow more material to be spread on the roads and streets in the new contracts to be taken out in March."

"That road between Deacon's Hill and Dick Nolan's Hill be cut down 6 feet, the material taken from same be used to fill at each end, and that same be done by direct labour."

"That the water channel around the square, Newtownbarry be properly sunk and covered over, as at present it is dangerous to traffic. Also that the space between the water channel and the well under the trees be repaired as at present it is all in large holes, and in a very dirty state particularly the upper end."

"That the footpaths between the Bridge and the Roman Catholic Church be flagged, and continue the flagging in Irish Street, to the end of Newhaussa."

The Secretary stated that he had furnished the Enniscorthy R. D. Council, with a copy of these resolutions, and he had informed the Clerk of this district council that the matters referred to really concerned the district council. Since then he had received a letter from Mr. Connolly, Clerk Enniscorthy R. D. Council that the resolutions had come



before his Council, and had <sup>been</sup> marked - "Read."  
 "Referred to County Surveyor."

### Proposals for Payment

on the motion of the Chairman the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the several Proposals for Payment from Rural District Councils of the County, and from the Proposal Committee, and as recommended by the Finance Committee be and are hereby adopted."

### Ford of Lyng

Under date 12<sup>th</sup> November '07, the following letter was received from the Clerk Wexford District Council:-

"Your letter of the 8<sup>th</sup> August last, on the above subject, was laid before the half-yearly meeting of my Council, on the 9<sup>th</sup> inst., when the following resolution was unanimously adopted, on the motion of Mr. M. Doyle, seconded by Mr. Keacocke:-

That we call on the County Council to take the necessary steps to compel the owners of the Sloblands to drain the marsh between the Ford of Lyng and the Slob Canal, so as to prevent the flooding of the road at the Ford of Lyng."

### Aughnagroath Bridge

The following resolution was also unanimously adopted at the meeting:- "That Messrs Davis, Enniscorthy, be requested to pay the sum of £9 being the cost of the excessive damage done by their engines to the Aughnagroath Bridge, as estimated by the Co. Surveyor."

Mr. Elgee explained, in connection with the Ford of Lyng, that the owners of the Sloblands had offered to pay half-cost of any work necessary to prevent the flooding, but the District Council would not accept this.

It was decided to postpone the question to next meeting. With reference to Aughnagroath Bridge - the matter was referred to Mr. Webster.

### Signing Treasurer's Advice Note

on the motion of the Chairman the following



resolution was adopted:- "That Treasurer's Advice Note for Payments recommended by the Finance Committee be signed on behalf of the Council."

Application - Increase of Salary.

The following applications for increase of salary were received from Assistant Co. Surveyor Brennan, and Paddle.

"Under the terms of my appointment, I am entitled to an increase of salary of £5 per annum from the 1st September, conditional on good service.

Would you kindly bring the matter before your Finance Committee.

Yours Faithfully  
Robert Brennan

To the Chairman & Gentlemen  
of the Wexford County Council.  
Mr. Chairman & Gentlemen

I beg to make application for increase of salary under the terms of my appointment as Assistant Surveyor.

I have endeavoured to the best of my ability to carry out my duties during the past year, to your satisfaction.

I also beg to make application for some remuneration for my services in connection with the opening of Tara Hill Quarry.

Sincerely trusting my applications will merit your kind consideration.

Your obedient Servant  
Thomas Paddle.

The following recommendation of the Finance Committee was agreed to on the motion of the Chairman:-

"That we recommend an increment of £5 to the salaries of messrs Brennan and Paddle, as they have given good service since their appointment, the increment to date from 1st September 1909 in each case."

"That the sum of £5 be paid to Mr. Paddle for extra work in connection with the working of Tara Hill Quarry."



Sealed Orders-Local Government Board.

Sealed Orders were received from the Local Government Board fixing areas of charges under Public Health Act, as follows:- Ballyedmond Water supply; Gorey Rural District; Killenagh Water Supply- Gorey Rural District; Sewer at Kilmuckridge- Gorey Rural District.  
marked. "Read."

Audit of Accounts.

Under date 23<sup>rd</sup> October 1907, the Local Government Board, (letter No 52470) forwarded copy of report of their auditor on the accounts of the County Wexford Committee of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for the half-year ended 30<sup>th</sup> September '07.

marked. "Read."

Motor Car Act 1903.

Under date 24<sup>th</sup> October, Circular letter No. 51102: 1907, miscellaneous; was received from the Local Government Board, stating that by the Expiring Laws Continuance Act 1907, the Motor Car Act 1903 was continued until the 31<sup>st</sup> December 1908.

marked "Read."

Workmen's Compensation Acts.

Under date 12<sup>th</sup> November 1907, the Local Government Board forwarded Circular letter, as follows:-

"I am directed by the Local Government Board, for Ireland to state that their attention has been drawn to the fact that certain local authorities in Ireland propose to become their own insurers against claims arising under Workmen's Compensation Acts. The Board have accordingly taken the opinion of Counsel on the subject, and they are advised that a local authority has no legal power to form an Insurance Fund of this nature.

It appears to the Local Government Board, however, that it is open to local authorities, for the purpose of protecting themselves against any liability on their part under the Workmen's Compensation Act, 1906, in respect of the workmen employed by contractors, to insert as part of the condition in bonds given by contractors and their sureties a clause providing that the contractor and his sureties shall fully indemnify



them against any liabilities they may be subject to under that Act to, or in respect of, any workman, servant, or agent employed by the contractor in the execution of the work."

marked "Read."

— Food & Drugs Act. —

The following letter under date 23<sup>rd</sup> November '07. (No. 32030/07) was received from the Department of Agriculture:-

"With reference to previous correspondence relative to the enforcement of the above-mentioned Acts, I have to state, for the information of your Local Authority, that an officer of the Department who was instructed to discharge duties under Section 2 of the Act of 1899, recently obtained at Enniscorthy, County Wexford, two samples of butter for analysis. The samples were duly submitted to the Public Analyst for the County who certifies that they proved to be pure."

marked "Read"

The following letter under date 19<sup>th</sup> November '07 (No. 31605-07) from the Department of Agriculture, was also read:-

"With reference to previous correspondence on the subject of the enforcement of the laws relating to the sale of certain articles of food, I have to acquaint you for the information of the Wexford County Council, that an officer of the Department - Mr. Patrick Duignan - who was instructed to discharge duties under Section 2 of the Act of 1899, purchased on the 31<sup>st</sup> ultimo at the premises occupied by Mr. James Donohue, in Templeshannon, Enniscorthy, a sample of butter which, on being submitted to analysis, was found to contain 1.3 per cent of water in excess of the maximum proportion (16 per cent) thereof allowable in a genuine sample of butter, under the Sale of Butter (Ireland) Regulations 1902. (Copy herewith). A copy of the report received from Mr. Duignan in regard to this matter is enclosed, together with the certificate and copy thereof supplied by Sir G. A. Cameron, who conducted the analysis in question.

In this instance an offence would appear to have



been committed against the provisions of Section 6 of the Sale of Food & Drugs Act, 1875; and the Department are therefore desirous that proceedings should, on behalf of your Local Authority, be instituted in respect of the transaction within 28 days from the date on which the sample was obtained (vide Section 19 Sale of Food & Drugs Act 1899).

marked. "Read."

Hulk at Duncannon.

Under date 29<sup>th</sup> November 1907, letter No. 60,117. 1907, Wexford County, was received from the Local Government Board:-

"I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland, to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 25<sup>th</sup> instant, relative to a proposal of the County Council of Wexford to purchase from the Waterford Steamship Co., an iron hulk for use in connection with the pier at Duncannon; and I am to state that, in the circumstances set forth, the Local Government Board will raise no objection to this proposal which they consider might be carried out under Section 18 (4) of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898."

"On the motion of Mr. J. Bolger, seconded by Mr. Cummins, the following resolution was adopted:-

That the Finance Committee be empowered to negotiate with the Waterford Steamship Co., for the purchase of the hulk at Duncannon, at a cost not exceeding £50."

Sheep Dipping Inspectors.

"Under date 20<sup>th</sup> November 1907, the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction wrote (letter No. 5903 V.B.) approving of payment of £3. extra to four Sheep Dipping Inspectors."

Arthurstown Harbour.

Under date 7<sup>th</sup> October, the Secretary to the Board of Trade, wrote as follows: (letter No. H. 11634)

"With reference to your letter of the 8<sup>th</sup> August last further on the subject of the dredging of Arthurstown Harbour, I am directed by the Board of Trade to



transmit, herewith, to be laid before the Wexford Co. Council, a copy of a letter in the matter, which the Board have received from the Waterford Harbour Commissioners, and I am to state that the Board are unable to find that they have any authority to interfere in the matter."

The letter of the Waterford Harbour Commissioners was as follows:-

In reply to your letter H 9959 of the 17<sup>th</sup> ultimo, I am directed by the Waterford Harbour Commissioners to state as follows:- Arthurstown is a small village situated on the eastern or County Wexford shore of Waterford Harbour. It is believed that the pier there was erected some sixty or seventy years ago either by the Board of Works, or by the County Wexford Grand Jury, and the structure of the Pier is now vested in the Wexford County Council. The adjoining water space however forms portion of Waterford Harbour (see the Waterford Harbour Order 1904 Section 12) and is consequently under the jurisdiction of my Commissioners.

The Pier dries out at low water and so far as is known has always done so, and the accommodation it affords is therefore only suitable for vessels of small draft.

For the last eighteen months the Wexford County Council have been in correspondence with my Commissioners relative to having the place dredged (as also Duncannon another similarly circumstanced place two miles farther down the Harbour) but as the receipts from the shipping using Arthurstown & Duncannon only amounts to a few pounds a year, and as both places are already fairly suitable for the few vessels that resort them, my Commissioners do not consider that the cost of dredging would be justified by any corresponding benefit.

The enclosed copies of letters from the Wexford County Council and their Solicitor, Mr. Elgee, with my Commissioners replies thereto, will explain how the matter now stands. I also send you copy of a report by the Harbour Master here."

"Marked Read."



Burial of carcasses.

Under date 24<sup>th</sup> August 1907, the Board of Trade (letter No. A.10110) wrote pointing out that the limits of the former Coast-Guard Station at Kilmore for the purpose of attending to the burial of carcasses washed ashore were:-

East of Station- 5 miles 1480 yards.

West of Station.- 3 miles 810 yards, and the Saltee Islands- 4 miles South.

The letter pointed out that arrangements should be made with the police to report carcasses as they are washed ashore, and asking the date when new arrangement as to the burial of carcasses by the representative of the County Council would begin.

In connection with this matter the Finance Committee had recommended that a sum of 7/6 be paid Mr O'Flaherty, Harbour master, Kilmore; for each carcass buried.

Under date 20<sup>th</sup> October, Mr O'Flaherty wrote that he was not prepared to carry out the work for this remuneration, as after paying a man 6/- for burial he would perhaps have to walk ten miles for 2/6. He could not get across to the Salties under 10/-.

If the County Council would allow him £4, that was £1 less than he asked at first he would carry out the work.

"On the motion of the Chairman, it was decided that Mr O'Flaherty, Harbour constable, Kilmore; be paid £4 per annum, for one year, for burial of carcasses in Kilmore district, appointment to be terminable by a month's notice at either side, and the question of re-appointment to come up after twelve months."

Sara Hill Quarry.

"A number of letters were read from Messrs Huggard & Brennan, Solicitors, Wexford; on behalf of Mrs Elizabeth Murphy, Sara Hill, offering the Council half an acre of land at Sara Hill, which was being injured through the blasting operations at the Council's Quarry, and which on that account, Mrs Murphy said, was no value to her."

"The Finance Committee had offered her £10 but she refused"



to sell unless she was given £20."

"On the motion of the Chairman the following resolution was adopted:-

"That we authorise the Finance Committee to negotiate for the purchase of Mrs. Murphy's field at Sara Hill Quarry, at a sum not exceeding £20."

— Departmental Committee on Irish Forestry —

In connection with the sittings of the Departmental Committee on Irish Forestry, the following queries were issued by the Committee for information.

Copies had been made and distributed to each member of the County Council by the Secretary:-

- 1.- The extent to which the existing powers of Co. Councils in Ireland in the matter of (a) promoting the planting of trees, (b) preserving woodlands; have been exercised by your Council.
- 2.- Any suggested alterations in the present powers of County Councils in respect of aforementioned matters.
- 3.- The area, location, condition, and tenure of land in the County, which is at present lying waste, or only partially utilised for agricultural purposes, and which might be used for planting.
- 4.- The area, condition, and condition of existing woodlands, in the County, and the extent, if any, to which wasteful or harmful felling of timber is taking place."

marked "Read."

— Recommendations of Finance Committee. —

On the motion of the Chairman the following recommendations of the Finance Committee were adopted:-

— Prosecutions under Weights & Measures Act. —

"That Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, look into Section 14 of 4<sup>th</sup> Edw.<sup>7</sup> Chap 28 (Weights & Measures Act 1904) and advise the Council generally thereon."

— Lighting of Vehicles Act. —

"That Mr. Elgee look into the terms of the Lighting of Vehicles Act, and report to the County Council thereon."

— Boats for Blonroche Sessions House —

"That one ton of coal per year, be supplied for use of



Sessions House, and that vouchers be submitted by the clerk of Petty Sessions."

— Printing- Wexford Independent Co. —

"That a sum of £8 be paid for extra printing in connection with the printing of Abstracts of Aps and Abstracts of Proposals and Resolutions, to the Wexford Independent Co."

— County Stock. —

"That the sum of £26: 5/- be paid to Mr. McDonnell, for work in connection with a scheme of County Stock, subject to the sanction of the Local Government Board."

— Aps under Registration Acts. —

"In connection with the accounts of the clerk of Union and Rate Collectors in the Enniscorthy Union under the Registration Acts; the following recommendation of the Finance Committee, was adopted:-

That the County Council adhere to the opinion expressed in the letter of Mr. Elgee, and the terms of the letter of the Local Government Board of 21<sup>st</sup> November '07. No. 57065 and that the accounts be returned to Mr. Connolly, to make out the accounts in accordance with these opinions."

— State of Rate Collection. —

"That the Secretary be directed to write to collectors Mullett, Sinnott, Redmond, Lacey, Banville, and Doyle, for an explanation as to why they had not lodged any money up to the present, and request them to proceed with the collection of the Rate."

— Motor Car Touring in Germany. —

In connection with the touring of motor cars in Germany: "That our Secretary procure a rubber stamp and ask the Assistant Under Secretary, Dublin Castle; if it be sufficient for the stamp to bear the following: "signed by the authority of the Wexford County Council" and if this be not approved what words should be placed on the stamp to meet the requirements of the case."

In connection with above (Circular letter No. 23151/07) was read from Dublin Castle explaining the procedure to be



followed in connection with stamping extracts from Register of motor cars, and copies of Driver's licenses in respect of motor cars touring in Germany."

— Seals - Food & Drugs Acts. —

"That 12 seals be obtained for the ex-officio Inspectors Food & Drugs Act at a cost not exceeding £1 : 11/-

— Assistant Surveyor Ryan. —

"That Mr. Webster, County Surveyor be empowered, if within a week he considers Mr. J. J. Ryan, Assistant Surveyor, is unable to complete the measurements of road metalling in his district, to employ for this purpose any of the Assistant Surveyors he may select, the expence to be borne by Mr. Ryan."

— Courtown Harbour. —

"That the Courtown Harbour Committee be requested to take steps to have arrears of dues owing by fishermen collected on the first favourable opportunity, as the County Council by allowing them to remain outstanding so long, run the risk of a surcharge by the Local Government Auditor."

With reference to a recommendation by the Courtown Harbour Committee, to grant the Watchman an extra allowance of £1 : 10/- per annum in connection with lamps erected by directions of the Inspector of Factories.

"It was decided on the recommendation of the Finance Committee that the allowance of £1 : 10/- per annum be granted."

— Lara Hill Quarry accounts. —

"That a Paying Order for £40 be issued to John Lannon foreman, Lara Hill Quarry, we are of opinion that the arrangement made by the County Council with regard to the financing of the working expenses of Lara Hill Quarry should be strictly adhered to, and that the County Surveyor and foreman should make such arrangements as will allow of the books of the latter being presented at any meeting of this Committee to which application for funds is made."



Analyst's Report.

The following was read for the meeting:-

City Laboratory

17 Castle Street, Dublin.

6<sup>th</sup> November 1907.

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 30<sup>th</sup> September 1907.

13 Articles were received from the Food Inspectors, R. I. C., as follows...

| <u>Article</u> | <u>Number.</u> |
|----------------|----------------|
| Butter         | 6              |
| milk           | 4              |
| Whiskey        | 2              |
| Port Wine      | 1              |
| Total          | <u>13</u>      |

One certificate sent to Constable White for specimen of milk deprived of at least 20 per cent of its fat and one certificate for specimen of butter containing an excess of water, namely 20.3 per cent.

There were four specimens of butter analysed by directions from the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland, Upper Merrion Street Dublin, which were taken up in the Town of Wexford. One contained an excess of water, namely 24.3 per cent.

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

For the Guardians of Enniscorthy Union, thirteen drugs and fourteen specimens of tea were analysed. One of the drugs, namely, compound mixture of Senna, was high in gravity and crystallized magnesium sulphate. The teas were analysed to determine which was best for use in the Workhouse.

One specimen of water analysed for Enniscorthy Lunatic Asylum had the following composition.

One imperial gallon contained in grains.

Total solid matters 19.180

Including  
 albuminoid ammonia 0.010  
 Saline ammonia 0.0045  
 Nitric Acid 1.500



Chlorine 1.590  
 Sulphuric acid 5.7648  
 Equal to calcium  
 Sulphate 8.0000

A tolerably good water.

One specimen of water analysed for the convent of Mury, Enniscorthy, had the following composition.  
 One imperial gallon contained in grains  
 Total solid matters, 56.560

Including  
 albuminoid ammonia 0.044  
 saline ammonia 0.046  
 Nitric acid 4.780  
 Chlorine 19.880  
 Sulphuric acid 8.6472  
 Equal to calcium Sulphate 12.0000

Largely polluted and dangerous to use.

One specimen of water analysed for J. Whelan Esq, Johnstown Castle, Wexford, had the following composition.

One imperial gallon contained in grains.  
 Total solid matters 98.000

Including  
 albuminoid ammonia 0.016  
 Saline ammonia 0.007  
 Nitric acid Trace  
 Chlorine 3.722  
 Sulphuric acid 14.412  
 Equal to calcium Sulphate 20.000

An inferior water.

A most careful analysis failed to trace poison in fowl which were sent for analysis by Mrs B. Kedson, Ballinatray cottages, Bowtown Harbour.

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

Total analysis. -- 57.

B. A. Cameron.

#### Salmon Fishery - Slaney River.

The following resolution was received from Oylegate Branch, Land and Labour Association:-



"That this meeting of the Land and Labour association embracing as it does so many fishermen on the River Slaney, begs to direct the attention of the County Council of Wexford to the fact that much loss is caused to the fishermen in consequence of the present limited open season for fishing and we respectfully ask the County Council in the interest of the fishermen to have the present season extended from the 17<sup>th</sup> March to 17<sup>th</sup> September, thus giving them a means of availing themselves of the full benefits of the fishing season on the river Slaney."

Proposed by Mr. Cummins, seconded by Mr. J. Bolger: and adopted; - "That the Fisheries Branch of the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction be requested to hold an inquiry into the application of the Slaney Fishermen to have the open season for salmon fishing on the river extended from 17<sup>th</sup> March to 17<sup>th</sup> September, as it seems to us equitable that the net fishermen should have the same privileges and facilities as those who fish with rod line."

#### Proposed Loan from National Bank.

The following letter from Mr. L. S. Kennedy, Manager National Bank, Wexford, under date 3<sup>rd</sup> December, was read:-

"I learned only this morning that a meeting of the Council would be held to-day. I therefore wish to inform you that I received from our Solicitor the opinion of Counsel regarding the Loan applied for and sanctioned by my Directors. I much regret to say it is unfavourable to the Bank granting the Loan. I forwarded same to our Directors for their final instructions, and I expect it to be returned to me to-morrow, when it shall be submitted to you for further consideration of the matter."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman:- "That Mr. Kennedy be requested to furnish Mr. Elgee, Solicitor to the Council, with a copy of Counsel's opinion referred to in his letter of the 3<sup>rd</sup>, and that the matter be referred to the Finance Committee, and, Mr. Elgee to report thereon to the next meeting of the Council; also, that the Finance Committee be



requested to investigate and report as to the amount of interest on the Council's credit balances, received from the National Bank since the bank became Treasurer to the Council, and as to the sum which would have been payable to Council as interest on credit balances if the offer of the Provincial Bank had been accepted."

Old Windmill - Vinegar Hill

The following letter was read from Mr. John Murphy, Secretary National Council, Enniscorthy:-

"At a meeting of my Council held recently I was directed to bring under the notice of the Wexford County Council a letter from Lord Portsmouth of the 15<sup>th</sup> ult., and of which I herewith enclose cutting. Our members hope that at the next meeting of the Co. Council practical steps will be taken regarding the taking over of the old windmill on Vinegar Hill, by that body, as an ancient monument."

"On the motion of the Chairman the following resolution was adopted:- The Council are prepared to take the necessary steps to take over the old Windmill at Vinegar Hill, Enniscorthy; as an ancient monument on receipt of a letter of consent from Lord Portsmouth and the tenant of the holding on which the old windmill is situated."

M. Ennis

11. 2. 1908