

Statutable Quarterly Meeting

The Statutable Quarterly Meeting of the County Council, was held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford, on August 4<sup>th</sup> 1903.

Present - In the Chair - Mr. Edmund Hore  
Vice Chairman

Other Councillors: Messrs D. Dempsey, J. E. Mayler, M. Browne, James Donohoe, J. Cummins, M. J. Furlong, J. B. Hearn, J. Sinnott, J. A. Doyle, C. H. Piacocke, John J. Kehoe, M. Murphy, M. Hickey, M. A. Ennis, Lord Stopford, J. F. Walsh, J. Bolger, R. King, and A. Kinsella,

The Secretary, Mr. Elger, Solicitor, and Mr. H. Webster, County Surveyor were in attendance.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

The Chairman, read a letter from Sir Thomas H. G. Esmonde, Bart. M.P. (Chairman of the Council) dated from Rome, and stating that he had hoped to be at the present meeting to specially thank the Members of the Council for the compliment they had paid him by electing him as their Chairman for another year. If he could not get back to Ireland in time, he wished Mr. Hore, to kindly convey to the Council, the expression of his sincere thanks for his appreciation of the kindness and courtesy, extended to him by the Members of the Council, since they first began business under the Local Government Board Act. He also asked Mr. Hore to thank the Members in his name for the kind support they had invariably given



him in the discharge of the very important duties of the chair, and the continuance of which he looked forward to during the coming year.

The death of Pope Leo XIII.

Proposed by Mr. Hearn, seconded by Lord Stopford, and adopted. "That the County Council of Wexford on the occasion of its first meeting after the death of His Holiness Leo XIII, beg to tender to the Sacred College of Cardinals its condolence on the demise of that Illustrious Pontiff, and to add that its grief is fully shared in by all creeds and classes."

The Irish Gold Ornaments.

Proposed by Mr. Peacocke, seconded by Mr. Ennis, and adopted. "That we place on record our appreciation of the action taken by our chairman, Sir Thomas Esmonde, in recovering the Irish Ornaments, from the British Museum, and in having them transferred to Ireland."

"And that a copy of this resolution, be forwarded to Sir Thomas Esmonde."

Sanctioning collector Sinnott's Appointment.

Under date July 10th (letter No. 39,008-1903) Wexford County, the Local Government Board, wrote, that they had sanctioned the appointment of Mr. John Sinnott as Poor Rate collector, in County Wexford up to the 31st March 1904, on the terms set out in the replies to queries submitted by the Secretary.

The Local Government Board requested, that the Bond of Mr. Sinnott would be forwarded for their inspection.

The Secretary said that Mr. Sinnott had been informed of the contents of



the letter of the Local Government Board, and had been directed to have his fidelity bond executed.

Mr. Sinnott was taking the necessary steps towards having the bond perfected.

A letter was read from Mr. H. Kehoe, Insurance agent, Wexford stating that he regretted that the Patriotic Assurance Company, had declined Mr. Sinnott for a Bond. He (Mr. Kehoe) was however trying another company with which he had every hope of success.

Mr. Sinnott came before the meeting, and said if he failed to obtain security by Guarantee Society several persons (whose names he read out) were willing to become security for him.

Mr. Peacocke gave the following notice of motion. - That in the event of Mr. John Sinnott not being able to provide the security of an approved Guarantee Society within 14 days from this date, a special meeting of the Council be summoned, at as early a date as possible after the expiration of the fourteen days, to consider the advisability of accepting personal security and rescinding the resolution directing that Mr. Sinnott should enter security by Guarantee Society.

#### Half yearly Council Meetings.

Under date 22nd June 1903, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No 27.325 Wexford County) forwarding, to be laid before the Council draft copy of an order relating to the adoption of the system of half yearly meetings for the Co. Council, and stating that before finally making the order the Board would be glad to



know, whether the County Council had any observations to make on the subject.

In connection with the circular issued to Road Contractors (who are at present paid quarterly) asking if they would consent or dissent to being paid half yearly, the Secretary stated, that the following was a return in connection with this matter.

Enniscorthy District:- Total number of contractors affected 140. In favour of half yearly payments 72. in favour of quarterly payments 28. did not reply 40.

Gorey District:- Total number of contractors affected, 65. in favour of half yearly payments 18. in favour of quarterly payments 32. did not reply 15.

New Ross District:- Total number of contractors affected 106, in favour of half yearly payments 59 in favour of quarterly payments 36, did not reply 11.

Wexford District:- Total number of contractors affected 86. in favour of half yearly payments 47. in favour of quarterly payments 25, did not reply 14.

Gross total of contractors affected 397 in favour of half yearly payments 196. in favour of quarterly payments 121. no reply received 80.

Lord Stopford moved the confirmation of the following recommendation of the Finance Committee, which was seconded by Mr. Kehoe and adopted:-

"Paragraph 2.- We suggest that instead of the words in the fifth line of this paragraph, "Article 21. of the said Order" the words "article 21. of the principal order as amended by article 14 of the amending Order" should be substituted.

Mr. Ennis proposed:- "That subject to the above alteration we approve of the



draft order with reference to the holding of the half yearly meetings.

Mr. Peacocke seconded. Passed

Mr. Peacocke proposed: "That the first half yearly meeting of the Council, be held on the first Tuesday in November 1903. and that all future half yearly meetings of the Council be held on the first Tuesday in May and first Tuesday in November of each year."

Mr. Ennis seconded the resolution.

"Passed"

Mr. Donohoe moved: "That the return of the replies from Road Contractors be set out on the Minutes for the information of the Local Government Board"

Mr. Peacocke seconded. Passed.

#### Samples of Butter for Analysis.

Under date 9<sup>th</sup> July '03 (letter No. 14942) the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction wrote that they had recently directed one of their Officers to visit Wexford County for the purpose of obtaining samples of butter for analysis.

Samples had been taken at the following places and were found by the Analyst to be pure. - Gorey five Enniscorthy - five and Toms - three.

Marked. "Read."

#### Arthurstown Pier.

The Commissioner of Public Works under date July 20<sup>th</sup> (letter No 9522 '03) wrote that it had recently been reported to them that some repairs are required to the masonry and coping of Arthurstown pier, and also to the landing steps at pier head.

The Commissioners would be glad to hear that the necessary works of repair and maintenance will be put in hands.



The Secretary stated that he had furnished the County Surveyor, with a copy of the communication, and Mr. Webster would see that the matter was attended to as soon as possible.

Mr. Webster, County Surveyor, said he inspected the pier and found that the damage referred to in the letter of the Board of Works was not of a serious character. There was very little pointing required, and a coping stone had to be replaced.

He would bring forward a proposal at the next meeting, but if he found the matter would not wait till then he would have the repairs carried out by a sudden damage order.

Mr. Cummins proposed, Mr. Peacocke, seconded, and it was passed "That as a number of the Piers and Harbours on the Wexford Coast are utilized by the Coastguards we request the Harbour Department of the Board of Trade will consider the advisability of making some contribution towards the repair and maintenance of these piers."

#### Adjustment of Weights & Measures.

The Superintendent of weights and measures, Board of Trade, London, wrote under date 14<sup>th</sup> May (letter No 1363) that as the time for which the weights & measures offices, at the Royal Irish Constabulary Depot are open each year, is one month, there would be practical difficulty in consulting all local authorities in Ireland, during that time, before having adjustments or repairs to standards etc made to bring them into conformity with the regulations of the Department.

The practice now followed



was adopted to save the expense to local authorities which would be incurred if their standards etc had subsequently to be sent to London for adjustment and re-verification

marked "Read"

NewRoss Rural District

School attendance Committee

A communication was received from the office of National Education that they had appointed the following as their representatives on the NewRoss Rural District School attendance Committee - Very Revd Canon Furlong, Laghmon, Revd D. Bolger C. C. Rathgarogue, Revd J. Lyng P. P. Blonguen; Revd W. Gibson B. A. Adamstown Revd James Rossiter, C. C. Derreraith.

Traction Engine Traffic - New Ross Bridge.

The Secretary of the Kilkenny county council, wrote under date July 23<sup>rd</sup> asking that the following resolution referring to traction engine traffic over NewRoss Bridge, should be brought under the notice of the Wexford county council:-

"That traction engines with thrashing mill or empty wagon be allowed to cross the NewRoss Bridge slowly under steam, instead of as at present stopping at end of Bridge, until eighteen or twenty men be collected to haul engine etc. across, and that the following Committee of this council, viz:- Mr Dooley, Mr J. Farrell, and the County Surveyor, consult with the Wexford county council, and New Ross Urban council to draw up by-laws governing the use of the bridge by traction engines."

The Secretary said that this matter was debated at last quarterly meeting of the council on a resolution received from Ida District council to the same effect



as that sent forward by Kilkenny Co. Council, and the following resolution had been adopted on the motion of Mr. Shearne, seconded by Mr. Hickey.-

'That having heard the statement of our County Surveyor, we take no action towards altering the present by-law.'

Mr. Hearn moved.- "That a Committee be appointed with the County Surveyor to meet the Committee of the Kilkenny County Council, with Mr. Burden, Co. Surveyor of Kilkenny, to take into consideration the advisability of permitting traction engines over New Ross Bridge, to be propelled by steam at a low rate of speed and also to consider the question of drafting general by-laws in connection with the bridge.

Mr. Kehoe seconded the motion which was passed.

Mr. Hearn proposed.- "That the following with the County Surveyor constitute the Committee under above resolution, date of meeting to be arranged by Mr. Webster, County Surveyor Wexford, and Mr. Burden, County Surveyor, Kilkenny.- Messrs James. A. Doyle, J. B. Hearn, J. Cummins, Mr. Hickey, and James Shearne.

Mr. Hickey seconded the resolution which was adopted.

### The Fisheries Bill.

"In ~~re~~ reply to a resolution of the Council, Sir Thomas Esmonde, Bart. M.P. wrote acknowledging the receipt of a copy of the resolution, and stating that he did not think the Bill had any chance of passing, and if necessary he would put down a notice for its rejection."



Mr. Peter French, M.P. also wrote acknowledging the receipt of a copy of the resolution, and stating that he should be happy to give the matter his best attention.

### The County Advertising

The Clerk of New Ross Rural District in forwarding resolution of his Council, in reference to having the County Council advertisements dealing with the New Ross District, published in the New Ross Standard, pointed out that as the proprietor of the "People" is also proprietor of the "New Ross Standard", it is anticipated that no difficulty can arise in arranging that items relating to New Ross district may be omitted from the County Council advertisements in "The People" and inserted instead in the "Standard" so that no extra expense or at most some trifling expense would be incurred."

That we desire to point out to the County Council the advantage and necessity of having their advertisements for works and contracts relating to New Ross District inserted in "The New Ross Standard" in order that intending contractors may have an opportunity of acquiring a knowledge of the proposed works, conditions and dates. Under the existing conditions these are not known to many until it is too late."

Mr. Browne, proposed, and Mr. Kearne, seconded the confirmation of the following minute of the Finance Committee:- "That we inform the New Ross District Council, that existing arrangements with reference to the County Council advertising, are of such a character as to prevent interference."



but their valuable suggestions will have consideration when the new contract for advertising is being entered into."

Mr. Cummins proposed, and Mr. Hickey seconded the following amendment:- "That the wishes of the New Ross District Council in this matter be carried out."

Mr. Elgee held that the amendment could not be adopted without a formal proposal.

The Chairman declared the resolution confirming the recommendation of the Finance Committee passed.

#### Information Government Grants.

The following letter was read from the clerk of the Rural District Council, New Ross, under date July 15<sup>th</sup> 03.

"I see it reported in one of the local papers that I 'complained' that we receive no return of the recoupments from the County Council.

This is not quite accurate. I have no right to make a complaint on the subject, but I did make a representation to the District Council that it would be interesting and an advantage if we did get a return of the amounts recouped in respect of each year or half year.

You cannot receive the grant in respect of this half year, until it is long past, and you can only account in your abstracts for the amounts as they are received. Now to illustrate my meaning; we would like to know what sum you will receive as recoupment for our medical Expenditure for the half year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March last, and likewise in respect of the current half year. The letters from the Local Government Board, will disclose



the items for each period, and I am of opinion that you would not think it too much trouble to inform us accordingly."

The Secretary said there was no reason for the clerk of the District Council to make a representation to his Council in order to have the information supplied. If Mr. Pope had made a personal request to him he would have given him the information at once."

Maintenance Main Road, Enniscorthy. The clerk of the Urban District Council, Enniscorthy, forwarded the following resolution.

"That we the Urban District Council of Enniscorthy consider that 5/- per perch will be required to keep in proper repair the main road from the centre of the bridge by Island Road to Urban Bounds, (Edward Kavanagh's contract) 130 perches now coming under their control, and that they will accept £16. 5/- yearly for the next five years from the County Council, as their contribution towards the upkeep of this main road.

The Secretary said that the contractor whose term is expiring had been paid at the rate of 4/6 per perch.

Mr. Webster, County Surveyor said he considered that 5/- per perch was a fair price to allow.

Mr. Donohoe moved. - That we agree to give the Enniscorthy Urban District Council 5/- per perch for the maintenance of 130 perches of main road from the centre of the Enniscorthy bridge by Island Road to Urban Bounds, during the continuance of the main roads scheme.



Mr. Dempsey seconded the resolution which was adopted.

Claim Veterinary Surgeon  
for Inspection of Swine Lairs.

Mr. Arthur Doblyn, V.S. Waterford, wrote asking that his bill for car hire, and inspecting swine lairs in his district amounting to £3: 0: 6 should be again brought before the County Council.

It would be stated, be unreasonable for the Council to expect him to perform extra work driving long distances, paying car hire, and absent from home.

Other County Councils were paying Inspectors for same work, namely Mr. Mitchell, V.S. Rathkeale Union, Mr. Ryan V.S. Limeick Union, and Mr. Coll V.S. Kilmallock and Broom Unions.

The above claim had been considered by the Council at the February Quarterly Meeting, on reference from the Diseases of Animals Acts Committee, and a resolution had been passed as follows:- "That we refuse payment as we consider that this work was included in the duties of Mr. Doblyn in connection with the inspection of fairs.

We would point out that other Veterinary Inspectors who have to perform the duties in respect of an entire Rural District are only receiving £70 per annum."

Mr. Peacocke proposed:- "That Mr. Doblyn be referred to the resolution of this Council passed at the February Quarterly Meeting."

Mr. Mayler seconded the resolution which was adopted.

Compensation for Criminal Injuries- The following resolution was received from the Dublin Corporation:-

"That in the opinion of this Council



the law relating to compensation for criminal injuries in Ireland is inequitable, and imposes on the Ratepayers unnecessary burdens from which English and Scottish ratepayers are free, and that we call upon Parliament to repeal the code."

marked 'Read'

### Town Tenants

The following resolution was received from Dublin Corporation. -

That this Council consider legislative action is urgently required to remedy the grievances, under which Town Tenants labour, and urges upon the Government the necessity of passing a Town Tenants Act, giving compensation for improvements, fixing fair rents, compelling the ground landlord to pay his equitable share of the burden of taxation.

Mr Donohoe moved the adoption of the above resolution. Mr Cummins seconded. Passed.

### Proposals for works etc.

Mr Peacocke proposed, and Mr Dempsey seconded the following resolution which was adopted: - That the several proposals sent up by the District Councils of the County, for new works, renewals of contracts, and for payments for the current quarter, be approved subject to the modifications, and other orders noted thereon and initialled by the Chairman, and including provisional proposal for £70. from Gorey District Council to build a bridge across the road at Monased Chapel.

The following were the orders made on works untendered for at District Council Meetings. -

Gorey District. - To construct a drain at



Rahenaskiagh crossroads, not to exceed 1/-

On the motion of Lord Stopford seconded by Mr. Peacocke, this work was given in charge of the County Surveyor

Enniscorthy District - No 22 - 333 perches

No 22A. 346 perches, and No 22B. 257 perches of the Scarawalsh road, to be maintained for 11 months, at the cost of £276, £276, and £150. respectively, which is to include cost of steam rolling.

Mr. Donohoe proposed and Mr. Sinnott seconded, that this work be given in charge of the County Surveyor for the full period. Passed.

New Ross District - No 8 - To maintain 65 perches of road near the river of Winningtown for 8 months, not to exceed 1/6 per perch

Mr. Cummins proposed, Mr. Dempsey seconded and it was passed, - That this work be given in charge of the County Surveyor for full period.

No. B. To maintain 11 perches leading from the post road to the strand at Ballystraw, not to exceed 1/6 per perch.

On the motion of Mr. Cummins, seconded by Mr. Sinnott the work was given in charge of the County Surveyor.

No. C. To erect 12 yards of wall at Ladywell bridge, not to exceed £8.

Referred back to District Council.

Wexford District - No 1 - To erect a grating over the sewer at Castlebridge, William Whelan, Garrylough, Screen, tendered at £2. to amount allowed.

On the motion of Mr. Dempsey, seconded by Mr. Peacocke, this tender was accepted.

No 2. - To build two buttresses to wall on



the road between Castlebridge and Atriamont, not to exceed £6.

On the motion of Mr. Murphy seconded by Mr. Dempsey, this work was given in charge of the County Surveyor.

No. 5- To pave and underpin Springwood bridge not to exceed £8.

Referred back to District Council.

The Secretary explained that it was only in the case of Wexford District Council, that a tender other than the lowest had been accepted. In No 4.- To rebuild a protecting wall at the edge of the footpath between Taghmon & Boulduff James Byrne, Grasscut, tendered at £9:4/- and John Reilly of Corramacorra, Murrin town at £8:15/-. The following explanation was given by the District Council for the acceptance of Byrne's tender. "The sureties of Reilly's not having appeared, it was resolved on the motion of Mr. John Lambert, seconded by Mr. N. C. Murphy that the tender of John Reilly be accepted on condition that the sureties appear before the meeting terminated.

The clerk having been asked as to the sufficiency of the sureties, replied that he knew nothing about them.

The sureties not having appeared James Byrne's tender was accepted.

Mr. Cummins proposed, and Mr. Kinsella seconded the following resolution-

"That the several proposals for New Works (including Provisional Proposal for £1000 for repair of Boulduff Pier) and for payments sent up by the Proposal Committee, as regards expenditure chargeable to the County-at Large, be approved subject to



Untenderd works  
Proposal Committee.

the modifications and other orders noted thereon and initialled by the chairman and that the following orders be made in connection with works untendered for at the meeting of the Proposal Committee No 2:- To erect about 105 yards of iron railing on Duncannon pier; to paint the old and new railings, and to put down 9 yards of concrete paving on the old pier; not to exceed £54.

On the motion of Mr Peacocke, seconded by Mr Dempsey, the above work was given in charge of the County Surveyor No 3:- To repair the slip and walls of Slade pier, not to exceed £8.

On the motion of Mr Peacocke seconded by Mr Dempsey, the work was given in charge of the County Surveyor. Mr Donohoe moved:- "That the question of Boulduff, and all other piers be postponed until a scheme is considered and formulated to borrow money and apportion the interest of same in accordance with all round justice and equity."

This proposition was ruled out of order by the chairman, and Mr Donohoe, then moved:- "That the words referring to Boulduff Pier, be omitted from the resolution."

The proposition was not seconded. The chairman declared the resolution carried, Mr Donohoe, dissenting.

Half yearly & Quarterly Meetings  
of District Councils.

Mr Peacocke proposed and Lord Stopford seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That the following dates be selected for the quarterly meetings of the Rural District Councils and Proposal Committee for the quarter ended 30<sup>th</sup> September 1903. and for the first Statutable half yearly Meetings of the Rural District Councils



and Proposal Committee.

New Ross. Saturday October 10<sup>th</sup> (quarterly meeting) 12.0 block. noon.

Half yearly meeting 12.30. P.M.

Enniscorthy - Tuesday October 13<sup>th</sup> (quarterly meeting) 11.15 O'clock.

Half yearly meeting 11.45. O'clock.

Wexford. - Saturday October 17<sup>th</sup> (quarterly meeting) 10.30. O'clock.

Half yearly meeting 11.0 O'clock.

Gorey. - Thursday, October 15<sup>th</sup> (quarterly meeting) 12.0 O'clock

Half yearly meeting 12.30 O'clock

Proposal Committee - Friday, October 16<sup>th</sup> (quarterly meeting) 2.0 O'clock.

Half yearly meeting 2.15. O'clock

### The Rate collection

Mr. Browne moved, Mr. Peacocke seconded and it was passed:- "That the following recommendation of the Finance Committee be confirmed - 'That we call the attention of the Surties of collectors Doyle, and Barden, to the state of their collections, and the risk they are running by the neglect of these collectors to discharge their duty with proper diligence.

That the said collectors be warned, that a continuance of their present system of collection may lead to a termination of their employment by the Council and that a special meeting of the Finance Committee be held in three weeks to again consider the state of their collection."

### Proposal Committee Minutes.

On the motion of Mr. Ennis, seconded by Mr. Peacocke, the minutes of the Proposal Committee were confirmed.

### Change of Standing Orders.

The following notices of Motion were considered.

Councillor Peacocke moved. - "That the Council consider the advisability of changing the



Standing Order (No. 3) which directs that notices of motion should be sent to members seven days before meetings of the Council, and that in future notices of motion and the agenda paper be issued together 5 clear days before dates of meetings.

Mr. Walsh seconded the motion which was adopted.

Ballywilliam Railway Station. Councillor J. A. Doyle moved:— "That this Council having been made aware of the very great inconvenience and loss of travelling facilities to residents in Ballywilliam district caused by the action of the Great Southern and Western Railway Company, in closing Ballywilliam Railway Station, do hereby call on that Company, to re-open the station, which has been in use by the people in that district for a great number of years, and the closing of which is felt to be a great hardship and injury to them."

Mr. Cummins seconded the motion which was adopted.

Meeting place of Council Councillor Donohoe moved:— "That in future the Quarterly Proposals Meetings, and Quarterly Meetings of the County Council be held alternately in Wexford, New Ross, and Enniscorthy, the next meetings to be held in Enniscorthy, the following meetings in New Ross, and the third meetings after this in Wexford, and so on, henceforth as above."

Mr. Donohoe asked permission to substitute the words "half yearly" meetings in above motion, for "quarterly meetings" and to add the word "Gorey" after Enniscorthy in the third line.

Mr. Sinnott seconded the resolution



The Chairman said he would be obliged to take a poll to ascertain the feeling of the meeting as to whether "Gorey" should be included in the resolution.

The following was the result - For Gorey - Messrs Furlong, J. Bolger, Browne, Stopford, Walsh, Ennis, Murphy, Donohoe, Doyle, Kinsella, King, Sinnott, and the Chairman. 13.

Against - Messrs Peacocke, Dempsey, Cummins, and Hickey - 4.

Mr J. Bolger declined to vote.

Messrs Hearn, and Kehoe, had left.

The amendment asked for by Mr Donohoe having been made, a vote was taken on the resolution.

For - Messrs Furlong, Donohoe, Kinsella, Sinnott, Hickey, Cummins, and King. 7.

Against. Messrs John Bolger, Browne, Stopford, Walsh, Peacocke, Dempsey, Ennis, Murphy, Doyle, J. Bolger, and the Chairman. - 11.

Messrs. Hearn & Kehoe, were not present at the voting.

### County Surveyor's Holidays.

On the motion of Mr Peacocke seconded by Mr Ennis the following resolution was adopted. "That Mr Webster County Surveyor, be granted three weeks' holidays from August 5<sup>th</sup> 1903"

### Fethard Pier.

In connection with the improvement of Fethard Pier, the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction (letter No 2028/03) under date June 22<sup>nd</sup> wrote in reply to a letter from the Secretary of the Council, that a plan for the improvement of Fethard Harbour had not been prepared by the Department's Engineer, and therefore the request for the loan of such a plan could not be complied with. An inspection of the place had



been made by the Chief Inspector of Fisheries on the 4<sup>th</sup> November last.

The following report of the Rivers and Harbours Committee was read.

— Fethard Pier. —

Report of Inspection by the Rivers & Harbours Committee

By direction of the County Council the members of the Rivers and Harbours Committee, were summoned to inspect Fethard Pier, on Wednesday, July 29<sup>th</sup> 1903.

The following members of the Committee, who were accompanied by Mr. Webster, Co. Surveyor, attended. Messrs G. H. Peacocke and M. A. Ennis.

The following is the report of the Committee

"We are unanimously of the opinion that the fishermen of Fethard and locality are insufficiently provided with accommodation for their boats, and need assistance to enable them to carry out the fishing industry under reasonably conditions.

A Memorial was read from the Committee by the Rev<sup>d</sup> R. M. Kellett, Rector on behalf of the fishermen, and those interested in the locality, which, we understand it is intended to forward to the County Council for their information.

After carefully considering this Memorial, and a plan prepared by Mr. Webster, embodying the wishes of the fishermen with regard to the Harbour accommodation, we are unanimously of opinion that, whilst admitting the necessity for an improvement in existing conditions, the sum of money needed to carry out the works submitted in this plan, would involve an expenditure of £8,000. to £10,000. an expenditure we would not feel justified in recommending the County Council to undertake



at present.

Should the Fethard fishermen and those interested on their behalf submit to the Council later on an amended scheme involving a smaller outlay, it would, we presume receive consideration from the Council.

(Signed) C. H. Peacocke

M. A. Ennis

Members of the Piers'  
and Harbours' Committee

Under date July 30<sup>th</sup>, Rev<sup>d</sup> R. M. Kellett Rector, Fethard, wrote forwarding a Memorial on behalf of the people of Fethard, and pointing out that the statements contained in the Memorial would bear strict investigation.

He expressed the hope that the County Council would favourably consider their claims which will benefit not only the seafaring community, but also the whole district, which hitherto has suffered so much - in fact more than other districts in the County - for lack of transit facilities. I would also add on behalf of the subscribers that should the plan drawn by the County Surveyor, be in the opinion of the County Council, too elaborate, they are willing to consider whether any alternative proposal would be feasible.

The following is a copy of the Memorial referred to in Rev<sup>d</sup> R. M. Kellett's letter:-

"We the undersigned representing the ratepayers and fishermen of Fethard, Co. Wexford, respectfully wish to draw your attention to the insufficiency of Harbour accommodation here.

1. There is not sufficient room in the dock for the number of boats at present



in Fethard.

There is no shelter for boats afloat, the dock being too small, and entirely dry at low water, so that in case of bad weather there is no place of refuge. This is further accentuated when a coal ship is unloading as then the entrance is so blocked up that no fishing boat can go either in or out.

2. It is almost impossible to charter a cargo vessel, as any drawing more than nine feet of water cannot dock even at highest tide, - therefore the freight averages from 1/- to 2/- a ton more than the freight of the same goods to Waterford.

3. This dock is a constant source of expence to the county which derives no advantage from it.

We are firmly convinced that an entirely new dock 140 feet wide running out until it obtained at least three feet of water at lowest tide would not only eliminate all the above disadvantages, but also would be of immense advantage for the neighbourhood and help to bring prosperity to the whole district.

If accomodation were afforded:-

1. The local fishermen could have a more numerous fleet of boats of larger size which would enable them to fish the banks, off the local coasts, from which they are debarred by the inadequacy of their present small boats.

2. We know both from our own and from the experience of others that Fethard is geographically better situated as head quarters of a fishing fleet than any other port on the coast - we may add that since last Spring a Scotch fleet of 45 boats have been fishing



off the Hook Tower, which proves the excellence of these fishing grounds.

3. Lethard would be a port of call, for steam trawlers engaged in fishing in this locality to land their fish in preference to Milford.

4. It would be possible to import coal, timber, manures, etc, from the district at economical rates.

5. An export trade consisting of barley, oats, root crops, cattle, etc, would be developed.

We earnestly invite your consideration of these statements in view of the prospects of Railway facilities which shortly will be available. This is one of the most fertile districts in the County Wexford which has hitherto enjoyed none of the advantages which other parts have had for years. We respectfully ask you to give us your assistance to obtain a dock that will be of practical use and we believe that only one of such a size as we have already mentioned will attain this end, but we are willing to consider whether any alternative proposal would be feasible.

We are

Gentlemen

Yours Faithfully

Wm. Canon Synnott, P. P.

Cornelius Turlong, D. C. Farmer

Rev. M. Kinella, C. C.

Godfrey L. Taylor, J. P.

W. J. Shee, J. P. Physician & Surgeon

Richard Kellitt, C. C. Rector of Lethard

Mathew Bolger, Retired Master Mariner

Geo. L. Bassett, Coal Merchant

Chas. Mullins, D. C.

Michl. Bloney Miller & Farmer

Geo. Wallace Fisherman

Peter Foley Merchant



John Ryan, Victualler  
 Wm. Cooke, Boot & Shoe maker  
 John McNamara, Fisherman  
 Geo. Crumpton "  
 Tho. Handrick "  
 Patrick Malloy "  
 Robt. Banville "  
 Alexr. Cooper "  
 John Dunphy "  
 Martin Barden "  
 Patk. Roche "  
 Mattw. Banville "  
 James Banville "  
 James Morrissey "  
 Michl. Dunphy "  
 James Cullen "  
 Patk. Cullen "  
 Christs Bird "  
 Chas. Cooke "  
 James Power "  
 Martin Rossiter "  
 Michl. Rossiter "  
 Martin Power "  
 Martin Lambert "  
 Mattw. Barden "  
 Val. Molloy "

### Dog Licence Surplus.

A communication was received from the Registrar of Petty Sessions Clerks Office stating that a sum of £422:18:7 surplus arising from the sale of Dog Licences under the Dog Regulation (Ireland) Act 1865 for the County of Wexford, for the year 1902 had been paid over to the County Treasurer to be applied by him in aid of County Rates in such manner as the County Council shall direct.

### Analyst's Report

The following was read: City Laboratory  
 17 Castle Street  
 Dublin, 1st August 1903.  
 Report of Sir Charles Cameron, B.Sc. M.D. Public



Analyst for the County of Wexford on articles submitted to him for analysis during the quarter ended 30<sup>th</sup> June 1903. 76 articles were received from the Food Inspectors R.I.B. as follows...

<u>Article</u>	<u>Number</u>
Butter	26
Milk	18
Whiskey	12
Buttermilk	12
Margarine	6
Cheese	1
Rum	1
Total	<u>76</u>

Of the specimens of whiskey two were 26.5 and 41 degrees under proof and were therefore adulterated with at least 2 and 21.33 per cent of added water respectively.

Two of the specimens of buttermilk were adulterated with at least 21 and 21 per cent of added water respectively exclusive of 25 per cent allowed for churning purposes.

The remaining articles were of good quality

For the Guardians of Gorey Union twelve drugs were analysed.

One of them, namely, Tincture of Ferric Chloride, was slightly low in iron.

Six drugs analysed for the Guardians of New Ross Union were correct.

For the Guardians of the Enniscorthy Union twenty two drugs, four specimens of tea and one of milk were analysed.

One of the drugs, namely, Tincture of Cinchona, was low in alkaloids. Another Ammoniated Liniment of Camphor, was low in ammonia. A specimen of Liquid Extract of Ergot,



received from the same union, was high in solids.

The specimens of tea and milk were of good quality.

A specimen of water analysed for Enniscorthy Urban District Council had the following compositions.

One imperial gallon contained in grains.

Total solid matters 15.400

Including

Albuminoid Ammonia 0.008

Saline Ammonia 0.004

Nitric Acid 1.330

Chlorine 1.888

Sulphuric Acid 5.7648

Equal to Calcium Sulphate 8.0000

A fairly good water.

A specimen of butter analysed for Enniscorthy District Lunatic Asylum, was pure.

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

They were pure.

For the Enniscorthy Co-operative Society, Enniscorthy, three specimens of manure were analysed.

For the Assistant Secretary, Committee of Agriculture, Court House, Wexford, one specimen of cream and one of milk were analysed.

The specimen of milk was of a very poor and doubtful quality.

The specimen of cream proved to be above the average quality, for pure milk.



For Shillelagh Union, which is partly situated in the County of Wexford, fifteen drugs were analysed. One of them, namely, Liquid Extract of Ergot was high in solids.

Another, namely, Ammoniated Liniment of Camphor, was low in Ammonia

G. A. Cameron.

W. H. Edmunds.

16 Oct. 1893.

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