

Quarterly Meeting 4th February 1902.

The Quarterly meeting of the County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wexford, on Tuesday 4th February 1902.

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

also present - Messrs J. E. Mayler, P. Ryan, J. J. Walsh, M. Browne, C. H. Peacocke, Jas Codd, James Donohoe, Capt Barrett-Hamilton, P. O'Connor, William Whitty, James A. Doyle, D. Dempsey, Mich^l Hickey, John Cummins, J. Bolger, J. Sinnott, D. Power, and Capt Bryan.

Capt Pigott, Secretary, and Mr R. M. Elgee, Solicitor to the Council were also present.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

Expenses of Inquiry

Under date 16th December 1901 (letter No. 68,132, 1901 Wexford County) the Local Government Board wrote acknowledging receipt of the resolution of the County Council declining to pay the costs of the Inquiry held by Mr Price their Inspector, re salaries, enclosing sealed order certifying the amount of the costs and directing the Council to pay same. The Board also stated that in default of payment, the sum so certified, being a debt to the Crown, would be deducted from sums payable to the Council under the Local Taxation (Ireland) Account.

On the same subject the Local Government Board under date 2nd January 1902. (letter No. 72796, 1901 Wexford County) wrote that the amount of the costs was made up as follows:-
shorthand writing £20 : 18 : 0, advertising £3 : 2 : 0 and Inspectors services £6 : 6 : 0 Total £30 : 6 : 0.

The following recommendation of the Finance Committee was laid before the Meeting.

Proposed by the Chairman; seconded by Mr Browne:-

"That we request the Local Government Board to defer the enforcement of their sealed order on this subject as our Chairman, Sir Thomas Esmonde, has brought the matter under the notice of the Chief Secretary for Ireland, and is still in negotiations with Mr Wyndham."

In favour of the recommendation there voted:-

Messrs Mayler, Ryan, Walsh, Browne, Bryan, Hore, Peacocke, Codd, Donohoe, Barrett-Hamilton, O'Connor, Whitty, Doyle, and Dempsey, 144.

against: Messrs Hickey and Cummins - 2.

The other members of the Council were not present when the voting took place.

The chairman declared the recommendation carried

to Surveyor - & Bridges

Under date 13th January 1902. letter no 68.132/1901 Wexford County was received from the Local Government Board with reference to the resolution of the County Council on the 27th November last adopting the report of the joint Bridges Committee of the Council with regard to the conduct of Mr Webster, County Surveyor, in connection with the maintenance of certain bridges in the County.

The following is an extract from the letter:-

"With regard to the complaint as to the alleged delay on the part of the Local Government Board in dealing with this question which is made by the Committee, I am to point out that on the 5th July 1901, the Board wrote to the County Council inquiring whether they desired a sworn inquiry into the charges of neglect made against Mr Webster, and on the 29th of the same month the Board again wrote requesting a reply to their letter of the 5th July. On the 8th August, the County Council's decision that they considered that the Local Government Board had sufficient evidence before them with regard to the bridges and that the Council did not desire a sworn inquiry was sent to the Board."

The Board on the 21st August, instructed their Inspector Mr Price, to inspect the bridges and to report to them as to their condition and maintenance, and, having regard to the notices to be given and to the necessity of fixing a date to suit the convenience of the County Council and other persons concerned, it does not appear that the inspection could have been held earlier than the 24th of September."

The Local Government Board have again to draw attention to the fact that the Bridges have been allowed to remain derelict for three and a half months prior to the visit of their Inspector, and that in consequence, their condition at the time of inspection was unfavourable."

It now appears that a further ground upon which the Council urge the Local Government Board to consent to the dismissal of Mr Webster is that they do not intend to entrust him with the rebuilding of the Ferryarrig Bridge.

The Board have no evidence before them to show that Mr. Webster is not qualified to undertake this work. On the contrary he is certified by the Civil Service Commissioners after examination to be fitted to discharge all the duties of a County Surveyor, and he is a member of the Institution of Civil Engineers, London. The Board must accept this evidence of Mr. Webster's professional qualification and they cannot therefore assent to the proposal to deprive him of his office on the ground that he is not capable of undertaking the renovation of the Ferrycarraig Bridge.

Upon the general allegation of neglect of duty, the Board have already decided that the facts are not such as to warrant Mr. Webster's dismissal.

If therefore the Council adhere to their intention to appoint another engineer to prepare plans for Ferry-carraig Bridge, and superintend its reconstruction, his employment must be without prejudice to Mr. Webster's rights as an "existing" officer."

Mr. Donohoe moved the following resolution which was seconded by Mr. Dempsey.

"With reference to the Local Government Board's reply dated 13th January to our letter of November 5th 1901, requesting the dismissal of Mr. Webster for gross neglect of duty in connection with the Wexford Bridges, and more especially as regards Ferry-carraig Bridge, rendering necessary an estimated special outlay of £500 to place it in serviceable order, it is hereby resolved that whilst regarding the documentary evidence furnished by the Bridges Committee and by the County Council expert Mr. Ryan, C.E. both practically confirmed by the Local Government Board, as ample justification for our recommendation, and for the Local Government Board's approval, still as the Local Government Board is not disposed to act except on the evidence of a sworn inquiry, we hereby request that a sworn inquiry be held as soon as possible."

The Chairman moved the following recommendation of the Finance Committee:-

We consider that we have already given the Local Government Board sufficient evidence to warrant the dismissal of Mr. Webster in the report of Mr. Ryan C.E. an eminent Engineer and which was acknowledged as correct by the Local Government Board. We would also direct the attention of the Local Government Board to the report of the members of the

members of the bridges committee and that Mr Ryan's report should be regarded as impartial, as Mr Ryan is not connected with the Local Government Board or the County Council. In addition we forwarded the Local Government Board a return of the different contracts on this bridge, and we hold that Mr Webster did not see that a sufficient amount of this money was expended on the structure, if this had been done the bridge could not have been in its present condition.

We do not doubt Mr Webster's qualifications, but believe he has been negligent in the discharge of his duty.

The evidence we have already offered the Local Government Board furnishes proof of this. Under these circumstances, we still hold that Mr Webster is not fit to be an official of this Council."

Mr Bodd seconded the Chairman's motion a poll was then taken with the following result:-
For Mr Donohoe's motion (which was taken as an amendment to the Finance Committee's recommendation) there voted:-
Messrs Bolger, Donohoe, O'Connor, and Dempsey. 4.
Against:- Messrs Mayler, Ryan, Walsh, Browne, Bryan, Peacocke, Bodd, Barrett-Hamilton, Doyle, Hickey, Cummins, Power, Sinnott, and the Chairman. 14.

The Chairman declared the amendment lost and on putting the recommendation of the Finance Committee declared it carried.

Messrs Donohoe and Cummins requested that their names be recorded as voting against the recommendation. Afterwards they demanded a poll which resulted as follows:-

For the recommendation of the Finance Committee.
Messrs Bolger, Mayler, Ryan, Walsh, Browne, Bryan, Peacocke, Bodd, Hamilton, Doyle, and the Chairman. 11.

Against:- Messrs Donohoe, O'Connor, Dempsey, Hickey and Cummins. 5.

Declined to vote:- Messrs Whitty, Power, and Sinnott 3.

Financial Relations

With reference to the question of the financial relations between the County of Wexford and the Urban District of Wexford, the Local Government Board under date 24th December 1901 (letter No 71251: 1901 Wexford Urban District) forwarded copy of a letter which they had addressed to Messrs O'Connor & Co. Solicitors to the Wexford Corporation, and stated that as questions might arise affecting other urban districts in

the County similar to those affecting Wexford, it might be well for the County Council to apply for a revision of financial relations with all urban councils in the County so that they might be embraced within the one inquiry.

The letter to Messrs O'Connor & Co. stated that the Board would treat their letter of the 17th September 1901 as a formal application by the Wexford Urban District for a revision of the financial relations under Section 71 of the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898, as amended by the Act of 1901. The Board also pointed out that a revision of the financial relations between the Urban District and the County Council which would involve departures from the provisions of the existing local acts, could only be legalized by means of a Provisional Order which must be preceded by an Inquiry, the date of which Inquiry would be communicated in due course.

Mr Ryan proposed the following recommendation of the Finance Committee.

"That as a conference was held between the County Council and the Wexford Urban District Council at the suggestion of the Local Government Board, vide letter 59106 1901 and an agreement formulated as a result, should the Local Government Board consider it advisable to hold an Inquiry at the instance of the Rural District Councils, ~~we~~ hold the Rural District Councils should pay the expenses in connection therewith."

Mr Walsh seconded the resolution which was passed, and on the motion of Mr Peacocke, seconded by Mr Bolger, the Secretary was directed to send a copy of the above resolution to the Presiding Chairman of the four Rural District Councils of the County.

Elections - Scale of Expenses.

Under date January 6th 1902. letter no 71, 595-1901 Wexford County the Local Government Board wrote returning the scales of Expenses of County and Rural District Councillors and of Guardians and County Councillors in Urban Districts in the County approved by them under seal and suggesting that copies should be printed for distribution amongst the officers engaged in connection with the elections.

The Secretary said this had been done.

Returning Officer - Urban Districts

In connection with the appointment of a Returning officer for the forthcoming elections, under date 28th January 1902. letter No. 3003/1902 Wexford County was received from the Local Government Board stating that it was provided by Rule 1 of the Board's Guardians (Ireland) Order 1899, that the Town Clerk of the Borough, or in urban Districts which are not Boroughs, the Clerk of the Urban District Council, shall be the Returning officer. &c.

Ordered - That the attention of the Returning officer be called to the letter and circulars of the Local Government Board.

Approval - Coll^d Barden's Bond.

The Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 71439. 1901. Wexford County under date 19th December 1901) that the Bond of collector John Barden appeared to unobjectionable excepting the cancellation clause, the period of notice - one month - being unduly short, but stated that as the Bond was signed and sealed if the Council were willing to accept the Bond as it was executed, they should accept the responsibility for so doing.

Mr. Cummins proposed -

"The County Council are satisfied with the limit of time stated in the cancellation clause of the Bond of collector John Barden"

Mr. Hickey seconded the resolution which was adopted.

Sanction, County Estimate, to be dealt with.

The Local Government Board (letter No. 2327/1901, Wexford County) under date 18th January 1902 wrote assenting to the County estimate for the ensuing financial year being dealt with at the meeting of the County Council on the 14th February. Marked "Read"

Striking the Rate

Mr. Cummins proposed: That the estimate of General Rate for the year 1902-3 as submitted by the Secretary and approved of by the Finance Committee be agreed to, and adopted."

Mr. Dempsey seconded the resolution which was passed.

Mr. Browne proposed: "That the estimate of separate charges as submitted by our Secretary and approved of by the Finance Committee be agreed to and adopted."

Mr. Cummins seconded the resolution which was passed nem. con.

Loans-

The Board of Works under date 21st January 1902 (letter no 651-02 Enniscorthy Lunatic Asylum) wrote acknowledging receipt of letter enclosing copy of the approval of the Lord Lieutenant to the plans and specification for a strong room at Enniscorthy District Lunatic Asylum, and stating that a similar approval would be required as regards the mortuary, &c. The Board had applied to the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury for sanction to make the two loans of £1200 and £300 respectively, and proceedings as regards the latter amount would be postponed until the approval referred to had been furnished &c.

The Secretary said that a copy of this letter had been forwarded the Resident Medical Superintendent of the asylum.

Under date 25th January 1902 (letter no 946/1902) the Board of Works wrote that the Treasury had sanctioned the two loans of £1200 and £300 for works at Enniscorthy asylum. The loans are to be repaid in 35 years with interest at the rate of 3½ per cent, and would be issued to the Council in one instalment in each case. The Board forwarded a Receivable Order for £5. 10. 0 to meet expenses in connection with the £1200. and stated that the loan of £300 could not be completed until the approval of the mortuary plans had been sent.

Expenses

Mr Donohoe moved that the amount of £5. 10. 0 be paid to the Board of Works in connection with expenses of loan of £1200. to the Enniscorthy District Lunatic Asylum.

Mr Dempsey seconded the resolution which was passed unanimously.

Deed of Mortgage.

Under date 20th November 1901 a letter was received from the Board of Works enclosing an abstract of the Deed of Mortgage entered into by the Enniscorthy District Council for the sum of £14400 for the purposes of the Labourers Acts.

Moved by Mr Peacocke, seconded by Mr Todd and passed - That we the Wexford County Council hereby authorize and request the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland to issue and pay the sum of Three hundred & seventy pounds borrowed by us from them under Deed of Mortgage dated 4th day of February 1902 for the purpose of purchasing land for the

Enniscorthy Lunatic Asylum to the Enniscorthy Lunatic Asylum.

Seal- Deed of Mortgage

Proposed by Mr Donohoe seconded by Mr Dempsey and passed:-
That our Corporate Seal be affixed to the Deed of Mortgage
of this date now read whereby security is given to the
Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland for the repayment
of the sum of three hundred and seventy pounds
proposed to be advanced by them to us under the Local
Government (Ireland) Act 1898.

Complaint against Coll^r N O H Walsh.

Mr J. Hawkes Cornock wrote under date 27th January 1902
complaining of the action of collector N O H Walsh. Mr Cornock
stated that the collector left the Demand notes together
with a six day notice at his residence on the 30th December
1901 and on the 13th January 1902 issued a summons and
although he paid these rates on the 14th Inst. (January)
he had not yet got his receipts.

The Secretary said he had forwarded
a copy of the above letter to Mr N O H Walsh with a
request for his observations thereon.

The Secretary also said he had since spoken
to Mr Walsh on the matter and he promised to be more
careful in future. "No action was taken"

Mr Webster's Salary.

Messrs M. J. O'Connor & Co. Solicitors for Mr Webster. Co. Surveyor
under date 27th January 1902 wrote applying for interest on
£490 amount of judgment for 3 months at 4 per cent per
annum which would be about £4. 18. 0 and asking to
have this amount added to his claim.

This letter had been handed to the solicitor of the County Council
who wrote that Mr Webster was only entitled to interest on
£392 amount set out in his writ which at 4 per cent from
November 11th 1901 to 4th February 1902 would be £3. 12. 10.

Mr Browne proposed that the following items for law costs
and interest be paid:- Mr Webster, interest on £392 at 4 per
cent according to judgment of the superior courts from 11th
November 1901 to 4th February 1902 £3. 12. 10; Mr Murphy
Deputy Surveyor do. on £120 from the 19th November 1901 to
February 4th 1902. £1. 1. 11. For taxed costs of Mr Webster
£88. 5. 11 and for same of Mr Murphy £27. 11. 7 Taxed
costs of Mr R. W. Elger Solicitor to the Council amounting

to £54 : 19 : 8 in the case of the County Council & the Local Government Board; £20 : 13 : 0 for miscellaneous costs; and £78 : 10 : 7 for costs in cases of County and Assistant Surveyors against County Council, also £13 : 4 : 8 taxed costs of Messrs O'Flaherty & Son in the case of Fortune & the County Council.

Mr Peacocke seconded the resolution which was adopted.

Printing Apparatus-Council Office

Mr Peacocke proposed and Mr Donohoe seconded, confirmation of the following recommendation of the Finance Committee:-
"That the Secretary be empowered to procure a small printing apparatus at a cost not to exceed £1" Passed

Co. Courtkeeper's Salary

Mrs G. Richards Court Keeper wrote under date 27th January 1902 applying for the sum of £8 per annum for services at Quarter and Petty Sessions under the 79th Article of the Local Government Act and enclosed a list showing her position at the present time under the County Council. From the statement in question it appeared that Mrs Richards' salary under the Grand jury was £22 : 2 : 0 with 12 meetings, and under the County Council £24, with 198 meetings.

Mr Donohoe proposed that Mrs Richards be granted an increase of £8 per annum for her extra work as Court Keeper.

Mr Bolger seconded.

Mr O'Connor proposed and Mr Dempsey seconded, that £5 be allowed. "A poll was then taken with the following result:- For £8. Messrs Donohoe, Bolger, Ryan, Walsh, Whitty, Hickey, Cummins and Power. - 8.

For £5. Capt Bryan, Messrs Browne, Peacocke, Codd, Capt Barrett-Hamilton, O'Connor, Dempsey, Doyle, Sinnott, and the Chairman. - 10

Declined voting - Mr Maylor.

The Chairman declared the motion to allow Mrs Richards £5 per annum carried.

Advance on Demand.

A letter was read from the Clerk of the Wexford Guardians under date February 3rd pointing out that the Guardians would be in debt to the extent of £250. at the end of the financial year and asking for an advance of £300 on next year's estimate.

On the motion of Mr. Codd, seconded by Mr. Peacocke it was decided that the County Council advance to the Wexford Guardians on account of their demand for the coming year a sum of £300.

Ass't Sec'y - change of Security

On the motion of Mr. Cummins seconded by Mr. Codd, the name of Mr. Thomas Carty as one of the sureties of the Assistant Secretary was approved vice Mr. P. Carty (his brother) deceased.

Analyst's agreement

Sir Charles A. Cameron, under date 7th November 1901, wrote that he could not find a copy of his agreement with the late Grand jury, but he remembered the particulars and had acted upon them. It was a mistaken notion for the Wexford Board of Guardians to think it was the duty of the Public Analyst to analyse drugs which were not suspected of being adulterated. The systematic periodic analyses of drugs was not contemplated at his appointment and the work under this head was so laborious that he had resigned his position as drugs analyst to Wexford and many other unions.

Under date 2nd December 1901, Mr. N. Kehoe forwarded copy of an order made at the meeting of the Wexford Board of Guardians at their meeting held on the 30th November with reference to the analysis of medicines by Sir Charles Cameron, and stating that Sir Charles Cameron, was paid sufficient salary by the County Council for the performance of all analyses.

On the motion of Mr. Peacocke seconded by Mr. Codd the consideration of this matter was postponed.

Telegraph Office - Duncormick

Under date 7th January 1902, Mr. P. French M.P. wrote in reference to the establishment of a Telegraph office at Duncormick stating that he had urged all the arguments put forward by the County and District Councils and the Duncormick Bench of Magistrates but up to the present had not been successful. He enclosed a letter from the Postmaster General which stated that as the receipts from Telegraph business at Duncormick would not be sufficient to cover the working expenses of the office, the Postmaster General was precluded by Treasury Regulations from sanctioning the extension except under guarantee.

Telegraph Office - Ramsgrange

Mr Cummins proposed - That our Secretary be directed to call the attention of the Postmaster General to the fact that he had refused to establish a telegraph office at Ramsgrange on the same terms as he had agreed that a telegraph office should be placed in Duncormick, vizt: The Guarantee of the Rural District Council concerned, and that he be requested to give the County Council a reason for such refusal, also that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to our representatives in Parliament, and their assistance in putting forward the views of the New Ross District Council in this matter be requested.

Mr Peacocke seconded the resolution which was adopted.

Irish Language

In connection with the prize of £10 for the Irish competition the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction letter No 24472/1901, under date 24th December 1901 wrote that no portion of the Grant formerly administered by the Science and Art Department for the purposes of Technical Instruction in this County could be employed in the object of assisting instruction given in elementary schools and that the funds placed at the disposal of the Department could not be utilized in connection with instruction which appeared to be solely of a literary character and more especially as it should be remembered that two Boards already in existence in this County are charged with the duty of providing for the wants of the people in this respect.

The Secretary said he had written to the Department asking for the names of the two Boards referred to in the letter of the Department but had not received any reply up to the present. Marked "Read"

Fertilizers & Feeding Stuffs

The Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction letter No 24538/1901 under date 6th December 1901 wrote that they could not approve of the Itinerant Instructor in Agriculture taking samples under the Fertilizers and Feeding Stuffs Act 1893, and referred to circulars issued by the Department in which it was recommended that the Secretary of the County Committee should discharge this duty.

Marked "Read"

Under date 15th January 1902, a letter was read from Mr John

Mullett (Hon Sec Poor Rate Collectors Association for County Wexford) forwarding resolutions with reference to the collection of Poor Rate passed at the meeting of this Association to be laid before the County Council, for approval.

The following are the resolutions:-

- (1) That this meeting earnestly requests the assistance of the County Council to have the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898 amended so as to meet the following disadvantages under which we suffer.
- (2) To so amend the repeal of the Grand jury Act of 6 & 7 William 4th Cap 116 Sec 52 as to enable the Poor Rate collectors to retain the power of distress and seizure on their warrants after the closing date of their collection same as formerly enjoyed by the High Constable under the Grand jury system.
- (3) That we hereby respectfully ask to alter our date for closing from 31st March to 26th April, and from 30th September to 20th October both being an advantage to Ratepayer and Poor Rate collector.
- (4) That we consider it a great grievance to be compelled to lodge rates which are plainly irrecoverable and we respectfully ask the County Council to allow us to close with doing so.

Mr J. L. Doyle collector, appeared on behalf of the collectors and stated the views of the collectors with reference to the resolutions.

Mr Cummins proposed - That we consider the collectors would be placed in a better position to collect rates by having their collecting warrants extended for two years as prevailed with the High Constable under the Grand jury system, we request the Local Government Board to introduce into any amending measure to the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898 a clause to this effect and we direct our Secretary to call the attention of our Parliamentary representatives to this matter.

Mr Peacocke seconded the resolution which was adopted. No action was taken with reference to the other resolutions of the Rate collectors.

Lunatic Asylums.

The following resolution received from the Dublin Co. Council was proposed by Mr M. Browne seconded by Mr Peacocke and passed with dissent:-

That in view of the annual increase in the

cost of the maintenance and equipment of Lunatic Asylums in Ireland, consequent on the more scientific and humane treatment of the insane, this Council is of opinion that the entire of this rapidly increasing burden should now be transferred from the local to the Imperial taxation account, as that account receives a very large annual sum from the various excise duties, and we must respectfully urge on His Majesty's Government the imperative necessity of giving immediate relief to local taxpayers by adopting this course.

Appointment on Infirmary Committee

A letter was received from Mr. H. Geoghegan Registrar County Infirmary under date 29th January 1902 directing the attention of the Council to the vacancy on the Committee of that Institution caused by the death of Rev S. B. Hore O.S.F. Mr Peacocke proposed: - That Rev P. Doyle adm. Wexford be appointed a representative of the County Council on the Committee of the County Wexford Infirmary, vice Rev S. B. Hore O.S.F. deceased

Mr Walsh seconded the motion which was adopted.

Dates of Meetings

The following dates for Quarterly Meetings of Councils were fixed, on the motion of Mr Peacocke, seconded by Mr Codd Wexford

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| | Saturday 5 th April at 10.30 a.m. |
| Enniscorthy | Tuesday 8 th April at 11.30 a.m. |
| Gorey | Thursday 10 th April at 12 noon |
| New Ross | Saturday 12 th April at 12 noon |

Proposals Committee Saturday 19th April

County Council Tuesday 6th May.

Proposals for Payments etc

Mr Donohoe proposed: - That the several proposals for new works sent up by the District Councils of the County as set out in Schedules E. F. G. H. K. be approved and that with regard to Schedule H. that the proposal for putting and keeping in repair for one year 373 perches of the lane known as "Blackhall" lane not to exceed 2/6 per perch and for which John Dowd, Glenview Barntown, was accepted as contractor by the Wexford Rural District shall be rejected on the grounds that the work would only confer private benefit on the persons who live in the lane."

Mr Browne seconded

Mr Healy, Solicitor, appeared in support of the application.

Mr Cummins proposed the following: - That the several proposals

for new works sent up by the Wexford Rural District Council as regards expenditure chargeable to the district and to the county at large as respects main roads and set out in schedule H. be approved subject to the modification and other orders noted thereon and initialed by the chairman.

Mr Bolger seconded

on a poll there voted for the resolution proposed by Mr Cummins:- Messrs Bolger, Ryan, Peacocke, Whitty, Doyle Cummins, Hickey, Sinnott, and Power. 9.

against:- Messrs Mayler, Browne, Goad, Donohoe, Dempsey, and the chairman. 6.

Declined voting - Messrs Walsh, Bryan, Barrett-Hamilton and O'Connor. - 4

The chairman declared carried, the resolution in favour of the adoption of the new works in Wexford Rural District, without change.

on the motion of the chairman, seconded by Capt Bryan the following resolution was adopted:- "That the tenders of John Dowd, Glenview, Barntown, and Thomas Merriman of Shilmallur Commons, be cancelled unless the contractors and their sureties perfect their Bonds without further delay."

Mr Cummins proposed:- "That the several proposals for payment submitted to this council by the Rural Districts as set out in schedules A. B. C. & D. and from the Proposals Committee of the council be approved subject to the modifications and other orders noted thereon and initialed by the chairman."

Mr Dempsey seconded the resolutions which was passed.

Mr Browne proposed:- "That the several proposals for new works sent up the District Councils of the county as set out in schedules E. F. G. H. be approved, and that with regard to schedule E. that the proposal for keeping in repair for four years and eleven months 936 perches of the road between the Rural District bounds near the townland of Ballinamona, be referred back to the Enniscorthy District Council on the grounds that the county council are dissatisfied with the tender accepted." Mr Dempsey seconded.

Mr Donohoe moved - That schedule E. sent up by the Enniscorthy

Rural District Council be passed." - Mr. Bolger seconded the resolution.

In connection with this matter a letter was read from Mr. J. J. Dempsey Solicitor to the Enniscorthy Rural District Council under date February 3rd submitting that the County Council might without any loss of dignity or the creation of any precedent, contract on the basis of Miss Doran's tender presented for the fourth time by the Rural District Council without prejudice for to the legal objections which he would bring before the Auditor for decision. This would put an end for the present to the deadlock between the Councils without in any way adding any burden to the rates beyond what is already involved in paying Miss Doran in a way which is suggested rightly or wrongly to be irregular.

The following was the voting:-

For the resolution of Mr. Donohoe - Messrs Bolger, Ryan, Bryan, Donohoe, O'Connor, Hickey, Power, and Sinnott. 8.

Against - Messrs Mayler, Browne, Peacocke, Codd, Barrett-Hamilton, Whitty, Dempsey, Doyle, and the Chairman - 9.

Messrs Cummins and Walsh declined voting.

The Chairman declared Mr. Browne's resolution carried.

Mr. Browne proposed, Mr. Dempsey seconded and it was passed - "That this road be placed in charge of the County Surveyor."

Mr. Webster said that heretofore he had given the road to Miss Doran as she was the old contractor, paying the price allowed, but he would endeavour for the coming quarter to obtain an independent contractor.

For work No 3. (in Wexford Rural District) for which no tender was taken at the District Council meeting - To put and keep in repair for one year 476 perches of a road between Mucktown (on the road leading from Bridgetown to Duncormack) and Scar not to exceed £49. To be a Rural District charge, William Byrne, Grasseur tendered at the amount allowed, and this tender was accepted on the motion of Mr. Peacocke, seconded by Mr. Codd.

No 4. Putting and keeping in repair for five years from 31st March 1902 to the 31st March 1907. 385 perches from Mr. Boyce's back gate to Mr. William Goodall's house leading to the sloblands not to exceed 4^d per perch. To be a Rural District charge. There was no tender received and on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Cummins it was decided that this work

should be referred back to the District Council.

Tender for Coal

Two tenders were received for the supply of best Newport coal to the Courthouse for the year to March 1903. Marlow & Co. at 25/3. per ton and James Bullimore at 25/6. per ton. on the motion of Mr Peacocke seconded by Mr Bodd the lower tender was accepted.

J. Malone v.S. Salary.

In reference to a recommendation from the Diseases of Animals Acts Committee that Mr James Malone v.S. Gorey, be paid a salary of £65 a year instead of fees as at present, Mr Cummins proposed that Mr Malone be given an annual salary of £70 - Mr Hickey seconded.

Mr Browne proposed and Mr Dempsey seconded a resolution confirming the recommendation of the Diseases of Animals Committee.

On a poll there voted:- For confirming the recommendation of the Committee - Messrs Browne, Peacocke, Bodd, Dempsey, Whitty, Hickey, and the Chairman - 7.

Against - Messrs Ryan, Mayler, Donohoe, Power, Cummins, Bolger, and Doyle - 7.

The Chairman gave his casting vote in favour of the confirmation of the minute, and the resolution to this effect was declared carried by the Chairman.

Mr Webster v.S. Salary

Under date 8th January 1902 letter n^o 58/02. the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction wrote stating that in the view of the Department no further action seemed to be necessary in connection with the proposal of paying a salary of £10. to Mr Webster v.S. instead of fees, and that the particulars furnished as to payments hitherto made to Mr Webster would indicate that over an extended period of years his existing scale of remuneration was likely to entail a less charge on the bounty than would result from acceptance of the proposal to grant him the fixed salary referred to.

Marked "Read"

Seal Bonds etc

On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Capt Bryan, Messrs Bodd and Peacocke, were appointed a Committee to seal the Bonds taken at the meetings of the Rural District Councils and Proposals Committee, and any other

documents requiring seal in connection with the meeting.

Postal Arrangements.

Mr. Hickey proposed: "That our Secretary communicate with the Postmaster General and inform him of the desire of this County Council to have the districts of Ramsgrange and Hook transferred from the Waterford to the Wexford Postal District, thereby securing a much improved service for the people of this locality."

Mr. Cummins seconded the resolution which was passed.

The recommendations of the Proposals Committee were read and approved.

Thos. W. E. Emond.

2nd April 1892.