

Statutable Half-yearly meeting - 4<sup>th</sup> May 1909.

The Statutable Half-yearly meeting of the Co. Council, was held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford; on 4<sup>th</sup> May 1909.

Mr. Edmond Hore (Vice-Chairman), and subsequently Mr. M. A. Ennis, presided.

Other members present: - Messrs P. Fortune, J. E. Mayler, Mr. Brown, P. O'Neill, J. Cummins, A. Kinsella, J. Asple, Mr. Codd, D. Kavanagh, J. S. Hearn, Mr. Doyle, J. A. Doyle, C. H. Peacocke, J. J. Stafford, John J. Kehoe, G. Walsh, Mr. Hickey, J. Bolger, P. J. Fanning, and James Codd.

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

Confirmation of minutes.

The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

On the motion of Mr. Stafford, seconded by Mr. Asple the following resolution was adopted: -

"That we confirm the minutes of the various meetings of the Co. Council Committees, which have been held since last meeting of the Council."

The Chairmanship of the Co. Council.

Under date 1<sup>st</sup> May, the following letter was read from Sir J. H. G. Edmond Bart., M.P., Chairman of the Council: -

"The introduction of this Budget has upset my arrangements, and prevents my attending the Co. Council meeting on Tuesday.

Will you therefore convey this communication to the Council. A communication I would have much preferred to make to them personally, as I had intended. Next month our annual meeting will take place, and I will deem it a favour if the Council will select another Chairman in my stead.

Two years ago when the Co. Council of the County Wexford did me the honour of electing me to their Chairmanship, I never imagined that they would



have continued the compliment to me for so many years.

The Council are aware of how highly I prize the honour they have so long done me.

They will consequently appreciate the motive which actuates me now.

For ten years I have served the Council and the County to the best of my ability in the high position in which my colleagues have been good enough to place me; and it is with extreme regret, that, owing to private circumstances, I find myself unable to devote in future so much time to the public service as I have devoted to it for years past.

In asking the Council to relieve me of the distinguished burden, which their good-will has placed upon my shoulders, I wish to express to them my sincere acknowledgment of the hearty support they have always given me in the chair, and, my warm appreciation of the friendliness which has always been so marked a feature in all our relations both public and private; while to you, Mr. Secretary, and to the other officers of the Council, I must beg leave to offer my hearty thanks for the invaluable help you have afforded me on all occasions.

I am beholden to the Council for their many marks of confidence, and for their support when in the chair; I prize the friendships which have been cemented between us individually and jointly during these years, and I hold my tenure of office at Wexford as amongst the pleasantest of my varied experiences.

I take this occasion of making this communication to the Council because after a long and intimate connection with them, it would not be fitting or seemly to withhold timely notice of my conclusion, and while I have come to it with much regret, I hope that as an ordinary member it may still be in my power to serve the Council and the County for some time to come."

Mr. Peacock moved: - "That the consideration of the letter



of Sir Thomas Esmonde relative to the chairmanship of the Council be adjourned to the next meeting."

Mr. Peacocke subsequently withdrew this motion.

Mr. Cummins moved: - "That we request Sir Thomas Esmonde to reconsider his proposal to withdraw on 14<sup>th</sup> June, from the chairmanship of the County Council."

Mr. Peacocke seconded.

As an amendment Mr. J. Bolger proposed and Mr. O'Neill seconded: - "That the Co. Council accept Sir Thomas Esmonde's proposal to withdraw from the chairmanship of the County Council as from the 14<sup>th</sup> June."

A Poll was taken on the amendment with the following result: -

For: - Messrs Kinnella, Aspley, Kavanagh, Stafford, Hickey, James Codd, O'Neill, Ennis, Walsh, Kehoe, Mark Codd, Michael Doyle, J. Bolger, J. A. Doyle, and the Chairman. - 15.

Against: - Messrs Mayler, Browne, Hearn, Peacocke, Fanning, and Cummins. - 6.

The Chairman declared the amendment carried, and subsequently put it as a substantive motion which was passed without dissent.

#### Appointment of Assistant Surveyor.

The following letter under date 30<sup>th</sup> April 1909 (No. 56, 561-1909 Wexford County) from the Local Government Board, was read: -

"With reference to previous correspondence in connection with the appointment of an Assistant Surveyor in the County of Wexford, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland, to forward for the information of the Co. Council, the accompanying table showing the marks obtained in the several subjects by Mr. Michael Howlin, the only candidate who attended the special examination held at Wexford on the 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> instant, as requested by the Co. Council."

It will be observed that Mr. Howlin failed to obtain qualifying marks in the practical subjects pertaining to the duties of Assistant Surveyor, and



the Board consider that he does not possess the qualifications necessary to enable him to discharge the duties of this position.

With regard to the other candidates nominated by the Co. Council to attend the special examination, the Board find that the following gentlemen have already qualified for appointment as Assistant Surveyor at former examinations held under directions of the Board:-

1. Joseph P. Dunne
2. Cyril A. Hall
3. L. Hodgins
4. John Mc Donagh
5. J. Noel Taylor.

While Messrs B. D. Doyle, William A. Napper, and Henry O'Reilly, appear to be qualified under Article 2 of the Board's Regulations of November 1906, for the position. These eight gentlemen are therefore eligible for appointment without further examination.

Messrs Arthur Aldred, Edwin Grant, Herbert B. Kettle, and J. S. B. Smith, who did not present themselves for examination, are not eligible under the Regulations for appointment.

From the particulars furnished in their cases, the nominated candidates named below do not appear to possess the prescribed qualifications as to training and experience for candidates attending an examination held by the Board for Assistant Surveyors, and the Board have so informed them. They are consequently not eligible for election.

1. J. Birkmeyer
2. Bernard J. Ennis
3. Gerald Flood
4. John Mulligan
5. Philip J. Murphy
6. John A. Ryan

I am to return, herewith, for the consideration of the Co. Council, the query forms, etc., furnished by the candidates appearing at present duly qualified for appointment.

With respect to the application received from Mr. Thomas J. Ryan, after the Co. Council's meeting on the



15<sup>th</sup> instant, the Local Government Board desire me to state that having regard to the circumstances under which Mr. Ryan ceased to hold the position of Assistant Surveyor in the County, the Board consider that his application for re-appointment cannot be entertained."

The only candidate who answered to their names were Messrs Taylor, Napper, and O'Reilly, and their applications and testimonials having been read for the meeting. Mr. J. Bolger proposed the election of Mr. O'Reilly, Mr. O'Neill seconded the motion.

Mr. Hearn proposed, and Mr. Brown seconded the election of Mr. Napper.

Mr. Stafford proposed the election of Mr. Taylor. Mr. M. Doyle seconded the motion.

A. Poll was taken with the following result:-

For Mr. O'Reilly:- Messrs Mayler, Kinneela, James Codd, O'Neill, Ennis, Walsh, Kehoe, Fanning, Mark Codd, Michael Doyle, J. Bolger, Fortune, Kavanagh, Cummins, and the Chairman:- 15.

For Mr. Napper:- Messrs Brown, Hearn, Peacocke, James A. Doyle, Asple, and Hickey:- 6.

For Mr. Taylor:- Mr. Stafford:- 1.

The Chairman declared Mr. O'Reilly elected.

Mr. O'Reilly returned thanks.

The following is Mr. O'Reilly's application:-

"I beg to make an application for the position of Assistant Co. Surveyor in your County.

I am a fully qualified Engineer, with special recommendations in those branches of the profession which pertain to the making and maintenance of roads.

My qualifications for the position are as follows:-

"I am an Associate and hold the Diploma in Engineering of the College of Science, and having gone through the prescribed three years course, I passed in all subjects with credit, and obtained four firsts and two second prizes in the following subjects:-

Practical and Theoretical Surveying and Levelling.

General Engineering

Practical and Theoretical Electrical Engineering

Practical Geometry

Pure Mathematics



machine construction and drawing.

Besides being awarded the first prize in Geology in the fourth year.

During the period I won a Scholarship, value £140, and £12. 10s. in book prizes besides obtaining a certificate in Electric Light and Power Distribution from the City and Guilds (London) Institute.

Desiring to obtain additional certificates I entered for and passed the 1st Professional Honours and second Professional Examinations in Engineering Royal University, and was further awarded the B. A. Degree of the same.

If appointed I will endeavour by zealous attention to the duties of the position and the interests of the County generally, to more than justify your decision.

#### Appointment of Rate collector.

Applications were received from the following for the position of Rate collector for No. 17 Collecting District :-

Messrs E. J. Murphy, Quay Street, New Ross; Michael Walsh, Mount Elliott, New Ross, and Michael Treaney, Commission agent, New Ross.

The applications and testimonials of the candidates having been read;

Mr. Cummins proposed, and Mr. Browne seconded the election of Mr. Murphy.

Mr. Hearn proposed and Mr. Kinsella seconded the election of Mr. Walsh.

Mr. Treaney was not proposed.

A poll was taken with the following result :-

For Mr. Walsh :- Messrs Kinsella, Stafford, James Codd, O'Neill, Hearn, Peacocke, Walsh, Kehoe, Aspley, Hickey, and the chairman :- "

For Mr. Murphy :- Messrs Mayler, Browne, Ennis, Fortune, Mark Codd, Mr. Doyle, J. Bolger, J. A. Doyle, Fanning, Kavanagh, and Cummins. "

The chairman gave his casting vote in favour of Mr. Walsh whom he declared elected.

Mr. Walsh returned thanks.

The following is Mr. Walsh's application :-



"I beg to apply for the position of Rate collector for NewRoss Rural District (No 14) district. I have in accordance with your advertisement forwarded my testimonials as to character, competency, etc., to your Secretary. I am prepared, if elected, to offer first class personal security, and, if this is not acceptable, the security of an approved Guarantee Society."

Mr. Walsh submitted testimonials from:- Messrs J. B. Hearn, NewRoss; John Doyle, Brandon, NewRoss; Very Rev M. Kavanagh P. P. NewRoss; John R. Colfer, Solicitor NewRoss.

Mr. Walsh was directed to enter into a fidelity bond with a Guarantee Society, the name of which is to be submitted for the approval of the Solicitor of the Co. Council, and the Local Government Board."

— Veterinary Inspectorship: Gorey Union. —

Under date 20<sup>th</sup> April the following letter (No 1608-0908) from Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction was read:-

"With reference to your communication of the 15<sup>th</sup> Instant, I have hereby to convey this Department's approval of the appointment, made by the Wexford Co. Council at their meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> idem, of Mr. James Malone, M. R. C. V. S., Gorey, as Veterinary Inspector, in succession to the late Mr. J. R. Webster, M. R. C. V. S., for that portion (comprising eight Electoral Divisions) of Gorey Rural District for which Mr. Webster had acted, with salary at the rate of £20 per annum."

marked "Read."

— Resignation of Mr. Webster, Co. Surveyor. —

Under date 17<sup>th</sup> April, the following letter was read from Mr. J. B. Moffat, Solicitor, Enniscorthy:-

"I am in receipt of yours of the 16<sup>th</sup>. I have now to add to my letter of 12<sup>th</sup> March that Mr. Webster claims that by the resolution passed by the Council dealing with his office, the County Council in effect abolished his office. I am therefore on Mr. Webster's behalf to formally claim compensation for the abolition of his office."

The following resolution relative to Mr. Webster's



position as Co. Surveyor, was received from Enniscorthy Rural District Council:-

"That we believe the charges against our County Surveyor are not all of that serious character to justify the harsh measures taken against him. As an old officer, always industrious and painstaking he is deserving of more consideration. So we respectfully but strongly urge upon the Co. Council to retain the services of a man, who always aimed at doing his work well and at the same time saving the Ratepayers from too much expense."

The following statement made by Mr. Webster at the meeting of the Finance Committee was laid before the meeting:-

"There is a letter here from Mr. Moffat and I want to say that I have neither the time nor the inclination to fight the Co. Council at all, and I just simply wish to ask you to consider if you could not give me some compensation when you take into consideration that I have been 18 years in your service, I mean in the service of the County, and I certainly have worked hard to try and do what I could. I will leave it to your sense of what is just and right to consider the matter. I sent in my resignation, and I think by doing that, I have saved the County a lot of time anyway, and bother over the matter. I would appeal now to you, Gentlemen, to consider the matter, subject to the approval of the Co. Council if you can see your way to give me fair compensation taking into consideration that I have been 18 years trying to do my duty anyway."

Mr. Peacocke:- Have the Co. Council any power with regard to that? I am not expressing any opinion whether it is advisable or not.

Mr. Webster:- Yes, if they wish to do it, they can certainly do it, but of course it must be subject to the approval of the Local Government Board. I certainly would not for a moment take anything that would lead to a surcharge, or anything of that kind, and if there was any question raised I would see that the thing was made absolutely right.



after some consideration the Finance Committee recommended that the matter be adjourned to the 14<sup>th</sup> June.

"With reference to the resolution received from the Enniscorthy Rural District Council - on the motion of Mr. Peacocke, seconded by Mr. Kehoe, it was decided that it be marked, "Read."

#### Tenders for Works.

Proposed by Mr. Ennis

Seconded by Mr. Hearn, and passed :-

"That we hereby approve of the acceptance of the several contracts as appearing on form 20 from the Rural Districts of the County, and from the Proposal Committee, subject to the modifications and other orders noted thereon and initialled by the Chairman."

#### Proposals for Payments.

Proposed by Mr. Peacocke

Seconded by Mr. Ennis, and passed.

"That we approve of payments as recommended by the Co. Surveyor to the Rural District Councils of the County, and to the Proposal Committee for the half year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 1909, and as appearing on Form 22, also the payments for matters other than public works, and recommended by the Proposal Committee.

Subject to the modifications and other orders noted thereon and initialled by the Chairman."

#### Deepening River Slaney.

on the motion of Mr. O'Neill, seconded by Mr. Ennis the following resolution was adopted :-

"That in pursuance of article 67 of the Grand Jury (Ireland) Act 1836, as amended by the Grand Jury Ireland Act 1836, Amendment Act 1908, the Council hereby resolve to raise off the County-at-Large, the sum of £653 for deepening the river Slaney, for about 630 yards immediately south of the town of Enniscorthy, said sum to be allocated on condition that the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction for Ireland, agree to provide one-third



of the cost of the work, amount of the Department's contribution not to exceed £218, the carrying out of said work to be entrusted to the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction, as agreed to with Department's Engineer on 15<sup>th</sup> April 1909."

— Newtownbarry House. —

Mr. Kinsella proposed, and Mr. M. Doyle seconded, and it was passed:—

"That we instruct our Solicitor to communicate with Mr. Hall Dore in reference to the removal of the House recently erected on the public square of Newtownbarry."

— Sealing of Agreement. —

Mr. Ennis proposed, Mr. Hearn seconded and it was passed:— "That the Seal of the Wexford Co. Council be affixed to the agreement between the Wexford Co. Council and Mrs. Anne Dunne (and others) Superintendents of the Community of St. John of God in reference to the letting of the premises known as Wexford Jail."

— Jaws for Stonebreaker. —

Proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Peacocke, and passed:—

"That the County Surveyor be instructed to procure the necessary jaws for stonebreaker at Tara Hill Quarry cost not to exceed £10."

— Appointment of Co. Surveyor. —

Under date 14<sup>th</sup> April 1909 the Local Government Board (letter no. 52072) wrote forwarding for the information of the Council copies of correspondence between them and the Civil Service Commissioners relative to the appointment of County Surveyor.

Under date 6<sup>th</sup> April the Local Government Board wrote (letter no. 49547) to the Civil Service Commissioners that owing to resignation of Mr. Webster, Co. Surveyor, the Co. Council were anxious to have uncertified applicants examined on 24<sup>th</sup> April. The communication pointed out that Messrs. Adair, <sup>baftery</sup> Whittingworth,



Moran and Walsh, had already been certified for appointment as Co. Surveyor; Mr. Wm. F. Barry, was an existing Co. Surveyor; while the names of Messrs. Bergin, Hannigan, Hardiman, J. J. Murphy, John Murphy, O'Connor, O'Kea, and O'Sullivan, were already before the Commissioners for examination in connection with vacancies for the position of County Surveyor in Cork and Galway.

Under date 8<sup>th</sup> April, the Civil Service Commissioners wrote, that provided they received the names of the candidates not later than 20<sup>th</sup> April they would be prepared to have the candidates for Wexford County examined.

Under date 17<sup>th</sup> April the Local Government Board wrote the Civil Service Commissioners, that of the nine gentlemen into whose character and health they had to enquire, on Mr. Hunt had withdrawn his candidature, two Messrs. Cooney and O'Hara were not qualified under the Regulations to be allowed to sit for Examination, while two others Messrs. Buckle, and Savage, had not furnished evidence of training and experience.

In the circumstances the Board requested the Civil Service Commissioners to have examined Messrs. Gaffney, Harvey, Lyons, and Noonan.

On the motion of Mr. Hearn, seconded by Mr. Keacocke the following resolution was adopted:

"That should our Secretary receive the result of the Civil Service Examination in connection with the appointment of Co. Surveyor on or before the 20<sup>th</sup> May, a special meeting of the County Council be held on 26<sup>th</sup> May at 2.30 p.m. for the purpose of making the appointment; should the result be received at a later date the appointment to take place at the annual meeting of the Council on 14<sup>th</sup> June."

#### Report of Auditors - Local Government Board.

The Local Government Board forwarded abstracts of accounts and Reports of their Auditors relative to the audit of accounts for the half year ended 30<sup>th</sup> September 1908, as regards the following: Gorey Union, Enniscorthy Union, and Rural District Council, New Ross Union, Enniscorthy



District Lunatic Asylum.

marked "Read."

Assistant Surveyor Paddle.

Under date 19<sup>th</sup> April the Local Government Board (letter No. 52614 Wexford Co) wrote as follows:-

"With reference to your letter of the 10<sup>th</sup> inst. relative to the proposed increase by £5 of the salary of Mr. Thomas Paddle, Assistant Co. Surveyor in Wexford County, I am directed by the Local Government Board to state that they see no objection to this proposal."

marked "Read."

Kilmore Harbour.

Under date 22<sup>nd</sup> April, the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction wrote (letter No. 2599/09 J. B.)

"Adverting to previous correspondence, I have to state, for the information of the Wexford County Council, that the Department's suction Dredger recently visited Kilmore Harbour and experimented there under the personal supervision of the Department's Engineer. The material in the Harbour, although capable of being raised by the Dredger, was found to be of such a character that it would not deposit in the hopper, and being held in suspension in the water was restored to the Harbour with the outflow from the Dredger.

It is evident that the silt is unsuitable for suction dredging.

The case is receiving the further consideration of the Department."

Proposed by Mr. Peacocke, seconded by Mr. Browne and passed:-

"That as it appears from the letter of the Department their Dredger Tag-an-Bealach, is unsuited for dredging Kilmore Harbour, the Department be requested to fulfil the promise made by their Vice-President to a deputation of this Council, to provide a light draughted dredger suitable for dealing with Fishery Harbours on the East Coast of Ireland."



Sheep Dipping Order 1907.

The following letters were read from the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction, relative to Sheep Dipping Order :-

Under date 21<sup>st</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> April (no 1612:09 V.B.) :-

"In acknowledging the receipt of your letter of the 16<sup>th</sup> Instant embodying a resolution adopted by the Wexford Co. Council at their meeting of the previous day, on the subject of Sheep Dipping Inspector, I have to say that the Department will await a further communication in the matter following the further meeting of the Council on 4<sup>th</sup> proximo."

"With reference to your letter of the 2<sup>nd</sup> December last, and to the Resolutions adopted by the Diseases of animals committee of the Wexford Co. Council on 12<sup>th</sup> December, on the subject of Forms for use by sheepowners under the above-mentioned Order, I have now to transmit, for the information of the Local Authority, some specimens of a Notice (combined with a set of Forms), and of a covering envelope in which such will be enclosed, that it is intended shall be served by the Police on all sheepowners in the County, before the Dipping Period again comes round.

This is an experimental arrangement which, with the consent of the Inspector General, is being carried out, on behalf of the Department, for the present year. Its repetition in future years cannot be promised, but, so far as it extends, the Department trust it will be found to afford to sheepowners all the facilities that your Local Authority have desired they should be accorded in the matter.

I have at the same time to say, in reply to the query on the point in one of the Regulations above alluded to, that Declarations on Form B. should have reference only to such sheep as are on holdings on the 31<sup>st</sup> August, the last day of the Dipping Period."

The Secretary stated that Messrs Randal McDonald, Aidan Leary, and William Stafford; had agreed to



act as Sheep Dipping Inspectors for Enniscorthy, Gorey, and Wexford Districts; as arranged at last meeting, viz: - £14 each for the dipping period.

As regards the Inspectorship for New Ross - Mr. J. J. Shortall, had written on 26<sup>th</sup> April as follows:-

"With reference to your favour of the 16<sup>th</sup> inst., duly received, I regret that it will not be possible for me to act on behalf of your Council as Sheep Inspector for this District for the ensuing year. Please accept my best thanks for your unremitting courtesy during my intercourse with you, and convey to the Council my sincere gratitude for their kindness in proffering me the appointment for the coming year."

The Secretary stated that on account of the delay in receiving a reply from Mr. Shortall, only one publication of the vacancy in the local papers could be given, and this but a few days before the meeting of the Council. In view of that he had not advertised the vacancy as he considered the notice so would be candidates would not be sufficient."

Proposed by Mr. Keacocke, seconded by Mr. Walsh:-  
"That we approve of the arrangements made by the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction for the distribution of the Sheep Dipping forms this year."

Proposed by Mr. Hearn, seconded by Mr. Kehoe, and passed:- "That the vacancy in the office of Sheep Dipping Inspector for New Ross District, be filled at the meeting of the Council to be held on the 14<sup>th</sup> prox., or at any special meeting which may be held before the 14<sup>th</sup> June."

#### Grants for Harbours etc.,

Under date 18<sup>th</sup> April, the following was read from Sir J. H. G. Esmonde:-

"I have the copy of the resolution of thanks of the Co. Council you kindly sent me. The matter is not worth a vote of thanks. I don't consider this result of my feeble endeavours worth mentioning. I have already expressed my thanks to the Council,



and need add nothing more, but that I am most grateful to them."

Courtown Harbour.

Under date 27<sup>th</sup> April, the following letter (No. 2679-99) was read from the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction:-

"Adverting to your letter of the 16<sup>th</sup> instant, I have to state for the information of the Wexford County Council, that the Department are not fully cognisant of the nature of the work which it is proposed to carry out with the object of protecting the foreshore at Courtown Harbour, and they would be glad of further information on the subject. It is not probable, however that the Department will be in a position to contribute to the cost of this part of the scheme.

The Department are prepared to contribute one-half the expenditure incurred in repairing the sluicing arrangements- such contribution to cover the cost of transferring the necessary plant to and from Courtown."

Proposed by the Chairman:- That the Department be informed that our Co. Surveyor has furnished them with information as to what is proposed to be done at Courtown Harbour for protection of the foreshore."

Passed.

Fethard Harbour.

Mr. Oliver, Engineer to the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction, wrote on 23<sup>rd</sup> April that he would be glad to meet the Piers Committee relative to improvement of Fethard Harbour.

On the 24<sup>th</sup> April, the Secretary wrote to Mr. Oliver suggesting that it would be advisable to have a small special committee for consideration of the matter appointed at the meeting of 4<sup>th</sup> May.

Writing on 26<sup>th</sup> April, Mr. Oliver stated:- "I have yours of 24<sup>th</sup>. Your suggestion seems a good one but the position is simply that I am at the disposal of the Co. Council or its Committee whenever they want me to discuss this matter, subject, of course,



to a few days notice."

Proposed by Mr. Hearn, seconded by Mr. Stafford and passed: - "That Messrs Ennis, Cummins, and Peacocke, be appointed to visit Fethard Harbour and discuss with Mr. Oliver the Engineer of the Department of Agriculture, what might be done in reference thereto."

#### Cancelled Road Contract.

Mr. Cummins proposed, and Mr. Fortune seconded: - "That the County Surveyor, be recommended to give the contract for no 90 Wexford Rural District to Mr. Michael Browne."

"Mr. Webster, Co. Surveyor, explained that he had already allocated the contract, and the resolution was withdrawn."

#### Enniscorthy School Attendance Committee.

The following motion of which previous notice had been given by Mr. Aspley: -

"That the £5 deducted from the salary of the Secretary of the Enniscorthy School Attendance Committee be added to the salaries of the two School Attendance Officers in equal proportions, viz: - £2:10/- each, and that the Enniscorthy Rural District School Attendance Committee be requested to approve of this arrangement; was recommended for adoption by the Finance Committee."

"On the motion of Mr. Aspley, seconded by Mr. J. Bolger the recommendation of the Finance Committee agreeing to Mr. Aspley's notice of motion, was adopted."

#### Cattle Traffic at Rosslare

Under date 23<sup>rd</sup> April, the following letter was read from the General Manager, St Southern and Western Railway Co., Dublin: -

"The Secretary of this company has handed me your letter of the 16<sup>th</sup> instant, in reference to the running of cattle boats from Rosslare Harbour, and I beg to say that, as you are no doubt aware, arrangements have been made for dealing with cattle traffic at Rosslare, but there does not appear to be such a sufficient prospect of traffic therefrom as would



justify a line of steamers being put on to deal with it."

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Peacocke, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That our Secretary invite the Agricultural & Farmers' Societies of the County, with the cattle Dealers and Shippers of the County, to meet in conference with the representatives of the Co. Council to consider the grave question raised by the letter of the St. Southern & Western Railway Co., with regard to the cattle traffic of the County, and the steps which might be taken to ensure the opening of a suitable service from Rosslare to Fishguard. That a copy of the letter of the St. S. & W. Railway Co., be forwarded to those concerned, and that the Committees be requested to hold a special meeting to consider the matter.

That the following be appointed as a committee to assist the Secretary:- Messrs Ennis, James Coad, Browne, Peacocke, Asple, Hickey, and Walsh."

— Rate Collectors Walsh, & J. L. Doyle. —

Under date 19<sup>th</sup> April, the following letter was read from Mr. John Walsh, Rate Collector, The Harrow, Ferns:-

"I have received your Resolution dismissing me from the office of Rate Collector, with surprise. I have been a collector for 28 years and during that time I have discharged my duties faithfully and conscientiously without any complaint from anyone, and in the circumstances, as I was only three days late in closing my collection and was laid up for five weeks owing to an accident in respect of which medical certificates were furnished your Council, that it was taking a most extreme step for the Council to dismiss me. Such a drastic measure was not even recommended by the Finance Committee. I would respectfully ask the Co. Council in view of my long service not to insist upon my dismissal, but to give me another chance, and which could be given on the condition that I resign if I leave room for any further complaints."

Letters were read from Sir Thomas Esmonde, Chairman Co. Council, recommending the Co. Council to allow Mr.



Walsh to retain his collectorship, provided he was satisfied to forego his poundage on £205:5:10d. the amount outstanding on 31st March 1909."

"The Secretary stated that Mr. J. L. Doyle, also requested that he should be given another chance. He was prepared to leave his written resignation with the Secretary, and was satisfied that it should become operative if he gave room for complaint in future."

Mr. Peacock proposed:—"In view of the explanation received from Mr. John Walsh, Rate collector, and his promise that in the event of being allowed to remain in office he would give a written guarantee that he would collect the rates in his district regularly in future, and if he would not do so, that he would resign his position, that he be given a chance for another six months."

Mr. M. Doyle seconded the motion which was passed.

Mr. Peacock proposed:—"That the Local Government Board, be requested to extend the period for closing the rate collection in the case of Rate collector John Walsh to the 3rd April."

Passed.

Mr. Browne proposed:—

"In view of the explanation received from Mr. J. L. Doyle, Rate collector, and his promise that in the event of being allowed to remain in office he would give a written guarantee that he would collect the rates in his district regularly in future, and if he would not do so, that he would resign his position, that he be given a chance for another six months."

Mr. Cummins seconded the motion which was passed.

#### Assistant Surveyor Brennan

The following under date 15th April, was read from Mr. Robert Brennan, Assistant Co. Surveyor:—

"I respectfully beg to apply for an increase of £5 in my salary from the 1st September last, and I'd be thankful if you would kindly bring the matter before the next meeting of your Council."

"New Ross District Council wrote asking the County



council to direct Mr. Brunnan, Assistant Co. Surveyor, to attend the half-yearly meetings of their District Council, as a fairly large proportion of the District is under his supervision."

On the motion of Mr. Kinsella, seconded by Mr. M. Doyle, the following recommendation of the Finance Committee was adopted:-

"That in view of the recent Local Government Board Inquiry we recommend to the Council to take no action in the matter of Mr. Brunnan's application."

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

"That Mr. Brunnan be requested to attend the meetings of the New Ross Rural District Council."

#### Slievebawn Quarry.

Under date 23<sup>rd</sup> April the following agreement signed by Mr. Abraham Grange, Slievebawn, (and witnessed by Mr. P. J. Fanning J. P., Co. Councillor) relative to purchase of Slievebawn Quarry was read:-

"In consideration of the sum of five pounds (£5) to be paid to me by your Council. I hereby consent to your Council having a right of way over the laneway leading from the public road at Slievebawn. (and over which Thomas Bullen has a right of way also) to the quarry on Thomas Bullen's land which your Council is about to acquire, provided your Council will keep the said lane in good repair, and provided further that your Council will undertake to have the entrance gate leading from the public road after the ingress or egress of any cars, engines or persons going to or leaving the quarry. And provided also that the present boundaries of the lane be left intact and unaltered."

Under date 24<sup>th</sup> April the following recommendation from Sir J. H. G. Esmonde, and Mr. Fanning, who were appointed to deal with the matter, was read:-

"We recommend this proposal from Mr. Grange to the favourable consideration of the Co. Council, provided that the approach to the lane from the roadway is altered so as to enable an engine



to enter and pass easily - and provided also that the same is done at two places in the lane itself where there are difficult turns."

Proposed by Mr. Fanning, seconded by Mr. Kinsella, and passed :- That the Co. Council agree to purchase this quarry from Mr. Bullen for a sum of £30, and that £5 be allowed to Mr. Abraham Grange, in view of the recommendation from Sir Thomas Esmonde, and Mr. Fanning, <sup>on condition</sup> that the approach to the lane from the roadway is altered so as to enable any engine to enter and pass <sup>out</sup> easily. Provided also, that the same is done at two places in the lane where there are difficult turns. That the Council take into consideration the advisability of setting a contract for the working of this quarry and that Mr. Elger be requested to draw up a proper agreement between the Co. Council, and the parties concerned.

#### Quarry at Burkestown.

Proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Kehoe, and passed :- "That the Committee appointed to visit Bethard Harbour, be requested to visit the quarry, on the land of Mr. Hurley, Burkestown, in company with Mr. Hickey M. B. C., Mr. Forrestal, M. B. C., and Mr. Jones, Assistant Surveyor, and that they report to next meeting."

#### Wrecks at Blackwater.

Proposed by Mr. Fortune, seconded by Mr. Kavanagh and passed :- "That the Co. Council advertise for estimates for the removal of wrecks at Curracloe and Blackwater, and anchors at Courtown Harbour, advertisements not to be issued until the Secretary and Mr. Fortune M. B. C., have had an opportunity of marking the position of the wrecks on the chart."

#### Checkers of Rate collectors accounts

Proposed by Mr. Stafford, seconded by Mr. Kehoe and adopted :- "That we appoint Messrs N. Kehoe, M. J. Finn, and R. Brighton, as checkers of the accounts of the



collectors for the districts of Wexford, New Ross, and Gorey, at a salary to be calculated at the rate of 5/- per 100 Ratings in each of the Districts."

Dates of meetings

On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Peacocke, the following dates of meetings were agreed to:-

New Ross R. D.	6-	Wednesday	Nov: 3 <sup>rd</sup>	11 a.m.
Wexford	"	Saturday	" 6 <sup>th</sup>	10-30 a.m.
Enniscorthy	"	Tuesday	" 9 <sup>th</sup>	11 a.m.
Gorey	"	Thursday	" 11 <sup>th</sup>	11 a.m.
Proposals Committee		Saturday	" 18 <sup>th</sup>	10-30 a.m.
Co. Council		Wednesday	Dec: 1 <sup>st</sup>	10-30 a.m.

Poisons & Pharmacy Act 1908.

The following circular letter under date 24<sup>th</sup> April was read from Mr. Arthur J. Ferrall, Registrar Pharmaceutical Society of Ireland:-

"As there appears to be a misconception in some quarters as to licenses under the Poisons & Pharmacy Act, 1908; I am directed to state, for the information of your Council, that such licenses may not be granted for the general sale of poisons, but only for the sale of "poisonous substances to be used exclusively in agriculture, or horticulture for the destruction of insects, fungi, or bacteria, or as sheep dips or weed killers which are poisonous by reason of their containing arsenic, tobacco, or the alkaloids of tobacco"; the general sale of poisons being reserved to those who, on examination, have given proof of their competence to deal with such dangerous articles.

It is assumed that, in dealing with applications for licenses your Council will bear in mind Section 2, sub-section 2 of said Act, viz:- "Before granting any licence under this Section of the local authority shall take into consideration whether in the neighbourhood where an applicant for the licence carries on or intends to carry on business the reasonable requirements of the public with respect to the purchase of such poisonous substances as



aforesaid are satisfied."

As the intention of the Government is so clear and as interference with the rights of qualified persons would be likely (by driving them out of the country) to result prejudicially against the public interest, it is hoped that your Council will decline to grant a license for any place in which the reasonable requirements of the public are already satisfied."

Applications for licenses were received from:-  
Messrs Brien & Keating, Wexford; John Bullerton, Wellingtonbridge; Kate Bolger, Hilltown, Ballymitty.

Answers to queries addressed to the Constabulary relative to above applications showed that, with the exception of Messrs Brien & Keating they complied with the Regulations, and that there was no disqualification as regards the provisions of the Regulations or Statute.

On the motion of Mr. Peacocke, seconded by Mr. Asple licenses were granted to the following:-  
John Bullerton, Wellingtonbridge, Kate Bolger, Hilltown, Ballymitty, Matthew Harpur, North Main Street Wexford.

"In the case of Messrs Brien & Keating, the application was adjourned until the provisions of the Regulations providing for proper storage, etc., have been complied with."

#### Ballyhack Pier.

Under date 20<sup>th</sup> April '09, the following was read from H. M. Inspector of Factories, 12 College Green, Dublin:-

"In reply to yours of the 16<sup>th</sup> inst., I beg to point out that the Regulations for Docks established under the Factory and Workshop Act, 1901, are intended for the protection of persons engaged in the loading and unloading of vessels, and not for the general public.

The exemption has been granted under conditions which are considered sufficient to ensure the safety of the men engaged in the processes.

I cannot advise the Council as to who is responsible for the lighting of the place for the safety of the public,



and am also unable to say what steps they can take for the purpose."

marked "Read."

— Rate collector James Barron. —

Under date 20<sup>th</sup> April 1909, Mr. M. J. Finn, Official checker Rate collectors accounts, New Ross District, enclosing letter of 16<sup>th</sup> April, from Mr. P. Delaney, surety for Mr. James Barron; and of which the following is a copy:—

"Messrs Bolfer & Gethin, upon the signed request of James Barron, Mr. Cowman, and I, have consented to collect the arrears due on Mr. Barron's district, Co. Wexford. They desire me to request you to bring down the collecting books to their offices at your convenience to-morrow."

The Secretary stated, that he had written Mr. Finn, that he could hand over the collecting books to Messrs Bolfer & Gethin."

"On the motion of Mr. Kehoe, seconded by Mr. Peacocke, the following resolution was adopted:—

That we approve of the action of our Secretary in directing that Mr. M. J. Finn, official checker, of the Rate collectors accounts for New Ross District, hand over to Messrs Bolfer & Gethin the collecting books of Mr. James Barron to complete the collection for half-year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 1909."

— Application from Post Office. —

"Under date 20<sup>th</sup> April, the Superintending Engineer, Post office, (Southern Ireland District) wrote asking for the consent of the Co. Council for the placing of an overhead telegraphic line in Gorey through certain streets in Gorey Town."

Proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Kehoe, and passed:— "That the Post office authorities be given permission to have erected an overhead telegraphic line in Gorey in accordance with the application of the 20<sup>th</sup> April; line to be erected to the satisfaction of the Co. Surveyor, and to be removed on six months notice from the County Council."

Edmond Henry