

Meeting - 6th December 1912

The Statutable half- yearly Meeting of the Wexford County Council, was held in the County Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford, on 6th December 1912

Present, Mr John Bolger, Chairman, presiding  
Other Members, Lord Stopford, Messrs C H Peacocke, P J Fanning, J Lynch, P. Rossiter, R A Rice, P O'Neill D Sinnott, M Cloney, M. Codd, T L Esmonde, A Kinsella, J. Codd, T. Asple, J A Doyle, M. Gough, J T Mayler, M Doyle, Junior, M. Doyle, senior, J J Stafford, John O'Connor.

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

Dr O'Donoghue, of the National Insurance Commission, and Dr Browne of the Local Government Board were also present

#### Confirmation of Minutes

The Minutes of Meeting of 8th November 1912, were read and confirmed

#### Courtown Harbour

Mr Kinsella moved the following of which he had given previous notice :-

" That the County Council raise a loan of £5,000 provided the Development Commissioners are prepared to supply a further sum of £10,000 for the purpose of extending the Pier at Courtown Harbour. That the County Council provide Mr Barry, County Surveyor, with a sum not exceeding £200 for making the necessary preliminary investigation and obtaining data to satisfy the Development Commissioners "

Mr Fanning seconded

Under date 2nd December, 1912, the following letter was read from Sir Thomas H G Esmonde, Bart, M. P., :-

" The County Council will not think me wanting in courtesy to them if I do not attend their meeting on December 6th.

I would not wish to miss a single division on the Home Rule Bill, and I am sure that the Council will consider that my place is here at the present critical juncture in our country's fortunes

I rely also on the good will of the Council towards the Courtown project, and I am confident that it will take the final  
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The Council is fully aware of this fact. I will not therefore dwell upon it

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(1) To vote £200 /250 towards making the necessary investigations and towards drawing up the necessary plans

(2) To vote a sum of £5,000 conditional on the plans being accepted by the Government, and on an additional £10,000 being granted for the work by the Development Commissioners

With reference to the vote of £200/250/ This is obviously the proper thing to do : firstly, because the Co Council could not know without them that the proposed pier would suit- and secondly because without these plans, the Development Commissioners would not consider the application at all

In this connection it is exceedingly gratifying to know that the eminent experts who have consulted together over the project are now in full agreement

And when they have taken complete soundings and have drawn up working plans and specifications, the Co Council will have every possible security that the ratepayers' money will be spent in the best possible way

With reference to the vote for £5,000

The Council will observe that in voting this money they do not vote for an immediate payment

This money will not be called for until the project matures and until the work progresses. And it may be that payment will only have to be made by us pari passu with payments made by the Government, and in proportion of 1 to 2 The incidence of these payments on the rates will therefore be less appreciable, and will be in all probability spread over several half- years

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That if the Government do not approve of the plans the present project fails and the £5,000 will not become due

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no accounting for what the Government may do

The third point is :-

That our £5,000, even if voted by the Co Council, does not become unless the Government agrees to give us £10,000 in addition

From my long experience of Government departments, I can assure the Council that the Government will be in no hurry to give us this £10,000, and it will be some time before we are asked to pay down our £5,000. In fact it will require all the pressure we can bring to bear on the Government to persuade the Development Commissioners to listen to us

But we cannot begin the battle until the Co Council votes the £5,000

And the longer the voting of the £5,000 is put off the greater will be our handicap against winning the £10,000

This is the plain English of the situation, and, the facts being as they are, I am sure the Co Council will come to the rescue immediately and unanimously

Unanimity in the matter is very important "

The following resolution adopted at their meeting on the 28th November, 1912, was read from the Courtown Harbour Improvement Committee :-

" That with a view to having our claim submitted to and considered by the Development Commissioners as soon as possible, we ask the Co Council to adopt the proposal already before then to raise £5,000 for the improvement of Courtown under conditions specified, and further, to place in the hands of the County Surveyor sufficient funds to provide the necessary preliminary investigations for plans to be submitted to the Development Commissioners to obtain the grant of £10,000 "

Mr King, Engineer, Major Richards, and Mr J R Etchingham D. C., having addressed the meeting on behalf of the Courtown Harbour Improvement Committee, Mr M. Doyle, ( sen ) proposed as an amendment :-

" That the following words be omitted from the Notice of Motion - ' That the County Council raise a loan of £5,000, provided the Development Commissioners are prepared to supply a further sum of £10,000 for the purpose of extending the pier at Courtown Harbour ' and that the remaining portion of the Notice of motion be adopted "

Mr J A Doyle seconded



A Poll was taken with the following result:-

For the Amendment :-

Messrs Peacocke, Lynch, Rossiter, Rice, Cloney, Esmonde, J A Doyle, Mayler, Gough, J Codd, M Doyle sen., Asple and Lord Stopford - 13

Against :-

Messrs Fanning, Sinnott, Kinsella and the chairman- 4  
Did not vote- Mr M Doyle Junior.

The Chairman then put the Amendment as the substantive motion and it was passed nem con

#### COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT

Mr Chairman and Gentlemen:-

You will have Forms 20 and 22 before you as they come from the Rural District Councils. In dealing with payments I found it necessary to defer a rather large proportion of the money, and this mainly to cover shortage of material, which I hope to get put out on the roads. In all the Districts with the exception of Gorey the percentage of shortness this year compares unfavourably with last year, but in all the Districts the shortage is still too great

The details of the measurement is at present in the hands of the Printer

At the adjourned meetings of the District Councils for considering tenders there was a great lack of competition, and in many cases no tender was put in for the roads. Possibly at your Meeting Tenders may be offered for some of these roads, but if not, it will be necessary in most cases to put the works in my charge for a short period, and at the next meetings of the District Councils I shall revise the prices if necessary

The Secretary informs me that Mr Howlin, Assistant Surveyor, has handed in his resignation. It will be necessary for you to make temporary provision for the carrying on of the work in the District pending a new permanent appointment

I have received a letter from the Clerk of the Crown and Peace directing my attention to repairs required in his office in the Wexford Courthouse, and I ask for your authority to have the work done. I have found the Gorey courthouse roof in a very defective condition and extensive repairs have been found necessary and are at present in hands, but there is no payment on account of these before you at this meeting



On the 3rd inst., I met Mr Waller in Waterford, and consulted in full detail with him regarding the Plans and Specification for the new Deeps Bridge. I had previously submitted the draft Specification to the County Solicitor for his approval. This work is now practically completed with the exception of the design for the Bascule opening which has given us a great deal of trouble.

I had submitted to me a design for this by a large bridge firm on very reasonable terms, but I considered its appearance was such as to prevent its use at this place. If you consider I should not take this matter of appearance into consideration I should have the plans completed at once with this design.

Several of the firms we were in communication with state they are not at present in a position to put in a design for this, and it will therefore be necessary to delay taking tenders for the ferro-concrete part of the work until this matter can be finally settled.

I submit a statement showing the expenditure and value of work done at Tara Hill Quarry for five weeks ending 29th November.

I have also, with the Secretary, gone into the items of expenditure and value of stones disposed of during the past three and a half years. There seems to have been, exclusive of capital charges a loss on the working. I shall submit figures at the meeting.

On the 4th inst., I attended at Doran's Hill Quarry to arrange for its future working. It will be necessary to have further expenditure to the amount of £15 to prepare a sufficiently large depot for the storage of both unbroken and broken material, and for a Site for a Stonebreaker. I estimate there will be about 2,000 tons per annum required from this Quarry, and a contract or agreement should be made with some person to do the quarrying. The breaking should be done by machinery and can be hired in the locality. I believe the total cost of quarrying and breaking will not exceed 3/- per yard.

On the 28th November I visited Courtown Harbour in company of Mr King, Engineer and the Local Committee. We discussed the question of obtaining materials for the proposed new Pier, and I do not consider there will be any difficulty in this matter.

In view of the strong local opposition and of further information regarding currents and travel of sand I am disposed to somewhat modify my views regarding an open-work structure, but in order that there should be no doubt in this matter it is essential that further observations extending over a period should be made.







Borings also on the line of the proposed work will have to be made and sufficiently detailed Plans prepared for submission to the Development Commissioners before a final decision can be arrived at. Mr Kinsella's Notice of Motion on the agenda covers this matter, and I consider it may be adopted as certainly the preliminary expenditure is necessary to prepare a way for the larger amount proposed to be expended on the work."

Appointment of Rate Collector for No 18 Collection District

Applications for the position of Rate Collector for No 18 Collection District were read from the following :-

John Byrne Jun., The Hollow Camblin

Owen Cloney, Forrestalstown, Clonroche

Edward Cummins, Mylerspark, New Ross

Simon Murphy, Ballykelly, New Ross

Aidan Myers, Gusserane

M J O'Connor, New Ross

W G Smith, New Ross

Henry J Williams, Mount Elliott, New Ross

A Poll was taken with the following result-

For Cummins - Messrs Peacocke, Lynch, O'Neill, Asple, J A Doyle, Gough, Mayler, Stafford, and M Doyle senior - 9

For Cloney - Messrs Fanning, Rossiter, Sinnott, Cloney, M. Codd and Jas Codd - 6

For Williams- Lord Stopford, Messrs Kinsella, O'Connor, and the Chairman- 4

For Myers- Messrs Rice, Esmonde and M Doyle Junior - 3

Mr Myers having dropped out a poll was taken as between Cloney, Cummins and Williams with the following result-

For Cummins- Messrs Peacocke, Lynch, Rice, O'Neill, O'Connor, Asple, J A Doyle, Gough, Mayler, Stafford, and M Doyle Senior- 11

For Cloney- Messrs Fanning, Rossiter, Sinnott, Cloney, M. Codd Jas Codd - 6

For Williams- Messrs Esmonde, Kinsella, M Doyle, Jun., Lord Stopford and the chairman - 5

Williams having dropped out a poll was taken as between Cummins and Cloney with the following result-

For Cummins- Messrs Peacocke, Lynch, Rice, O'Neill, Kinsella O'Connor, Asple, J A Doyle, Gough, Mayler, Stafford and M Doyle sen 12

For Cloney - Messrs Fanning, Rossiter, Cloney, Jas Codd







M Codd, Esmonde, M Doyle, Jun., Sinnott Lord Stopford and the  
Chairman- 10

The Chairman declared Cummins elected

Appointment of Deputy Checker - Rate Collectors ' Accounts

Enniscorthy District

Applications for the position of Deputy Checker of Rate  
Collectors ' Accounts, Enniscorthy District, were received from  
the following :-

P Doyle, 9 Main Street, Enniscorthy  
John F Gowen, Killagoley, Enniscorthy  
Thos J Hayes, Jun., Court St., Enniscorthy  
Laurence Lynch, 26 Court Street, Enniscorthy  
Thos O'Leary, St John St, Enniscorthy  
Jasper Whitty Irish St Enniscorthy

On a poll being taken the following was the result-

**For Whitty-** Messrs Rice, Cloney, M Codd, Kinsella J A Doyle,  
Gough, Stafford, M Doyle senior, Lord Stopford, and the

Chairman- 10

**For Hayes-** Messrs Peacocke, Rossiter, Sinnott, Esmonde,  
J Codd, M Doyle, Jun - 6

**For Doyle-** Messrs O'Neill, O'Connor, Asple and Mayler- 4

**For Lynch-** Mr Fanning - 1

Mr Lynch did not vote

Neither of the other candidates received any vote

**Lynch** then fell out and a vote was taken as between **Whitty,**  
**Hayes and Doyle.** with the following result-

**For Whitty-** Messrs Fanning, Rice, Cloney, M Codd,  
Kinsella, J A Doyle, Gough, Stafford, M Doyle, Senior, Lord Stopford  
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**For Hayes-** Messrs Peacocke, Rossiter, Sinnott, Esmonde  
Jas Codd and M Doyle Jun - 6

**For Doyle-** Messrs O'Neill, O'Connor, Asple and Mayl er 4

**Mr Lynch did not vote**

**Mr Whitty** having received a clear majority of those present  
and voting was declared elected

National Insurance Act

The following Scheme under the National Insurance Act for  
providing Sanatorium benefit was considered at a meeting of  
the Wexford County Insurance Committee on the 17th November  
when







when the following resolution was adopted

" That this Committee approves of the proposals for Sanatorium Benefit submitted by Dr O'Donoghue. That we direct our Clerk to forward same to the Co Council for adoption "

A Complete scheme for dealing with Tuberculosis in a County area would include the following :

- 1- A central dispensary, with a number of branches through the County, for examination and classification of patients and Contacts, and treatment of those who are able to visit it or any of its branches

Branch dispensaries should be opened in ..... and a number of other centres. These branch dispensaries would each need to be visited twice a week as a rule, so that their number is limited by the number of Medical Officers employed. The present Poor Law dispensaries might be used as Branch dispensaries on days when they are not used by the Poor Law Medical Officers

At a central dispensary there should be a small number of beds for observation of doubtful cases as well as for the education of some patients who may afterwards have a course of treatment at a dispensary or at home

There should be also at the central dispensary an office with at least one clerk to keep statistical records and attend to correspondence

- 2- A Certain number of beds in a Sanatorium, for treating patients whose working power is more or less impaired, but may be expected to be restored.

- 3- Provision in a hospital or home, for isolating acute and advanced cases, whose restoration of working power is not anticipated

- 4- Hospital accommodation for cases of surgical tuberculosis

- 5- Arrangements for domiciliary treatment of certain patients

(a) Patients requiring to be kept in bed but too ill to be removed

(b) Patients whose working capacity is not impaired or only slightly impaired, but who live too far away from the nearest dispensary

(c) Patients requiring " after care " treatment

#### Medical staff

For the work of the central dispensary, as described above,







and for the branch dispensaries, one whole-time Tuberculosis Medical Officer and one whole-time Nurse would be required.

#### Visiting Nurses

Besides the Nurse at the Central Dispensary, Nurses will be required in connection with the Branch Dispensaries, visiting the patients in their homes, seeing that they carry out their instructions properly and reporting on the home conditions to the Tuberculosis Medical Officer.

In some districts there are voluntary nursing associations employing Queen's Jubilee Nurses. In such districts it might be possible to make arrangements whereby the district nurse would give part of her time to work connected with the Tuberculosis Dispensary.

Before considering the cost of the scheme the following particulars are of importance:-

Population	102,275
Estimated number of Insured Persons 1/5th	20,455
Deaths from Tuberculosis in 1911	248
Estimated number of cases of Tuberculosis (X8)	1,984
Estimated Tuberculosis Insured persons 1/3rd	661
Estimated Tuberculosis Insured Persons and Dependants	1,322
Valuation	£391,693:19:0
1d in £ on valuation	1,632: 0:0
Capital grant	2,802: 0:0

Under Part II of the Tuberculosis Prevention (Ireland) Act a County Council may, if they think fit, establish hospitals and dispensaries for the purpose of treating the inhabitants of the County suffering from Tuberculosis. Towards the Capital Cost of building Dispensaries and Sanatoria, County Wexford is entitled to a Treasury Grant of £2,802 : 0 : 0.

Under Section 17 of the National Insurance Act the Insurance Committee may extend Sanatorium Benefit to the dependants of insured persons, and may pay the cost of the treatment of this class in addition to the Insured persons. If, however, it is estimated that a deficiency will arise, an estimate of the probable

expenditure







expenditure may be presented to the County Council and the Treasury. Each of these bodies have absolute discretion as to whether or not they will sanction the expenditure. If such expenditure is sanctioned by them the Treasury and County Council will be liable for it in equal proportions.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer has also promised to defray half the estimated cost of treating uninsured persons out of the Consolidated Funds. The population may, therefore, be divided into three classes (a) Insured persons: (b) Dependants of Insured persons: (c) Uninsured persons.

It is estimated that the funds at the disposal of the County of Wexford Insurance Committee will amount to the sum of £1,278:0:0 per annum, at the rate of 1/3 per insured person, less the amount of the administrative expenses of Committee in respect of Sanatorium Benefit. If the County Council and the Insurance Committee agree that the treatment of the entire population of the County should be undertaken by the County Council, then practically the entire annual income of the Insurance Committee will be handed over to the County Council. The above funds should be sufficient to treat the insured persons, and to a certain extent the dependants of insured persons. The balance of the cost for treating the dependants and the uninsured classes would fall in equal shares on the County Council and on the Treasury.

#### Estimate of Cost

##### A. Capital Expenditure

##### B. Maintenance Charges

(It must be distinctly understood that the figures stated below are entirely arbitrary, and that the object in view is merely to form a basis upon which a permanent scheme may be formed).

##### A. Capital Expenditure

20 beds in a Sanatorium will cost about	£1,400
Central dispensary with 3 beds and equipment will cost about	600

The Balance may be utilised for providing beds







The entire amount to be provided

out of Capital Grant £2,802

B. Maintenance Charges.

Cost, as per arrangement of maintaining

20 beds in a Sanatorium £1,040

Cost of beds in Central Dispensary 156

Salary of Caretaker 52

Salary of Tuberculosis Officer 400

Travelling Expenses of aame 100

One whole-time Nurse 100

Contribution to Nursing Institutions

for six part-time Nurses at £25 150

Fees to Hospitals for the treatment of  
cases of Surgical Tuberculosis

The balance may be used for providing:

Maintenance Beds in a home for  
advanced cases.

Fees to Medical Practitioners for  
Domiciliary Treatment

Travelling expenses of patients and  
nurses

Rent of Dispensary, etc.

912

Total £2,910

Income

Contributions from Insurance Committee 1,278

(This item may be liable to a small first  
charge, say £50, to meet the cost of  
administration expenses of the Committee  
in respect of Sanatorium Benefit, but this  
will not affect materially the general figures  
taken for estimate purposes)

1,632

Less contributions from Treasury :: 816

To be provided out of the Rates Total 816

Dr Browne







Dr Browne and Dr O'Donoghue having addressed the meeting and explained the provisions of the scheme, Mr Peacocke proposed:-

That we appoint a Tuberculosis Officer at £400 a year and £100 per annum for travelling expenses and provisionally adopt the remaining portion of the scheme pending the Tuberculosis Officer entering on his duties at which time he can be consulted about the general carrying out of the scheme as presented to this Council.

Mr Fanning seconded.

A poll was taken with the following result:-

**For the resolution-** Messrs Peacocke, Fanning, Lynch, M Doyle, Sen., and the Chairman. 5.

**Against-** Messrs Rossiter, Rice, Cloney, Esmonde, Mayler, Gough, M Doyle, Jun., J A Doyle, Asple, J Codd, and Lord Stopford. 11.

The resolution was declared lost.

#### Ferrycarrig Bridge

The following report from Ferrycarrig Bridge Committee was read:-

"At the meeting of the Proposal Committee on the 8th November 1912, the following resolution was adopted:-

'That a Committee consisting of Messrs Stafford, Rice, Rossiter, Asple, the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the County Council with the Secretary, County Surveyor, and Solicitor to the Council, be appointed for the purpose of conferring with Mr Colhoun and his representatives with a view to arriving at an amicable settlement of Mr Colhoun's claim for extras etc., in connection with the erection of the new bridge at Ferrycarrig.

'That this Committee be empowered to appoint an Engineer familiar with ferro-concrete construction to assist them in their deliberations. That the proceedings are to be conducted "without prejudice" and that the Report of the Committee be submitted to the County Council for ratification. Should the Committee succeed in arriving at a settlement, it is to be distinctly understood that their decision requires the confirmation of the County Council before becoming operative. The first meeting of the Committee to be held at 10.30 a.m. on 27th November'"







The Committee met on the 27th November.

All the members were present.

The Secretary, the County Surveyor, and Mr Elgee, Solicitor to the Council, were in attendance.

Mr Barry, County Surveyor, submitted the following letter which he had received from Mr Burden, County Surveyor, Kilkenny:-

"Yours of yesterday for which thanks. I will be pleased to undertake the job of assisting your Committee in settling contractor's claim at Ferrycarrig.

MY CHARGES WOULD be £4:4:0 per day to include travelling expenses. The Committee might prefer an inclusive fee of fixed amount but I could not give this as I do not know the work or time which is involved.

Kindly let me know as soon as possible if the Committee wish me to act in order that I may arrange".

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

"That Mr Burden be appointed as Arbitrator on behalf of the County Council on the terms mentioned in his letter of the 13th November to the County Surveyor".

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

"That the next meeting of this Committee be fixed at the County Council meeting on 6th December".

On the motion of the Chairman, the recommendation of the Ferrycarrig Bridge Committee appointing Mr Burden as Arbitrator in connection with Ferrycarrig Bridge was confirmed.

It was decided to postpone the question of the fixing of the date of the next meeting of the Ferrycarrig Bridge Committee.

#### ASSISTANT SURVEYOR HOWLIN

The following letter from Mr Howlin, Assistant Surveyor, Ennis-corthy, which was adjourned from the June Meeting of the Council, came up for consideration:-

"As I am now two years appointed Assistant Surveyor, I beg to apply to you for my second increment of salary, viz., £5, and hope you will give same your favourable consideration, as during my two years' service I have always done my work to the best of my ability,







always with the object of giving you entire satisfaction.

Trusting you will give this application favourable consideration and thanking you in anticipation".

In connection with the manner in which Mr Howlin was discharging his duties the following is an extract from the report of the County Surveyor to the Roads and Finance Committee of the 27th November:-

"I am very sorry to report that I am not satisfied with the manner in which Mr Howlin has been attending to his duties, and I consider that he should be called upon to resign. I shall have a more detailed report on this matter for the Co Council meeting on the 6th prox if you so direct".

At the meeting of the Committee the following resolution was adopted:-

"That in view of the report of the Co Surveyor as to the manner in which Mr Howlin has discharged his duties as Assistant Surveyor, we call upon him to forthwith hand in his resignation".

Under date 3rd December, 1912, the following letter was read from Mr M Howlin, Assistant Surveyor:-

"Having obtained a more lucrative position, I beg to resign that of Assistant Surveyor for the Enniscorthy district which I hold under your Council.

I expect to attend meeting of Co Council on Friday next and see when my successor can be appointed".

On the motion of Mr Rossiter, seconded by Mr Lynch, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the resignation of Mr M Howlin, Assistant Surveyor, Enniscorthy District, be accepted as from this date, and that the County Surveyor be authorised to make such arrangements as he considers necessary to have the duties discharged by a temporary officer pending the appointment of Mr Howlin's successor".

#### APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT OF RATE COLLECTOR

Under date 3rd December, 1912, the following letter, No 63596:1912 Wexford County, was read from the Local Government Board:-

"The Local Government Board for Ireland have had before them the replies to queries respecting the appointment of Mr Edward J Murphy as Poor Rate Collector in Wexford County: and I am to state that the Board have approved of this appointment on the terms set out in the







query form returned herewith (which should be carefully filed for future reference) and having regard to undertaking given by him as to his place of residence.

I am to add that the bond of Mr Murphy should be submitted for the Board's inspection in due course.

Marked "Read".

#### WORKS & PAYMENTS

Proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Mr Peacocke, and Passed:-

"That the several Proposals for New Works as submitted from the Proposal Committee and the Rural District Councils of the County be adopted, subject to the modifications and other orders noted thereon and initialled by the Chairman"

Proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Mr Peacocke, and Passed:-

"That the several Proposals for Payment from the Proposal Committee and the Rural District Councils of the County be adopted, subject to the modifications and other orders noted thereon and initialled by the Chairman".

#### RATE COLLECTION

The Secretary submitted the state of the Rate Collection.

Under date 5th December, 1912, the following letter, No 64250/1912, was read from the Local Government Board:-

With reference to the collection of the poor rate in Wexford County for the current year, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to draw attention to the very small amount collected in respect of the second moiety although the rate for that period is payable on the 1st October, and two months of the half year have already elapsed.

The County Council should impress on the Collectors the necessity for proceeding more diligently with their collection so that they may be in a satisfactory financial position to meet the demands made upon them".

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

That the letter of the Local Government Board be sent to each Collector and that the Collectors be directed to push forward their







collections at once with due diligence and that the matter be referred to the next meeting of the Finance and Roads Committee, the Secretary to lay before this meeting a statement of the collection as it then exists.

#### ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Under date 4th December, 1912, the following letter was read from Mr M Hickey, M C C :-

I shall be very grateful to you if you will kindly convey to the members of the County Council and Finance Committee my sincere thanks for their kind expression of sympathy and regret in our recent great trouble and to add that my family and myself greatly appreciate their kind consideration.

We also thank you personally.

On the motion of Mr Peacocke, seconded by Mr Rossiter, it was ordered that the foregoing letter be inserted on the minutes.

#### AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS - ENNISCORTHY UNION.

Under date 4th December, 1912, letter, No 63905, the Local Government Board wrote, forwarding copy of the Auditor's report on his audit of the accounts of the Enniscorthy Union for the half year ended 31st March 1912.

The report was marked "Read".

#### AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS.

Under date 29th November, 1912, letter No 63052, the Local Government Board wrote, forwarding the following copy of the Auditor's report on his audit of the accounts of the Wexford County Council for the half year ended 30th September, 1912:-

"I have the honour to report that I have audited the accounts of the County Council of the County Wexford for the half year ended September last, and I forward herewith a certified Abstract thereof in pursuance of your order.

The Accounts were duly prepared and submitted for audit and no item of expenditure calls for any remark on my part".

Marked "Read".

Under date 19th November, 1912, letter No 60934, the Local Government Board wrote, forwarding copy of the Auditor's report on his audit







audit of the accounts of the Enniscorthy District Lunatic Asylum for the half year ended 30th September, 1912.

The report was marked "Read".

#### BALLYHACK BOAT SLIP.

Under date 15th November, 1912, the following letter, No 9520-12, F.B., was read from the Department:-

With reference to your letter of the 9th instant, relative to the scheme of improvement for the accommodation of fishing boats at Ballyhack, I have to state, for the information of the Wexford County Council, that the Department must adhere to the terms of their offer to contribute towards the project in question, as conveyed to you in my letter of the 8th October last.

Adjourned.

#### DATES OF HALF YEARLY MEETINGS OF COUNCILS.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Peacocke, the following dates for the half yearly meetings of the Rural District Councils and County Council were agreed to:-

Enniscorthy R D C-Thursday, 10th April, 1913, at 11 a.m.

Gorey R D C-Wednesday, 9th April, 1913, at 11.30 a.m.

New Ross R D C-Thursday, 3rd April, 1913, at 11.30 a.m.

Wexford R D C-Saturday, 5th April, 1913, at 10.30 a.m.

Proposal Committee-Wednesday, 16th April, 1913, at 10.30 a.m.

County Council-Half yearly meeting, Wednesday, 7th May, 1913, at 10.30 a.m.

" " Quarterly Meeting, Wednesday, 12th Feb. 1913 at 10.30 a.m.

#### APPLICATION FOR INCREASE OF SALARY - M HASSETT

Under date 24th November, 1912, Mr M Hassett wrote, applying for increase of salary as per terms of his appointment as Assistant Surveyor.

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

"That we recommend the County Council to grant the usual increment of salary to Mr Hassett as from 15th November, having received from the County Surveyor information that Mr Hassett has performed his duties in an efficient and satisfactory manner".

Sheep







SHEEP DIPPING ORDER - AUTUMN PERIOD

A number of reports were received from the Constabulary asking for instructions as to whether prosecutions should be instituted against sheepowners who had failed to give notice of intention to dip or had neglected to furnish form "C", evidence of dipping having been carried out.

On the motion of Mr Rice, seconded by Mr Sinnott, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That prosecutions be instituted against those sheepowners who have failed to dip their sheep in the prescribed period".

FOOD & DRUGS ACT

Under date 18th November, 1912, the following letter was read from the County Inspector, R I C:-

I will thank you to issue the necessary authority appointing Sergeant James Groves, 51492, as ex-officio Inspector under the Food & Drugs Acts for the Petty Sessions District of Enniscorthy.

On the motion of Lord Stopford, seconded by Mr Rossiter, Sergeant Groves was appointed as ex-officio Inspector under the Food & Drugs Acts for the Petty Sessions District of Enniscorthy.

FERNS COURTHOUSE

Under date 25th November, 1912, Mr J P Ryan, C P S, wrote, forwarding the following resolution adopted by the Ferns Magistrates--

"We, the undersigned magistrates, who attend at Ferns Petty Sessions, do resolve that the attention of the Wexford County Council be called to the unsuitability of the present Courthouse as regards size and accommodation and general sanitary condition and we request that some proper place be provided.

G E G Greene, J P: R Herries Crosbie, R M: H Jameson Davis, J P: George Milne, J P: John Bolger, J P: R Donovan, J P: D Murphy, J P.

Joseph O'Connor and John Sinnott J P's dissenting.

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

"That this matter be referred to Mr Barry, Co Surveyor, for report to be presented at next meeting of Finance & Roads Committee".

University



UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS

Mr A W Conway wrote, under date 12th November, 1912, that all the County Council Scholarship Holders had commenced their studies for the current academic year.

Under date 6th November, 1912, Mr G F Duggan, holder of a University Scholarship, wrote, asking for permission to reside at 48a Drumcondra Road, Dublin with his elder brother. He forwarded the following letter from Rev Patrick J Walsh, Dean of Residence:-

In reply to your letter of the 13th instant, I beg to say that I consider the house where you at present reside - 48a Drumcondra Road - to be a suitable place for you to lodge while attending lectures in University College.

Adjourned.

POISONS & PHARMACY ACT

Under date 28th November, 1912, Mr Nathaniel Tackaberry, Newtownbarry, wrote, applying for a licence under the Poisons & Pharmacy Act.

Under date 28th November, 1912, Mr E McQuillan, Great Clonard, Wexford, wrote, applying for a renewal of his licence under the Poisons & Pharmacy Act.

Granted on the motion of the Chairman.

SEATING ACCOMMODATION IN COUNTY COUNCIL CHAMBER

The following recommendation was adopted at the meeting of the Finance and Roads Committee on the 27th November:-

"That the County Surveyor be instructed to carry out the alterations suggested by him relative to the seating accommodation of the County Council Chamber".

Confirmed on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Peacocke.

ROCKSPRING QUARRY

At the meeting of the Finance and Roads Committee on 27th November a letter was read from Mr A Haughton, offering to dispose of his quarry at Rockspring to the County Council. The following order was made:-

"The Finance and Roads Committee do not consider it advisable to take over Rockspring Quarry".

Confirmed on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Peacocke.

Clerical







CLERICAL ASSISTANCE

In connection with the illness of Mr C H Richards, Assistant in the County Council Office, the following order was made at the meeting of the Finance and Roads Committee on the 27th November:-

"That Mr Richards be granted sick leave, that his salary be paid during his illness, and that the action of the Secretary in obtaining temporary clerical assistance be approved".

Confirmed on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Peacocke.

ANALYST'S REPORT

Under date 4th December, 1912, the following report was read from Sir Charles Cameron:-

Report of Sir Charles Cameron, C.B., M.D., Public Analyst for the County Wexford on articles submitted to him for analysis during the quarter ended 30th September, 1912.

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

<u>Article</u>	<u>Number</u>
Milk	32
Buttermilk	17
Butter	16
Whiskey	12
Margarine	3
Cheese	3
Rum	1
Ginger Wine	1
Claret	1
Total	<u>86</u>

Two certificates were sent to Sergeant Scully, Wexford, for specimens of milk adulterated with at least 7.5 and 8.9 per cent of added water respectively and one certificate for specimen of milk deprived of at least 23 per cent of its fats- and one certificate for specimen of whiskey which was 26.5 degrees under proof and was therefore adulterated with 2 per cent of water.

For the Guardians of Enniscorthy Union twelve drugs were analysed and were correct.

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One specimen of water analysed for Wexford Rural District Council had the following composition:-

One Imperial gallon contained in grains.

Total solid matter	49.000
Including	
Albuminoid Ammonia	0.012
Saline Ammonia	0.0035
Nitric Acid	7.370
Chlorine	5.960
Colour	light yellow

A fairly good water.

One specimen of water analysed for Thos D Place, Esq., Rosemount, New Ross, had the following composition:-

One Imperial gallon contained in grains

Total Solid Matter	22.400
Including	
Albuminoid Ammonia	0.020
Saline Ammonia	0.002
Nitric Acid	1.980
Chlorine	2.380
Colour	semi-opaque

A slightly polluted water.

For Shillelagh Union, which is partly situated in the County Wexford, six drugs were analysed. They were correct.

In the original reports on the waters above referred to, full details, chemical and microscopical, were given, but in the foregoing, only the more important points are given.

Total analyses 118.

Marked "Read".

*John Bolger*