

STATUTABLE QUARTERLY MEETING.-6th FEBRUARY 1918.

The Statutable Quarterly Meeting of the Wexford County Council, was held in the County Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford, on 6th February 1918.

Present:- Mr John Balger (Chairman) and subsequently Mr John J. Kehoe, Presided.

Also:- Messrs Louis Barry, M. Maddock, J.J.Stafford, M. Cloney, W. Thorpe, James Lynch, P. Keating, A. Kinsella, James Codd, M. Codd, R. Scallan.

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

Confirmation of Minutes.

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and confirmed.

Estimate of Rate.

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

"That we hereby adopt the Estimate of Rate for General and Separate Charges for financial year 1918-19, also for the Administrative Expenses of County Wexford Local War Pensions Committee, and for Seed Supply Order 1917, and agree that the rates in the £ to be levied off the several Rural Districts of the County in respect of the General Rate be as follows:-

District.	Land.	Other Hereditaments.
Enniscorthy	5/1	6/10
Gorey	4/5	5/9
New Ross	5/-	6/9
Wexford	4/6	6/-

and we further determine the amounts to be demanded from the Urban Districts of the County to be as follows:-

District	General Charges.	Separate Charges	Total.
Enniscorthy	£1363. 2. 4	8. 15. 1	£1371. 17. 5
New Ross	1678. 11. 11	26. 11. 3	1705. 3. 2
Wexford	3043. 13. 11	18. 8. 3	3062. 2. 2

On the motion of Mr Stafford, seconded by Mr Scallan, the following recommendation of Finance & Roads Committee was adopted:-

"That our Secretary communicate with County Wexford War Pensions Local Committee and ask them on what grounds they considered it necessary to employ two Secretaries at £100 per annum, when up to a recent date one Secretary whose salary was £60 was found sufficient to discharge the duties.

"That in consequence of the inadequacy of the Asylum Capitation Grant viz:- £4790 to meet -as was originally intended- half cost of maintenance of patients in the District Asylum (the demand of which for the coming year is £22680) the County Council be recommended to request the Asylum Committee to take every possible step to secure some payment at least on behalf of patients whose relatives are in a position to make a contribution towards their maintenance."

Approval of Appointment of Mr J. A. Ryan.

The Local Government Board wrote under date 19th January 1918, (2649-1918, Wexford Co.,) approving of the appointment of Mr J. A. Ryan, as Rate Collector for No. 1 Collection District for the completion of the current collection, on the terms and conditions set out in query form relative to appointment. At the close of the year the permanent appointment of Mr Ryan would be considered. The Board considered that the bond of Mr Ryan should be £1,000.

The Secretary stated that on receipt of this letter he had informed the Local Government Board that the Council had decided that the bond for Mr Ryan should be for £900 as was the case with the previous Collector for the district, and asking them if they would agree to allow the amount of the bond for the temporary appointment to remain at £900.

The Local Government Board replied under date 1st February 1918, (3581-1918, Wexford County) that pending permanent appointment, the security of this Collector might stand at £900.

The Secretary stated he had forwarded copy of this letter to Mr Ryan, but in the meantime Mr Ryan had arranged that his bond should be for £1,000, so that it was unnecessary for the Council to make any order in the matter."

No Order

Appointment of Mr Ennis, as Assistant Surveyor.

Under date 5th January 1918, the Local Government Board wrote (No. 63,774-1917, Wexford Co.,) approving of the appointment of Mr Robert J. Ennis, as Assistant Surveyor in the County Wexford, at a salary of £100 per annum, rising by annual increments of £5 to £120 per annum.

Marked "Read".

Co. Council Accounts-Auditor's Report.

Under date 19th December 1917, (No. 59,803-1917 Wexford County) the Local Government Board forwarded the following report of their Auditor as to his audit of the Accounts of the County Council for half-year ended 30th September 1917:-

"I have the honour to report that I have audited the Accounts of the County Council of Wexford for the half-year ended September last, and I forward herewith a certified Abstract thereof in pursuance of your Order. The accounts were prepared and submitted for audit in a most satisfactory manner and no item of expenditure calls for any remark on my part."

Marked "Read".

Members of Council of Agriculture.

Under date 18th January 1918, the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction wrote (SG.-514-18) pointing out that the term of office of the present Council of Agriculture would expire on 31st March 1918, and enclosing copy of regulations for appointment of members of new Council.

The two persons appointed need not necessarily be Members of the County Council, would hold office for three years, and could be re-appointed at the end of that period.

The Secretary stated that as provided by Regulation under sec 11 of the Agricultural & Technical Instruction (Ireland) Act 1889, a copy of the Regulations for the appointment of Members of the Council of Agriculture had been transmitted to each member of the Council with the Agenda Paper for the present meeting of the Council.

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

"That Messrs John Bolger, and Michael Doyle, Chairman and

Vice-Chairman respectively of the Wexford County Council be appointed as the delegates of the County Council of Wexford for the three years as from 1st April 1918."

Exportation of Heifers, Etc.,

Under date 26th January 1918, the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction, wrote that they had extended the Maintenance of Live Stock (Ireland) (Temporary) Order of 1917, which forbade the exportation of certain classes of animals necessary for stock purposes to 31st March 1919.

Under date 24th January 1918, the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction forwarded Maintenance of Live Stock (Breeding of Ewes) (Ireland) Order of 1918, prohibiting the slaughter of inlamb ewes after the 27th day of January 1918.

Marked "Read"

Extension of Road Limits.

Under date 23rd January 1918, the Clerk Gorey Rural District Council, forwarded the following resolution of his Council:-

"That as the limit sanctioned by the L. G. Board, viz:- £7500 to be expended on Roads in Gorey district has now to be exceeded on account of War Bonus, etc., we ask the County Council to petition the L. G. Board to sanction the present estimate of £7727. 16. 7d."

Under date 16th January 1918, the Clerk to Wexford R.D. Council forwarded copy of the following resolution, which had been adopted by his Council:-

"That the Local Government Board be requested to extend the limit of Road Expenditure for one year ending the 31st March 1919, from £7935. 10/- to £8500."

On the motion of Mr Maddock, seconded by Mr Kehoe, the following recommendation of Finance & Roads Committee was adopted:-

"That the Local Government Board be requested to extend the Road Limits of Expenditure in the Rural Districts of Gorey and Wexford in accordance with the requests of these District Councils as appearing on the Minutes of this day's meeting."

War Bonus to Road Contractors.

The Secretary brought before the Meeting the application of several Road Contractors for War Bonus on their Contracts and which

had been received since last Meeting of the County Council. He mentioned that the County Council had adopted a resolution that no applications for War Bonus would be considered after 31st October 1917.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Lynch, the following recommendation of Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed:-

"That as only a small number of Road Contractors entitled to War Bonus have failed to make application for same on or before 31st October 1917, as originally fixed we hereby extend the period of application to the 1st March 1918, but in no case will any applications be considered after that date."

Applications Increases of Salary, Etc.,

Under date 28th December 1917, the following joint application for increase of salary was received from Messrs John Kehoe, and W. H. Jones, Assistant Surveyors:-

"We beg again respectfully to apply for an increase in our present salaries which, in view of prevailing conditions, are absolutely inadequate to meet our expenses and the increased cost of living and the performance of our duties.

We believe you can understand our dissatisfaction with the method adopted by the Council when recently revising the salaries of men so long in its service as we are, and our failure to rest content with the outcome resulting from that decision.

We trust you will be good enough to reconsider this matter at your next Meeting."

The following recommendation was submitted from the Finance & Roads Committee:-

"That in view of the long services of Messrs John Kehoe, and W. H. Jones, we recommend the County Council to increase the salaries of these officials to £120 per annum in each case, increase to date from next meeting of the County Council."

Mr Kehoe, proposed, Mr Stafford Seconded:-

"That the recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee recommending increase of salary of £15 per annum in the cases of Assistant Surveyors Kehoe and Jones (making the salaries in these cases £120) be agreed to, increase of salary to date as from present meeting of County Council."

Mr Maddock proposed, and Mr Cloney seconded the following amendment:

"That the recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee be not confirmed."

On a show of hands the amendment was lost by 8 to 4.

Mr Maddock demanded a poll which resulted as follows:-

For confirming the recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee:-

Messrs J. Codd, Kinsella, Stafford, Scallan, M. Codd, Kehoe, Thorpe and the Chairman.-8.

Against:- Messrs Barry, Maddock, Lynch, and Cloney.-4

Mr Keating did not vote.

The Chairman declared the amendment lost and the resolution was then put and passed nem con.

Mr William Murphy, Irish Street, Enniscorthy, Machinery Overseer, applied under date 27th December 1917, for an increase of salary.

The following recommendation was submitted by the Finance & Roads Committee:-

"That Mr W. Murphy, Machinery Overseer, be granted an increase of 10/- per week, thus fixing his future salary at £2. 10/- per week, and in the event of the County Council agreeing to this recommendation that increase commence as from the date of the present meeting of Finance & Roads Committee."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr Stafford, seconded by Mr Kehoe."

Under date 24th December 1917, Mr John J. O'Gorman, foreman, Steamrolling work, wrote applying for an increase in his salary of 30/- per week.

The following recommendation was submitted from Finance and Roads Committee:-

"That we recommend the County Council to grant an increase of 5/- per week to the salary of Mr John J. O'Gorman, steamrolling foreman, making his future salary 35/- per week, increase to date from present meeting of Finance & Roads Committee, if sanctioned by the County Council."

"Recommendation confirmed on the motion of Mr Stafford, seconded by Mr Lynch."

Under date 30th January 1918, Mr Myles Hyland, Borelia, Kilcotty,

Rockdrill Operator, applied for an increase in his salary of 35/- per week, as his present pay was hardly enough to keep him and pay all his travelling expenses owing to increased prices. He had been employed for the past two years travelling round the County.

The Finance & Roads Committee made the following recommendation:-

"That the salary of Mr Myles Hyland, Rockdrill Operator, be increased to £2 per week, as from date of this meeting."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr Stafford, seconded by Mr Lynch."

Dog Licences.

Attention was called to paragraph appearing in the Irish Newspapers of 6th December 1917 relative to the request of the deputation from the Associated Petty Sessions Clerks of Ireland, when waiting on the Chief Secretary for Ireland that the portion of the balance of dog tax paid to County and Urban Authorities in Ireland (£22,425) should be appropriated as War Bonus for Petty Sessions Clerks.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Maddock, seconded by Mr Stafford:-

"That we protest against any portion of dog tax now paid to County and Urban Councils being employed as War Bonus for petty sessions Clerks as proposed by the Associated Petty Sessions Clerks of Ireland."

Appointment of Analyst.

In connection with the appointment of Analyst vice Sir C. Cameron, resigned, the Secretary mentioned that the Council had fixed a salary of £30 per annum to cover all analyses required.

Sir C. Cameron, late Analyst, wrote as follows:-

"In response to your advertisement. I offer my services as Public Analyst on the following terms:- A retaining salary of £30 per annum. No charge for the first 100 analyses, 4/- for every one in excess of 100. A fee of 2/6 per analysis of artificial fertilizers and feeding stuffs, instead of the commercial fee of £1. 1/- and upwards. In the interests of the Public Health and the Poor, free analysis of Water used by the general public and of food sent from the Workhouses. 10/6 for analysis of water for private persons-usual fee £1. 1/- Analysis in suspected case of poisoning of animals £1. 1/- (The Government pay £5. 5/- for analysis in case of suspected poisoning of man).

would be free except those of fertilizers and food stuffs, water for private persons and in poison cases. In these cases fees to be as stated."

Mr B. G. Fagan, B. A., B. Sc., F. I. C., A.R.S., So., I., Analyst, wrote that he would be prepared to analyse 70 samples for £30 and 6/- per sample above that number, under Food and Drugs Act. Water £1. 1/- per sample Fertilizers & Feeding Staffs 2/6 per sample, providing he was allowed a retaining fee of £10 per annum, milk, ordinary test for quality 2/6 per sample, and for complete analyses 10/6 per sample.

Mr John Hawthorne, B. A., Ph., D. F. I. C., 16 Donegall Sq South, Belfast, wrote that he could not accept the terms set out in the conditions governing the appointment, but was prepared to act on the following terms:-

- 1.- For the first 100 samples received in any one year, 7/6 per sample.
- 2.- For each sample in excess of the said 100 samples per annum 6/- per sample.
- 3.- If my attendance is required at a prosecution a fee of £3. 3/- per day and travelling expenses.
- 4.- Fees to be paid quarterly on receipt of the quarterly report.

If appointed, I will analyse samples of milk, fertilizers and feeding stuffs for residents in the county at a flat rate of 7/6 per sample, if the sample is accompanied by the fee and a certificate from the Clerk to the Council stating that the sender is a ratepayer in the county, and requires the analysis for his own information, and not for the purposes of trade.

Mr D. J. O'Mahony, F.C.S., Eglinton Street, Cork, wrote:-

- 1.- Under the Food & Drugs Act I would undertake for a minimum salary of £30 a year to do 80 samples and to supply the four quarterly reports and for all samples over the first 80 to require a fee of 6/- per sample
- 2.- Under the Fertilizers and Feeding Staffs Act, to analyse samples of Fertilizers and Feeding Staffs for bona fide farmers for 2/6 per sample on receiving a salary of £10 a year for the appointment under this Act."

Under date 1st February 1918, Mr Walter Thorp, F.I.C., 1 & 2 Poolbeg Street, Dublin, wrote:-

"I beg to apply for the position of analyst to the Co Council.

I am prepared to analyse Eighty Samples for the sum of £30 and to analyse any further samples above that number at a uniform fee of five shillings per sample.

I am Analyst to the Wexford Union."

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

"That Sir Charles Cameron be appointed County Analyst at £50 per annum as per the terms of his letter of the 14th January 1918, and that a month's notice in writing on either side determine the appointment at the end of twelve months as from 1st January 1918, and, also, on condition that he analyses, for all residents of the County, fertilizers and feeding stuffs at 2/6 per sample, water for private persons at 10/6 per sample, and poison cases at £1. 1/- per sample."

Naval War Pensions &c., (Committee) Act 1917.

Under date 17th January 1918, the Secretary, Ministry of Pensions, wrote (7763) that under above Act every Scheme regulating the constitution of a Local or District Committee under Sec 2 of the Naval and Military War Pensions etc., Act 1915, should provide for the inclusion of at least two disabled men who had been discharged from Naval or Military service during the present War, and of a Woman who is in receipt of a pension as a Widow or other dependant of a man of the Naval and Military service, who had died from causes arising out of actual service.

To meet this it was necessary for the Council to frame a supplemental scheme and in order to facilitate its preparation a model Scheme (of which copies were enclosed) had been drawn up.

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

"That the following supplemental scheme framed by the Wexford Co. Council revising the Scheme framed by the Council on 8th day of April 1916 regulating the Constitution of the Local Committee for the Wexford Co Council under the Naval & Military War Pensions Etc., Act 1915, and hereinafter referred to as the "Original Scheme" be adopted:-

1.- Article 1 of the original scheme shall be revised so as to provide that the total number of members of the Local Committee should be 33

and that this number shall include at least two disabled men who have been discharged from the naval or military service of His Majesty during the present War and also a woman who is in receipt of a pension as the widow or other dependant of a man in the said naval or military service who has died from causes arising out of his service during the present War. In all other respects the said article shall remain unaltered.

2.- This Supplemental Scheme shall be construed as one with the original Scheme."

Sheep Dipping Fine.

Under date 7th January 1918, the following was read from Mr E. J. Browne, Creacon, New Ross:-

"I was fined at New Ross P. S., 30/- for having 30 sheep on the fair without declaration form B11. The other two sheep dipping forms were filled and left at the police barracks some five or six weeks before. I told the Constable at the fair that I forgot to bring the form B11 and that I thought it was out of date on 1st November, but when he told me that it was not out of date until 15th of November, I went to the barracks and got another form B11 and filled it and left it at the Barracks for him, and went back to the fair, and had to send the sheep home, as I could not get what I refused for them that morning, and sold them at home a few days afterwards at 2/6 a head less than I could get for them on the fair in the morning.

I could do no more than I did to comply with the Sheep Dipping Order and had no right to be summoned or fined, and I could not attend at Petty Sessions as I was threshing that day.

I spoke to Mr McLean, D. I., about it afterwards and he said he would have stopped the summonses if I had spoken to him at first, Mr McLean also told me to tell you that if you wanted any information and you wrote him, he would tell you it was a case that had no right to be brought against me."

The following recommendation was submitted from Finance & Roads Committee:-

"That Mr McLean, D.I., R. I. C., New Ross, be asked to furnish the County Council with particulars of the case in which Mr Edward Browne, Creacon, New Ross, was fined £1. 10/- for an offence under the Sheep Dipping Order."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr Scallan seconded by Mr Stafford."

Rates on Bantry Commons.

Under date 18th December 1917, the following was read from Mr E. J. Murphy, Rate Collector:-

"I beg respectfully to apply to your Council for a refund of £60. 17, 7d being the amount of uncollected rates lodged by me in respect of Bantry Commons for the half years ending 30th September 1913, 31st March 1914, 30th September 1914, 31st March 1915, 30th September 1915, 31st March 1916, 30th September 1916, and 31st March 1917, the particulars of which I have already furnished to you, and I base my application on the following grounds:-

In June 1913, I made a seizure for the rates of that year and sold the cattle seized but I was sued by the parties for doing so, and a decree was pronounced against me for the amount claimed, on the ground that the rate for which I seized was bad in law.

The rate for the half-year ended 31st March 1914, 30th September 1914 and 31st March 1915, was struck in precisely the same way and were therefore also bad. The rate for the half-years ended 30th September 1915 and 31st March 1916 was made in the name of Thomas Cody and others, but during this year I failed to find any Cattle grazing on the part of the Commons which is in my district, although I visited the Mountain many times, with the object of seizing any cattle I might find there, and I could not proceed against Thomas Cody as he did not reside in my district. The rate for the half-year ended 29th September 1916 and 31st March 1917 was made in the names of Edward Rossiter and Henry King but in this case also I could not proceed against those parties as they did not reside in my district, and I could find no cattle to seize.

I have on all occasions used my utmost efforts to collect the rates for this Bantry Commons, but the difficulties of doing so are very great, and the legal rights of the collector appear to be in many instances extremely doubtful.

I therefore respectfully ask the County Council to petition the Local Government Board for their sanction to the recoupment of the abovementioned sum to me.

The following recommendation was submitted from Finance & Roads Committee:-

"That the letter of Mr E. J. Murphy, Rate Collector, in connection with refund of arrears of rate on Bantry Commons and amounting to

£60. 17. 7d be submitted to the New Ross Rural District Council for their observations."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr Lynch, seconded by Mr Thorpe."

War Bonus-Officers Enniscorthy R.D.School Attendance
Committee.

At the meeting of the County Council on 5th December 1917, the following resolution was read from the Enniscorthy R. D. School Attendance Committee:-

"That we respectfully request the Co Council to grant a War Bonus of £5 a year to School Attendance Officers Fortune and Kelly, and £2. 10/- to Mr Jasper Whitty."

The Council adopted the following resolution:-

"That the resolution of Enniscorthy R. D. School Attendance Committee re granting War Bonus to their Officials be referred to the Enniscorthy R. D. Council for their observations as any War Bonus which may be granted will constitute a charge on the Rural District."

Under date 18th January 1918, the Clerk Enniscorthy R. D. Council wrote that his Council had approved of the proposal to grant War Bonus of £5 per annum each to Mr Fortune, and Miss Kelly, (School Attendance Officers). The application of Mr Whitty, Clerk to the Committee was withdrawn."

On the motion of Mr Lynch, seconded by Mr Cloney:-

"That we approve of the proposal of Enniscorthy R.D.School Attendance Committee to grant War Bonus of £5 per annum to School Attendance Officers Mr Fortune and Miss Kelly to date £s from 1st January 1918."

"Passed"

Proposed Limitation Speed Motor Vehicles.

Under date 5th January 1918, the following letter was read from the Clerk, Enniscorthy Urban Council:-

"The following recommendation of a Committee of the Council was unanimously adopted at the meeting of the Council held on the 2nd inst., (January)

"Requesting the County Council to promote a Bye-Law regulating the speed of Motor Cars and Motor Cycles in Towns and Villages."

In connection with this matter the following letter was read from

Mr R. W. Elgee, Solicitor to the County Council:-

"I am in receipt of yours of the 7th inst., enclosing copy of a letter from Mr P.J.Shaw, Clerk Enniscorthy Urban Council, as to the Co. Council promulgating Bye laws for the regulation of Motor Traffic in Towns and Villages of this County.

It appears to me on reading Sec 9 of the Motor Car Act of 1903, (2 Vanston 1212) that the Local Authority (in this case the County Council) should apply to the Local Government Board to make such Regulations as might be required.

However I think before the Local Government Board would make such Regulations they would have to hold an Inquiry as to whether they were necessary or not, and of course it rests with the Council to decide if they would ask the Local Government Board to hold such an inquiry or not."

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

"That in view of the letter of Mr R. W. Elgee, Solicitor to the Council, the Local Government Board be requested to inform the County Council of the approximate cost of a local inquiry in connection with limitation of speed of motor vehicles in towns and villages, and in relation to the resolution adopted by the Enniscorthy Urban District Council."

National Teachers Salaries, Etc.,

Under date 22nd January 1918, Mr J. Breen, Bree, Enniscorthy, Hon. Sec., Wexford National Teachers Association, wrote calling attention to the fact that the Lord Mayor of Dublin, was convening a deputation of Public Bodies to wait on the Chief Secretary for Ireland to press upon him the urgency of meeting the demands of the Irish National Teachers. He asked the Wexford County Council to appoint a delegate to attend on the deputation.

Under date 1st January 1918, the following resolution was read from Cork County Council:-

"We the Members of the Cork County Council demand that a Committee similar to the Craig Committee be immediately set up in Ireland to advise the Irish Government on questions arising in connection with the augmentation of the National Teachers' salaries, and to consider the general question of their remuneration, with a view to recommending suitable scales of salaries for different classes of teachers,

having regard to the character and length of training necessary, the qualifications obtained, the nature of the duties to be performed and other relevant considerations. We further demand that after setting apart for junior assistant mistresses, convent and monastery schools, junior inspectors and organisers, the money allocated to them in the White Paper recently issued by the Government, plus the sum of £10,000 to augment the pensions of retired National Teachers, the residue of the Grant voted by Parliament for Irish National Education, be equally divided immediately as a bonus for the year ending March 31st 1918, among old certificated National Teachers.

That a delegate be appointed from this Council to act in conjunction with the delegates from other Councils to wait on the Chief Secretary for Ireland, and that the Lord Mayor and Corporation of Dublin be asked to accompany the deputation to be fixed in connection with the Grant."

"Adopted on the motion of Mr Stafford, seconded by Mr Kehoe."

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

"That Mr John J. Kehoe be appointed delegate to represent the County Council on the deputation to the Chief Secretary in connection with the demands of Irish National Teachers."

Afforestation.

Mr Joseph T. Dolan, Ardee, Co. Louth, wrote as follows:-

"In view of the great injury to the wealth, climate, and natural beauty of the Country, which is being done by the removal of so many plantations and hedge trees without any replacement of them, would your Council think well to urge on the Government the issue of an order under the Defence of the Realm Act empowering the Department of Agriculture to require all who cut down trees to plant as many saplings in their stead."

"The above from Mr Dolan was adopted as a resolution, on the motion of Mr Lynch, seconded by Mr Cloney."

RECOMMENDATIONS FINANCE & ROADS COMMITTEE.

Kerlogue Quarry:- "That Mr Moses Power be paid £12 to enable him to carry on the work at Kerlogue Quarry."

Store Licence for Explosives:- That we approve of the action of the

County Surveyor in making application to the Wexford Urban Council for a store licence for Explosives at the premises of Mr G. B. Cooke, Main Street, Wexford."

Insurance of Engine Boiler:- "That we recommend payment of additional premium of 10/- in respect of insurance of Boiler to cover additional insurance of £500."

Cherryorchard Quarry:- "That the application of Mr Sharpe, late owner of Cherryorchard Quarry, for a sum of £13. 18. 2d for quarrying Road Metalling at Cherryorchard Quarry be not acceded to as Mr Sharpe would not accept the offer of the County Council to provide the material at 3/10 per cubic yard."

Duncannon Hulk:- "That no repairs be executed at the Duncannon Hulk, for the present, but that the moorings be brought ashore and secured."

Wexford Bridge:- "That the County Surveyor be instructed to bring in a proposal at the meeting of the Proposal Committee of 6th February for repairs of bascule of Wexford Bridge."

Timber Clohamon Bridge:- "That the County Surveyor be instructed to store (for future use) the timber left over from repairs of Clohamon Bridge in the Machinery Yard of the County Council in Enniscorthy."

New Ross Courthouse:- "That the County Council be recommended to agree to payment of 5/4 for wood blocks for fuel for New Ross Courthouse owing to the present high prices of coal."

Gorey Courthouse:- "That the application of Mr Valentine, Courthouse, Gorey, for an additional supply of coal be adjourned to next meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee. That in the meantime our Secretary communicate with Mr Valentine and ascertain from him how he disposes of the Coal purchased for the £9 annual allowance by the Council."

Increased Insurances:- "That in view of increased rate of compensation to workmen under Workmen's Compensation Act, we agree to pay an extra 10 per cent on our insurances under this Act."

Fidelity Guarantee Bonds Rate Collectors:- "That the Rate Collectors insured under fidelity guarantee bond with the Gresham Fire & Accident

Insurance Co. be instructed to furnish to the County Council the name

of an approved Insurance Society with which they propose taking out fidelity guarantee bonds as from 1st April 1918."

Courtown Harbour Weighbridge:- "That the County Council be recommended to agree to a payment of an extra £1 per annum to Messrs Henry Pooley & Son, Ltd., for maintenance of weighbridge at Courtown Harbour."

Rent-St Brigid's Inebriate Home:- "That the County Council be recommended to agree to allow the Community of St John's of God to hold the premises of St Brigid's Inebriate Reformatory, Wexford, for the nominal rent of 1/- per annum as from 1st July 1918."

Temporary Clerical Assistance:- "That our Secretary be empowered to employ temporary clerical staff for writing up rate books and receipt and demand notes of rate collectors."

Resignation County Surveyor's Clerk:- "That the resignation of Mr M. J. O'Leary as Clerk in County Surveyor's Office be accepted as from 19th January 1918, and that Mr Barry, County Surveyor, be empowered to employ temporary Assistant, should he consider this course necessary at a salary not exceeding 30/- per week."

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

"That permanent Clerk at 30/- per week be appointed and that the Finance & Roads Committee at Meeting of 20th February 1918 be empowered to make the appointment."

Assistant Surveyor Doyle:- "That Mr V. R. Doyle, Assistant Surveyor, be requested to furnish an explanation as to why he has not forwarded usual weekly report to the County Surveyor for the last couple of weeks."

"The County Surveyor read an explanation from Mr Doyle that in consequence of a cycle accident he was unable to furnish his reports in proper time."

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

"That the explanation of Assistant Surveyor Doyle as to failure to supply his weekly reports within the prescribed time to the County Surveyor be accepted as satisfactory."

Rate Collection:- "That the Secretary call the attention of the meeting

meeting of the County Council on the 6th February to the case of any Rate Collector who is not carrying out his duties with due diligence as provided by the terms of his bond, notwithstanding the repeated requests of the Finance & Roads Committee."

"The above Recommendations were adopted on the motion of Mr Stafford, seconded by Mr Scallan."

The late John Lannen, Foreman, Tara Hill Quarry.

Under date 22nd January 1918, the following was read from Messrs O'Connor & Co., Solicitors, Wexford, on behalf of Martin Lannen, Poulpeasty, Clonroche, brother of the late John Lannen, foreman, Tara Hill Quarry:-

"On the 22nd December last, the above deceased who was a foreman for the County Council in the Tara Hill Quarries, was killed in the course of his employment as the result of an accident. The evidence at the Inquest showed that probably while handling a cartridge-which was used for blasting rocks at the quarry- the charge went off and blew portion of his head away and some fingers off the left hand. He was forty eight years of age and unmarried. Both his parents are dead, and his one relation is our client, Mr Martin Lannen, Poulpeasty, Clonroche, Enniscorthy. The deceased used to give money from time to time to his brother, who was to some extent a dependant upon him .

As the deceased was such a faithful employee of the County Council having worked with them for over 15 years, perhaps the County Council would make an allowance to the brother? Might we suggest for their consideration that they would allow him, say £20, because the brother used to give him 10/- every month and sometimes £1 a month, amounting to between £7 and £8 a year.

Please submit this letter to next meeting of the Council for their kind consideration."

Under date 23rd January 1918, Messrs O'Connor & Co., Solicitors, wrote, pointing out that John Lannen was killed on 22nd December. His wages were £1. 2. 6d and he used to contribute occasionally to his brother-Martin Lannen- The funeral expenses cost £15 and vouchers amounting to £12. 13/- were enclosed. Messrs O'Connor considered that this amount should be refunded by the Wexford Co Council to Mr Martin

Under date 1st February 1918, Messrs O'Connor & Co., Solicitors, wrote enclosing account from Mrs A. Browne, Tara Hill, for £8. 18. 6d balance due by the late John Lannen, Tara Hill Quarry, for Board and Lodging.

In connection with the correspondence of Messrs O'Connor & Co., Solicitors, Wexford, Messrs Coyle & Co., Insurance Brokers, 7 Anglesea Street, Dublin, wrote that the matter could be looked at only from the legal aspect, so far as they could see the law provided only for responsibility as regards funeral expenses, and it should be conveyed to the Solicitors acting for the next of kin that the Council would be agreeable to pay the exact amount of funeral expenses on production of receipts.

In connection with Tara Hill Quarry, the Secretary stated at the meeting of Finance & Roads Committee that, the County Council in July 1907 advanced to the late foreman £50 to finance the working of the Quarry, viz:- to pay wages of men etc., This was not found sufficient and a further sum of £70 was advanced on August 1907, making a total of £120. Out of this Mr Lannen paid £43. 16. 3d which left the balance in his hands £76. 3. 9d. Since the audit of the Accounts of the County Council for September 1913, the Tara Hill Quarry Accounts had been dealt with by the County Surveyor, the Finance & Roads Committee at each meeting reinstated the balance of £76. 3. 9d, which was always what Mr Lannen should have had in his hands, less what he paid out between the date of receipt of Pay Order and the period to which his account was previously made up.

The Secretary further stated that he knew Mr Lannen had paid out £40 and £50 more than he had in hands, but Mr Lannen when questioned stated he had advanced this sum from his own private resources.

On the last visit to the quarry the Secretary stated, he had instructed Mr Lannen that after next settlement the imprest account should be dealt with through one of the local banks so that the Co. Council could at all times ascertain how the account stood. Mr Lannen promised that this would be done. He (Sec) was aware that the County Surveyor was constantly requesting Mr Lannen to submit his payments oftener.

Under date 8th January 1918, the following letter was read from Mr Robert Connors, Esmonde Street, Gorey:-

"I enclose you statement of account due me by Lannen that I advanced him to pay Men at tara Hill Quarry, you can lay it before your Council Meeting next time they meet, I have no receipts but just took a note of it as I gave it to him, The following is the amount:-
1917.

27th October	£10.
3rd November	14
10th November	10
17th "	15
24th "	10
1st December	12
8th "	15
14th "	<u>15</u>
Total	<u>£101.</u>

The County Surveyor at the Finance & Roads Committee Meeting submitted a detailed statement as to the amount due the late John Lannen. Deducting therefrom cost of Insurance Stamps which had been paid for by the Council to Lannen and which were not affixed to Insurance Cards, and also a sum of £17. 12. 6d which the late John Lannen had received from a Mr Cherrick for worn-out stonebreaker Jaws the amount due to Lannen at his disease was £83. 14. 1d.

As against this was of course the amount due to the Co. Council, viz:- £76. 3. 9d on foot of imprest a/c.,

Mr Elgee advised that for the present it would be better withhold payment of any portion of the £83. 14. 1d.

The following recommendation was submitted from Finance & Roads Committee:-

"That no payment be made for the present from the sum of £83. 14. 1d standing to the credit of the late John Lannen, foreman Tara Hill Quarry, less £76. 3. 9d amount of Imprest a/c., due County Council. That Mr Robert Connors, Esmonde Street, Gorey, be informed as to debits and credits of the late John Lannen's a/c.,"

That a sum of £25 be placed in the hands of Mr Thomas Paddle, Assistant Surveyor, Gorey, to enable payments for wages to be made the

workmen engaged at Tara Hill Quarry, said payments being made as per directions of the County Surveyor.

That the Local Government Board be requested to sanction this arrangement as there is no ^{other} satisfactory method of working Tara Hill Quarry.

That we confirm the action of the County Surveyor in appointing Mr P. Byrne, Blacksmith, Tara Hill Quarry, temporary foreman there, and that Mr Byrne be allowed a sum of 2/6 per week for this extra work as from the date of his appointment by the County Surveyor, and until a permanent foreman has been appointed.

That the Constabulary be requested to recognise Mr P. Byrne as the authorised person in charge of gelignite for any small blasting operations which are necessary at the Quarry."

That the Coal in hut at Tara Hill Quarry and in which the late John Lannen met his death, be placed outside the quarry and that, as the County Surveyor had decided on constructing a small office at the quarry for the use of foreman there before the recent fatal accident, the old hut be no longer used.

That the Workmen at Tara Hill Quarry be paid for the 22nd, 24th 26th and 27th December 1917, as during these days the quarry was in charge of the Constabulary Authorities in connection with the inquest on the late foreman, and the men were deprived of the opportunity of carrying on work."

On the motion of Mr Cloney, seconded by Mr Thorpe, the following resolution was adopted:--

"That the various recommendations of the Finance & Roads Committee as presented to this meeting in the matter of Tara Hill Quarry be and are hereby adopted."

On the motion of Mr Thorpe, seconded by Mr Cloney, the following resolution was adopted:--

"That Mr Patrick Byrne be appointed as temporary foreman at Tara Hill Quarry on the same terms and conditions as obtain at present, the County Surveyor to report to the April meeting of the County Council as to whether the arrangement is satisfactory for the proper working of the Quarry."

On the motion of Mr Cloney, seconded by Mr Thorpe, the following

recommendation of Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed:-

"That the correspondence from Messrs M. J. O'Connor & Co., Solicitors, as regards claim on behalf of the brother of the late John Lannen, former foreman of Tara Hill Quarry, be referred to Messrs Coyle & Co., Insurance Brokers, Dublin, representing the Insurance Co., guaranteeing the County Council under the Workman's Compensation Act."

Under date 29th January 1918, a letter was read from Messrs Coyle & Co., stating that in their opinion there was no liability on the County Council except for the funeral expenses."

Chair Scientific Agriculture in University College, Dublin.

The following resolution was forwarded by the Executive Committee of the Irish County Councils General Council:-

"That it be a request from this Council to the Governing Body of University College, Dublin, to take into early consideration the desirability of the establishment of a Chair of Scientific Agriculture and in the event of the Governing Body favourably considering this proposal that they prepare a scheme by which effect may be given to it, and take such steps as may be necessary to secure the assent of the Senate of the National University thereto."

The Executive Committee pointed out the funds at the disposal of the College would be inadequate to establish the proposed Chair unless the affiliated Councils would make an annual grant of £20 for the purpose. County Councils under Sec 10 (2) of the Irish Universities Act of 1908, had full power to make the contribution suggested and the Executive Committee considered it most appropriate that County Councils of Ireland should be associated in the foundation of a Chair of Scientific Agriculture in connection with the National University."

Another most important matter was the desirability of offering extra inducements to Co Council Scholars to take the University Course in Scientific Agriculture and thus make their career of greater utility in the furtherance of our National Industry."

On the motion of Mr Scallan, seconded by Mr Thorpe, the following recommendation of Finance & Roads Committee was adopted:-

"That in the event of the establishment of a Chair of Scientific Agriculture being established in University College Dublin, we hereby agree to contribute a sum of £20 per annum for the purpose to be applied from the University Scholarship fund of the Co Council.

That the question of offering further inducements to County Council Scholars to take the University Course in Scientific Agriculture be considered at the Annual Meeting of the County Council."

Waterford Shipping Disaster Fund.

A Circular was read from Alderman J. J. O'Sullivan, Waterford, on behalf of the Waterford Shipping Disaster Fund Committee of which he was Chairman, calling attention of the fact that early in Christmas Week a most appalling disaster occurred at sea to two vessels trading with Waterford City, and resulting in the loss of 83 lives. Upwards of 400 dependants among whom were many small children were left.

The Committee which was formed at a public meeting called to raise funds earnestly appealed to the Wexford Co. Council for a contribution to this most deserving object. The money would be applied in first instance to immediate relief pending payment of compensation, and secondly to supplement amount of compensation in cases in which additional help was needed.

"No Order".

Preference for Co Council University Scholars in Appointments

The following resolution was received from the County Council of Kings' Co:-

"That we the County Council of King's County, strongly urge that Scholars of the Irish Universities should get preference in all public appointments under the various Boards, Departments, and Public Bodies in the Counties. In this connection we direct the special attention of the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction which hitherto so largely imported Englishmen and Scotchmen to fill the positions in their gift.

We also direct attention to the fact that the Department refuse to recognise Degrees in the Agricultural Faculty of the National University and at the same time, decline to provide adequate facilities through the medium of the Agricultural Colleges under their control, for the attainment of such Degrees."

"Adopted on the motion of Mr Stafford, seconded by Mr Cloney."

Agricultural Wages.-Value of Weekly Benefits.

The following resolution was received from Louth County Council:-

"That we emphatically disagree with the Proposal of the Agricultural Wages Board for Ireland, dated 14th January 1918, defining the value

of weekly "benefits" and wages of agricultural labourers, and demand its suspension, pending the appointment of district Wages Boards to examine and determine if it be generally applicable to the different modes of farming practised in the various Counties of Ireland."

"Adopted on the motion of Mr Lynch, seconded by Mr Cloney."

Pig Industry.

A Resolution was read from Clones Board of Guardians denouncing the action of the Government in trying to impose an indirect tax upon the Pig Industry. They called upon the Government to leave the sale of Pork in the Market open and to fix the retail price of pigs.

The Secretary stated that the Food Controller was about to carry out the suggestion in the resolution from Clones Union.

"No Order".

Irish Civil Servants.

A resolution was read from Dublin Corporation relative to alleged victimisation of Irish Civil Servants, and demanding that the Officers concerned should be given a fair opportunity of meeting the charges upon which they had been penalised.

"Adopted on the motion of Mr Cloney, seconded by Mr Mark Codd."

Food Supply.

The Cookstown Urban District forwarded a resolution as to the necessity of encouraging farmers and ploholders to grow greater quantities of potatoes oats and wheat in view of the grave shortage of food in the Country. The failure of the Government to carry out their promise as regards the £2 per ton subsidy for the potato crop of 1917 would have a disastrous effect on the acreage of the crop of 1918, unless the Government would at once announce their intention of fulfilling their promise and restoring public confidence.

The Thomas Wafer, Sinn Fein Club, Enniscorthy, forwarded copy of resolution adopted by them asking the County and District Councils to pledge the local rates for the purchase of food, the rates to be recouped when the food was sold.

A similar resolution from Boolavogue Sinn Fein Club, had been before the Finance & Roads Committee, but no action was taken in connection with it.

The Dublin Corporation asking for particulars of quantities of food viz:- Wheat, Oats, etc., in the County.

"No Order"

Proposals for Works.

Proposed by Mr Stafford, seconded by Mr Scallan:-

"That the several Proposals for Works, submitted by the Proposal Committee, and as appearing on Form 20 be and are hereby approved, subject to the modifications and other orders noted thereon and initialled by the Chairman."

"Passed"

Proposals for Payment.

Proposed by Mr Stafford, seconded by Mr Scallan:-

"That the several Proposals for Payment, submitted by the Proposal Committee and recommended by the Finance & Roads Committee, and dealing with matters other than Public Works, be and are hereby approved subject to the modifications and other Orders noted thereon and initialled by the Chairman."

"Passed"

Superannuation-N.O'H. Walsh.

Under date 4th February 1918, Sealed Order No. 3773-1918, County of Wexford, was read from the Local Government Board consenting to a superannuation allowance of £50 per annum being paid to Mr N. O'H. Walsh, late Rate Collector, Wexford County.

War Bonus for Road Contractors-Application for Remuneration.

Mr J. J. Rochford, Clerk New Ross R. D. Council wrote forwarding an remuneration for application made to his Council for/extra work in connection with preparation of War Bonus Road Contracts.

His Council had referred the matter to the County Council.

"adjourned to next Meeting."

Quarries & Machinery.

Mr Thorpe intimated his intention of giving Notice of Motion for consideration of next Meeting of Finance Committee as regards having Quarry Expenditure and Machinery Expenditure a Rural District Charge so that each district would be responsible for its own expenditure.

That a special report in connection with this matter be prepared

by the Finance & Roads Committee for presentation to the Co. Council."

Crory Quarry.

On the motion of Mr Stafford, seconded by Mr Scallan, the Seal of the County Council was affixed to indenture with Mr Samuel Hawkins, Crory, as to the leasing of Crory Quarry to the Co. Council, subject to the approval of Mr R. W. Elgee, Solicitor to the Co. Council."

Rate Collection.

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

"That the Rate Collectors be informed that the Finance & Roads Committee at their meeting of 20th February 1918, will consider specially the state of the Rate Collection in view of what lodgments have been made by each Rate Collector, up to 16th February."

Proposed Purchase of Steam Roller.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Thorpe, the following recommendation of Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed:-

"That the County Surveyor obtain full particulars of second hand steamrollers offered for sale by Messrs Grainger, Bros., Hollywood, Co. Down. That he be empowered to inspect these machines, and that he be accompanied by Mr W. Murphy, Machinery Overseer, And that we empower him to make the best bargain he can as regards the purchase of the most suitable Roller."

Hire of Rock Drill.

The following recommendation of Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed on the motion of Mr Stafford, seconded by Mr Scallan:-

"That we approve of the action of the County Surveyor in hiring Rock Drill to Mr Gerald Flood, at the rate of 10/- per day for work under the Admiralty."

(Signed)

Presiding Chairman.

Dated this 3rd day of April 1918.