

Special meeting - 7th April 1913.

A special meeting of the County Council was held in the Co. Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford, on 7th April 1913.

Present :- Mr. John Bolger (Chairman) presiding.

Other members :- Lord Stopford, Messrs Mr. Bloney, James Codd, Mr. Codd, Mr. Doyle Jr., Mr. Doyle Sr., T. L. Esmond, Mr. Gough, P. J. Fanning, J. S. Hearn, A. Hinsella, J. J. Mayler, J. O'Connor, P. O'Neill, C. H. Peacocke, R. A. Rice, P. Rossiter, J. J. Stafford.

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

— Proposals for Payments. —

On the motion of the Chairman.

Seconded by Mr. Peacocke, the following resolution was adopted :-

"That the several Proposals for Payment added by the County Surveyor to his report and of the fixed items, viz: salaries etc., be and are hereby agreed to."

"That as recommended by the Finance & Roads Committee the quarterly instalment be transferred to the various public bodies financed by the County Council."

— Rates for 1913-14. —

The meeting was specially summoned for striking the Rates for the year.

On the motion of Mr. Stafford.

Seconded by Mr. O'Neill, the following resolution was adopted :-

"That we hereby strike the Rate for General

and separate charges for the financial year 1913-14, as agreed to at the meeting of the County Council on the 12th February 1913, and allow and make the same as assessed in the Rate Books, said Rates being in conformity with the valuation in force for the time being, as set out in the valuation lists furnished by the Commissioner of valuation that the allowance for said Rates as entered at foot of said Rate Books signed by the Chairman, and two members present at said meeting be adopted, attested by the Seal of the County Council, and countersigned by the Secretary.

That the warrants of the Rate collectors to collect the said Rates be signed and sealed in the same manner as the Rate Books.

That the Demands on the urban Councils of Enniscorthy, New Ross, and Wexford, be duly signed and sealed, the amounts demanded from above Urban Districts, after allowing for credit items being:-

District	Co. charges	Union charges	Separate charges	Total
Enniscorthy	452 : 19 : 8	512 : 8 : 4	66 : 18 : 6	1032 : 6 : 6
New Ross.	444 : 3 : 7	694 : 19 : 6	84 : 3 : 4	1223 : 6 : 5
Wexford	1043 : 9 : 8	1004 : 16 : 8	167 : 15 : 0	2206 : 1 : 4

Blackwater Harbour.

Mr. J. L. Emond moved the following, of which he had given previous notice:-

"That the plan of the proposed pier at Blackwater being acceptable to the people of that district, be approved of by the County Council, and that the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction be requested to proceed

with the project at once.

Expenditure to be a county-at-large charge."

By permission of the meeting Mr. Esmonde added the following to his notice of motion:-

"That we approve of the plan of the work proposed by the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction cost not to exceed £2,290, and that the Department be requested to carry out the work."

Mr. O'Neill seconded.

Passed.

The following letter under date 13th December 1912, No 9628-1912, F.B.) was read from the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction:-

"adverting to previous correspondence on the subject of the proposed improvement of the landing accommodation at Blackwater I have to state, for the information of the Wexford County Council, that the local people seem to think that the proposed open type of landing stage would be useless to them.

as the Department are ^{not} in a position to provide funds for the alternative scheme suggested, and of which they doubt the practicability, perhaps you would kindly bring the present state of affairs under the notice of the Council and let me have their views on the matter. a change of site of the open type of structure would not affect the case as this would not present any engineering difficulties."

Tara Hill Quarry.

The following recommendations were adopted by the Roads & Finance Committee with reference to Tara Hill Quarry:-

"That the County Surveyor be instructed to

inform John Lannen, foreman of Sara Hill Quarry, that the manner in which the quarry is being worked is not giving satisfaction to the Co. Council. If road metalling cannot be produced at a cheaper rate than at present, the Finance & Roads Committee will recommend the Co. Council to consider the advisability of making a change in the method of working."

"That the County Surveyor be requested to make arrangements by which Mr. Treanor, Senior Assistant Surveyor, can spend the coming week at Sara Hill Quarry. That Mr. Treanor be directed to submit a report on his investigations"

"That the County Surveyor be invested with power to suspend or dismiss any man employed at the quarry who he considers is not giving satisfaction."

The following paragraph appeared in the report of the County Surveyor, to the meeting of the Proposal Committee:-

"By directions of the Roads Committee, Mr. Treanor, Senior Assistant Surveyor, visited and remained at Sara Hill Quarry, from Monday last, (22nd March) to superintend the working of the quarry there.

On Wednesday, 26th March at dinner hour the men struck work and the quarry is now idle. Mr. Treanor will submit a fully detailed report on the matter.

On the 26th March I met by appointment, an experienced quarryman at Sara Hill, and I am in treaty with him regarding the working of the quarry by piece work. I hope to have some definite arrangement made before your meeting takes place."

Mr. Treanor, Senior Assistant Surveyor reported as

follows:-

"As directed by the Roads Committee of the Co. Council on the 19th ult., I went to Gory by the 7 a.m. train on Monday the 24th ult., with a view to supervising work at Tara Hill Quarry.

I arrived in Quarry at 9 a.m., and gave details herewith of work until Wednesday at 12 o'clock when men ceased working.

I may point out that instructions were given by County Surveyor to the Foreman to have all quarried stones broken and the face entirely cleared by Saturday 22nd ult., so that a fresh start might be made on Monday. This was not done as breaking was not finished until 3.45 p.m., on Tuesday.

Monday:- Eight men and Foreman at work - making some alterations to Breaker - did not start breaking until 10.10 a.m., at 11.10 a.m., I checked the quantity broken and found that 7 tons 11 cwt. done. Breaking was continued up to 5 p.m., when elevator belt got broken. The total quantity broken from 10.10 a.m., to 5 p.m., was 36 tons 4 cwt., or an average of a little over 5 tons per hour.

Tuesday:- Nine men and Foreman at work - belt not repaired until 9.20 a.m., at 10.20 a.m., there was 8 tons 4 cwt. broken - at 10.25 a.m., side plates got out of order necessitating stoppage in work till 10.45 a.m.,

at 12 o'clock 14 tons broken after 3 $\frac{3}{4}$ hours actual work. Breaking continued until 3.45 p.m., when 36 tons 5 cwt. broken, making an average for the 5 hours of 7 tons 5 cwt. per hour. From 3.45 p.m., till 6 p.m., the men were engaged barring and sludging.

Wednesday:- at 8 a.m., six men, Foreman, and Blacksmith started. Depth of hole at 10 a.m., started at 8 a.m., - 15". Second hole started at 9.45 a.m., - 5 $\frac{3}{4}$ ". another of the men

arrived at 10 a.m.

at 12 o'clock first hole 2' 3 $\frac{3}{4}$ ". Second hole 1' 4". men refused to resume after dinner. It will be noticed from above that the Breaker under ordinary circumstances should break in or about 7 tons per hour, making an average of 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ yards, which in a nine hours day equals 58 $\frac{1}{2}$ yards.

I was unable to form an estimate of the quantity possible to raise in a day as no fresh quarrying was done during the time that I was at the quarry.

I will give details of minor matters in connection with working of the Quarry at your meeting.

When men refused work I asked them for reasons for their action; they gave me to understand they were underpaid, also that an offer to work the quarry should have been made to them, before arranging with another person for the work. On being further questioned by me, they said they were prepared to work quarry at 1/6 per ton for raising, explosives and tools supplied, or at a rate of 3/- per day. Breaking to be paid for at same rate as raising, or at 3/- per day, no account to be taken of delay caused through defects in Breaker."

Under date 1st April, the following letter was read from Patrick Spencer, Sara Hill, Gory:-

"As representing the Sara Hill Quarry workers, I am directed to place before you the facts concerning the present dispute. I am sure, however, that this is unnecessary, as I have the fullest confidence in Mr. Treanor, the Assistant Co. Surveyor, to explain the

situation to the meeting fairly and impartially.

The facts are shortly as follows:-

At the present time, or strictly speaking, up to the time of the strike- the standard rate of wages for the men working in the quarry was 16/- a week. This, allowing for broken weather, works out at an average of 14/- a week, or less than what the average agricultural labourer earns. The men are therefore of opinion that this is a starvation wage. Having regard to the nature of the work, and we demand an increase of 7/- a week. Our alternative demand is to raise the stones in the quarry by task work at 1/- per ton- the County Council to supply the tools and explosives and keep the tools in working order. We would be willing to work at the stone crusher in connection with breaking the stones and do any other work required at the average wages which we earn at the task work in quarrying the stones. We think if the quarry were worked on this basis it would, to a large extent if not wholly, wipe out the deficit on the present working of the quarry.

It may be contended by Mr. Paddle that we struck work on account of undue supervision by himself and Mr. Treanor, but this is not a fact. We started work as usual at 8 o'clock on Wednesday morning last, and Mr. Treanor was in the quarry before 8 o'clock, Mr. Paddle came to the quarry about 10 o'clock. He told myself and the other men that we were "doing nothing" and the dispute then started, with the result that we all left the quarry. It would appear from the statements of Mr. Paddle, and of some members of your Council, that the men are not doing their work,

and this impression prevails amongst the Ratipayers to a considerable extent, but let me state emphatically that we are working as hard, ^{and as diligently} as any other body of workers in County Wexford, and we challenge Mr. Paddle, or any other person to prove otherwise. A meaner charge could not be made against anyone, and we have listened to it too long.

We will not return to work unless our demands are conceded. If they are refused the fight must go on to a finish, grave though the consequences may be."

The following was read from Mr. Paddle, Assistant Surveyor, in connection with the statement of Mr. Spencer:-

"In reference to a letter from Patrick Spencer to your Council on behalf of Sara Hill Quarrymen, a copy of which was kindly forwarded me by Mr. Frizelle.

I must take exception to the statements made therein in reference to myself.

As to the insinuation that I stated that the cause of the strike was undue supervision. What actually occurred is this:- Mr. Etchingham came to me on the evening of the strike (26th ult.) and told me that one of the quarrymen had told him that they had struck work for increase of wages, either for an increase of 4/- per week, or an alternative of 1/6 per ton.

I told Mr. Etchingham, that so far as I knew the man did not apply for an increase of wages, but perhaps resented the supervision.

It had been arranged between myself and Mr. Treanor that during the experiments which were being carried out at the quarry that week, that Mr. Treanor was to be at the

quarry when the men started work at 8 o'clock, and I was to be there at 9 o'clock, to allow him to have breakfast.

This arrangement was carried out on Wednesday morning, Mr. Inman having taken the depths of the holes being bored at 8 o'clock, and directed me to do likewise at 10 o'clock.

On taking the depth of the hole, at which Spencer was engaged at 10 o'clock, he (Spencer) made some remark like that they might as well be in Hong Kong, or some words to that effect, and asked what was going to be done.

I replied I did not know, but something must be done, as it was a general statement outside that they were not working as they should.

As I noticed that a considerable amount of the men's time was occupied in assisting the smith at forging the drills, and as I looked upon it as a matter of considerable importance I proceeded to note the time the different men went to the forge, and the time they actually returned to work again. This action Spencer evidently noted, for he asked me were they going to be allowed nothing for the time they were engaged in the forge. I told him I did not know.

In conclusion, Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen, in justice to myself, and as an officer of your Council, I could not allow such misstatements to go uncontradicted."

Mr. Fanning proposed, and Lord Stopford seconded: - "That a Committee be appointed with a view to arranging price per ton for quarrying and breaking road metalling at Sara Hill Quarry. That the workmen at Sara Hill Quarry be requested to furnish for the information of the Committee an inclusive price for quarrying and breaking road metalling, repairing tools, supply of

blasting materials, and explosives, oil and coal, and any other stores required; the county council to be responsible only for repairs to engine and breaker, new tools; they are also to provide a foreman to run the engine.

That the committee report to the next meeting of the co. council, but if in the meantime, they can come to any reasonable arrangement with the men, that the latter be allowed to resume work on the conditions agreed to between them and the committee.

Passed.

Mr. M. Doyle Sr., proposed, and Mr. Rossiter seconded:— "That the following be the members of the committee to deal with the matter:— Messrs J. Bolger, J. J. Stafford, A. Kinsella, Lord Stopford, J. S. Hearn, C. H. Peacocke, P. O'Neill, and P. J. Fanning."

That the County Surveyor, and the Secretary be requested to accompany the committee; if possible the meeting of the committee to be held on Friday 11th April at the quarry at 9.15 a.m., That we request the County Surveyor to employ a brake for the committee to leave Gorey Station at 8.30 a.m., in order to allow of the inspection being carried out."

Passed.

New member - Co. Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction

The Secretary reported that owing to the death of Mr. Gregory Walsh, Coolcull, a vacancy existed on the Co. Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction.

On the motion of Mr. M. Doyle Jr., seconded by Mr. Rice, Mr. Michael Ryan, Lomcoole Laghmore, was appointed a member of the Co. Committee of Agriculture & Technical

Instruction, vice Mr. G. Walsh deceased."

Weeds & Seeds Act 1909.

Under date 3rd March 1913, the following letter No. A.4311-13. from the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction was read :-

"Adverting to previous correspondence on the subject of the adoption by your Council of Part 1 of the above Act, I have to transmit a copy of a resolution which was considered at the meeting of the Council of Agriculture held on 22nd May last. In this connection I have to state that, during the past season Orders issued under Part 1 of the Act were in operation in 22 Counties and 2 County Boroughs. Although over 6,000 cases of prevalence of harmful weeds were dealt with during the past season, the Department are glad to report that the administration of the Act was attended with little difficulty.

When the matter is again before your Council, I have to suggest that the attendance of the County Instructor in Agriculture to explain the operation, etc., of the Act would be of assistance.

The administration of the Act entails no additional expense on the Joint Fund.

In the event of your Council deciding to have this Part of the Act put into operation, I have to suggest that the necessary resolution of consent on their part should take the form of the accompanying draft.

The Department will be obliged if you will kindly notify them at an early date as to your Council's action in this matter."

The Chairman proposed, and Mr. Kinsella seconded :-

"That this Council hereby consent to an

Order being made by the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction for Ireland declaring that throughout the County of Wexford all plants of the following species, viz:- thistle, are noxious weeds, for the purposes of the Weeds and Agricultural Seeds (Ireland) Act 1909."

A poll was taken with the following result :-

For:- Messrs Bolger, Kinsella, O'Neill, Stafford, and Lord Stopford. - 5.

Against:- Messrs Bloney, James Coad, Mark Coad, Mr. Doyle Jr., Mr. Doyle Sr., Fanning, Gough, Maylor, Peacocke, Rice, Rossiter. - 11.

The Chairman declared the motion lost.

Waterford Bridge Loan.

With reference to repayment of loan of £11,000 for Waterford Bridge, the following letter under date 26th February (No. 8343-1913, Wexford County) was read from the Local Government Board:-

"With reference to the entry in the minutes of Proceedings of the Wexford Co. Council on the 12th instant, relative to the consolidation of the various mortgages issued in respect of the loan of £11,000 sanctioned to the Council in connection with the Waterford Bridge undertaking, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to state that they are not aware of any objection to the proposal of the Council, which, they presume, will be carried out under the advice of the Council's Solicitor, due regard being had to the dates at which each borrowing was effected."

On the motion of the Chairman,

seconded by Mr. Stafford, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That in pursuance of the consent of the Local Government Board for Ireland dated 23rd day of January 1911, to the raising by the Council of a loan of £11,000 for the purpose of defraying the share of the Council of the cost of erection of the new bridge over the river Suir at Waterford - that the Common Seal of the Council be affixed to the Deed of mortgage to secure the sum of £1,500, now to be advanced by the National Bank Ltd, to the Council, being the final instalment of the said sum of £11,000 to be raised by the Council for said purpose."

— Recommendations of Finance & Roads Committee.

The following recommendations of the Finance & Roads Committee, were laid before the meeting for confirmation:-

"Arising out of report of County Surveyor as to the falling away of a piece of road at Ballymoney Gorey, and for which a large expenditure would be necessary, the County Surveyor considered the outlay would not be warranted by the traffic."

The Finance & Roads Committee decided that the observations of the County Surveyor regarding this matter be referred to the Gorey Rural District Council."

"Adopted on the motion of the Chairman."

In connection with the purchase of timber for Wexford Bridge, the Finance Committee adopted a resolution empowering the Co. Surveyor to purchase timber, cost not to exceed £250.

"Adopted on the motion of the Chairman."

Regarding agreements to work quarries the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the Seal of the Council be affixed to agreements with the following quarry owners:-

Patrick Emond, Ballynaas, Killinick.
Michael Cashin, Brooy Middle.

J. B. Walker, Ballyconnick."

"adopted on the motion of the Chairman".

"In connection with the repair of screw-jacks at New Ross Bridge it was decided that the County Surveyor advertise for tenders."

"adopted on the motion of the Chairman"

With regard to the repairs necessary to the hulk at Duncannon the Co. Surveyor mentioned that the estimate he had received amounted to £288.

The following recommendation had been adopted by the Committee:-

"That Messrs Hearn, Stafford, Cloney, and Rice, with the County Surveyor, be appointed a Committee to examine the hulk before any expenditure with reference to its repairs is incurred. That representatives from the Waterford Harbour Commissioners, and the Waterford & Duncannon Steamship Co., be requested to meet the Committee. That the Committee ascertain whether it is not possible to have the steamer berthed at the pier instead of at the hulk, or, in the alternative, that they consider the advisability of a ferro-concrete collection of piles for the purposes of moorings.

That the County Surveyor be authorised to hire a motor car to enable him to have inspection carried out in the one day.

That the 1st April be provisionally selected for the Committee to meet at Duncannon, the hour to be arranged to suit the

representatives of the Waterford Harbour Commissioners, and the Waterford & Duncannon Steamship Co. That should the latter not be in a position to attend on the 1st April, the Secretary be instructed to arrange for another date."

"The Secretary said that the 1st April had been found to be an unsuitable date, but he was arranging for a date to suit all parties."

"That the County Surveyor consult with Mr. Elger, as to the liability of the Council for the maintenance of the hulk, and that he bring Mr. Elger's opinion to the attention of the next meeting."

"Adopted on the motion of the Chairman."

"It was decided that the inspection be carried out on 21st inst., at 11.30. a.m."

With reference to the paragraph in the Co. Surveyor's report dealing with a threatened action against the County Council, by James Dillon, the County Surveyor read a letter from Mr. Moffat, threatening proceedings."

"It was decided that Mr. Barry be authorised to consult Mr. Elger in the matter, and lay his opinion before the next meeting of the County Council."

"Adopted on the motion of the Chairman."

As regards temporary clerk in County Surveyor's office, it was decided on the motion of Mr. Fanning, seconded by Mr. Stafford, that the County Surveyor be authorised to employ a temporary clerk from 6th March to 1st May, salary to be £1 per week for the period."

"Adopted on the motion of the Chairman."

"The proposal of the County Surveyor, with regard to the whitewashing etc., of the County Courthouse, was approved."

"adopted on the motion of the Chairman"

"It was decided that the Secretary communicate with Mr. Whitty, Secretary to School Attendance Committee, and inform him, that if Mr. Myler, ex. School Attendance Officer, is not prepared to comply with the terms of the Secretary's letter to him, under date 12th March 1913, the matter be placed in the hands of the Solicitor to the Council."

"adopted on the motion of the Chairman"

"That duplicate cheques for £2: 10/- each be issued to Mr. F. Rutledge, Cliffe House, Enniscorthy and Reps of Mr. M. Browne, Baginbun, for rents of Courthouses."

"adopted on the motion of the Chairman"

Courtown Harbour Committee.

The minutes of Courtown Harbour Committee of the 1st April contained the following:-

"The Committee recommend that the Harbour Master procure 100 coal bags, cost not to exceed £6"

"adopted on the motion of the Chairman"

Rate Collection.

"The Secretary reported that all the collectors had closed with the exception of Mr. Andrew Lennon, who had £476: 12: 11, outstanding on the 31st March."

On the 2nd April, Mr. Lennon lodged £229: 17: 10 leaving £246: 15: 1 outstanding."

"A telegram had been received in the County

Council office on the 31st ult., from Mr. Lennon that owing to disappointments he could not close his collection until the following day."

The Secretary reported that Mr. Lennon had closed his collection since the meeting opened.

The following resolution was agreed to, on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. O'Neill:-

"That we request the Local Government Board to agree to the payment of his poundage to Mr. Lennon, Poor Rate collector. That Mr. Lennon be warned that if he does not strictly comply with the terms of his bond in future re lodging before the close of the half year, the full amount of his warrant, the Council will call on him for his resignation."

"Under date 26th March, the Local manager of the London & Lancashire Fire Insurance Co., wrote that in nearly all cases Rate collectors were guaranteed only for a proportion of the half-yearly warrant, usually one-third and in some cases less. The Local Government Board had expressed their agreement with the view of the Insurance Co., that County Councils should insure for a much larger proportion.

The Insurance company, recommended that each collector should be guaranteed for a sum round about the full amount of the half yearly warrant, and they asked the Council to have the amounts of the Bonds of the collectors increased to this figure."

"No Order."

Irrecoverable Rates.

On the motion of Lord Stopford
seconded by Mr. Rossiter, the following

resolution was adopted :-

"That in order to allow of the Rate collectors being recouped amounts paid by them in connection with irrecoverable rates, we hereby empower the Finance & Roads Committee to deal with all claims made by the various collectors under this head."

— Deductions from Government Grants. —

Under date 10th March 1913 (letter No. 9261) the Local Government Board wrote in connection with order for payment of £97 : 8 : 3 balance in respect of the amounts which were paid as salaries to the Sanitary Officers of the Rural Districts of the County for the year ended 30th September 1912, and an order for £896 : 19 : 7 balance in respect of expenditure for medical & Educational Expenditure by Board of Guardians for the same period, that owing to the insufficiency of the amount paid under section 58 of the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898 to the Local Taxation fund to meet its liabilities His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant had deemed it necessary to direct a proportionate abatement of the sums payable out of the account having regard to the insufficiency of the account."

The Finance & Roads Committee had adopted the following resolution, at the meeting of 19th March :-

"That with reference to the letters from the Local Government Board relative to deductions from medical & Educational Grant and from Grant for recoupment of Sanitary Salaries, the Finance & Roads Committee request the Local Government Board to ascertain for their information from His

Excellency the Lord Lieutenant, the actual amount of deductions which have been made from the Grants due to Wexford County."

"That with reference to the deduction of £920: 5: 5 from the Death Duty Grant in respect of arrears in purchase annuities etc., under the Land acts, the Local Government Board be requested to ascertain from the Irish Land Commission and the National Debt Commissioners the period in respect of which this deduction has been made and the amounts of arrears which will be outstanding on 31st March, also what steps have been taken by the Land Commission to recover these arrears."

"That the Local Government Board request the Land Commission to furnish them for the information of the Wexford Co. Council, with the names of tenants in arrear and the amounts in each case."

Under date 28th March 1913, the Local Government Board, wrote (letter No. 15,260-) that the amount of the deduction was £26: 17: 9 from Sanitary Salaries and £220: 12: 8, from medical and Educational Grant.

"Under date 27th February 1913, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 6345-1913 mis) that they had received copies of certificates from the Irish Land Commission, and the Commissioners of National Debt, showing the actual arrears in purchase annuities, etc., under the Land Purchase acts, and from which it appeared that the amount which will be deducted from the Estate or Death Duty Grant payable in the county in the course of the month of March, was a sum of £920: 5: 5."

Under date 28th March, the Local Government Board wrote (letter 10260-1913) :-

"As regards the deductions from the Estate or Death Duty Grant in respect of land purchase liability, copy of the certificates furnished by the Irish Land Commission and — the Commissioners of National Debt, so far as they relate to the County Wexford, are transmitted herewith, and I am to state that the Board have no information on the subject outside that contained in these documents, and cannot undertake to obtain any."

From the certificates furnished it appeared that the following deductions had been made:-
Net advances made by Guarantee fund

£2469: 16: 7.

Transferred to Guarantee fund
out of arrears instalments

2041: 18: 8

Deduction

427: 17: 11

Arrears drawn from Guarantee
Fund

2581: 12: 2

Repayment to Guarantee Fund

2239: 11: 11

Deduction

342: 0: 3

Withdrawn from the Guarantee Fund
to pay dividends on land stock

150: 7: 3.

Total Deduction £ 970: 5: 5

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

"That a copy of the resolution of the Finance & Roads Committee, and of the letter of the Local Government Board in this matter be sent to the Land Commission."

"That in the event of the Land Commission refusing the information we request our members of Parliament to have the question raised in

the House of Commons."

Sealed Order - Pump at Tinacree.

Under date 18th March 1913, Sealed Order No. 10501-1913, from the Local Government Board fixing the area of charge for the repairing and maintaining a pump at Tinacree on the Bridgetown Dispensary District (Wexford Rural District) was read.

marked "Read."

District Councillors as Road Contractors.

Under date 26th March 1913, the Local Government Board wrote relative to the case of Mr. Morgan Dunne, Cloheadon, Clonroche, District Councillor for Enniscorthy, and Road Contractor, that any person who acted as a member of a Rural District Council, while disqualified, is liable to the penalties prescribed by 12 (11) of the application of Enactments Order 1898.

The following is the concluding paragraph of the letter of the Local Government Board:-

"I am to add that it appears to the Board that if a County Council or Rural District Council are aware that the person by whom a tender is submitted is a member of a public body, and that the acceptance of his tender would render him disqualified under that article if he continued to act as member of such body, the County Council or Rural District Council as the case maybe, should take this fact into consideration with a view to securing the observance of the law."

Under date 24th February, Mr. A. A. Connolly, Clerk Enniscorthy Rural District Council, wrote, that no order had been made by his Councillors on the resolution of the County

Council calling their attention to the matter. The Local Government Board on reference from the District Council after Mr. Dunne's election, had stated that it was not a matter which called for their interference, but that it was open to any Ratepayer to proceed against Mr. Dunne."

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

"That Mr. Morgan Dunne, District Councillor, Enniscorthy, be informed that unless he can see his way to resign his position as District Councillor, the County Council will at next meeting consider the advisability of taking steps to void his contract."

— Audit of accounts - Enniscorthy Union. —

Under date 7th March 1913, the Local Government Board wrote letter No. 12312-1913, forwarding the report of their auditor on his audit of the accounts of the Enniscorthy Guardians, for the half-year ended 30th September 1912, with attested abstracts of the accounts.

marked "Read."

— Audit of accounts - Joint Committee Waterford Bridge. —

Under date 1st April, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 15062) forwarding copy of auditor's report with attested abstracts in connection with the accounts of the Joint Committee Waterford Bridge, for half-year ended 30th September 1912."

marked "Read"

— Deep's Bridge. —

Under date 14th March, the following letter (No. 11873-1913 Wexford County) was read from the

Local Government Board :-

"With reference to your letter of the 27th ultimo, and enclosures relative to the application of the County Council of Wexford for sanction to a loan of £5,000 for the purpose of erecting a new bridge at the Dups over the River Slaney, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to state that clear provisions for the waterproof damp course over the whole area of deck of bridge should be included in the specification. This is included in the quantities but these do not form a part of the contract.

The specification is, accordingly, returned for amendment in this respect, and it should be retransmitted to this office together with a copy of the calculations for the design of the bridge in question."

marked "Read."

Temporary Assistant Surveyorship.

Under date 5th March 1913, the Local Government Board wrote asking to be furnished with full particulars as to the proposed employment of Mr. James H. O'Connor as temporary Assistant Surveyor.

Under date 6th March the following letter was read from Mr. J. W. Barry, Assistant Surveyor:-

"In reply to your query regarding the appointment of Mr. O'Connor as temporary assistant Surveyor, I beg to say that I recommended the Co. Council to approve of his further employment for six months from the 1st February.

As you are aware at the present time I am engaged in revising, re-dividing and numbering all the road contracts of the County, which formerly were in a hopeless state of confusion, rendering it impossible for any assistant to properly carry out his inspections, and also making it difficult for me to check their work

on my rounds.

Mr O'Connor has a very good knowledge of the Enniscorthy District Roads, and his services at the present time are most useful. Furthermore, as it will be necessary to make change in the boundary between the two assistants looking after Enniscorthy District, I do not think it would be advisable at the present time to make appointment, particularly as Mr O'Connor is doing very satisfactory work.

Under date 12th March, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 12406) that inasmuch as their sanction was necessary to the appointment of Assistant Surveyors the qualifications of Mr O'Connor should be submitted to them if it was proposed that he should discharge the ordinary duties of Assistant Surveyor, and not merely clerical work.

Under date 15th March letter was read from the County Surveyor that he was quite satisfied with the manner in which Mr O'Connor is carrying out his duties of Assistant Surveyor.

At the meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee on 19th March, the following recommendation was adopted:-

"That as the County Surveyor, and the members of the Council, are well satisfied with the manner in which Mr O'Connor has performed his duties as temporary Assistant Surveyor, we request the Local Government Board to agree to his temporary appointment, more particularly in view of the assistance he is able to give the Co. Surveyor in regard to re-arrangement of road contracts."

under date 3rd april 1913, letter No. 15262/1913, was read from the Local Government Board :-

"With reference to your letter of the 20th ultimo, relative to the appointment by the Wexford Co. Council of Mr. J. H. O'Connor, as temporary assistant surveyor in Wexford County, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to point out that no person can legally perform the duties of an assistant surveyor or be paid any remuneration in that capacity unless he is duly qualified in accordance with statute.

The Board must therefore request that they be furnished at once with full particulars as to Mr. O'Connor's qualifications"

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

"That in view of the opinion of the Local Government Board we direct an advertisement to be issued for the appointment of assistant surveyor at £80 per annum, to be made on 7th May."

"That as Mr. O'Connor has performed his duties to the satisfaction of the County Council, and the County Surveyor, we request the Local Government Board to agree to the payment of his salary up to the date of the appointment of his successor."

"We desire to point out to the Local Government Board that Mr. O'Connor has carried out a considerable amount of clerical work in the office of the County Surveyor."

— New Ross Harbour Board & New Ross Bridge. —

Under date 7th March, the following letters were read from the Secretary, New Ross Harbour Commissioners :-

"I beg to bring under your notice and the County Council, the matter of Piloting vessels

through New Ross Bridge. when a pilot is available the pilot the vessel through the Bridge, and as a general rule there is always a licensed pilot at hand if notice is given in due time at this office, by the Brokers and Captains concerned.

In the late Mr. Krough's time, when a licensed pilot would not be available he always had to get a note from this office to allow the vessel through, now it is the reverse, the present caretaker will open the bridge and allow vessels to go through in charge of Hobblers, without any notice from him or pilot in charge."

"at the meeting of my Board on 5th inst., the matter of captains in charge of vessels being fined at the last Petty Sessions for making ropes fast from their vessels to the warping Buoys at the bridge in stormy weather.

I have been directed by my Board to write you to bring the matter under the notice of the County Council, that if they give permission to have lines from vessels in stormy weather, or when a severe gale is blowing, that they will be responsible if any damage is done which I believe is not likely.

I have also been directed to inquire from you the amount each warping buoy and mooring cost to put same in their position an early reply will oblige."

In connection with the as to the making ropes fast to warping buoys, Mr. Elge Solicitor to the County Council, wrote:-

"Referring to the letter from the Secretary of the New Ross Harbour Commissioners, to you of the 7th inst, relating to allowing

lines to be put out from vessels, in stormy weather, to the warping buoys at New Ross Bridge; I do not see how the Co. Council could, having regard to their Bye Laws, as to the Bridge, give the permission sought for."

"The consideration of the letter as to other persons than licensed pilots bringing vessels through New Ross Bridge was adjourned for a reply from the Bridge caretaker; that dealing with vessels making fast to buoys was adjourned for the attendance of Mr. Hearn, who is a member of New Ross Harbour Board."

— Carnegie Pier. —

Under date 31st March 1913, the following letter No 3448-13, was read from the Secretary Board of Works, Dublin:-

"I am directed by the Commissioners of Public Works, to state that they have received a report from the local Coast Guard officer that on the East side of Carnegie Pier a space of about 63 feet by 5 feet of the concrete facing has been stripped in places. I am to ask that the County Council will give the matter their attention with a view to the execution of any repairs that may be found necessary."

"Referred to County Surveyor."

— County Wexford Insurance Society. —

Letter was read from the Secretary to Wexford Insurance Society, asking for the approval of the Co. Council to the appointment of Messrs Peacocke, Rossiter, & Stafford; as Trustees for the Co. Wexford Insurance Society.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Stafford, Messrs Rossiter,

Peacocke, and Stafford, were appointed Trustees to the County Wexford Insurance Society."

under date 31st March 1913, the following letter was read, from Mr. W. Hutchinson, Secretary Co. Wexford Insurance Society:-

"I would feel greatly obliged by your bringing before the next meeting of the County Council the rule of this Society page 24 Sec 2 Rule 1, which requires the Secretary to give a bond of security to the amount of £1,000, and to request the Council to make such representations to the Insurance Commissioners as will induce them to make a reduction of the amount of Security under this Rule.

The Secretary of the Diocese of Ossory, Insurance Society (8,000 members) who has a salary of £175 per year, has informed me that his Bond of Security is for £500. So that the Council will see what a hardship it would be on me to have to provide a bond for £1,000.

Hoping you will accede to my request, and that the County Council will make the necessary representations to have the ruling relating to security amended in the right direction, and much obliged."

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

"That we request the Insurance Commissioners to vary the rule of the County Wexford Insurance Society as respects the security to be given by the Secretary, and ask them to fix the amount at £500."

— Poisons & Pharmacy act. —

applications for renewal of licences under

Poisons & Pharmacy act were received from:-

Mr. Kate Colfer, Kiltourn, Ballynietty.

John Bulliton, Wellingtonbridge.

"Agreed to on the motion of Mr. Stafford, seconded by Mr. Rossiter."

— Enniscorthy R. D. School attendance committee. —

Under date 1st March 1913, the Secretary to the Commissioners of National Education wrote asking the Co. Council as Local Authority to appoint five members of Enniscorthy Rural District School attendance committee.

The Enniscorthy Rural District Council recommended the appointment of the following: Messrs J. Lynch, P. J. Rowe, P. Doyle, M. Codd and T. Cleary.

Under date 20th February, the Enniscorthy Rural District School attendance committee, reported the appointment of Anastasia Kelly as School attendance officer at a salary of £27. 10/- per annum.

On the motion of the Chairman,
Seconded by Mr. M. Doyle &c, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That we approve of the salary of £27. 10/- to be paid to Anastasia Kelly, as School attendance officer for Enniscorthy Rural District School attendance committee."

Under date 20th February 1913, the following resolution was read from Enniscorthy R. D. School attendance committee:-

"That we request the County Council to advance to the Secretary a sum of £10 to meet expenses of law costs, under the Compulsory Education Act."

"On the motion of Mr. Stafford, seconded

by Mr. Peacocke, the following resolution was adopted :- That we agree to an advance of £10 being made to the Secretary of the Enniscorthy R. D. School attendance committee.

We recommend School attendance committees to have the Secretaries enter into a bond with a Guarantee Society for £20."

On the motion of the chairman, seconded by Mr. Doyle Sr. the following resolution was agreed to :- That Messrs J. Lynch, P. J. Rowe, P. Doyle, M. Codd, and J. Cleary, be appointed as representatives of Wexford Co. Council on Enniscorthy R. D. School attendance committee.

— By-Law - Hour of Ferns Fowl market. —

Under date 19th February 1913, the following letter addressed to the Solicitor to the County Council, from the Under Secretary, Dublin Castle, was read :-

"With reference to previous correspondence, I am directed by the Lord Lieutenant to inform you that the By-Law made by the County Council of Wexford under the Municipal Corporations (Ireland) Act 1840, regulating the hour for holding Fowl markets at Ferns, submitted under the Common Seal of the County Council on the 14th November 1912, was laid before His Excellency and the Privy Council on the 18th inst., and was not disallowed."

marked "Read."

— Tobacco Growing in County Wexford. —

Under date 3rd March, the following letter was read from Mr. W. Bowers, of the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction:-

"Mr. Russell desires me to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 26th ultimo,

and to say that as he is leaving immediately for London to attend the opening of Parliament, and as his movements will be uncertain for some time, it is not possible for him at present to fix any date for the reception of the proposed deputation. During the first Parliamentary recess which occurs, he will be glad to name a day, but he thinks it right to state that Father Sweetman's proposals are altogether outside any possibility of acceptance in connection with the proposed grant from the Development Fund. Mr Russell has seen Father Sweetman personally on the subject, and has replied to a number of communications which have been addressed to him in this connection.

Father Sweetman forwarded for the information of the Co. Council the following extract from a letter which he had forwarded to Sir Thomas Esmonde:-

"Mr Russell's statement that he saw me personally on the subject is absolutely untrue, but I have no doubt it is his memory that is in fault. I have only spoken to him once in my life, and that was before the new arrangements had been explained by him in Parliament and before the Development Commissioners grant had been voted. I saw him on another matter altogether. I was not asking for a Grant but merely asking him to use his influence with the Excise Authorities in order that they would allow me to manufacture my own tobacco. This was under the old regulations. Now as the new regulations require the Experimenters to manufacture his own tobacco this concession is no longer

necessary. In the short interview I had with Mr. Russell last year, he satisfied me that he knew absolutely nothing about the whole question.

One would like to have the reasons for his statement that - "my proposals are altogether outside any possibility of acceptance". I send you a copy of the agreement which Mr. Keller the Department's Expert left with me for my consideration. Fortunately I had this copy of the agreement typed before I returned it, as now they are evidently trying to persuade us that there was never any agreement drawn up. I should be glad if you send this back to me. A lot of it strikes one as appalling nonsense and waste of money, but the only clauses to which I objected are those which I have already told you about, namely clause, 4; 21, 30; and also to clause 8; which you will see, and as I pointed out to Mr. Keller, as it stands at present requires the experimenter to provide the grower not only with hot beds, but also with ploughs, carts, horses, manure, etc., which is simply childish."

at the meeting of the Co. Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction on 20th March, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That we request the Department of Agriculture, to obtain for the information of the Co. Committee a copy of the Scheme of experiments in tobacco growing adopted by the Development Commissioners as from the year 1914."

Under date 3rd April, the following letter from D. H. G. Smith, Secretary to Mr. Russell was read:-

"With further reference to your letter of the 28th February last, relative to the proposed

deputation from the Wexford Co. Council and Co. Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction on the subject of growing tobacco in Gorey district, I am asked by Mr. Russell to say that if the deputation still desires to see him, he will arrange a convenient date.

I am to point out, however, that provisional arrangements have been arrived at with the Development Commissioners as to the two growers who are to take charge of the large schemes to be carried out in connection with the proposed grant from the Development Fund. As already intimated to you, Father Sweetman's proposals could not possibly be accepted in connection with this grant.

Under the circumstances, Mr. Russell thinks it would be well for the deputation to consider the question as to whether it would be advisable to incur unnecessary expense and loss of time waiting upon him in the matter, assuming, of course, that Father Sweetman's proposed scheme is the main subject which they wish to bring under his notice."

"It was decided to postpone the consideration of this matter until the May meeting."

— Tuberculosis Act & National Health Insurance Act. —

Under date 4th March, the following letter (No. 11092) was read from the Local Government Board:-

"I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland, to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 27th ultimo, with enclosures, relative to the appointment of Dr. William O'Connor of New Ross, as medical Superintendent of the Central Tuberculosis Dispensary to be established by the Wexford Co. Council;

and, in reference thereto, I am to state that it does not appear that Dr. O'Connor possesses any special qualifications in the diagnosis and treatment of Tuberculosis.

The Board would be glad to learn whether Dr. O'Connor is prepared to undergo a course of training as indicated in paragraph (b) of their Order of the 19th July 1912 (copy enclosed). If so, the subject of his nominating a substitute, at his own expense, to discharge his duties during his absence, the Board would be willing to express provisional approval for a period of six months to his appointment."

This letter was read at the meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee at which Dr. O'Connor was in attendance, and at which he mentioned the name of Dr. Halligan, Wexford, as his substitute.

The Finance & Roads Committee adopted a resolution asking the County Council to approve of the appointment of Dr. Halligan as Substitute for Dr. O'Connor, while the latter was undergoing his six months course of training.

Under date 28th March, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 15261-1913) as follows:-

"I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 20th inst., and, in reference thereto, I am to state, for the information of the Wexford Co. Council, that the Board have provisionally approved, for a period of six months, of the appointment of Dr. William O'Connor, as medical Superintendent of the Central Tuberculosis Dispensary to be established

by the County Council.

I am to add that the Board will recognise Mr. Halligan, Wexford, as substitute for Mr. O'Connor during the latter's absence."

The Secretary mentioned that under Section 5 (1) of the Tuberculosis Prevention (Ireland) Act 1908, every hospital dispensary should be managed by a committee of management appointed by the Co. Council. and according to this Section the committee should consist of such number of members as the Council fixed, but not less than three fourths of the number must be members of the Council.

The Finance & Roads Committee had recommended that a committee of ten should be appointed, the Co. Council being represented on the committee by the following members of the Council who are also members of the Co. Insurance Committee:-

messrs Thomas Asple, John Bolger, Michael Doyle, P. J. Fanning, P. O'Neill, G. H. Peacocke, P. Rossiter, and Sir Thomas Emond.

The Insurance Committee had nominated as representatives of insured interests:-
alderman Hadden, and Mr. D. S. Goggin of Wexford.

On the motion of Mr. Stafford,

Seconded by Mr. Rice, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That messrs John Bolger, Chairman Co. Council, Thomas Asple, Michael Doyle, P. J. Fanning, P. O'Neill, G. H. Peacocke, P. Rossiter, Sir Thomas Emond, alderman Hadden, and D. S. Goggin, be appointed as the management committee of the County Council, under Section 5 of the Tuberculosis

Prevention (Ireland) Act 1908."

In connection with the appointment of "part-time" nurses under the scheme of the County Council, the Secretary mentioned that provision had been made for six "part-time" nurses at £25 each. It would appear that up to the present the public nurses had been each dealing with a dispensary district and there were 20 dispensary districts in the County, viz:- six each in Enniscorthy and Wexford Rural Districts, and four each in Gorey and New Ross Rural Districts. From an interview he had with Mr. Ryan, Hon Sec., to the Enniscorthy Nursing Association; Mr. Bolger, a member of the Committee; and Miss Hardy the Nurse, it appeared that during the last year, the latter had looked after 300 patients in the town of Enniscorthy, and had paid them 3000 visits. It was considered that she could therefore undertake very little work outside the town of Enniscorthy. The dispensary district of Enniscorthy was made up of the following district electoral divisions:- Enniscorthy Rural, Enniscorthy Urban, Edermine, Dinnacross, Marshallstown Kilcormack.

It was considered by the Association that the most the Nurse could undertake would be:-

Enniscorthy Rural, Enniscorthy Urban, Edermine, Marshallstown, and the suggestion was made that the Nurse in Ferns might be able to deal with the district electoral divisions of Dinnacross and Kilcormack, in addition to looking after the patients in Ferns dispensary district. The Nurse at Newtownbarry would look after the patients

in Newtownbarry district. But this arrangement would leave the dispensary districts of Killanne, Clonroche, and Oulart unprovided for.

In Gorey there was only the one nurse and she attended the patients in Gorey dispensary district. But no provision would under this arrangement be made for patients in Camolin, Killinagh, and Boolgreaugh districts.

In New Ross district if the nurse could only attend the patients in New Ross dispensary district, the other three dispensary districts of Carrigbryne, Fethard, and Old Ross would be unprovided for.

In Wexford district, the nurse at Wexford could only deal with the dispensary district of Wexford, and no provision would be made for the patients in Broadway, Bridgetown, Bannow, Crossbeg, and Taghmon dispensary districts.

In connection with the recommendations of the Finance & Roads Committee, that the Central Dispensary should be established in Wexford at the Fever Hospital field, the Secretary said he had not yet received the views of the Wexford Board of Guardians in the matter, but the people who lived in the locality were promoting a petition against having the dispensary there.

"Mr. G. W. Taylor, auctioneer Wexford, wrote offering as a site for central dispensary, 'Summerville' Wexford, with 12½ acres of land held at the yearly rent of £51. 16. 6 under lease for 99 years from 1st November 1907."

Regarding the establishment of branch dispensaries at Enniscorthy, New Ross, and

Gorey. No reply had been received from the Clerk to Enniscorthy Board of Guardians, asking if the dispensary there could be utilised as a tuberculosis dispensary; the New Ross Guardians would allow their dispensary at New Ross to be used for the purpose; in Gorey the dispensary was held at Dr. Nolan's residence, and he was not satisfied to allow it to be used by the Chief Tuberculosis Officer.

Some people considered that some steps should be taken for the establishment of a dispensary at Campile or Ballycullane.

Under date 19th March 1913, the Local Government Board wrote letter No. 22 M. Miscellaneous, forwarding copy of Tuberculosis Prevention (Ireland) Act 1913. The principal provisions in this measure affecting the Wexford County Council were sections 1 & 2 under which all expenses incurred by a Co. Council outside of Government Grant for capital expenditure will be leviable off the County at large.

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

"That the question of perfecting the details of the permanent Tuberculosis Scheme be referred to the managing committee of the County Council appointed under Section 5 of the Tuberculosis Prevention Act."

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

"That our Secretary apply to the Wexford Board of Guardians, for the use of Wexford

Dispensary for the examination of Tuberculosis patients pending the return of Dr. O'Connor, Tuberculosis Officer, to take up duty."

"On the motion of Mr. Stafford, seconded by Mr. Rice, the recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee approving of the appointment of Dr. Halligan, as substitute for Dr. O'Connor, was agreed to."

— Battle Boat for Wexford & Liverpool. —

Under date 4th March, the following letter was read from Messrs John Bacon & Co. Ltd., Liverpool :-

"Your letter of the 3rd inst., addressed to Messrs Powell & Co., has been handed to us, and in reply to the resolution of your Council of the 12th ulto., we beg to say we hope to be able to come to a decision as to the re-placing of a Battle Boat on our Wexford & Liverpool service within a month from this date."

Under date 4th April 1913, the following letter was read from Messrs John Bacon & Co. Ltd. 208 Tower Building, Liverpool :-

"In reply to your letter of the 2nd instant, our directors after giving the matter careful consideration, have decided not to replace the Passenger and Battle Boat on the Wexford to Liverpool service, but they propose running a good regular cargo service."

On the motion of Mr. Mr. Doyle J.

Seconded by Mr. Rossiter, the following resolution was adopted :-

"That we request the Gt. W. Railway Co. of England, to make arrangements to place

a boat for the transit of live stock on the Rosslare service. That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to our members of Parliament, and that they be asked to use their influence to have the wishes of the Council in this matter carried into effect."

— National Health Week. —

Letters were read from Her Excellency, Lady Aberdeen, as to the establishment of a National Health Week as from April 6th.
marked "Read".

John Bolger
